



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

April 7-8, 2021

Date and time

April 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:18 a.m.

Council reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

Council recessed at 1:34 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Megan Lehman, Deputy Clerk of the Council; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Wendy Hain, Deputy City Attorney

Consent Agenda

Item No. 215 was referred back to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Date and time

April 8, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Megan Lehman, Deputy Clerk of the Council; Heidi Brown, Senior Deputy City Attorney and Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Keelan McClymont
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, APRIL 7, 2021**

Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 4. Commissioner Hardesty arrived at 11:30 a.m., 5.

Disposition:

City Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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The Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the City's business.

Provide Public Testimony: City Council will hear public testimony on resolutions and ordinances (first readings only). Testimony is not taken on communications, reports, second readings, proclamations or presentations in accordance with Code 3.02.040 F. and G. Public testimony will be heard by electronic communication (internet connection or telephone). Please identify the agenda item(s) you want to testify on, and then visit the Council Clerk's agenda webpage to register, www.PortlandOregon.gov/auditor/councilagenda. Provide your name, agenda item number(s), zip code, phone number and email address. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

The deadline to sign up for the April 7, 2021 Council meeting is April 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Email the Council Clerk at councilclerk@PortlandOregon.gov with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

206 Request of Portland Youth Climate Council to address Council regarding energy and climate issues (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

207 Request of Hyung Nam to address Council regarding the City's Clean and Safe contract (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

208 Request of Tim McCormick to address Council regarding permanent housing options to address homelessness (Communication)

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209	Request of Anthony Tassone to address Council regarding police body camera analytics (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
210	Request of Paola Dooly to address Council regarding Shelter to Housing Continuum Project (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
211	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Proclaim April 2021 to be Fair Housing Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan) 15 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
*212	TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Authorize \$150,000 total in grant funds for the East Portland Action Plan 2020 Special Appropriations Grant Program to improve livability and increase civic engagement in East Portland (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty) 30 minutes requested (Y-4)	190348
213	TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Appoint and reappoint members to the Citizen Review Committee, an advisory board to the City Auditor’s Independent Police Review and the Police Bureau’s Internal Affairs (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)	37536
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
Bureau of Emergency Management		
*214	Accept the FY 2020 Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative grant in the amount of \$3,137,000 from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to enhance emergency preparedness through planning, training, and equipping of emergency responders in the Portland Urban Area (Ordinance) (Y-4)	190344
Office of Management and Finance		
*215	Authorize the Director of the Office of Violence Prevention to execute special appropriation grant agreements (Ordinance)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
*216	Pay lost time and indemnity claims settlement of David Orton in the sum of \$100,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Ordinance) (Y-4)	190345

<p>*217</p>	<p>Pay settlement of Mikhail Garbinsky, Catherine Garbinsky, Rica Rillo and Nicholas Anderson bodily injury lawsuit in the sum of \$50,000 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving Portland Parks & Recreation (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>190346</p>
<p>218</p>	<p>Authorize a 48-month sublease extension with Central City Concern for commercial office space at 110 NW Third Ave through June 30, 2024 at an estimated average lease cost of \$16,362 (Ordinance; amend Contract C52823)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>219</p>	<p>Create a new non-represented classification of Environmental Regulatory Manager and establish a compensation range for this classification (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>*220</p>	<p>Accept a grant in the amount of \$2 million from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for sidewalks and crossing improvements on NE Shaver between NE 102nd and NE 115th (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>190347</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>221</p>	<p>Authorize price agreements for On-Call Land Survey Services to support design and construction of sanitary and stormwater collection systems, treatment facilities, and watershed restoration projects in amount not to exceed \$10,500,000 (Second Reading Agenda 196; Contract Nos. 31001870, 31001869, and 31001868)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>190349</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Police Bureau</p>		
<p>222</p>	<p>Amend contract term with Versaterm, Inc. for application software support and increase compensation in amount not to exceed \$5,990,000 (Second Reading Agenda 198; amend Contract No. 30005161)</p>	<p>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Dan Ryan</p>		

Bureau of Development Services		
223	Amend provisions of City Building Code to clarify permit abandonment, expiration, extensions, and reactivation (Second Reading Agenda 190; amend Code Chapters 24.10, 24.15, 25.05, 26.04, 27.03, and 32.62) (Y-4)	190350
Housing Bureau		
*224	Accept and appropriate \$19,647,973 in Emergency Rent Assistance Program funds from United States Department of the Treasury (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested Rescheduled to April 8, 2021 at 3 p.m. (Y-4)	190356
*225	Amend Joint Office of Homeless Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to authorize FY 2020-21 revised budget allocation to the Joint Office of Homeless Services and extend term to June 2022 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005335) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190351
*226	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for 3114 SE Belmont St Apartments located at 3114 SE Belmont St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190352
*227	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Cooper 52 located at 6865 SE 52nd Ave (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190353
*228	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Gibbs Development located at 1325 SW Gibbs St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190354
Commissioner Mingus Mapps		
Water Bureau		
229	Amend contract with Aurigo Software Technologies, Inc., for an additional five years for the continued use of the Capital Project Management Software System in the amount of \$784,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005198) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:30 AM

<p>230 Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Washington Park Hypochlorite Facility Improvements Project at an estimated cost of \$1,300,000 (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 14, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FOUR FIFTHS AGENDA</p> <p>*230-1 Amend the FY 2020-21 budget to allow for expenses in the Office of Management and Finance, Office of Violence Prevention, and Portland Parks & Recreation to increase staffing, programing, and resources for community-based organizations to reduce the impact of gun violence in our community (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan) 1 hour requested (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">190355</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, APRIL 7, 2021</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM MEETING</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY, 3:00 PM, APRIL 8, 2021</u></p> <p>Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 4.</p>	
<p>231 TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM – Appeal of the Citizen Review Committee against Portland Police Bureau’s finding regarding Independent Police Review/Internal Affairs case No. 2019-C-0144/Appeal No. 2019-X-0003 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 2 hours requested</p> <p>1. Motion to find the Portland Police Bureau’s finding of Not Sustained was not supported by the evidence because of an incorrect interpretation of the directive: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)</p> <p>2. Motion for a finding that the allegation be Sustained: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Rubio. (Y-4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APPEAL SUSTAINED</p>

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

April 7, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: This is the Wednesday, April 7, 2021 morning session of the Portland city council.

Keelan are you our clerk this morning?

Clerk: No, it's me Megan today.

Wheeler: Megan, good morning, Megan. It's good to hear your voice. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Good morning, mayor. Ryan?

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty? [no audible response] Mapps?

Mapps: Here.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Here. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video teleconference. The city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available for the public on the city's YouTube channel, egov pdx, www.PortlandOregon.gov/video and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to the council by e-mailing the council clerk at -- cctestimony@PortlandOregon.gov the council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare, which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you as always for your patience, your flexibility and your understanding as we work together and manage what is a challenging circumstance. We'll now hear from legal counsel on

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the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Karen Moynahan: Good morning, mayor, and commissioners. To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first reading of ordinances. The published council agenda at PortlandOregon.gov/auditor contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct: such as, shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruptions may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. First up is communications. Megan, I will let you take it from here.

Clerk: 206. Request of Portland youth climate council to address council regarding energy and climate issues. We have Lilah MacLowry on the call.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Lilah MacLowry: Good morning. Thank you for providing the opportunity to speak to you today. I'm a senior at Franklin High School. I'm Lilah and I'm here as a member of the Portland youth climate council. Because it's been several months since we have come before council and as there are new councilmembers, I thought a quick history of the Portland youth climate council might be an appropriate introduction. When the city was considering passing the 100% renewable energy resolution in the spring of 2017, a group of youth who had been working on climate issues brought forward an amendment to the resolution that resulted in the creation of the Portland youth climate council. With the state admission of providing regular support and advice to the city in meeting our climate goals through strong science-based action. Over the last four years, that is what we have worked to do. For nearly two years we focused much of our attention toward working to improve the title 11 tree code to protect larger trees and remove language to allow commercial and the industrial lands to be exempt from the tree code

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requirements. We believe the city tree protections are stronger result of the effort. We have a lot of work to do to protect the urban tree canopy. We were also involved in the formulation of the climate emergency declaration. And one of our major unaddressed concerns had to do with the northwest natural roll in the Portland's future. In response to our and others' concern about the emission of northwest natural from the declaration a line was added to state the city is expecting northwest national to fully decarbonize the gas pipeline no later than 2050. I'm here today to express our concern that this goal is too distant, too vague and unachievable. As I'm sure you know, methane is an extremely potent greenhouse gas and don't use will not lead us to the decarbonized future. Northwest natural and the other gas companies around the country trying hard to clout the issue talking with the great enthusiasm about renewable natural gas and hydrogen. Neither can live up to the promises they are make. We continue to educate ourselves on the issue and we ask you and your staff educate yourselves as well. We will be back to talk more about the environmental, health and the public safety risks of methane gas and hope we can work together to move to electrification wherever possible. We think there are many possibilities and we'll be excited to discuss them with you. Thank you, again.

Wheeler: Lilah, thank you. We appreciate the council's efforts and we look forward to hearing from you on a regular basis. Thank you.

Clerk: Item 207. Request of Hyung Nam to address council regarding the city's clean and safe contract. It doesn't look like Hyung is on the call right now so we will go to the next item. Item 208. Request of Tim McCormick to address council regarding permanent housing options to address homelessness.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Tim McCormick: Good morning. Good morning mayor, councilmembers. My name is Tim McCormick. I'm the founder and moderator of p.d.x. Shelter and lead organizer at village collaborative. I'm here to testify about the shelter to housing continuum, but also really what is the next stage in our thinking and reaching the goals of it. I know it might seem at this point we have all heard plenty about the s2hc and we are down to settling details but I would like to make a case first of all that there are key points still in play that we need to get right. Second, perhaps more importantly, that this is really just an initial stage of a longer term exploration since we are just hardly beginning any new projects with the code. We may just be beginning to learn what works and what the needs and potentials are. Also, I believe it's really key in the next year how we carefully join and extend this work with some other key initiatives; in particular, residential

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infill project part two which is just beginning and then budget and funding issues. So, backing up a step, I wrote an "Oregonian" op-ed two weeks back with the leader of afro village p.d.x. And the chair of the interfaith alliance les warner. The title is "open new paths from the streets to permanent housing." now what I was trying to particularly emphasize here is the goal here is continuing transition path from homelessness to housing. I'd like to suggest that possibly in certain ways this has been somewhat under addressed in s2hc. It mostly creates new shelter, not new housing but it does allow vehicle residences including tiny homes on wheels. This is a key breakthrough with potentially big significance. Please do not encumber this with fixed sewer connection that is often inflexible, expensive, non-adaptable in disaster and unnecessary. Beyond the vehicle home provision I ask to think about how do we actually build concrete widespread low-cost housing building upon what we have done. I want to point to your attention to and begin our thinking about our rip2. I'm sorry. Looking at the like. And now as you know, the reason we are kicking that off is to comply with state law. Requiring us to implement cottage clusters. So, over the next year we need to do this for state law. There is a huge opportunity to take our thinking about the villages and the outdoor shelters and steer them in to this new planning effort that is actually building a new form of permanent village which you could call cottage clusters. So, what I'm hoping is that at this early point in that project, we can give some steering to planning and invite the public to say what is the next phase of villages and the outdoor shelters and how do we create widespread low-cost flexible housing that is permanent and isn't merely shelter? Thank you for my time. I'm looking forward to working on this.

Wheeler: Tim, could I ask you a question?

McCormick: Sure.

Wheeler: Do you have a specific model or is there a website link or how can we get more information? If we want to follow up and see what your vision is with the cluster village, where could I see that information?

McCormick: Sure. Well, there are a couple of things. It's unfolding because it's rule-making that is beginning at the city. But I guess a good encapsulation could be something that I and the team created starting in 2018. Which we call "new starter homes project." this is initially a grant application for Meyer foundation and it's continued on. Basically what we envision there specifically is a model where you have almost like a municipal housing portfolio or fleet of the low-cost homes that are deployed potentially as like cottages or accessory dwellings. They are

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aimed specifically at the lowest income residents and homeowners. So I can try to think -- I mean, it's like bible levitate town, pun on levi town. I can send you the links and the materials. That is encapsulated presentation on the point.

Wheeler: That would actually, that would be helpful.

McCormick: Okay.

Wheeler: If you want to send it to the council clerk, the same way you sign up, she will get it to us. That would be great.

McCormick: Okay. Sure. Happy to do that.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you for testifying, Tim. Appreciate it.

McCormick: Thank you.

Clerk: Next item, 209. Request of Anthony Tassone to address council regarding police body camera analytics. It doesn't appear that Anthony is on the call. We will go to 210. Request of Paola Dooly to address council regarding shelter to housing continuum project.

Paola Dooly: Hi there. I'm Paola dooly. I really appreciate your time. Thank you so much. I've been a tax-paying citizen in Multnomah county since 1994. I pay over \$15,000 in property taxes. Not including my state income tax. Portland is on the edge of complete collapse. And you, in city council, mayor, ted wheeler, commissioner carmen rubio, commissioner dan Ryan, commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, commissioner Mingus Mapps, you will be forever remembered in our history books as either the ones that saved our city or the ones that drove the final nail in to the coffin. One of these outcomes will be your legacy. In order to save Portland, immediate action must be taken in the form of cleaning it up and relocating all homeless camps to a specific designated area. That place will need services, such as, toilets, showers, garbage and access to mental health and transportation. Historically, the city handled the homeless in what I refer to as whack-a-mole approach. They clean up a camp only for them to show up in another place. This approach is expensive and it doesn't solve the problem. History proved this to be true. Here are my ideas to solve this. Choose a designated homeless area and set services up. For example, there are two massive buildings with parking lots for rent on northwest front avenue south of Leon. The city could rent the properties and have them designated specifically for homeless camps. Start with a two-mile radius around pioneer place and anyone camped in that vicinity must leave. Provide the camping in the radius. One week notification they must vacate by a specific date. Once the inner city homeless camps have been removed the city would power up with power washing and the graffiti removal. After they cleaned up the city must while the two-mile radius and tackle

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homeless camp problem and repeat same procedure above. If we clean up the city, tourists will visit and businesses can come back. Downtown businesses must be priority number one because without them, this city has no future. And is destined for complete collapse that affects every person living here. You on the city council, you hold the keys to our future now. You only have two options. One is to allow the city for collapse for years to come. Two to clean it up. Thus bring businesses back. Each of your personal reputations is at stake and with summer fast approaching the window of the opportunity to fix what is happening is quickly closing. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it.

Wheeler: Yeah. Thank you if I could chime in for a second. Because the suggestions that you have put forward are the ones that most people migrate toward. In other words, I have heard this suggestion many, many, many, many times. And I agree that from a logic perspective it makes a lot of sense. The idea that there are certain areas where people should not camp, and there may be other areas where it's appropriate for people to camp. I appreciate your approach being one where you say and let's allow people to camp in an area where they have access to hygiene, maybe navigation services to housing or substance abuse treatment or mental health services, or whatever services one may need, employment services and the like. That would then allow us to strike a balance between a humanitarian approach to people who are currently living on the streets. And what are in my opinion substandard conditions. And it would allow everybody else to continue to go about their activities as well. Whether it's people who live in areas, or work in areas; particularly, the downtown. What you are saying makes good sense but it's not -- not as easy as anybody thinks. There are zones restrictions. The council taken up the housing continuum you heard about to we write the zoning code to create flexibility in terms of where the sanctions, managed camps could be located in the city. The second thing is the legal agreements and constitutional issues. Without getting in to a lot of that just take my word for it that there are both issues that have been raised by the 9th circuit federal court as well as legal agreements that the city entered into to have notification and practices and policy that have to be in effect. We are also working in those confines. I want you to know this council is unified in finding strategies that are humanitarian as quickly as possible and humanely possible to move people out of the sidewalk and public rights-of-way or areas that are environmentally sensitive for wilderness areas to the alternative sanctioned, managed opportunities that connect people to the services they need to get off and stay off the street. I want you to know I hear you. A lot of what you say resonates with me. It's not that we are being fools that we don't see it or recognize

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the value in what you are saying. There are just many impediments that stand in the way. And slowly we are knocking those impediments aside. I really appreciate your being here and expressing your thoughts today.

Dooly: Thank you, mayor wheeler. I appreciate your time. Think as a tax-paying citizen it's the number one issue our city is facing because without cleaning up the downtown, we are not going to have tourists come back. Portland used to be beautiful. We need to bring businesses back. Businesses need to be prioritized because they bring the money in the city. Without them the city is going to collapse. There is no question about it. It's collapsing now. You can see it when you drive through the city.

Wheeler: I share your urgency and I see commissioner Ryan shaking his head vigorously. We are with you. We are working in that direction. I ask for patience and forbearance as we overcome the many obstacles that stand in our way.

Dooly: If there is anything I can do to help you guys, Tristan at council clerk's office is fantastic and she has my contact information. I understand this is a massive undertaking. You really do. If there is anything I can do to help what you are doing, I really want to step in and be part of the solution.

Wheeler: Awesome. I appreciate it. Thank you for being here and taking time with us today.

Dooly: Thank you, mayor wheeler. I appreciate your time and everybody on the commission. Thank you.

Wheeler: You bet. Bye-bye.

Dooly: Bye-bye.

Clerk: Mayor, we have Hyung Nam on the call now from item 207.

Wheeler: Great.

Clerk: Okay. Just again, request of Hyung Nam to address council regarding the city's clean and safe contract.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Clerk: Hyung, can you unmute yourself?

Hyung Nam: Hi. Can have you hear me now?

Wheeler: Yeah. You sound great. We can hear you.

Nam: Okay. Thank you. I'm Hyung Nam. I'm an organizer with Portland people coalition. I'm speaking again this week and I haven't received a response. [audio interruption] about the renewal of the clean and safe contract. I'm also a public school teacher. We know from good

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reporting from "Oregonian" crisis rests with unhoused people. As a public school teacher this is just horrible. We struggle with the school funding. We are spending enormous amounts of money, millions of dollars every year booking people repeatedly suffering from the housing crisis and then incarcerating them and that makes it difficult to come out from the housing crisis. Clean and safe is one thing that kneads if system. We issued a letter. There is interest to see what the city council will do. We are calling for a public process to really hear especially from those who are suffering from the housing crisis the most about how we will change the system that this audit that which by the way won a national award, has pointed out is seriously problematic. We know some of the journalist are concerned Portland business alliance violated stay law with the non-profit to funnel money from the clean and safe to p.b.a. We cannot renew this contract. We need to have a public forum to discuss this and to see what we can change. We also have more organizations that have signed on to this. So I am -- this letter represents the voices of organizations including 350 pdx, the aclu. Hygiene for all. Oregon justice resource center. Portland jobs with justice. Portland independent business block. Portland metro people coalition. Stop the sweep sisters of the road the western advocacy project. We look forward to hearing your response and working with you to stop there rational system of oppressing people and costing huge amount of money for the city, the county and the state. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for your system. I know -- I don't have the details but I know at some point that contract does come up before the city council. I don't have the exact date on that but I welcome your input and your thoughts. Thank you for being here today. I'm sure you are aware. The contract is one thing and I certainly have questions based on what I have heard in the media about that specific contract. And the specific arrangement and the terms but you hope you have the opportunity to hear the testimony from the individual who testified before you to give a sense of the different competing interest and bAllances that are at stake here as we talk about the homeless crisis and the safety and the livability issues. As well as the desire for employers to prosper in the community. There are a lot of issues here. I really appreciate your perspective and I look forward to hearing more from the group on the specifics of the contract. Thank you for being here today. All right. So, with that we will go to the consent agenda. Any items pulled from the -- any items pulled from the consent agenda?

Clerk: Item 215, but I believe it's referred back to your office. Is that correct?

Wheeler: That is correct.

Clerk: Authorize the director of the office of violence prevention to execute special

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appropriation grant agreements.

Wheeler: That is going to my office. Call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty? [no audible response] Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Here. You don't mean "here." I also vote yes. The consent agenda is adopted. This is what happens, commissioner Mapps, before I finished my coffee. Go to the first time certain. It looks like we are over the threshold. Item 211, please.

Clerk: Proclaim April 2021 to be fair housing month.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Sorry about that. I'm here. Okay. Thank you, mayor. Good morning, council. It's an honor to gather together in acknowledgement of the progress made and the work still left to go in fair housing. We have known that access to the safe, affordable housing is not equitable for all of the people call Portland home. All of our neighborhoods are still unaffordable to black and indigenous Portlanders. As we face the realities of the covid-19 pandemic, we see the injustices within the housing system. Our healthcare systems, and our economic structure compounding the crisis. Fair housing is one of the ways in which we can actively fight the inequities. But the impacts of housing access for the elderly or the disabled are historically disadvantaged community members cannot be understated. At this moment, the access to quality stability of the housing determines so many of the day-to-day realities as many of the public spaces remain largely shuttered. Home is a nexus of how the community can continue to organize, work, educate. It can be a determining factor of who is left behind. As we proclaim April fair housing month let us not underestimate housing has on the past achievement but rather the active commitment to the overcome the greatest challenges. At this time I'd like to turn it over to director Callahan who will introduce our guest presenter. Thank you ala, director of the fair housing of Oregon for being here. Turn it to you, director Callahan.

Shannon Callahan: Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I'm Shannon Callahan. Director of the Portland housing bureau. Today as we honor the 53rd year since

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passage of the fair housing act, as commissioner Ryan noted the covid pandemic accentuated the importance of discretion the housing and the housing opportunity. Many members of disenfranchised communities are facing the even greater housing instability. Rent and mortgage debt continues to stack up. The city and the community base partners address this through the direct assistance, education and the increased housing opportunity. Rental service office is a help line for renters and the landlords as they navigate through the layer and the complex eviction moratorium. The need to address the systemic issues of the racism that affect people's housing opportunities and housing stability persists. We are working through the partners like fair housing of Oregon we can address our inequities and build healthier more resilient Portland to empower our community to demand fair access to housing for afternoon. I want to introduce Allan, the director of the fair housing council of Oregon. Please advance the next slide. Are you on the call?

Allan Lazo: Yes, thank you. Good morning, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm Allan. Happy fair housing month. What a year it has been since we were in this space for my favorite day at council as I said to others in the past. I know that a year from now when we get to the fair housing month next year we will be back in chambers to meet young artists that we will talk about today and provide them the expanse of engaging with you all in that space. Also be able to appear before you and the council chambers in a suit like I staples do rather than here in my basement in my sweatpants. So we have that to look forward to. Like so many folks over the last year, I've spent the last year walking through my neighborhood with our new covid-19 rescue dog and seeing like so many others the prevalence of black lives matter signs throughout the neighborhoods. One of the ones that spoken to me over the past year is the one that says, "listen, learn, change." I have to say that my sense is that over the past year, we have done an ample amount of the listening, we have learned plenty, and we are at that moment where it's time for us to really bring forward the change that work and like fair housing can bring our communities. We know that upholding the ideal of the fair housing as they were envisioned by the reverend dr. Martin Luther king jr. More than 53 years ago becomes a pathway forward to create vibrant and resilient communities. We know that the history of the housing discrimination and the racial segregation that dr. King fought valiantly plays a role to exacerbate the crisis that brought us together to demand racial justice. But knowing that history has translated to so many of today's inequities gives us the hope that by forging ahead with the resolve to truly change the underlying systems, that together we can achieve justice. There are many things I'm encouraged

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by to work in partnership with my fellow citizens, with my colleagues and all of you at the city. I'm encouraged by the reform and the engaged fair housing advocacy committee. We are here this morning to talk about the young artist who brought forward their vision for our theme this year that is fun having all kind of neighbors. So with that, advance slides and take a look it at the poster contest awardees that come from the Portland and the Multnomah county regions. I'll just introduce their names. And a little bit each of them. I know some of them are probably watching out today. So first of all, thank you all, to all the young artists out there who participated in the fair housing contest to brought forward their vision for the wonderful neighborhoods. So the first poster awardee here is Sham Oliesh, third grader at Patrick Lynch elementary school. He would like to be a doctor when he is older. His favorite subject in school is math. His favorite hobby is playing outside. Good for you, sham! The next awardee is Jack Williams, who is a 7th grader at Reynolds middle school. Shout out to the -- Reynolds school. I'm an alumni. And he wants to be a veterinarian. His favorite subject also is math. His favorite hobby is playing video games. Our next awardee Rosa Shumann, a third grader at the ivy school. She wants to work at NASA. All right! There you go. I guess that is why this drawing looks like it might come from outer space a little bit. That is amazing. Her favorite subject in school is math. I'm not sure what is going on with students these days. Math, huh? All right. Her favorite hobby is doing math. She says she does math all the time. Wow! That is impressive. Our next awardee is June Affaman, a fifth grader at the ivy school. She wants to be a cartoonist, filmmaker, actor and drummer. Her favorite subject in school is art. You can see the beautiful piece of the artwork she brought forward here. Her hobbies are reading, drawing and hanging out with her family, which we have all had plenty of time to do in the last year. Finally, our grand prize awardee is Annalise Dupont. Her wonderful vision for diverse, inclusive neighbors is here. She is a fourth grader at Beverly Clearly school. She wants to be an architect, author or both. That is perfectly fine when she grows up. The favorite subject in school is science. Her hobbies are drawing and unsurprisingly as seen in this drawing here, watching anime and building in mine craft. So those of you with tweens and teens will recognize anime inspired art she has here. With that, I'll pass it back to the mayor or commissioner Ryan to read the proclamation. I want to say how grate. I am to all of you and the young artists for continuing to push for the vision of a community we know can help us get not only today's crisis but the next one in front of us if we include vibrant and inclusive communities we all desire. Thank you.

Wheeler: Allan, thank you. I want you to know you don't have to dress up on our account.

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Sweatpants are fine. So, colleagues, Allen, you're muted.

Lazo: Yes. Thank you.

Wheeler: So I'm going to take a moment, Allan to hear from my colleagues. Then I'll make a statement and then read the proclamation if that is okay.

Lazo: Thank you.

Wheeler: We appreciate you testifying. Commissioner Mapps and then commissioner rubio.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you for great presentation. Same to the director, too. I'm delighted to join you today in declaring April fair housing month. The actions are rooted in the federal fair housing act signed April 11, 1968. Just two days after Martin Luther King was buried. Those two facts are not a coincidence. The fair housing act made it illegal to discrimination in the housing on the individual race, color, the national origin or the religion. In 1988 f.h.a. Amended to include protected classes of sex, status and disability. The intent of the act was to end segregation in the housing markets. For context, think of this. Think about the neighborhood that you live in. The odds are pretty good you live in a relatively homogenous neighborhood. In other words, you probably look a lot like your neighbors. That didn't happen by chance. Even here in Portland, racially segregated neighborhoods are a product of the policies and the practices with historically excluded people of color and the other marginalized Portlanders living in the certain communities. These discriminatory practices used to come in the form of racial covenants. Which were written in the deeds of homes that prevented the sale of homes to people of color. Here is an example of a racial covenant written in the deed of a Portland home. "no person of African, asiatic or Mongolian decent could be allowed to purchase, own or lease said premises." racial cov innocence are not the only -- covenants are the only the not tool. There is also discrimination in the rental market and in the mortgage markets. I also want Portlanders to realize housing discrimination is not ancient history, even in Portland. Evidence and the lived experience suggests that housing discrimination continues to run rampant in Portland. For example, our friend Allan who works with the fair housing council of Oregon does some important work evaluating the level of racial discrimination we find in Portland's rental market. I want to do a little thought experiment with everyone listening to this call. How often do you think Allan finds evidence of discrimination in the Portland rental market? Do you think we find that 5% of the time? 25% of the time? 50% of the time? More than 50% of the time? I'll give you two seconds to pick a number. And the answer is that fair housing council of Oregon found that between January 2018 and June 2019, there was evidence of racially or discriminatory practices

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in 48% of the Portland real estate transactions that they studied. Obviously this is unacceptable. That is why it is important that the Portlanders recommit to the principle of fair housing every April. Also, friends, I want to say this. This is probably the most important fair housing month that Portland has ever seen. Covid has devastated our economy. Thousands of the Portlanders are behind on their rent. Homelessness has exploded. While Portland's economy has turned a corner, we are not out of the woods, yet. That is why last week the council voted to extend the housing emergency. That is why this council has worked so hard to bring new initiatives and the solutions to homelessness like the shelter to housing continuum. That is why nearly every week, commissioner Ryan comes before this council with updates on new affordable housing projects which are coming online. That is why it's important that every April we commit to the principle that Portlanders should have access to safe, affordable housing. And in closing, if you are a Portlander who has experienced housing discrimination, I encourage you to reach out our friends Allan and everyone else at the fair housing council of Oregon. They can connect you with the resources you need to protect your rights in the housing market. You can find the fair housing council of Oregon at fhco.org. Fhco.org. One more time. Fhco.org. If you need help, Allan and his crew will set you up. With that, Mr. Mayor, I will turn it over to my colleagues.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Next is commissioner Rubio and then commissioner Ryan.

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. Also commissioner Ryan for bringing this important proclamation forward. Also Allan and the students that inspired the presentation and the art. It was amazing, awesome to see. But also Allan for your important work to ensure everyone has fair and equitable housing access. You want to echo the comments so far they are conveying the urgency of the housing crisis. We have all exposed to equity in housing. We have a moratorium on the eviction and rent assistance but the need is greater than our resources so we need to be strategic and targeted in the housing market to ensure there is an environment of equity in that work as well. It also means addressing the upstream issues that brought us here. So we must continue to push for federal support and the leadership for more housing support. Also, mental health support, economic opportunities so people can afford to live in Portland. And thrive as well. I'm honored to support the resolution and proud to recommit to the housing justice in the city. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, professor Mapps as well. That was a great history lesson in

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the fair housing ordinance -- or the fair housing legislation. It's funny to think it started in 1968. I appreciate that. I also just want to thank you, Allan, for being here today. You lifted up the room. Especially as commissioner rubio mentioned, the artwork. I was especially taken with Rosa Shuman at ivy school who loves math and wants to work for NASA. That is inspiring. It's a good day. I made my other remarks earlier but I want to acknowledge our guest. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. So, before you read today's proclamation, i'd like to say a few words. First, this year I am missing my colleague cupid alexander who some of you certainly know who is now the neighborhood housing and the human services director for the city of Spokane. He used to get the whole office pumped up every year for fair housing month. Cupid as many of you know is a man of history. He is a fierce advocate for righting the community's many disparities. He has mentioned frequently when we talk about fair housing, Portland was active and complicit in harming communities of color by excluding them from -- excluding them from homeownership and generational wealth opportunities, denying them access to educational resources, jobs and healthy neighborhoods. Perpetuating segregation, displacement, and harmful stereotypes through the zoning code, deeds, covenants, lending practices, public housing and urban renewal. When somebody says to me that those rules were changed years ago, so structural racism can't exist anymore, I just say look at the facts. Look at the facts of today. 37% of the black households own their own home compared to 68% of white households. 55% of the black households spend more than 30% of the income on housing compared to 35% for white households. The disparity is greater for households with children. 62% versus 37%. Native American represent 2% of the population. 5% of the homeless population and they are more likely to be unsheltered than members of any other race. Black individuals represent 3% of the Oregon's population but represent fully 6% of those experiencing homelessness. The civil rights and the fair housing act of 1968 were hugely controversial and divisive during the time. That is probably familiar to those of you who are watching the racial justice reckoning that is happening today. We are huge in this reckoning today because we still have significant disparities around access and outcomes. To show progress in reducing the disparities we cannot be passive in the strategies. We must be proactive. We are making steps with the north/northeast housing strategy, the recent distribution of c.a.r.e.s. Act funding, which prioritized bipoc communities and other policies. But I think all of us acknowledge we still have a lot of work to do. Lastly, I want to thank my cosponsor and the housing commissioner dan Ryan, the housing director Callahan and Allan Lazo. Thank

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you for your presentations today and thank you for great work you do in the community. With that, it's my honor to read the proclamation. Whereas, the fair housing act, enacted on April 11, 1968, was adopted to prohibit discriminatory housing practices, undo racial segregation patterns, and provide equal access to housing opportunity for all; and whereas, in Portland, the combined federal, state, and local civil rights laws protect people from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, military status, gender identity, ethnicity, or history of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault; and whereas, decades of intentional and unintentional government action, combined with systemic inequities across all sectors, have created a need for displacement prevention and mitigation policies; and whereas, this year Portland prioritized displacement mitigation strategies; such as, a moratorium of evictions, direct assistance to our communities, and leadership for those most impacted; and whereas, despite these legal protections and strategies, Portland residents and communities are at risk of displacement more than ever before; and whereas, fair housing month is an opportunity to reflect on our successes and on our failures to build resilient, inclusive communities. Whereas, we celebrate the passage of the fair housing act, let us recommit ourselves to eliminating discrimination in housing by better understanding the barriers to housing choice; acknowledging the intersection of health, economic and housing inequities; dedicating resources to meaningfully address disparities; adopting policies that support our community's most vulnerable residents; measuring the impacts of our efforts; and creating more housing that welcomes and celebrates people of all abilities, race, cultures and incomes; now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the "city of roses," do hereby proclaim April 2021 to be fair housing month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month by joining the citywide effort to realize equal housing opportunity for all. Thank you. Thanks, Allan.

Lazo: Thanks, mayor. Thank you, commissioners. Thanks, Shannon.

Wheeler: With that, Megan we move to 212, time certain item.

Clerk: Authorize \$150,000 total in grant funds for the east Portland action plan 2020 special appropriations grant program to improve livability and increase civic engagement in east Portland.

Wheeler: Colleagues, the east Portland action plan sometimes called "epap" is charged with providing leadership and guidance to public agencies on how to strategically allocate resources and improve livability for neighborhoods in east Portland. Epap through the grant program

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gives away half of the annual budget for organizations and groups working in east Portland to assist with the accomplishing the epap action items. This source of the funding is helpful for the small community groups and projecting working to address disparities. Today, we are going to hear from epap's grant cycle program on the recommendations for the 2021 grant cycle. These projects include eight projects through the grants program and 12 awards to the community support fund. I also have a statement, colleagues, I would like to read on behalf of commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty. She is the council's liaison to the east Portland action plan. This is her statement. "I'm excited to continue the city of Portland's partnership with the east Portland action plan as they work to increase community engagement in east Portland. I'm not here to vote in person today I'm in full support to authorize the grant for the east Portland action plan. As an east Portland renter myself, I look forward to work with epap to ensure we center those historically left out of city government as we emerge from this pandemic." with that, we will begin our presentation by the epap grants team. Good morning. I think we have JR Lilly and Bobbi Yambasu and Robert Schultz if my notes are accurate.

JR Lilly: Yes. Good morning, city council and mayor wheeler. JR Lilly. [speaking Navajo] I'm JR Lilly. I'm born for cliff dwelling people and pronounces are he/him and I am the east Portland action plan advocate. So thank you. I'm very excited to be here today. Today we'll be presenting about the east Portland action plan grants program with the hopes that in this calendar year the whole epap team will be able to share more with the council about the amazing work we are doing in east Portland. Through the ordinance we are asking for your approval for the 2021 grants recommendations. The projects have been vetted by our process. We believe funding the projects will help to create a better east Portland for everyone. In case you didn't know, according to the 2017 census data, we know 1 in 3 youth under 19 live in east Portland. About 2 in 5 foreign-born folks live in east Portland. We have the largest increase in transit riders. We also know that east Portland is the only district where poverty increased since 2010. With half of all Portland families living in poverty live in east Portland. To share more about our process, and the funding recommendation, please to introduce cochair of the volunteer cochairs for the community grants program, Bobbi Yambasu and Robert Schultz. Thank you.

Bobbi Yambasu: Good morning, mayor wheeler and commissioner. I'm Bobbi Yambasu, resident of east Portland and cochair of the epap grants committee. I would like to give a brief update on the work. First, the committee used to meet only around the time of the grant application review work. We now meet monthly. We use our meetings to process the feedback

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from the community, the grants we offer and the format we use. The last two years we have striven to make this application easier to understand and complete. We are working closely align with the scoring criteria and what we expect to see in the grant proposal. We provide support session and pre-submission review of application if requested. In addition, last year, we began a new funding source for small projects in the east Portland area. Due to the overflow funds from changes of the meeting protocol and the grants that cannot go forward due to the pandemic, we are able to establish the community support fund. We made the application as simple as possible. And we limited the funding to projects that are costing up to \$2,000. In the 2020 sakals we had two of them. We -- cycles, we had to of them, we limited this to the needs raised by the covid-19 pandemic. This year we are running two cycles in which applicants could receive up to 3,000 per project. The first cycle is completed. And it's included the presentation today. The second cycle ended on Monday. The application were due on Monday. We will be meeting to review those in the near future. This year applications were not required to be tied to the pandemic. Though half of them are. The needs are great in east Portland. Return of those needs is around healthcare for the various immigrant groups. I would like to highlight one such need. This one was from the organ Somali community, it's a new community reaching out to us this year. The project will support house education program for the 35 Somali for the sessions that will be focus on different sessions. Thaw will help the community member meet improve and linguistically accessible education and it will bring the community together in a space they can discuss health challenges, share resources and provide support. They are asking for the \$3,000, which if you pass the ordinance today we will receive. With that, I'll pass this on to Robert Schultz.

Robert Schultz: Good morning. This is super exciting for me. I love talking about epap grants and what we are doing at epap. This is super cool. I like to be in front of you fine folks to be heard by the powerful of Portland. Cool to see you guys. I'm Robert Schultz, full-time single father of three amazing youth. You will notice I wrote a bunch of stuff down. I'm normally better if I talk but we got this so we will go with this. Live in southeast Portland. I held the position as one of the epap cochairs for grants committee. One of the wonderful things about epap we have empowerment of so many of us being the co chairs and such. This is a position to allow me to come and speak to you fine folks and talk about the actions happening in east Portland. The actions that make east Portland a better place to live. It's a position that allows me to advocate for the community with a focus on those commonly not in the room. That is my personal want.

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That is one thing that is amazing about epap community leadership from the unlikely folk otherwise ignored, unseen and in some cases not allowed to speak. You suggest to those watching or listening that is well worth your time to visit epap to see what we are all about. But I digress. Let me share with the application process. Bobbi touched on some of this. If someone applies for funds, they start with an idea. Found in the community. They approach epap. The conceptualist is met with the application and helper in the form of the epap advocate. The only paid staffer and the grants committee. Additionally the grants committee of volunteers. From that point forward they have an advocate for answers -- gosh, I'm sorry. My writing is horrible. I better just talk. That you have an avenue to guidance. And support that often grant programs don't provide. So we do. So, what they do then is they fill out the application. They submit it. They can pre-submit it to get ready prior to official submission, step not commonly seen and it's something that we recently implemented. Then they apply it. Apply. Once they apply, it comes to the economy. We review it. We are all community members. We run a variety of the economic levels and the ethnic backgrounds. You won't play cards with who is who and break it down those ethnicity but -- ethnicities but this is a diverse committee that is open to everybody. We entice epap members at every general meeting to join our committee. It's common thread at epap to be invited to sub committees. With that we use consensus process. We gather virtually in this case and we talk about each application. If a member has an issue, hey, I don't see where they have a fiscal sponsor, then we talk about that. If they run to an issue where hey, this project is actually something redundant to something somebody else is doing. It's really where the informed community members have an opportunity to weigh where funds go in some of the programs. We also, of course, use a grading criteria. That is given to the applicants prior to the submission so they know what we as a committee are grading on. Then decision is made with the use of the consensus process, which is effectively if nobody disagrees we move forward. Phenomenal, sometimes hard to manage model that really empowers an individual to hold things up if they see something is dramatically wrong that may be in their view needs to be adjusted. We are encouraged as a group to work with that person. What would make it this go forward or what could we do to make it better? That is one of the amazing things of epap. I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible community members that took part in our scoring process. Something that involved 20 hour of volunteer time. Bobbi and I are cochairs we part of a team for volunteers. Thanks the following community member that gave their time in the process. I'm sorry for butchering names. Leilah, Michael Cummings, Jennifer Breedlove.

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She has a different last name. Apologize for the former last name. Adriana and Mustapha. They sat in on they looked at this first. When the grants are handled by us they pass consensus for larger membership to review them all. This is the same model. Right? Anybody that doesn't -- sorry, it's clunky. If you disagree you hold up the process. If everybody agrees, you move forward. Apologize. I was all ready and my daughter was hungry and you know how it goes as a parent. At any rate, the projects offer support to east Portland and the life of epap that becomes vital to success of the community. Seen in the community support fund with the culturally specific food assistance in the critical times of the pandemic. Found in the community events; such as, the Jim pepper festival and seen in language support with the groups like Alief ba. And the sewing projects that are helping folks to have a chance at cottage industry. Projects like we presented today support and they build the community they hold it together. Especially when times are tough. We although when the hardship comes, those hit hardest are the poor and the undereducated, like me. Those new to landscape and those who don't have a network of support. Several of the grants build that needed network of support. And others maintain it. See, I'm probably short on time. I want to go over a couple of grants. I'll do two. One particularly caught my attention last year they started the first round. This is the second year. The Columbia slough watershed council. The project basically started with the recognize need to react to a specific community. They found folk often immigrants, offer from the Slavic community who were fishing in the Columbia river slough and needed to be appraised of the risk of eating the fish. They offered language appropriate written materials and also guided tours with the community to address that issue. The other one you get super excited about so you have to bear with me, if I haven't brought enough energy it's going stratosphere. Family backpacking. I'm an assistant scout master at rather large troop. I believe in what they offer. Tammy, Francis, Nellie and Leslie started as a group of friends and they expanded their community to include others and then expanded further. Now they are trying to get like officials. They found a fiscal sponsor in the form of the ywca and they came to epap to receive funds. They are trying to take families and kids economically disadvantaged in the woods. It's so simple but so hard. If you outfit gear, the gear my kid carries is \$400 investment over five years. Backpack is \$150. Sleeping back, \$200. You could go down the list. It's all relatively expensive. So they are going to provide some gear to take the folks out. With definitive outreach to the impoverished communities of the east Portland. Then just like hay, this is how you camp. We can see in the immigrant communities and the maynorty community fear associated with going in to the woods. Right? You see some folks,

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we had a lengthy conversation. I was involved with the other day. If you have to cross a border in troubled times through the desert why would you want to go camping? Right? If you are financially unstable why would you want to go in the woods? That is what they are offering. There is science behind it that says if you are suffering trauma, if you go to the woods, it can help. If you go explore some of the amazing parks it can give you a better perspective, give you a better life. This is crazy stuff we do in scouting as an organized effort that the guys want to do with any unconventional family structure that wants to be part of it. This is a great effort to get me excited. And these are up thing things that the epap grants are offer and not seen anywhere else. Lowest rung to get funds and the most local to east Portland. And the most empowering to our community. So, with that, I appreciate you guys tolerating my eye energy and the poorly written materials. Yeah, we are asking for your support. And it's an exciting thing to be part of. Hopefully you can share some of that excitement as you approve this. And we get to do more wonderful things. Of course, Bobbi and I and JR. Are here for any questions you may have. We love to talk about epap. You know, throw questions.

Wheeler: Great! Thank you. I appreciate the testimony. I love that energy and enthusiasm. Thank you for bringing it. Colleagues any thoughts or questions that you'd like to raise at this particular moment? Commissioner rubio has a question. Then Megan, I will ask if there is public testimony.

Rubio: I want to appreciate all of your work and ask you quickly how hard was it to make decisions? How many applicants did you get?

Lilly: This is always a challenge. I'll let bobby speak to this as well. One thing that epap struggles with is recognition. You can help us helping get the word out we exist and we have the funds. When we get applications, they are usually really good. In some cases we have to say no because they don't meet our criteria, like if they don't have a fiscal sponsor. That is why we aligned the process to meet that ahead of time to say hey, send the application so we'll find ways for you to do it rather than reasons not to. Bobbi, would you like to comment?

Yambasu: Yeah. It depends on the year how many applications we get. And what it is for. I know last year with the community support fund, our brand new, I think we had, I think we funded 21 of those. I don't think we denied any of those. This year because some restrictions that actually the city of Portland has, some of the traditional people who apply did not apply. So we didn't have as many. You only see eight grants. It's difficult sometimes to make the decision. Because you really like a project. But as Robert said, sometimes they don't fit the criteria. So, hopefully

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then, JR will get the lucky job of having to tell people whether they got it or didn't get it. But we do provide them with the reasons why they didn't get it and hopefully they will fix those. And can apply it in the next grant cycle. That is something that we try to use to help them learn how to fill out the -- this is a pretty easy grant. But to help them fill out the grant stuff. And get that prereview that we have now instituted that is very helpful.

Lilly: To tag along with that, what she is referring to is the city of Portland under the special funding division says two years funding, one year waiting. That is what she is alluding to that it becomes an obstacle for us when you have someone like Jim pepper festival who has been routinely relying on the epap, then the transition in to the other funding, journey of epap recently. That creates an obstacle. We would love your help to overcome to keep funding folks like that.

Rubio: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, commissioner rubio. Megan, any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: All right. I just want to say how much I appreciate the work of everybody who testified today. I think that it is pretty obvious that the special appropriations funding has had a significant up pact in the past. Over the last two years and it will continue to have an impact going forward. Thank you for that. With that, call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, good morning. Thank you, Robert and Bobbi. Your enthusiasm was infectious. I'm in a better mood now that I have listened to both of you. I'm really excited that we are getting this money out asap. Great work. So, I support this. I'm glad that we put it on as an emergency to get the dollars moving and get the impact you need in east Portland. Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Like commissioner Ryan, I want to thank JR, Robert and Bobbi for the great presentation. I'm a huge fan of epap. I have watched the changes that you have brought to east Portland over the years. Very much admire creativity, the energy, the innovation and the grassrootsness of what you do. It's a real pleasure to partner with you on this important grants program. I want to try to work on the grants oncer that Robert talked about. I'm not sure if I understand all the dynamics there. But let's connect. With that, I would like to vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Thank you to JR, Bobbi and Robert and epap and the work you do to improve quality of

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life and civic engagement for east Portland. Your enthusiasm for the work and the program is clear and it came through very strongly. I also want to appreciate each of the grantees for the commitment to the community. I'm excited about the projects they propose because we need them right now in the community. Greater investment in east Portland is a significant priority for this council. I have heard that over and over again. In my short time here. I would love to stay connected with you all and follow up on that grant situation and troubleshoot that with you. So I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I vote aye. Ordinance is approved. Thank you all. Terrific.

Lilly: Thank you, everybody.

Wheeler: Terrific presentation. Thank you. Thank you for being here. With that, Megan, item 213, please.

Clerk: Appoint and reappoint members to the citizen review committee, an advisory board to the city auditor's independent police review and the police bureau's internal affairs.

Wheeler: Colleagues, today we are considering the city auditor appointment and the reappointment to the citizen review committee, advisory body to the city auditor's independent police review and the Portland police bureau's internal affairs. The city auditor nominated 17 candidates including five new members. Three current members who are being reappointed and nine alternates. We have candidate bios and statements to the city council that are in our materials. I want to thank the volunteers for stepping up to this very demanding volunteer role. And for giving their time and the talent to the Portland civilian police oversight system. I know some of the members are present at today's meeting and I understand a few of you would like to address the council on why you would like to serve on the citizen review committee. I want to say that is fantastic and we appreciate your being here. With that I would like to invite Candace, Razihe and Yume Delegato to share a few words and maybe they could facilitate the proposed members and the member -- Candace Avalos, Vadim Mozyrsky and Yume Delegato. So welcome.

Candace Avalos: Hi. Good morning. I'm Candace Avalos. My pronouns are she/her. I was an educator but I'm transitioning to a new position. You first joined the c.r.c. In 2017, I had no way of conceptualizing the importance of our work and the impact in Portland. A navigating city hall and the police accountability structures I now know how important police oversight is to the city and the people that the city serves. I wish to continue serving on citizen review committee to further our ongoing projects, help with the transition to the new voter approved police

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accountability system and build stronger community partnerships to foster the trust and the public confidence in the government institution. I believe my experience in advocating for change in the Portland community after my involvement in the various organizations as well as my lived experience as a black and latina millennial will bring unique perspective to the work of the police accountability. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the city of Portland in this capacity. I look forward to the collaboration on improving oversight of the Portland police in the future. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks candace. Vadim Mozrysky. Vadim, are you --

Vadim Mozrysky: Yes. Hello.

Ryan: We can hear you. The mayor is frozen at the moment.

Mozrysky: Oh, okay.

Ryan: We should probably just carry on. Welcome.

Mozrysky: Commissioners and the city commissioners thank you for an opportunity to serve on the citizen review committee. You know the c.r.c. Volunteers conduct important work for reviewing complaints against the police bureau and participate in the use of deadly force reviews on behalf of the police review board. My fellow volunteers spend numerous hours performing the duties that entrusted to them by the city. I'd like to thank all of them and specifically I want to thank Candace Avalos who has been tireless in leading the c.r.c. Over the last couple of years as well as other numerous contributions to the city. You don't know how much Candace spend on zoom fees every month but I hope that it is a tax deduction. She working tirelessly. I'm proud to have served with her and the other members of the c.r.c. And also the staff on the i.p.r. To support us along the way. I think that they have shown the highest levels of the commitment and the professionalism. Ross Caldwell, the director of i.p.r. And deputy director. Irene Konev who has been working for long as the outreach coordinator for i.p.r. And the other capacities at this point in time because of attrition. And David Nguyen. I volunteered for the city in the various capacities. In my opinion they have upheld the highest standards of the commitment the organization as well as being impartial and unbiased in the way they carry out the duties. In this time of transition, I realize that there is a lot of change that will happen in the near future, with respect to the police oversight in general. And the i.p.r. And the c.r.c. Specifically. I do hope that city council keeps in mind the work i.p.r. Has been doing as the transition occurs and is able to retain that institutional knowledge and the level of the professionalism that the c.r.c. And the volunteers benefit from day in and day out. Thank you

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very much for your time. I appreciate being reappointed. I think the work we do is very important for the city. I hopefully do that to the best of my abilities. I'd like to pass it along to Yume Delegato, one of our new members.

Yume Delegato: I'm Yume Delgato. Pronounces are he/him. I want to thank you for the student to speak to you. I was born and raised in Portland. I think I feel perhaps more acutely than many what a privilege is it to call themselves a Portlander to build a life for yourself here along the banks of the Willamette and the Columbia. That is why I do it as a profound honor and a solemn responsibility to be called for service on behalf of the city that I love so dearly. I can't presume to speak for the other four citizens to be appointed as the new members of the c.r.c. Alongside me. Want the best for the city. I also believe we are bound by a dedication to the public good, dedication in our case called us to the slow, sober work of police oversight. We know that the process is not without the limitations we know that the work must continue until a successor agency is put in place so on behalf of the five us who are to be new members you want to say if we are appointed to the citizen review committee I hope and pray we'll help foster public trust and ensure fair treatment for Portlanders civilian and police alike. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you, Yume. Very good. Are those all of the members who are up for appointment/reappointment who would like to speak? Are there others on the call? I don't see anybody's hand raised. I think that is it.

Avaolos: It's just the three of us, I believe, mayor.

Wheeler: Okay. Great. Thank you, Yume. I appreciate it very much. Colleagues, any questions? Otherwise we'll vote. This is a resolution. Looks like we're ready to take the vote. These are compelling candidates who need no introduction. Very good. Megan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mayor, we have three individuals from the public sign up to give testimony.

Wheeler: I'm so sorry. I apologize for that. Public testimony. Sorry to those waiting patiently. Call the first individual, please.

Clerk: We have Christopher Piekarski.

Wheeler: Welcome, Christopher. Christopher, are you there? Why don't we call the second individual, Megan.

Christopher Piekarski: I'm waiting to testify.

Wheeler: There you are. Go ahead.

Piekarski: I do not wish to testify. Thank you.

Wheeler: You do not. Okay. Thank you. I appreciate your presence. Next individual, please,

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Megan.

Clerk: We have Richard Kolbell.

Wheeler: Hi, Richard.

Richard Kolbell: Hello, all. I'm not interested or prepared to give any testimony. But I'm really pleased to be part of this process and I look forward to working diligently with all of you. To the city of Portland. Thank you, once again.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you, Richard. We appreciate your being here and the support for the effort.

Clerk: Next we have the Edith Gillis.

Wheeler: Hi, Edith.

Edith Gillis: Hello. I'm so delighted that after all this work to have the police accountability and the democracy of the last over half a century in Portland, and so many conflicting resources and rules and the turf, and so hard for different offices to work through this. And confusion in the community to have people trust this process, get involved and we have a wonderful range of people from those who have been working as a judge to those -- I mean we have the widest range, it's not just artificial pretend representatives. We have thoughtful, caring, come passionate, courageous, innovative people. You had hoped to have more representation from people who are unhoused and deny the basic right at housing and hope to have more representation from those who have suffered, you know, the lived experience of being stuck in pain and fear and what we call mental health crisis. But I love Candace. Who couldn't totally love her anyway? We have a great slate of folks. I want you to keep supporting them and expand the voice and the power of those who are still not included. And support that transition as we expand to what is coming on the four-fifths rule. So again, I just thank you so much for having this. For thinking about this. And being humble enough to rethink and repent and reform our systems. I'm done.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate your testimony. All right. With that, colleagues, any further questions, comments before we call the roll? This is a resolution. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Sorry, mayor. I believe we have one last person on the call to give testimony.

Wheeler: All right. Good.

Clerk: Dan Handelman, are you there?

Dan Handelman: Hello. This is Dan Handelman with the Portland cop watch. I'm sorry, I accidentally hung up before when you started calling for the public testimony. I do appreciate

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the opportunity to speak today. You ne, we have been following the c.r.c. Since before it existed. I think it is great there will going to be nine alternates so there is the possibility of c.r.c. Being able to continue functioning completely, fully staffed as it were up until the time the new system is in place. There has been the resignations that left three seats open in September. The applications that you look out were filled out in September of last year. I'm glad there are still people willing to serve though they had to wait seven months to be appointed. We have always been noting as the applications come before you at the city council that we don't have any particular concerns about most of the candidates. The ones appointed particularly; we don't have concerns. An alternate is a former district attorney who in their application talked about setting up drug-free zones in if Gresham as an accomplishment and that is something I'm concerned about. But at this point this person is an alternate so we have to see how that goes down the line. The appointments today will make it so the c.r.c. Will have the six female members, a gender neutral member and four males there. Used to be a problem where the majority of men on the c.r.c. So this is a good gender balance again. And for the first time I think in three or four years, there are two of the members seated today are over the age of 50. There had been a problem at the beginning where most of the members were retirees and there were no young people. Then the pendulum swung the other way. So of the 17 people nominated, seven of them are over 50 and two of those are getting appointed. We are getting some age variation for the first time in a while. I want to echo Mr. Mozyrsky's note about how important it is to make the transition between the i.p.r. And the new system very smooth as possible. I understand most of the council is supportive of that. I know the auditors put forward proposals about her budget. I really want to reiterate what we said previously which is that there should not be a strong cutoff date for when the i.p.r. Is going to end. The i.p.r. Should be able to function right up until the new system is in place. You all need to work together to make sure it will happen. I have to note that this item normally would have been introduced by the auditor caballero but it was introduced by the mayor today. Know there are things going on among members of the elected officials and we just need to make sure that the work gets done to benefit the people of this community. I appreciate the opportunity to testify. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Dan. I apologize for the confusion earlier. I accidently called the roll before I called for public testimony. So, sorry that you had to disconnect and reconnect. It wasn't my intention obviously. Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it. Very good. Please call the roll.

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Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, thank you. Thank you, mayor. You want to acknowledge the leadership of Candace, and your testimony today. I want to call out those who are stepping up for many hours that is important. If voters want the police academy. We want to ensure a smooth transition. Knowing people have known for decades such as Jessica Katz and Gregg Griffin. That gives me a lot of enthusiasm. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on the important committee. We really appreciate your service to our city. I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I want to thank the presenters today and everyone who testified and also the new appointees for taking the time to apply. Also committing themselves for three-year term. As well as the dedicated members who are up for the reappointment for another three-year term. This is really important and thoughtful work. We appreciate the way that you approach the work. I also just want to say I was pleased to see the list of the community partners that were engaged in recruitment for the work. My hope is members create the great engagement with the community partners. Happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I want to share my colleagues' gratitude to the candidates, to everyone who worked so hard on this process. I have to say something. I know we have sort of -- I know we have a following on YouTube and the channel 30 and elsewhere. People may not appreciate fully how much work goes in to this oversight function and they maybe won't recognize people doing the lion's share of the work are volunteers. They are community volunteers like Yume, and Candace and they dedicate hundreds and hundreds of hours of time and energy in what is a very high profile position. Sometimes a controversial position. I want to acknowledge that. And just say that, none of the three of you or anyone else who serves what to do this. You are all smart people. You are all very accomplished. You could be doing any number of things. And probably getting paid for it as well -- and probably getting paid for it as well but you have chosen this, chosen to serve the community and serve an important role and you put yourself in the arena. I want to acknowledge that and I want to thank you for that. That speaks to your character. As well as your commitment to and your love of the community. Thank you for that. I vote aye. Resolution is adopted. The appointments are approved. Thank you. Next item. We are now on

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the regular agenda, colleagues. Item 221.

Clerk: Authorize price agreements for on-call land survey services to support design and construction of sanitary and stormwater collection systems, treatment facilities, and watershed restoration projects in amount not to exceed \$10,500,000.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading. We have already heard a presentation and had opportunity for public testimony. Any further business on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll, Megan.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. Item 222, please.

Clerk: Amend contract term with Versaterm, inc., for application software support and increase compensation in amount not to exceed \$5,990,000.

Wheeler: Colleagues, there is still discussions ongoing around this item. I'd like to pull it back to my office, please. Item number 223.

Clerk: Amend provisions of city building code to clarify permit abandonment, expiration, extensions, and reactivation.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan? Sorry. This is a second reading. My apologies. This is a second reading. We have already heard the presentation and the public testimony. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. 224.

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Clerk: Accept and appropriate \$19,647,973 in emergency rent assistance program funds from united states department of the treasury.

Wheeler: And colleagues, this has been rescheduled, this item to tomorrow. At 3: 00 p.m. Time certain. Is that correct?

Clerk: Yes. 3: 00 p.m. Tomorrow.

Wheeler: Very good. Item 225, please.

Clerk: Amend joint office of homeless services intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah county to authorize FY 2020-21 revised budget allocation to the joint office of homeless services and extend term to June 2022.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, "wall street journal." in 2016, the city of Portland and Multnomah county signed the first intergovernmental agreement to create the joint office of homeless services. The joint office has been a pivotal partner in the response to secure shelter and housing for the homeless community members and save lives throughout the covid-19 pandemic. And during the historic winter storms this year. This ordinance will do two things. First, provide additional funding in the 2021 fiscal year to support physical distancing at covid-19 emergency shelters. And expand the supply of the shelter. Second, it extends the intergovernmental agreement for one year. We are at an inflection point in the housing crisis in the way we provide services to the houseless individuals and families. Extending the i.g.o. Will give us time to consider the new resources the here together measure will provide to create the efficiencies and improve the role clarity, with our esteemed partners in the county. I'll turn it over to director Shannon Callahan with the housing burr. She and the director with the joint office are available for questions. I turn it over to you, director Callahan.

Callahan: Thank you, commissioner. Ryan. I think you gave a good synopsis of what is in the intergovernmental agreement. Marc Jolin and I are here to answer any questions that council may have. Thank you.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? I'm not seeing any questions. Any public testimony on this item, Megan?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. Item 226.

Clerk: Approve application under the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for 3114 SE Belmont street apartments located at 3114 SE Belmont St.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, mayor. Colleagues we have three multiple-unit limited tax exemption program applications today. Items 226, 227, 228. All are emergency ordinances. I ask us to consider approving the application for Belmont, cooper 52 and the Gibbs development. I request they be read together. Is that possible to read the second and the third ordinance for the record at this time?

Wheeler: Yes. Go ahead. 227 and 228, please.

Clerk: 227, approve application under the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for cooper 52 located at 6865 SE 52nd avenue. Item 228, approve application under the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for Gibbs development located at 1325 SW Gibbs St.

Ryan: Thank you. I will -- thank you, colleagues. I'll turn the item over for staff for the detailed presentation. Matthew Tschabold is here for a brief presentation and is available for questions. Matthew?

Matthew Tschabold: Thank you, commissioner. Mayor, members of council. For the record, Matthew Tschabold with the Portland housing bureau. So, I am here as was mentioned to present three projects under the inclusionary housing program, one to the long-term, land use policies to ensure economic inclusivity and the racial inclusivity in the neighbors across the city. At always, at the housing bureau we lead with race and we want to be transparent and upfront about which communities can afford to live in which neighborhoods in the city and where we have more work to do to make sure that we have inclusive neighborhoods. You have seen this information before. I'll touch on it briefly. We continue to see new inclusionary housing units move through the permitting process to construction and open in order for buildings to have a

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range of affordability. The three projects are here on the map. As mentioned 3114 southeast Belmont, cooper 52 and Gibbs development. The first project 3114 southeast Belmont five-story residential only building. With 25 units. The developer opted to provide 8% of the units at the 60% a.m.i. With two inclusionary housing units and the housing bureau recommending this for approval as the affordable rents are at a discount to the market rate rent to foresee the fOregon property taxes. The second is cooper 52, a three-story residential only building with the 25 units. Again the developer has chosen to provide 8% of the units at the 60% a.m.i. Yielding two inclusionary housing units and similarly, the affordable rent max is at steep discount to the market rate rents. And thus the affordability savings exceed the Oregon property taxes. We are recommending this for approval. And the third project is a Gibbs development project, which is interesting project. Different from ones we have seen. Its family sized. Five-story residential only 27 unit building. Providing two and the three bedrooms. The developer has chosen to be provide 8% on the units. 60% of the median income yielding two inclusionary housing units. I want to note they are two bedroom, which is why even though the fOregon property tax revenue is more than the rent discount for the first ten years. Given that it is a two-bedroom and we are in the high needs for the affordable two bedrooms. And the rent savings over the 99-year period of time will, the collective value far exceeds property tax extension. So we are recommending this for approval. With that, both Dory van Bockel and I are available to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? I'm not seeing any. Does that complete your presentation on all three of the items, matt?

Tschabold: It does, mayor.

Wheeler: Okay. Can we call for public testimony, please?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: All right. Good. Then, once I pick my glasses up off the floor here, please call the roll on 226.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, 3114 southeast Belmont and cooper 52 and the Gibbs development bring the total number of the private sector buildings to inclusionary housing permit approval pipeline to 122. Restricting a minimum of the 951 units in otherwise market rate developments. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. 227. Call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. 228. Please. Call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Item 229 -- item 229, please.

Clerk: Amend contract with Aurigo software technologies, inc., for an additional five years for the continued use of the capital project management software system in the amount of \$784,000.

Wheeler: And this is commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, colleagues, thank you for opportunity to introduce you to this important project. Portland water bureau's engineering services group manages 50 to 70 construction contracts every year. These are valued at over \$250 million. Each of these contracts requires project budget. And resource management. To manage this work the water bureau uses the special software designed to keep the projects on track. The software streamlines and improves collaboration between the contractors and the Portland water bureau. The Portland water bureau would like to extend the current contract for another five years at a cost of \$784,000. This is crucial to support ongoing and the upcoming projects like the Washington park reservoirs,

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filtration facility and pipelines, corrosion control and improvement project and the Willamette river crossing. Here to tell us more about the important work we have water bureau chief engineer Teresa Elliott and design manager Jodie Inman.

Jodie Inman: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Good morning, councilmembers. I'm Jodie Inman. Design manager of the Portland water bureau. Commissioner Mapps gave a great introduction. The action before you today is amend the contract we have with Aurigo software for an additional five years for the continued use of the capital project management software system in the amount of \$784,000. Over that five year period. As commissioner Mapps mentioned the water bureau manages a large construction portfolio and each one of those projects requires project budget and resource management, for which we use the Aurigo software capital project management system. The system handles project documents using automated work improvements, schedules resources and provides mobile access. The use of the software consolidated business process streamlines the collaboration between the contractors and the water bureau staff, reduces the redundant data entry and reduces the taunt for error, eliminates the need for the paper-based work and printing. Reducing the carbon footprint and provides increased transparency and the access for project records. 100% of the contract is with Aurigo software technologies, incorporated, minority owned business enterprise. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any questions? Any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: None for this item.

Wheeler: Anything else, anybody wants to add for the record before I move it to second? This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. Thank you. Next item, the last on the regular agenda item 230.

Clerk: Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Washington park hypochlorite facility improvement project at an estimated cost of \$1,300,000.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps? Nobody noticed, Megan. Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: This is fundamentally about providing our friends and the neighbors who live on the west side of Portland with clean, safe water. In order to do that, the Washington park hypochlorite system needed to increase the concentration for the water disinfectant by the reservoir. This is called "boosting." boosting ensures consistent and reliable water. The facility will also be upgraded to serve as the chlorination system for the new reflecting ponds that are

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going to be part of the Washington park reservoir project. To tell us more about this important public health measure is Jodie Inman, design manager with the water bureau. Jodie?

Jodie Inman: Thank you again, commissioner Mapps. Good morning again, all. I'm Jodie Inman, design manager at the Portland water bureau. As commissioner Mapps indicated the project before you today improvements to the Washington park hypochlorite facility. Critical project for the water bureau. The Washington park hypochlorite facility in the Washington park reservoir improvement project construction site. Facility constructed in 1981 and it was in poor condition and it's no longer operational. It's a critical part of the system. Giving us the ability to increase the concentration of the disinfection area supplied on the west side, including downtown Portland industrial, northwest industrial and the southwest water front district. This will help us enable disinfection is consistent and retained throughout the farthest reaches of the system to have consistent, safe and reliable water. In addition, it will upgraded to provide chlorination to reflecting pools and it will not impact work that the water bureau is doing for the improved project to reuse lead from home or business plumbing. The scope will remove old equipment and install new storage tanks, piping and the emergency shower, electrical and the fire sprinkler system. Building upgrade, replacing door and ventilation part of the process. All the work in the exhausting building. Except for the door replacement. It's expected to be advertised in spring of 2021 and the construction scheduled for august of 2021 and completed in the august of 2022. The estimated cost of the contract is \$1,300,000 with a high confidence level as the project is at 90% design. The project will be designed by the lowest bid method and certification office for the business inclusion and diversity. It will be with the procurement service goal and requirement. The Portland water bureau encourages the bidders to make the good faith efforts to hire local contracting and the local minority women staff to exceed the low-bid aspirational goals. The water bureau making new connections and seeking avenues to make the co-bid contracting community aware of the upcoming office to give time for smaller firms to prepare. It's located in the Washington park reservoir improvement project site will be encompassed by the ongoing construction activity and this will cost it will to no additional impact to the public visiting Washington park, or the nearby residents. Project outreach would be conducted before as the outreach plan for the Washington park reservoir. I'm here to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? Not seeing any at the moment. Any public testimony on this item, Megan?

Clerk: None for this item.

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Wheeler: All right. Last call before I move it. This is a first reading of the nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. Thank you. And last but not least we had one item pulled from the consent agenda -- well, it's not last. We have four/fifths. Consent agenda item. Keelan, please read the one pulled.

Clerk: Mayor, that was 215, which was referred back.

Wheeler: You are right. You are right. Thank you. Thank you. I appreciate that. I moved that back to my office. It didn't get pulled. So, hold on for one second. Colleagues, commissioner Hardesty would like to join us for the four-fifths item. She won't be available to 11:30. In process we recess for 12 minutes and reconvene at 11:30 unless anybody has strong objections. Not seeing it. Megan, we are in process until 11:30 a.m. [meeting in recess]

Wheeler: This is the morning session of the Portland city council. I see commissioner Hardesty is on the line with us. Thank you, commissioner Hardesty, for being here for this four-fifths item. Megan, please read the four-fifths item. Four-fifths item. Four-fifths item. --

Clerk: Amend the FY 2020-21 budget to allow for expenses in the office of management and finance, office of violence prevention, and Portland parks & recreation to increase staffing, programming, and resources for community-based organizations to reduce the impact of gun violence in our community.

Wheeler: Colleagues, Portland gun violence spiked starting in late 2019 time frame and it increased more over the last summer. It's a devastating rise. From January to May 2020 of last year, there were just three gun homicides. From June to December of 2020 last year, there were 41 gun come sides. In three months Portland experienced 25 gun homicides. Work the council poised to approve today to reverse this, save lives, reduce entry, and present gun violence in the first place. This is to entrust this so police and public safety will be transformed on the collective community values and more trusted. More trusted so that our best and our most compassionate community minded police officers will want to keep working for it. And other applicants, especially the bipoc applicants want to join the police bureau. To the many community-minded Portland police peace officers who work for us, every day with the compassion and respect for all. Thank you for your public service. Last year we had a new office, community safety transition. We hired the first director Mike Meyers. As the ordinance lays out, the new office will help guide systemic change in all of Portland's public safety bureaus, looking for ways to save money innovating fiscal or other business organizations between the bureau to create public transportation plan for the city. For change to happen like never before the public safety

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transformation process must be built on a foundation of transparency and humility. We must acknowledge that the state and the city have a racist and the white privileged past. And too often it seeps in the present. Laid out by ipac, the interfaith peace active collaborative, members you will hear from shortly, "Oregon and the local policing are seen in the history of the -- steeped in history of racial injustice and inequity and the communication of communities and the community members of Portland have been adversely impacted by the history; specifically, black and brown men." racial justice is not a stagnant issue of the past but ongoing challenge requiring profound culture and policy changes. The needs of victims, seniors of injustice and the marginalized community in addition to those who perpetrate harm are often overlooked by the system of justice and the public policy. Too often the concept of the accountability is equated to the punishment or limited to the sanctions and prosecution. Criminal justice and the police accountability justice must do more to improve restorative practices, which aim at cultivating an understanding of harms, harm impacts, restitution, cultural change and moral reengagement and positive social reintegration on the subject of the policing and racial justice. The current mechanism for the police accountability don't make enough space for restorative justice values or processes. So far all of these things, and the past, and the ongoing harms that they continue to cause, I as your mayor want to apologize. More importantly I apologize to Portlanders of color; particularly, black and brown Portland men. Too often over many decades you have been the victim of the unfair state and local law enforcement system that mistreated and even killed you. Again, to those who have been mistreated, loved ones of those unfairly killed, my apology on behalf of the city. It was wrong and it must stop. My apologies come with action to begin to address the disparate impacts. That change starts now. That is why with the focus on our gun violence reduction efforts, the policing portion of that will be community-centered. Community co-created. Community guided. With weekly meetings and police and the community. The creation of a new independent community oversight committee with the own analytical staff. Our peace-making efforts lean in to the evidence-base and the deep rooted systems change work. Improving the police bureau with every step we take on the path to save lives in the city of Portland. The days of the arbitrary, heavy handed violence prevention tactics like stop and frisk are over. We will create a new community-centered police partnership to make Portland safer from gun violence. The approach we are launching today focuses on and invests on community. A relatively small number of groups that commit most of the Portland gun murders and shootings will be the focus. According to the latest detailed independent research, about 55% of

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gun shooters are victims in Portland have some kind of social connection. About 50% of the recent socially connected gun murder victims were black, African American, and 10% were Latinx. It's estimated that only about 100 Portlanders are involved in gun violence. Black men comprise only 2.5% of the Portland population, they are 43% of the victims and the shooting suspects. That is why local leaders in the Portland black, African American and the Latinx communities demand that our gun violence carnage be addressed. It's why I and others on the Portland city council have taken up their cause. For they are passionate and the heart-felt tenacity in seeking action on gun violence. I want to thank the interfaith peace and action collaborative known as "ipac." among the big ipac group, I want to highlight my thanks to the pastor Matt Hennessey and Antoinette Edwards who consistently acted with determination and dignity. I'd like to thank Nike Green of the office of violence prevention team. Along with the city outreach contractors who every day are out there trying to keep the peace. Thank you. Finally I would like to thank my city council colleagues who because of their collaborative approach and hard work made this work possible. Thank you. With that I turn it over to commissioner rubio. Commissioner?

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. A wise leader that I once worked for and that I had great respect for used to say that everyone has a role in creating a safe and a thriving community. And this is the spirit in which we are here today. Because we have a role to play to address the urgency of the moment. And do what we can to eliminate gun violence. I want to acknowledge the work of the numerous community organizations, advocates and partners that helped us reach this point today. These organizations and the leaders are on the front lines confronting the systemic racism and many other challenges in their communities on a daily basis. For them, the ideas for investment in change are not new but long overdue. Generations of the Portlanders and the leaders in the black, indigenous, Latinx, people of color communities laid the groundwork that led to activism, leadership and engagement that we have seen from thousands of Portlanders over the last year, calling for the racial justice and rising up for black lives. The voices and this work has helped keep the focus of where it needs to be when we address gun violence or any other kind of violence or injustice in the communities. That is scary within the community and on community. The other thing I want to appreciate is the tremendous accomplishment of the collaboration to address the urgent issue by all my council colleagues and the capable teams. As well as the Multnomah county chair Deborah Kafori and her staff and the p.p.s. And the city of Gresham partners. We need our regional partners so we have every tool available, expertise and

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wisdom at the table to coordinate. I'm grateful they are with us in this work today and every day. I want to appreciate the work of the office of the violence prevention staff and the community-based organizations working on the front lines and those commuted officers who have taken the time to learn from the community and respect and understand the important role that the community-based organizations play to reduce violence. And preventing violence. As we approach the warmer months we also want to prepare our outdoor spaces, recreation activities and the schools for more activated spaces and time by the community members after a year of quarantine. And the emergence of the communities outside of their homes. My colleagues and I also want to acknowledge this is coming to council in a manner that matches the urgency and in a way that limits testimony to written submissions. We wish it was not the case and we hope those who are watching and media covering this will encourage people to submit testimony and contact our offices. The reality is the issue demands immediate action. After months of the community action, protest and the votes demanding racial justice and safer and thriving community we felt we have had clear and firm direction from the community to take made action on the issues. I'm appreciative of the five of us that we were able to work together to collaborate and get the policy right. Here today, to present the ordinance are the policy directors Ricardo Lujan Valerio of my office. And mark bond of commissioner Ryan's office. Followed briefly by Vicente Harrison from Portland's park and recreation. Following this, we have several invited testimonies from each of our offices on this ordinance before we turn it back to mayor wheeler. So I'll turn it over to our presenters to start us off.

Ricardo Lujan-Valerio: Thank you, commissioner rubio. Good morning. I'm Ricardo Lujan Valerio. I am the policy director for the commissioner rubio.

Mark Bond: Good morning. I'm mark bond. I serve as the policy director to commissioner dan Ryan.

Lujan-Valerio: Today mark and I will be providing an overview of the council item 230-1, the city's response to gun violence. We'll begin with the origin of the proposal drafted by commissioner rubio, commissioner Ryan and commissioner Mapps and close with a walk-through of the ordinance language itself.

Bond: Thank you. This is in response to serious increase of -- serious increase of the gun violence we witnessed this year. We know this is a national problem and the communities across America see similar increase of the gun violence but we know each community across the country faces unique circumstances and that Portland is no different. So far in 2021, the city of Portland

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experienced over 280 shootings. Over 90 people injured. In 18 gun related homicides. The Portland city commission had to respond to what is a clear and a significant increase in gun violence. Four weeks ago, mayor wheeler in collaboration with ipac announced a proposal to address the issue and it served as a catalyst for ongoing conversation that led us to proposed ordinance that you have before you today. Commissioners Ryan, rubio and Mapps responded to the mayor's initial proposal with one of their own. That instead of providing funding for the police, the city disburse funds to the community-based and the culturally specific organizations that work directly with the communities that are impacted by the gun violence. Such c.b.o.s have the relationships on the ground and are able to interact directly with those impacted. Whether it be the victim's loved ones and those who may be perpetrators or the members at the community at large who are impacted. By interrupting the cycles to violence, we can address gun violence at a root in a way that builds community and produces the positive outcomes across the spectrum. There is strong evidence to support the approach. 2017, New York university study of over 200 US Cities across 20 years found that ten community-based organizations focusing on crime and the community life in a city with 100,000 residents led to an average 9% reduction of the murder rate. 6% reduction in violent -- reduction in violent crime rate and 4% reduction in the property crime rate. Additionally, 2019 study conducted by the university of Toronto, found that multiple spheres influenced the spread and the prevention of the gun violence and that the community-based organizations and the social workers can and should play a key role in reducing the gun violence. This final product you have before you today has been the result of the input and the feedback from all five council offices. It brought us to a place to deliver a unified response as a city. This directs the city employees and the resources deployed in the specific ways complementing the actions taken by the police bureau. I'll hand it back to Rico to walk you through details of the ordinance.

Lujan-Valerio: Thank you, mark. I will go over the ordinance section and explain what the policy addresses. This policy composed of the multiple points that supplement the partners and the city offices. Starting off with the section 1a of the ordinance this directs the community safety director to lead the development of the gun violence response plan. This will be in collaboration and coordination with the other city bureaus about the multi-jurisdictional and the community partners; such as, office of violence prevention contractors, Multnomah county, district attorney's office, the city of Gresham, Portland public schools and the other community leaders working on gun violence reduction. We understand this is an ecosystem and for the response to

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happen it needs to be with everybody at the table. Section 1b directs the office of the violence prevention director, community safety director, the Portland chief of police, to work with the partners and the o.v.p. Contractors on establishing the standards of the collaboration and the safety protocols. It also opens the space to re-evaluate the way the city does contracts for the issues pertaining to gun violence reduction. This came from the community partners expressing need to better understand the way government and the nongovernment efforts enter sect and complement each other. Section 1c through 1g pertain to the critical and needed funding for the community-based partners in the front lines addressing the gun violence. These dollars totaling \$4. -- totaling \$4.1 million has specific purposes. First is \$3.1 million dedicated to the organizations that are already partners with the office of violence prevention. These funds would be used for intervention case management, wrap-around support, aftercare support funds for families of victims and still maintaining a high degree of the flexibility for the organizations to adapt and respond adequately on changing landscape. The second part covers \$600,000 of funds dedicated to emerging or the small organizations that are willing and able to assist our efforts in reducing gun violence. These funds give the opportunity for the new leaders not necessarily had the organizational and the infrastructure to be funded by have relationships and influence of the communities affected by the gun violence to partner with the o.v.p. Contractors and expand the community efforts. These funds will also allow organizations to adequately sustain the efforts to continue to strengthen the relationships with affected community members and proactively change the cultural landscape to curb impact of the gun violence and set foundation for larger conversation to re-evaluate our approach to the gun violence in a holistic way. Section 1a, resources the park and the recreation with \$1.4 million to scale up the park ranger program for the May to December of 2021. Outside activities will increase and there will be higher demand for the capacity in the park. They will continue to be good will ambassadors for a positive community presence in the park and the neighborhood. Parks is joining us today and will provide more information to the parks ranger program and I will turn it over to him after I run through other element of the ordinance. Section 1i, resources the community safety director with the two f.t.e. Analysts. For the city to be successful we have to resource ability to track and digest the impact of the communities that our communities are having on the issue and how we are responding to them. It will allow us to implement solutions on what we see on the ground. Create bench mark on the qualitative and the quantitative data that is available from the collaboration we are creating. 1j and 1k resources office of the

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management and the finance to have oversight committee and this part will relate to the Portland police bureau initiative for a focused intervention team. Mentioned by mayor wheeler in his opening. They will restructure the internal funds to make it happen. This only funds analyst that the committee will be resourced with and will live adds of the police bureau. Relating to this item, six additional detectives and a sergeant will be directed to work in coordination with the Multnomah county DA Schmidt on investigating incidents. Lastly I will authorize office of the management and finance to the director for the safety communities and provide data collection for efforts and the community partners to create response to the gun violence. This has emergency clause and it's effective on passage but we will continue to coordinate closely on the implementation and the execution of the efforts. I'll pass it over to Vicente from parks.

Vicente Harrison: Thank you. Good morning, mayor wheeler and commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, rubio as well as Ryan. I'm Vicente Harrison from Portland parks. Thank you for the opportunity to share how the park ranger program supports the community safety continuum. And how this proposed investment in the park rangers benefit Portlanders. We are ramping up to deliver the services and the program and park. Park rangers are essential to keep the park, natural areas and the facilities welcoming and activate safe and the enjoyable spaces for all workers. Park rangers provide services seven days a week. Including overnight shift. Rangers covering 1,000 acres across the city. The park ranger program made up of a diverse group of the 24 full-time staff, one parking enforcement officer, mainly focused on Washington park, and one supervisor, and a security manager. Scaling up the number of the park rangers is a practice we do every year. During our busy spring, summer and the fall seasons we hire seasonal staff. This year, we had planned to hire 13 seasonal park rangers. The city has also invested in more park rangers in the past in times that we have seen the heightened violence in the community. By the way, this is how I started my career with the Portland parks and recreation and the director long has also started her parks career as a seasonal park ranger in New York city. This is a unique model to rely rangers having specific set of skills and the training that includes de-escalation, crisis management, antibias, and cultural competency to gain the voluntary complains. Prevent escalation of the community safety challenges. Rangers problem-solve with the Portlanders and the community organizations to a way that help instill trust and respect. Park rangers use combination of the education and the positive engagement to reduce harm and to visitors and the park resources. When voluntary compliance cannot be met, rangers may issue exclusion -- or injections that may be used in limited cases and the park rangers are not a replacement for

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police. They work with the police to problem solve the issue and parks beyond the scope of the park rule violations. For example, criminal activity. Weapons. Threats. Or other issues that person would typically call 911, we partner with the police and still need to refer these situations to that bureau. With the city council new investment we would be able to expand and enhance the park ranger program -- expand and enhance the park rangers by 24 rangers to increase the services across the city from May to December of 2021. It will have real estate workers and the partners and build the trust and the public support for community safety. The park rangers will continue to serve as the good will ambassadors, providing a positive, highly visible and unarmed community safety presence in the parks and the community neighborhood. Thank you for allowing me to talk about the program.

Lujan-Valerio: Thank you. We appreciate you. Thank you, mark, for co-presenting this. I'll kick it back to commissioner rubio.

Rubio: Thank you. We now turn the floor over to invited testimony. Read three names at a time. The list is confirming as we speak. So as of now we have 12 at the last count. It might change. So the first three we have are chair Deborah Kafori of Multnomah county. Councilor Eddie Morales from Gresham, and Danny Ledezma for racial equity and social justice at the Portland public schools.

Chair Deborah Kafoury: Thank you. Good morning. Mayor wheeler and the members of the city council, I'm Deborah and I'm the Multnomah county chair. I'd like to thank you for inviting me to testify today. I am very encouraged by the proposal that the council voting on today. We are looking forward to work with the city to see if there is an end of cycle of the gun violence harming our community. The city and the county have a long history of facing the toughest challenges together. We do it every day in the joint office of the homeless services. We do it in the emergency situations like the severe weather events. And with the public safety. I welcomed commissioner Hardesty as a cochair where the county and the city partnered with the public safety partners for years. Collaboration and the partnership even in response to gun violence is something new but severity is unlike anything we have seen before. This has been a year to present the community with the deepest losses and the steepest challenges we have faced in generations. There has been interruption of the stability and security. There has been increased rate of violence in people's homes and on our streets. There used to be a high coordination across all level of the government and we saw the seeds of the collaboration in how this proposal was crafted. It will come to bear further as we put the plan in action. This requires an all

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hands approach between the government, community based providers and the members of the public. This is an issue they cannot just step in to solve by itself. I will rely on the relationship that exists in the community. There are staff that are the ones that are closest to the challenges, the kneads and the barriers community members face. These are the names and the faces that people trust. We know this is effective at closing gap to create the change on the ground. We are looking to invest additional resources in the service and the support meeting the behavioral health needs of the youth and families. The violence of the shooting doesn't end and begin with the perpetrator and the victim. It harms families, friends, neighborhood that it happens. We look to expand the wrap-around support. We also need to address the underlying trauma at the multiple levels with the additional safety net and behavioral health services that directly address the upstream causes of the gun violence. To help build resilient communities and people. An example is the approach that the sun school system and the partners which continue to serve as the neighborhood hubs for young people and the families. They offer case management for stable homes and connection to mental health services and support activities for the youth struggling. We will look to add more services. We will continue to enhance efforts in the department of the community justice to proactivity engage with the client to address the needs and seek asense tans. We are working with the Multnomah county sheriff office with a partnership of the community justice to develop initiative in the east county that focuses on a more holistic approach to the gun violence. We need to interrupt and break the cycle bringing the immense harm and the hurt to the community. I'm grateful that this proposal puts forward actions to stem the tide of violence. This is an entry point not a victory. Keep listening to the community to what they tell us they need, what they tell us can work and to the urgency in the voices. We can stop cycle of the gun violence. I believe this brings together partnership, the resources, coordination and the approaches that it will take. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you, chair. Next we have councilor Eddie Morales.

Eddy Morales, City of Gresham: Can you hear me? Good afternoon, commissioners. Thank you for your service to the residents of Portland and the broader Portland region. My name is Eddie Morales. I'm the council president for the city of Gresham. Like the city of Portland we have had the shifts in leadership this last year. We are now a council that is majority people of color. Majority of the council including myself lead from the own lived experience and share greater commitment to community engagement. We value collaboration and partnership and we look forward to building stronger relationships with you and the county commissioners. We want to

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ensure the needs of residents are met. We know the residents of Gresham, Portland and the neighboring city, Troutdale, Woodbridge and Fairview don't live expecting that the safety net will change as they cross a city or a county boundary. They have the right to be safe. For this reason and I have personally experienced gun violence. Guns taken two of my brothers, way too soon, and too many friends to name. I'm here to thank you for the effort to tackle the gun violence with the innovative approach to rely on the culturally specific community groups and the proven public health data and partners with the other governments. Not simply relying on the violence to address violence. We must work together as the neighboring cities along with the school district and the county to tackle this problem. We are all losing too much. In the next few weeks I will bring it to the council and ask that we join you and the county in the endeavor. I'll bring in the culturally specific groups in Gresham to the conversation as we craft specifically cultural response to go get your child. Women first, beyond black, play girl learn, human solutions, Latino network. Apano and east county raising to name a few. I want to thank you for your leadership and paving the path for the real and sustainable change.

Rubio: Thank you.

Dani Ledezma: Good afternoon. Members of the council, mayor wheeler, thank you for having me. I'm Dani Ledezma. On behalf of the board and the superintendent and the staff we want to thank you for continued support of the students and the schools. And the opportunity to express the support today. We come to partner with Portland and park and recreation to bring solutions to end the cycle of the gun violence plaguing the community. After the year we have all experienced we are more than ever focused on working in partnership to meet the academic and the social needs of the student and families. We support the ordinance today and demonstration of leadership through collaboration. We are trying to develop the plans for the summer enrichment program that engage students in the safe and the engaging and the fun activities. The research and the lived experiences tell us when the youth are engaged in the positive, safe and the enriching activities with the caring adults from the community and the cultural identity is affirmed and the potential is nurtured and cared for they will thrive. We are looking for solutions that are implemented by the community-based and specific organizations. For too long, the investment not aligned with what we know works. This summer will be different. We are partnering with racial specific organizations who understand needs of the students and the families. We intend to leverage investments from the state, the effort by the city and the county, by investing district resources toward academic and the enrichment this

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summer with the community for youth employment and programs we know contribute to preventing violence. We hope to continue partner deeply with the Portland park and the recreation and park ranger program. We look forward to sharing more details about this next week. Our community has recently demonstrated how effective we can be when we work together. We are looking for the youth facing unprecedented rate of the gun violence now. Thank you for the support and for letting us be at the table. The students and the families need all of us more than ever. We are in full support of the ordinance before you. If there is anything we can do. We want to continue to be good partners.

Rubio: Thank you. Next we have Paul Lumley, Lakayana Drury and the executive director of word is bond and jenny lee, coalition of community of color.

Paul Lumley: Hello. Thank you for addressing the gun violence in the community and thank you for the honor of appears before the city council today. My name is Paul Lumley, I'm a citizen of the Yakima nation. Our organization was initiated in 1974 by the parents and the volunteers who are alarmed that most of the native students were not graduating. We saw the need of getting them off the street and lead to healthy lifestyle and beyond. We serve the Indian community in the broader melt area. We are youth-centered, family-driven and elder of guided. The purpose is to support what addresses the gun violence in the city. By way of a background, nea work with the city office of the violence and prevention contract for more than ten years. This is important for the success of the youth, the families and the community as a whole. Many youth and the families are living in fear because of the number of the shootings taking place at or near where they live. They are seeking the safer options for the stabilization. We support the increase in safe access to the parks and the public areas in the city. We know spaces can be invaluable alternatives to street violence. This is critical for the success of the urban native youth. The proposal is a breath of the fresh air and the organization given that the funding available to build more robust and the holistic culturally specific program that will further serve needs of the native youth by providing culturally relevant a tern five -- alternative to street violence. This will also allow nea to cover the true expenses that is expressed in the advocacy letter to the city this year. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the proposal by the commissioners and looks forward to being collaborative and the trusted partner in the joint endeavor to improve our city. Thank you very much.

Rubio: Thank you, Paul. Next Lakayana Drury.

Lakayana Drury: Thank you, commissioner rubio for allowing me to speak today. Mayor

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wheeler, members of the council, I appreciate the opportunity. I want to start saying I had a conversation with a young man last night who just graduated from one of the p.p.s. Schools. Go years ago he was in a meeting with me and the mayor wheeler at the city council to share ideas how young black men and the police can bridge the gap and difference between the two groups. Today he is on crutches and recovering from several gunshot wounds after a shooting incident this past winter. His friend who he was with did not make it. That represents the stark reality of what he is in now. He hasn't spoken to anybody since the shooting. He is not in any kind of the counseling. He is not enrolled in college but he is more than capable of being in it. It speaks to a plan of lack of support for the black youth in the city. This is a plan to lift the young people and the black community in the city. We talk about the fact that hundred, there is roughly a hundred people involved in the shooting violence that is happening in the city. Having the city council behind this is encouraging because a united city council manes more results for the members of our community. I also want to remind us that this cannot be the ending point. We can't pass this and then, you know, brush our hands off and move to the other issues. It will take sustained effort. We have to look at the root causes, clouding the education, employment, housing and family services. In the suggestions we need accountability for the measures. We need to look at success rates, how do we measure the success and what are the outcomes that the issues are impacting and utilizing the vast resources? There are so many resources in the city that there is no way we can't solve this issue but we have to be willing to take big bold action and city council has to be united on the efforts or it will cost black lives. There is more work to be done and we in the community are ready to do our part. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you. Next we have jenny lee.

Jenny Lee: Good afternoon mayor wheeler. And commissioners. I'm jenny lee. We are an alliance of the culturally specific community based organizations that are working to take collection action for the racial justice. You are hearing from a number of the members today. I want to thank you for finding a solution to meet the urge we need and particularly to the community leaders that have worked to keep the community safe. There is much said about the need for the proposal as well as the strengths. I want to lift up the transformative of the potential of the flexible resources to trusted culturally specific service providers to intervene. This is a timely targeted approach to intersect combined with the flexibility -- intervention combined with the flexibility to be responsive to the urgent and the emerging needs to provide the services that they do so effectively. The partners are the experts in doing this work. They hold the

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relationships. They know who is vulnerable to the involvement of gun violence. They know what intervention work to stop it and build support in. Now time to trust in the wisdom of the community partners to serve. We know this is needed to support the young people and the families to access jobs, education and stability. We also must commit to the cultural identity development that draws on the strengths of young people to and on the community assesses. We want to meet needs now and for years to come and that includes adequate funding for the intervention and the attendant social services and the staff and organizations that do this essential work. When the communities are under resourced and often over-policed we won't address the fundamental disparities and the systemic racism that will end the heart-breaking violence we see today. We can make process. As we work to recover racial equity and dismantle the systems causing the harm. Thank you for your commitment to building a truly safe community that will give Portland use and families and the communities a chance to thrive. Thank you, jenny. We have Antoinette Edwards, Gloria Ochoa Sandoval and Elliott Young.

Antoinette Edwards: Good afternoon. Thank you to the mayor and the commissioners. I want to share a quote from do. It's easy to judge. It's more difficult to understand. Understanding requires compassion, patience, and willingness to believe good hearts sometimes choose more methods. A poor method is to use the sight of the united goal we have together, that is about saving lives. I want to extend heartfelt thank you to commissioners that I had an opportunity to speak with. I saw your compassion and willingness to work with the community. I'm gratified that we can work together. Together we can get there. I'm grateful to work with you and thank you again for the willingness to listen and for us to come together. To make a difference and save lives. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you. Gloria?

Gloria Ochoa-Sandoval: I'm Gloria Sandoval, my pronounces are she and her and I'm the policy director for unite Oregon. I'm here to share our organization strong support for gun violence reduction proposal in front of you. We urge every member to vote in support. We are a community based organization that organize people of color and the working class folks of backgrounds for a just and equitable world. The gun violence disproportionately impacted the people we serve and the communities feel unsafe in the communities at a time when we are already experiencing unprecedented poverty due to the pandemic. We are disappointed this is brought forward that limits public testimony. We want you to hear from the community members directly. They deal with the citation, arrest and the incarceration and what we have

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said time and time again the Portland police work with the violence. We don't believe that the answer is meet it with -- [audio interruption] it's true when we know police violence will be inflicted on the black Portlanders that is the case for the gun violence reduction team and the earlier incarnation the gang enforcement team. Expanded policing is not solution to problem of the gun violence. That is way we support this in front of you. We believe the best opportunity we have to interrupt gun violence is to invest in the community base program that center those impacted by the gun violence. These are comprehensive. The outreach workers visit hospital after the shootings, assist with funeral arraignments and support those with the food and the assistance and work with those who are working in trauma informed ways. This is the path for safety and the programs that we need to invest in to reimagine the public safety in Portland. People are dying and we need to take action. We urge you to pass a thoughtful community-based proposal and we commend commissioners Rubio, Hardesty, Mapps and Ryan for bringing it forward. We need strong investment in the authentic safety programs and this is an important step toward just that. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you. Next Elliott Young. Portland committee on the community engaged policing.

Elliott Young: Thank you. I should just say that, you know, everything that gloria said I would reaffirm. I want to start out by saying that I am cochair along with Taji on the Portland committee on the community engaged policing and we have a democratic organization so I cannot speak -- [audio interruption] there has been no time. But more than half members reached out to indicate they support this proposal. We know Portland needs response to gun violence. Violence overall in the city has actually declined dramatically since the 1990s. The overall violence from 2019 to 2020 dropped so what we are talking about is a very specific problem of the gun violence and the homicides which doubled in last year and are on track to nearly double again this year. There are hundreds of community member calling for nonpolice responses for the public safety issues. You heard the proposal made by the city commissioners -- [audio interruption] we are hearing a proposal responding to what we have heard for so many years from the community. In June, mayor wheeler tasked us to patrol services of the p.p.b. And the overwhelming majority of the feedback in the -- majority of the feedback in town hall and work survey on the map that everyone can see is indicating a desire for nonpolice community-based solutions for a wide range of issues including epidemic of gun violence. We will back to the city council in June to present our next recommendations about the public safety. They want to adopt a public health approach and funds community group -- [audio interruption] there is

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currently budget of \$1.2 million. This proposal goes a long way to fully funding that important work that goes on with the office of the gun violence prevention. Police have a role to stop gun violence as the city commissioner proposal suggests. But rather than using the police to harass the large number of the black people, resources should be directed toward investigating gun violence in the city. The preventive policing practice by the gun violence reduction team is ineffective and harmful. This is something this proposal does and if -- [audio interruption] looking at study commissioned by the city with the California partnership for the safety communities we can see this is a limited number of the people directly involved in the shootings. And so, what we need is the police to direct their resources toward investigations, and the use community groups to intervene with the people who are involved in that gun violence. We must also strategize to build capacity for organizations to work on the upstream prevention strategies. Something that my colleague on the pcep Lakayana Drury pointed to. We need prevention strategies to build community-wide approaches to acknowledging and building support around traumatic loss, grief and toxic stress related to gun violence. Finally we know based on the evidence -- [audio interference] condition and environment to prevent violence before it happens in the first place. The long-range upstream response really important because we can't just be acting after the shooting has taken place. Finally if we are ever to achieve a more peaceful Portland we must start with a new approach to the violence in the community. The current overreliance on the police to solve all of our public health problems is neither good for police, nor for our city. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you today.

Rubio: Thank you, Elliott. Next we have pastor JW Matt Hennessee. Jan Alpers. Pastor Ed Williams.

Pastor J.W. Matt Hennessee: Thank you, commissioner rubio. Thank you to the mayor and to the city commission for the opportunity to address you today. I come to you today on behalf of the interfaith -- sorry, for the record, my name is JR Matt Hennessee. It's not spelled like cogniac. H-e-n-n-e-s-s-e-e. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you and thank you for hearing us. Thank you for the opportunity to be here to also be in place of those families and individuals who have lost the lives. Who have been injured, traumatized in many ways. Our being here today and the action that you are taking today is action that will save other lives. And that will provide the opportunity and the doorway for less black and brown young men in particular from losing their lives. As we approach you, we were grateful that you in an amazing way heard us, was willing to listen to us, was willing even if you disagreed with us did not marginalize us. As we

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met with other groups, we were grateful that we could do what Portland in the 32 years that I have lived here and have worked here and have volunteered here were able to do. That is to share and to recognize that we may all see the same issue but have different paths to get there. But that should not get in the way of our ability to listen respectfully and kindly to each other and to at the end of the day be grateful for the finished product. Ipac came to you with a both and approach. To recognize on one hand we have a serious public health issue. With the number of the people who have lost their lives to gun violence on the street. We recognize that the pandemic and other economic issues came to bear that caused that to happen. So we see this today as an important first step as many of the other speakers have said. We stand in total support of the direction that you are taking today. We are grateful for the investments that are being made. We are grateful for the fact that you and your staff members have done a great job in working with us and listening. We must deal with the very systemic issues that cause gun violence in the first place. There have been many people that have talked with us about the fact this is happening in other cities. Our belief, and I pray yours, we are not any other city. We are Portland. I used to say there was no problem that would come before us that together we cannot solve. Today I see you being willing to move in that same direction. Same direction. I want to also say as we look at each of the pieces of what we are talking about today. Each of the component parts of the proposal before you, that it will lend itself to help us move in a different direction. It will also help children be able to know that their mom or their dad is going to be safe. It will help them feel safe on the street. I'm immensely inspired about where we are and what's going on today. Long term, I served for four years as chair and ten years on the international preschool education foundation located in Ypsilanti Michigan. It's done the longitudinal studies what happens when we are involved in early childhood education. Life effects are such that people live fuller lives, less involved in the criminal justice system and more likely to graduate from high school, graduate from, and by the way do great things. I hope as we get to the long term that we can remember a number of component parts that make it work. So on behalf of ipac today I'm grateful there will be two or three other ipac speakers, Antoinette was one who worked on the front line with me, I'm grateful for her work as well. I just want you to know that one of the things you are doing is providing the opportunity for young men who would be potentially on the other end of a gun. They can see their dreams come true. And so as I say my last words, I'm mindful of the young man Sammy West III who was one of the casualties of this last year. Ms. Smith who lost her life right up the street from where I'm sitting right now

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and the gentleman who in Dawson park lost his life just a matter of one month ago. I'm grateful you are taking seriously the need to move in this direction and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a partner and a friend in our group determined to do everything we can to support your efforts. Thank you, again, for the chance to speak today.

Rubio: Thank you. Next we have Jan Alferts from e.m.o.

Wheeler: Commissioner, I don't think she is on today.

Rubio: Pastor Ed Williams.

Pastor Ed Williams: Thank you, commissioner rubio. I recognize mayor wheeler, commissioner Ryan, commissioner Mapps and commissioner Hardesty. My name is Edward Williams. I'm the executive pastor at mount olive Baptist church here in Portland and a member of ipac. I am saddened by the circumstances that have caused us all to be together. As we are today. And as we have been working so hard over the last few months. That so many lives of Portland citizens have been lost. Due to gun violence. But I'm encouraged that we have come together for the purposes of trying to stem that violence within our community. You know, in my career as a pastor, i've done way more funerals than I care to number. And in those funeral services, we typically will, as is the case now, they will do a video pictorial of the life of a person, showing them from birth to death. And a lot of occasions in between. And in many of those pictures you will see folks smiling and you will have come away with that with fond memories of how a life was lived. But in this situation, I had an occasion to watch a video pictorial of the number of lives that were lost. Many young lives. Many bright lives. Many lives with potential. And it just broke my heart that as these pictures and names scrolled across the screen, that they just kept going and kept going and kept going. I say all this to say to us today, while we have reached this point in this process, let us be mindful as to what we are doing to charge before us. We don't want to be watching another video pictorial of many more lives that have been needlessly lost to gun violence in our city. I pray that all the community partners and all of those who will now fully engage themselves in this process, will do the real work of trying to save and to change lives. I heard someone say we should be making sure we measure the outcomes of the programs. And I trust we will do that. That we will keep our eye on the ball and not get lost in the celebration of the moment. Not get lost in the accomplishment of the hour, realize there are many more hours and days ahead of us. We want our city, we want our community to be back on safe, sound, secure, stable footing as a community. Thank you for hearing me. Thank you for this time. I pray for us all that we will do well in the days ahead. Thank you.

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Rubio: Thank you, pastor. We now have our last four. I haven't seen any more added on. Looks like it's an actual stopping point there. Tommy, executive director of Latino network. Police Chief Chuck Lovell, retired assistant Chief Modica. Gina, resource expert.

Tony DeFalco: Thank you, commissioner rubio and thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioners. It's my honor and privilege to be with you here today. My name is Tony DeFalco. I come before you as the executive director of Latino network. And we come before you to speak in strong support of the proposal that you all have crafted. Latino network's mission is to positively transform the lives of Latinxs youth, family and community. We have operated for several years, a youth and empowerment and prevention division, which has a small suite of programs focused on key values of cultural specificity. Strengths-based approach. A focus on youth and the family unit. And a wholistic approach to addressing the needs of young people and families in our community. We offer mentorship, safe spaces for youth. Case management. Pre and post support for youth and families involved in violence. We come before you today as a community that is heartbroken by recent losses in our community. We recently buried a young program participant whose family and himself were involved in our programs for many years. Our staff are heartbroken. Our community members are heartbroken. Our families are hurting. This is an urgent situation. And we are very grateful we have been calling with many of our partner organizations for increased investment in community-based approaches for many years. Even with modest investment, incredible work has been done by many organizations in the sector to address the needs of our young people and peoples of color. Ravaged by disparities. The investment has never been enough to scale up and truly meet the needs of our communities. So today represents a first step. A down payment, if you will, on increased and sustained investment in the community based approaches that we know of right now. And that we look forward to seeing increased approaches, innovative approaches that we haven't yet seen in the community. And only with investment can you see that kind of expansion of existing programming and innovation in new forms of programming to meet the needs of our communities as we evolve. We have partnered with the office of violence prevention. And we want to make clear that with these resources, that o.v.p. Takes a flexible and less rigid approach to working with our communities and the c.b.o.'s that represent our communities to provide flexibility when times change. Provide for community self-preservation, identifying the goals for the work ahead of us. We really like this proposal seeks to invest in both established and newer approaches. Like any sector, innovation is key and the specificity of serving different

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communities is paramount. We also like that it moves us toward a multi-jurisdictional approach. These issues do not respect boundaries and we need to leverage and weave together programs at the county, in particular, that support our families. We focus on families as a unit and youth are part of that. And we put together programs across mental health, education, behavioral health and other supports that create the conditions for success of youth and families. The last thing I want to leave you all with is a call to action across sectors. Because, as you have heard today, this isn't just about gun violence. This is about the lack of investment in our communities across the portfolios the city maintains. This lack of investment has led to decreased opportunities for young people and families to access economic opportunity and to build wealth. It's led to decreased opportunities for the ability to safely build your own business and have that business move beyond just the current crisis to continue to build wealth. And so we call on you, as you begin to explore how to address the incoming a.r.p.a. Funds. And create a budget to double down on racial justice as the lens for those investments. We ask you look creatively at all the portfolio, environmental portfolio. Don't forget these bureaus were investments in our communities equal parts of the solution here to gun violence in addition to what's in front of us today. Thank you for your effort. And thank you for bringing this proposal.

Rubio: Thank you. Next we have Chief Lovell.

Chief Chuck Lovell: Thank you, commissioner rubio. Good afternoon, mayor. City council. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak here today. Gun violence prevention work is some of the most important work we do as police. And at the heart of it is victims. Real people in our community who are gunned down, shot, families who are hurt and suffering. We want to come to this work in a way that's transparent and supported by the community. I come to this work with a perspective of a black man and a police chief. And I have deep connections to the African American community. That's where I spent most of my career serving. I want to assure you that we want to be a good partner in this work. We want to come to this work in a way that is supportive of the community values. And we know that shows up in how we interact in communities, particularly communities of color. It's important to build trust and that's foundational to other things we do in the community. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has put their input in for this ordinance. Ipac in particular for their hard work and many other community voices. And I also want to thank the officers who are out on the street everyday providing good service to the community. We are welcoming community input to guide and inform our work going forward. I want to give people just my personal assurance this

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is going to be work we are going to do in the utmost equitable and transparent way going forward. And that's all I have. Thank you for letting me speak today.

Rubio: Thank you, chief. Now retired assistant Chief Modica.

Wheeler: Commissioner rubio. I'm not sure he was able to join today.

Rubio: Gina Ronning.

Gina Ronning: Thank you, can you hear me?

Wheeler: We hear you.

Gina Ronning: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and city council for letting us have this opportunity to be before you today and share our thoughts on this proposal. For the record my name is Gina Ronning. I am the director of restorative justice education program at the Oregon correctional institution. I've been doing that work since 2010. I'm also a restorative justice commissioner consultant as well as advocate, activist and member of ipac. I want to share my perspective from a restorative justice lens. Mayor wheeler, I want to personally thank you for the language you used in your opening statements regarding the call for more restorative approaches. I believe the call for reform will not be possible without reexamining the way we implement solutions. Restorative justice isn't simply about creating restorative outcomes but taking a very serious look at the way in which we communicate, the way in which we solve problems together. This is sort of a radical approach I believe is very fitting for a city with radical roots. As far as gun violence, I have been personally touched by this issue in a couple of different ways. As we know, we have been talking about gun violence in the broadest sense of the term. That's an issue that is prevalent in our communities in a variety of ways. I'm a survivor of domestic violence. I know what it's like to live in fear for my own life under my own roof, the only thing stopping a bullet in my head was a piece of plywood and I was on the ground floor in the Vegas massacre and mass shooting and experienced undo trauma for that event as well. I have a personal passion for looking at this issue of gun violence in the united states but particularly in our own communities as well as looking at this from a restorative justice end. I want to say I thank everyone for your diligence and willing ness to hear. It's really difficult, I think, at times to collaborate when at our hearts maybe we don't see the other side, or we have very strong emotions about how a certain strategy should be implemented. I would just state that from a restorative perspective, I encourage everyone that as we move forward with this work to continue this spirit of collaboration and listening to understand, not just listening to hear. And I say that because the work we have ahead of us requires long-term sustainable foundations that

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will allow the work to be successful, not just in this moment but in the future. When we look to do work of transformations we are tackling systems, institutions put in place, some of which their roots are founded in things like racism and oppression. And to change those systems overnight isn't going to happen. This is going to require work and voices from every corner of our community to come together and figure out a comprehensive and robust plan. And I feel that the proposal on the table is a very good starting point in that direction. I would also encourage us to lean in and to do the work of what it means to actually transform. I think that radical abolition is very different than reducing dependency. I have heard a call to reduce our dependence on policing. These are all issues I personally support and I know ipac support as well. But the question isn't whether or not we reduce our dependency on these systems but how do we reduce our dependency so we don't further harm or create vacuums in our community that have unintended harmful consequences. It's my position from a restorative justice lens, the police, however harmful their history, however harmful their culture we are seeking to transform is they are a stakeholder. They are part of this community, like it or not. And we have an obligation particularly white allies have an obligation to figure out what it means to transform systems of oppression. I believe abolition in its radical form is an easy cop out, if you will, for white folks in particular who sort of wash their hands and say I don't like this system, I want to be an ally, so we will look at it, deconstruct the very pieces our own communities ultimately put into power in the first place. So I believe the transformation requires not only listening but working with those we sometimes vehemently oppose or struggle with. It's that consciousness change that ultimately changes culture and ultimately changes systems. So if we are not radically abolishing the police as an institution then we have no choice to work with in a collaborative form in the hopes we can build pathways of understanding to create that deep systemic change. At the same time I would say reinvesting, I'm not even going to say reinvesting but maybe investing for the first time in community programs and interventions to get at the root cause must be a city priority and you are doing that now. Like so many others in this room have stated, this is the tip of the iceberg, the beginning of a long journey to systemic change. But I fully support all the programs you are putting into place. I look forward as a citizen, and activist and engaged restorative advocate to be part of those conversations to look forward, to enrichen and create a more holistic approach to ending violence in our communities. With that, I thank you for your time and thank you for your work on solving this complex issue.

Rubio: Mayor, that concludes the list we have. I will turn it back to you.

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Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues normally on a four-fifths item we don't have the ability to have people who sign up for testimony. It's my understanding that a couple people did. Would anyone object if we allow that public testimony? I think it's only a small handful. Megan, how many folks signed up for public testimony?

Clerk: We have three individuals on the call.

Wheeler: Why don't we give them a shot. They have been listening and waiting patiently. Let's open the mics for them, please.

Clerk: First is Dan Handelman.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Dan Handelman: Hello, good afternoon, mayor and councilmembers. This is dan Handelman with -- cop watch. I do want to start by saying it's really good to hear the collaboration and the introduction by the mayor where there's an apology for past harms the police have done. I am feeling privileged because I happen to have signed up for an earlier council item and was able to speak here. The four-fifths item should not be used so long as there's a pandemic going on. If you were in council chambers and this item came up, anyone in chambers could have walked up and asked to testify and we could have organized people to come in to testify. This isn't a bad proposal. I haven't had time to talk to my group about it. Looked at the city council agenda Friday. Had a meeting Monday night. And last night you posted this proposal on the web. And I have had overnight to look at it, I didn't have time to go back to my group and talk about the specifics of the proposal. Two weeks ago there was another four-fifths item put forward amendment to the contract the Portland police association runs, the 9-1-1 operators. I don't know why that was such an emergency you couldn't wait a week to have public testimony. In the past you would have testimony from folks like Jim Walsh, may he rest in peace, scream and yell with what you were doing you were able to throw him out by having him ejected by security. But now all you have to do if someone doesn't agree with you is push a button and hang up on them. The task force that happened this year, I repeat for the all the new councilmembers, public testimony is allowed on reports, it's up to the presiding officer to decide whether or not to take testimony and it's really important. You know how important it is for this community for the public to have input. I appreciate the discussion today is not around, centered around having more police officers. But again, if you had taken an extra week we could have done more in the media. The voices calling for more police officers have been very loud and echoed not only by the police bureau and police association but by the media. You would

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have more time to build more community support for this alternative idea. And I don't know how much time I have left; my computer is way behind where we are in real life. But one of the things that's been talked about is to fill the holes in the police bureau by rehiring officers who retired. Given how upset most of the officers were that retired I don't think it's a very good plan and really not fair for them to retire, come back and double dip. I'm really glad this is not focusing on trying to plug the holes by hiring more police. And as you know, it takes like a year and a half to train and put a new officer on the street. That's why it's good we moved away from this idea of \$2 million reintroducing the gun violence reduction team and instead looking at community-based solutions where the people who are affected by the violence we are talking about can talk. My last point, as a part of a peace group is to say people learn violence works from watching people in power and how they use that violence. It's already been brought up that the police use violence to solve problems. They used it many, many times last summer against protestors. They use it in violence against members of our community. Also mentioned in the quantitative settlement there's no shootings, killings of black Portlanders between the death of Keith in 2010 and Quanice in 2017 but there's been four since, Hayes, Johnson, Gladden and Timmins. Something is going on out there. And when people see the police doing that and getting away with it, they get ideas that's how you solve your problems. I thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, dan.

Clerk: Next is Edith Gillis.

Edith Gillis: Thank you. For over 40 years I have been insisting that you do this collaborative community-based multi-jurisdictional approach. And that you include more stakeholders than even this does. And that you apologize and make reparations, so thank you for moving in the right direction. What I want, I wanted to celebrate so many good components of this. But I have run out of time with my traumatic brain injury, I sometimes make mistakes. So I think I'm going to go to those parts that are not involved. I want to make sure that the community members who are most impacted by gun violence and their surviving families are included. I want to see more about domestic violence, sexual assault, I want to see more representation by the unhoused people of Portlanders denied their right to housing. And more for the LGBTQ+ especially poor black trans murdered. I want to see formerly imprisoned, caged, paroled Portlanders, those who are indigenous, the bottom of all socioeconomic political categories no harm. I want to see immigrants, refugees, IRCO involved. I want to see those who are stuck in

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pain, fear, trauma that we call mental health crises or mentally ill. I want to see those not fluent in English when they are traumatized and surprised. I want to see those who have been police victims and pacific northwest family circle having more of a voice. I want to see those have more of a voice and power of different abilities and disabilities. I saw a peaceful deaf interpreter beaten nearly to death, his back broken in 2011, pulled out dead. I prayed and saw him brought back to life through prayer. But denied ambulance support by the police. He is not given any support. I want to see sex workers, rape and human trafficking victims. My daughter and son were kidnapped and used for drug money 27 years ago. I want to see more Latinx those attacked by police are often worker activists, union activists, migrant works, farm workers. I want to see Latinxs Hispanic more. Voice by those who are reformed perpetrators, former fascist and former abusers. I want to see those who are attacked by police, the idealist, em paths, prophets, police activist and protestors most targeted. I want to see us doing more to address those who are still having perpetual trauma. My adult children, ages 35, 30 and 27 are still traumatized and incapacitated often on even easter weekend from the police shooting me to death 14 and a half years ago. It doesn't end. I'm in perpetual pain and you know --

Wheeler: Edith, I'm sorry to interrupt. You are a minute over time. As we discussed during our last council session, you are getting far afield from the ordinance under discussion today. Can you bring it back and make your conclusion?

Gillis: That wasn't my last sentence saying that continue what you are doing but include engagement by those who are more affected and those who know how they themselves were transformed.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you for being here. And Megan, was there one other person?

Susan Peters: Yes, Susan peters.

Wheeler: Hi, Susan.

Peters: There we go. I got it figured out.

Wheeler: You got it.

Peters: Thank you so much for allowing me to be here. Remotely. I am a mother of a 40-year-old son that was shot and killed at the acropolis february 27th in the parking lot, along with his friend, good friends, brother, younger brother who, I think he was 37. And they were both shot. And my younger son who is 30 -- I got my ages all mixed up. My daughter is -- he is 32 now. Anyway, he was with them. All four boys had -- well, the two older boys had a tile business years ago. And the younger brothers worked with them. All four of them worked together. They were

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going out to their truck after the bar closed at 11:00. A vehicle pulled up behind them with three young men, I don't know what ages they were. But they were black. And they had guns. And they shot two of the boys. One was transported to the hospital, later died. My son was left on the pavement. It was gang-related. There was three of them with guns. The boys were unarmed. I want it to stop and I want to be part of the solution because everybody lost that night. One choice to use those guns was made where everybody lost. Both the boys had children. My son was a good father of a 4-year-old daughter that we had just celebrated her birthday that day earlier. I just want -- I live in Lincoln city. My son was raised in Lincoln city. His friend's brother was raised in Depoe bay. It's the gang activity. And I watched dan rather program about sex trafficking in Portland back in 2012. But it's not about the drugs any more. It's about the sex trafficking. I just want you to be aware that this mom is not happy and wants to do something about it. Portland is not my town. But my son, both my sons lived there. I thank you for hearing me. I really appreciate it. Something has to be done about the gangs.

Wheeler: Susan, thank you for being here. Thank you for providing your testimony. I know that it is retraumatizing for you to share this story. But it's an important one and I want to thank you for taking the time and the effort and frankly for having the courage to come forward and share this story with the Portland city council and those who are in attendance to remind us why we are all here today. We are here to do our level best to work together to save lives. And so I really appreciate your sharing your story. And reminding us why this work is so important. Thank you for being here today.

Peters: Thank you, so much. Thank you. It's still pretty fresh.

Wheeler: I'm sure it is. Yeah. Thank you.

Peters: Okay, you're welcome.

Wheeler: All right, so colleagues, that concludes the formal presentations and public testimony. I'm certain my colleagues would like to make statements. We can either do it now or do it in the context of the vote. I already made my statement. What is your preference, colleagues?

Ryan: Context of the vote for me.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty is giving a thumb's up. All right. With that, Megan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: And I'm first. Thank you, mayor. For the testimony. Thank you for the most recent testimony we just heard. You're in my heart at the moment, Susan. I want to start off by saying

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how great of a day it is for the city of Portland. I'm really grateful we got here today. As I look back at the past three weeks, what really stands out is all the work that has gone into getting to this point. I have the privilege of serving with four colleagues who care passionately about our city. And we all hold strong opinions about how best to serve. And that also means we bring many, many strengths to the table. I tend to be a relationship person. Bridge builder, if you will. I like to get to consensus. I'm well aware it's not easy to do it. I'm also really into system change, an activist in that regard. And I know that real change begins when you really start facing the ground and you build it from the ground up. So I'm just grateful to have the opportunity to work with my colleagues. Knitting together relationships that are based on shared values and common goals. You also want to mention I was particularly grateful to place a couple of phone calls on March 13th. Commissioner Rubio picked it up, the call, and then I called commissioner Mapps a little bit later. And I just started building from there. Particularly, you, commissioner Rubio. What you have done with this issue, it's been wonderful to work with you and to help turn this page for the city. Someone needs to be muted, by the way. The issue of gun violence and of community safety is incredibly complex. Despite this and despite the limitations of us all working in remote places, I witnessed so much intricate work being carried out by the staff. I'm sure that most of the public knows this but we can only talk to each other, elected officials one at a time. If it's three of us we need to have a public meeting. So we really rely on our staff to move the work. I can tell you the city has a lot of hope. Because the staff dedicated so many hours and hours to make sure we pass a policy that meets the needs of community and addresses the cause of root violence. When I focus on staff, I want to talk about chief of staff, Kelly Torres who has been a true champion on this issue and manages on a daily basis what's going on in my head and acknowledge policy director Mark Bond you heard from earlier, his hard work helped get us here today. The work in front of us that of community, building a community safety system. Let me repeat that. We are building. Now is the time to take some big steps and to be bold. We worked on this policy, as we worked on this policy we wanted to make sure we elevated Mike Myers, the new community safety director to ensure he had the tools to guide the work of revisioning community safety across bureaus and how the city interacts with the organizations. And also passionate ensuring the police bureau does the necessary work of reforming itself from the inside out. Part of that process means reallocating police to focus on gun violence with clear oversight. Let me say that again, with clear oversight. However, this work will take time. It will keep building. And that's why this is a beginning today. For those of you

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who think this is naive, I encourage you to research the city of canton, new jersey. Mark bond brought that up earlier. The city was once dubbed the murder capital in 2012. They, the city and the city's police department began refocusing its effort to address root causes of gun violence. The police force started building real personal relationships in the community. The results have been clear and a drastic reduction in gun deaths. It's pretty amazing when you look at the current data in Camden and look at other cities in new jersey. Portland is not Camden, however, if we take an example from them and invest in community, both through community-based organizations and through real police reform we can address the crisis we currently face. After today, the real work begins. The mechanics of moving the work forward, implementing what we are about to pass and actually building a community safety system that serves our city. Building such framework will require us to break down the silos and work together in ways we have never done before. I want to thank, proactively, chief Lovell, Mike Jordan, mike green, Mike Myers and everyone else in the city that will be involved in this critical work, as again, we bring down those silos in the city. These groups have to learn how to work together collaboratively in order to realize the collective vision we have for our city. This work -- this is the work. And it's a step forward to real system change. It won't be easy and it definitely won't be comfortable but it's paramount to address the violence impacting our community. I see today as a ground breaking, if you will, for true community safety system. With this ordinance we are laying the foundations and from here building from the ground up. I'm so grateful that my colleagues and I could land in a place we all support this measure. It's no secret this body represents a wide array of perspectives on the issue. And finding the unified path wasn't easy. But it will always yield the best results for a city. And I hope that all Portlanders can take a page out of our play book on this. We need you, and you will be having some tough conversations on the ground and we expect you to stay in that room and listen to one another, as was said earlier. To everyone who has called, emailed, testified, marched, protested and made your voices heard, thank you. Your voices impacted where we landed today. Regardless of your opinion, I ask you to get involved. Find your place on the map and stay involved. Our city needs you, now more than ever. I ask you to be a helper, to commit to the work in whatever way you can. This means sitting down at the table, having the hard conversations, staying at the table even when the conversation doesn't go your way. It is your continued involvement that helped this body get to where it is. And it will be your continued involvement that ensures this critical work is successful in the long term. This shared commitment is now shared in new and exciting ways. And as you no -know we have a

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deepened commitment between the government and community. We are moving forward. Less demoralization of others and more communication for a safer city. Today I have hope and I think you should do. Let's work together. Let's build together. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I want to thank all the community members who showed up to provide testimony today. And I want to especially thank my city council colleagues. And I want to really know and commissioner rubio, with commissioner rubio's leadership there was an opportunity to actually talk to people who were working on the ground addressing community violence daily. Based on that analysis and based on my own research of reading the grant reports that come in quarterly, here is what we know. We know that there are some things the office of violence prevention does well. But we really need to change the dynamics of how the office of violence prevention works with its community partners and how the police work with those community partners. Today there's a perception that these community outreach workers are at the beck and call of policing. In the city of Portland, we need to change that. We need to modify the role that the office of violence prevention plays and make sure they are actually providing their role that they are providing. It was just a short year ago that we stopped counting in my office 57,000 emails from community members demanding a racially-just police department. It was just a short year ago that we had 700 plus people show up to provide testimony to demand that we think differently and that we do not use the same solutions to the same problems that we have. We know the day after the budget vote last year, police put out a press police saying because of these programs disappearing that we would be -- that it was the reason why gun violence has shot way up. Well guess what? All the data shows that simply was not true. A, you can't stop a program on July 1 and on July 15 make a declaration that somehow it was failed. Someone mentioned that we started this work a few weeks ago. No we didn't, we started after the budget vote last year, when we started convening with the county partners, with the DA with Gresham city council and the police bureau. Here is where we have agreement -- and what we know is we convened with dr. Jon jay from Boston university and we did that over, we had four meetings with him. For people who don't know, dr. Jon jay is an expert from Boston university who looks at violence and how violence actually perpetrates itself in local communities. And what he knows from his decades of research and the work he has done on the ground is that violence actually happens in communities that have lacked public investments. And public spaces where people can actually gather. When we started this journey on this particular proposal, first the one

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that was announced at a press conference that my colleagues and I had not seen. But when my colleagues started working internally on developing a counter proposal, we took a deep dive into all the contracts that currently exist within the office of violence prevention. And we prioritized making, healing hurt people a real program. Because prior to our vote today, that program was operated under a temporary basis and only had one person to respond to one hospital. To me, that's not a program. That's a pilot. That's something you are testing out to see if it works. But that's not a program. With our actions today, we will make this a real program. Let me also say that since the pandemic began, domestic violence calls to 9-1-1 are up anywhere between 150 and 300 calls per month depending upon what month it is. I have not seen a plan yet on how we are going to address the huge increase in domestic violence. What we know is that child abuse reporting is way, way down because required reporters have not been engaging with those young people. As of yet, I've not seen a plan on how we are going to address the huge rise in child abuse cases when those children start interacting with the public again. What I know is the best care for balance is living wage, family wage employment opportunity. The theme that went across every grant application were three. We have young people who have not attained educational achievement. Two, they have no opportunity or do not see a path to a living wage employment opportunity. And three, they have lost a sense of hope. What we are doing today is actually giving these young people a sense of hope. What we are doing today is starting a pathway towards making sure that we are investing dollars where they will make the most good. We are also at the front end of transforming our police department. And we can't do it by saying we are going to do it. We have to do it intentionally. So what are we going to do about that? We have been working on putting a proposal forward through truth and reconciliation process. That will be a long process. But I'm so thrilled that chief Lovell has agreed that his officers will participate for a six-month period internally. Because honestly, Portland police bureau is not ready for a conversation yet around truth and reconciliation but I'm so happy we have a police chief that understands the necessity for that work to happen behind closed doors first. Then we, as a community, will come together. And we will be coming together prior to that to talk about a lot of truth and reconciliation issues. But when it's time for the police to come together to start imagining what community safety looks like and what role the police should play, we would have done the homework. As someone said earlier, transformation is not an easy process and it's not without pain. We are making a decision today that we will not reinstitute failed programs of the past so that we can have a knee-jerk

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reaction of being responsive to some loud voices. This work continues. And my colleagues and I work every single day on this issue. We don't just do it in front of the city council. We are working on this issue every single day. I would have preferred a process that would have allowed more of the public, more community organizations to actually have been able to participate in this today. Unfortunately, we had to make a choice between whether we move quickly, which is what we are hearing from the community, or whether we use our normal processes which would have taken 30 days for our action to be implemented. I am proud of where we are today. And I'm really, really proud of my colleagues who with stood the pressure to, again, provide a knee-jerk reaction. And instead looked deeply, did their own research, and didn't take anybody's word for it and actually developed a proposal that I am extremely proud of. Does this work stop after this vote today? No. There are many, many, many community members who will continue to be engaged, as they have been, ever since last year. In helping us transform police. I heard somebody say the police need to transform itself. The police will never transform itself. It's our job, the community, to transform the police and then hire police that fit our vision of where we are moving. On Monday this week, the mayor and I had a town hall with black men. And the town hall was really focused on one key question. Please share your first experience interacting with police, what age were you and what was the outcome? Anyone who has not listened to that town hall, I encourage you to go on my commissioner Facebook page and listen to it. Because though it still makes me almost cry to hear, that most black men, most black boys have their first interaction with police somewhere around 10, 11 or 12. And let me tell you, that interaction with police at 10, 11 or 12 stays with them for the rest of their life. Most did not have a good experience. Most felt totally humiliated, intimidated, and many had guns pointed at their face. Trust is a process that you build one step at a time. Those black men who had the courage to participate on Monday night in that forum, must be a part of the transformation. And many, many other people who don't speak up publicly, who don't have access to the mayor's office, who aren't invited into the police bureau voluntarily, those voices must be the center of how we transform policing in Portland. I will end with this. This work will not happen overnight. And there is no one expert on what needs to happen and what the approach is to take. There is no one expert. All of us have a piece. All of us can be helpful. But at the end of the day, this is a community effort. The community has demanded it. And we will not let one voice outweigh other voices. We will make sure that those most impacted are the voices that are center. I am pleased, I am thrilled that my colleagues came up with a proposal that centers those most

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impacted and gives them the resources to regain hope. I am happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, colleagues, today is the 97th day of the year 2021. And so far this year Portland has seen 21 homicides. At the same time last year, we had about 2 homicides. This situation is unacceptable and demands action. And that's why we are gathered here today. It is time for Portland to adopt a smarter approach to ending gun violence. The proposal before us today represents a focused and balanced approach to bringing peace back to our streets. This anti-gun violence proposal focuses on plan, prediction, prevention, anti-racism. The proposal does four things that will make Portland safer. First, we make a significant new investment in gun violence prevention programs. Second, this ordinance provides for a more robust police response to gun crimes. Third, we establish a new citizens' oversight committee to oversee the Portland police bureau's gun violence prevention work. And this provides new community safety director with the authority and resources needed to reinvent Portland's public safety system. These actions represent an important step towards reinventing Portland's approach to gun violence. Our next public safety system must end violence on the streets of Portland, while also reflecting Portland values, by prevention, rehabilitation, accountability and anti-racism. Reinventing along these lines is not a sprint. This is a marathon. Where are we in this marathon? We are not at the beginning of this race. Nor at we at the end of this journey. In fact, we are here today because of the years of hard work and hard conversations that came before this day. In March, I would like to thank the interfaith peace and action collaborative for their contributions to this conversation. I would like to thank Antoinette Edwards, Hennessee, commissioner Hardesty for the work on public safety here in Portland. I would like to recognize the Portlanders out there who are tuned in this morning and look at the package of reforms we are voting on today and wish this council had done more. Let me reassure you, more is coming. In the coming weeks this council will set a new budget for Portland's police bureau. We are currently in the process of renegotiating our contract with the Portland police association and this council is setting up a new system of independent citizen oversight for the work that the Portland police bureau does. In conclusion the violence prevention strategies we adopt today and public safety reforms we will adopt in the near future are an important step toward a long overdue reimagining of Portland's approach of restoring peace in our streets. The public safety system we are building towards must bring down gun violence while also reflecting Portland values. Values like prevention, anti-racism and accountability. That, Mr. Mayor, colleagues and neighbors, is

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why today I am proud to vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I would like to echo my colleagues and appreciating those who presented today and the community members who testified. Thank you for sharing your very important words. Already there's transformative work that's happening in our communities. And it takes an intentional holistic approach to do so, from every single sector. I'm honored to know many of them look forward to hearing more and celebrating and honoring their work here today. Almost two weeks ago we took a moment to honor those who lost their lives to gun violence over the last year. And its impact was really profound and also underscored this last year was among the most challenging for so many of us. Maybe even in our lifetimes. And along with the gun violence, isolation, quarantine, with the troubles of housing crisis and economic impacts, systemic racism, income inequality and lack of adequate testing and access to vaccines in our vulnerable communities to folks already experiencing a challenging environment. It takes a public health approach to ending this violence through creating the presence of a safe healthy community where everyone thrives. As leaders it's our challenge to broaden our gun safety approach. Living wages. Access to food and basic needs. Pro-social activities and access to parks and green spaces. Housing and economic opportunities. We heard that in so much of the testimony today. I'm very proud the proposal we are voting on today, while it plays -- while it plays a role, this proposal goes beyond just enforcement. It includes enforcement beyond to invest in upstream solutions, to tackle disparities faced by many impacted communities at its root and replacing it with a system that supports them. I'm grateful to our chief of staff, and senior policy advisor, Cynthia Castro for the many hours they put in meeting with community stakeholders, and crafting this proposal and thanks also goes to Kelly Torres, Kiley Edwards, Meyer, Derek Bradley, Sam Adams for staying at the table. I want to thank my fellow commissioners and the mayor for staying open and willing to engage authentically with one another. Our proposal is better for that engagement. And our work will be better yet in the future for that engagement as well. Because our work is really just starting here today. So I'm very proud today to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I gave my statement up front. So I won't take the microphone a second time. I just want to thank my colleagues for this collaborative effort. I want to state what my colleagues have stated. This is not the whole program. That we are talking about, in the context of this ordinance today. There are other steps we are obviously taking to address this urgent issue in

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the community. But I strongly support the elements of this overall package. And I want to thank my colleagues for their efforts. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Colleagues, we are adjourned. Thank you.

At 1:34 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: This is Portland city council. Good afternoon, Megan, can you please call the roll?

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Here

Clerk: rubio.

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Under the city code we're holding this meeting electronically. All meetings are held electronically. The public can provide written testimony to the council. The council is taking these steps result of the covid-19 pandemic and limit personal contact. The pandemic requires us to meet remotely. Thank you if your patience and flexibility and understanding as we work through the challenges to conduct the city's business. We'll hear the rules of order.

Naomi Sheffield: You may sign up in advance to participate, for communications to briefly speak about any subject. We also sign up for first readings of ordinances. The council contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When you testify, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist and if you're representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct and refusing to end when your time is up there may be a warning given and may be ejected from the electronic meeting. Please

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remember, council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: We have -- we rescheduled item 224. Please read it.

Clerk: Accept and appropriate 19 million from the department of treasury.

Matthew Tschabold: Thank you, mayor. Colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to present this item today. Clerk and staff, thank you for working with my office. This is an urgent item. The treasury is complementing the programs being implemented at the state and local level. We estimate rents are being missed each month for a total of 220, 275 million in bad credit since May of 2020. Director Callahan will -- from the housing bureau row, but, to provide an overview of the current rent assistance program. Their impact in the community and how this spending will increase the assistance the city can provide I turn this over to you commissioner Callahan.

Shannon Callahan: Good afternoon. Callahan of the Portland housing bureau. We'll go over an overview of the work with and I'll pick up on how we intend to build upon that work and expand that work. I'll turn it over to Matthew to talk about our 2020 work. For the record, Matthew with the Portland housing bureau. So taking us back to summer of 2020 when the pandemic was unfolding and the economic impact was made clear. The city council adopted a framework for the city's response with regard to many different interventions. We led with racial equity and had an equity tool kit. Through this framework the housing bureau looked at those most impacted by the pandemic and the economic impacts. It was communities disproportionately working and earning less than 60,000 dollars per year, the amount needed to afford rent. And the highest populations renting within the city of Portland. Through this assessment and working with community based organizations and stake holders and industry partners, the housing bureau partnered with 0 we home forward or the county housing authority, and the county human services and youth and family services in a joint office of homeless services to utilize our existing service delivery system and to expand our existing system. In order to implement a joint city community, county, covid rent assistance program. In order to minimize complication for both organizations that we're administering the program landlord accessing the resources for the rent assistance, we established a shared criteria for eligibility and focused on what the county residency and 80 percent of the immediate income or lower with a preference for 50 percent and a single application, regardless of the organization that was doing intakes or the client applying for assistance. This is translated into multiple languages and provide max municipality flexibility for the partners and identifying what was needed in terms of rent assistance in arrears, current and future rent and other sorts of assistance needed. In total, we allocated 31.1 million

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dollars of rent assistance in 2020. A combination of the city and county cares funding as well as repurposed housing bureau home funds. The home fund being focused on supporting our most vulnerable households, those living in regular affordable housing across the country. Our data for cares showed positive results and success in reaching our target communities. And meeting the city's goals for covid-19 economic recovery. We saw that the majority of households served were -- also aligned with who we saw as those that would be most impacted by the covid pandemic. We overserved many communities of color and you look at the program, we with saw 84 percent of households and we served over 5800 households in over 16,000 people with rent assistance in 2020. So with that, I turn to Shannon to talk about moving forward in 2021.

Tschabold: Thank you. As we mentioned we intend to build on our designs from last year and adapt our program in 2021 based on the lenses we learned. Next slide. Furs what we had for available funding in rent assistance to date. I apologize for the very small print. There's numerous funding sources being combined from the federal government, the state, the city and the county. To come in and help the county renters and landlords. First the county servicing agency has begun a program that landlord can access to receive rent support on behalf of their -- tenants. We expect them to flow in to the county. Award of additional 44 million dollars in rent assistance funds which will be deployed in a web based platform that renters can access. In March the city and county had resources in has we call phase one rent assistance. Those funds are available now. We will move into a seamless allocation of resources to keep the rent assistance dollars flowing. The appropriation of fund are on the slide which will provide funds. We expect more from the rescue plan act and will be in the way of rent assistance dollars. We know 137 million dollars will flow into Pomona county in 2021. Next slide. As I mentioned we do intend on continues. We're also working to address the lack of available community funding and work with our program guidelines and the housing grid will pass all direct and -- and all administrative funding to our community based partners. The city will not keep a dime of any of the -- of the fund in-house and ill with pass everything we can to our cbo partners. We also initiated an improved payment system locally through home forward who is the payee for the landlord's program in the state, to insure we're not duplicating benefits. By taking this holistic approach with all rent assistance resources in the county, we're insuring that this is access points through community organizations as well as landlords and public offerings of rent assistance. Next slide. Specifically in phase one and two, with the with fund from the city and county that are under our control, we plan to reach them with the networks mentioned earlier and open an

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plucks with 211 the social services hotline in Oregon, insuring access for people that may not be able to access the web based program the state will be using later this spring. Looking at entirety of what we know will be available we have equal split from public access and private access and community based organizations. We believe it is critical resources in our direct control that we continue to prioritize the funds for community based organizations who have proven to reach households in immediate. While we'll have significant rent assistance resources, the need outweighs the funding we. With intentionality with community its becomes more important. If that's who is heart -- hardest hit. We're happy to take questions and comments.

Wheeler: Any questions. Any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up to testify.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Otherwise I will call the roll. Looks like we're good to call the roll. [roll called]. Ordinance adopted. Thank you for the presentation and thank you for being flexible and moving it over to this afternoon's schedule. We appreciate that. We get to our main order of business today. This is time certain 2: 31. 3 p.m. Time certain. The citizen review committee against Portland police bureau's finding regarding review and internal affairs case number 2019-c-0144 and appeal number 2019-x-003. This is for consideration of the review committee against the police bureau's finding regarding an independent police review. Heidi, please take it away.

Heidi Brown: Good afternoon. Good to see you. Today council is taking up a matter that is pursuant to Portland city code 3.21.160. This is an appeal from the citizen review committee to the council to make a determination about whether the Portland police bureau chief's findings matter and what is the broken create finding to make. I do want it advise counsel that if at any time, a council member would like to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel, please make that request and we can do so separately and provided for that purpose to each of you. This is an overview of the process on how we would move forward today. This is a process that was adopted a few years ago by council and will be followed today. First will be an opening case synopsis by the citizen review committee. And after that, will be a presentation of procedural history and case summary that is submitted in written form from the independent police review and that will be shared with the council members at the time we conclude the synopsis by the committee. If at that time you read it to yourself and it will be placed in a location where the public can access it. It is a one-page document. It is a fast read. After you review the history and case summary on the independent police review, the citizen review

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committee will come back for presentation of the issues for council to decide. Thereafter, you -- if the complainant is present, that person can make a ten-minute presentation that is an argument about the case. All presentations, you should not be receiving any new evidence as that is not allowed. Instead you should consider only the evidence that was in the record presented to you and in can be argument about what that means. There's a limit on the advocate. That's the person that may present today on behalf with of the complainant. After that the police bureau that ten minutes as well for a presentation. Thereafter there's up to ten minute presentation, voluntary statement by the involved officer or representative of the officer. That may in the happen, we could make space for that. Thereafter if council has questions, they -- they can ask those questions and then you may have a discussion and maybe that the point or earlier, you go into executive session. The -- the first initial question before you that you'll need to -- to make a motion and vote on is whether the police bureau finding is supported by the evidence and supported by the evidence is supported bit evidence when the person could make the finding in light of the evidence whether or not the reviewing body agrees with the find. If they determine it is entered by the evident, the complaint will be closed. If not, i'll go on to read the -- the consideration and the finding options that you have available to you thereafter. Any questions before we proceed? If not, then, I think -- I think we ago ahead and start for the opening case synopsis by the citizen's review committee.

Candace Avalos: Hi, good afternoon mayor and city commissioner. I'm the chair of the citizen review committee. For those that don't know the crc is a 11 member volunteer council appointed body that is charged with advising the chief of police and the police review and the ipr and the council on police policy as well as hearing allegations that the police have violated their own policy. City council for the final decision and the conduct allegation. A significant dial logs and dialogues they're at impasse that officer a was not taking the vehicle report from the appellant. The crc found that a reasonable person couldn't determine that they were following rules when he was requested by the appellant. The majority agreed that had officer a been uncertain whether appellants notice a transaction submitted met the requirements of subsection 1.3, 1.2 of directive 6.30, 6.1. They would have taken the stolen vehicle report. Especially sentence we were told that was standard practice for officers to inquire. The documentation that the appellant provided was a stamped dmv notice of transaction submitted. Specifically the majority agreed that a reasonable person could not conclude this did not constitute quote documents from d.o.d. And transfer of title. The document in the appellants for

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suggestion was the only document an individual received from the dmv following application to transfer title. This reads that officer a would not take a vehicle report from the appellant. Officer a responsible unit or manager reviewed the causes file and recommended a finding of exonerated. They concluded that a person could not have reached that finding and voted ties, first by a vote of 4-3 and then 6-1 to make the finding of exonerated and make the finding of sustained. It is in there. I'll give you the relevant facts and the appeal process and the final recommendation. Thank you.

Brown: Thank you. At this point council, you should receive the -- the -- -- the police reviews procedural history. Please let me know if you have received that. Wonderful. It looked like many of you have finished reading. If you will indicate when you have finished reading the document. Thank you very much. We're back for issues.

Avalos: You're like me, I got a lot to discuss. All right. So I'm going to start with the relevant facts. Appellant purchased a vehicle on July 28 and July 31st, they visited the dmv in order to carry out transferring the title. Upon submitting her application for title and registration, she had a notice of transaction submitted. This document is a yellow piece of paper has the individual received and had a proffer of transfer initiated and will serve as receipt. It is the sole documentation provided by the dmv under these circumstances. On August 5th, appellant reported the vehicle stole. Stolen. The officer did not file a stolen vehicle report. Officer a claims that appellant did not present this document but instead presented a handwritten bill of sale. Officer refused to take the report when it was shown that it was insufficient for ownership. Appellant did not have the title to the vehicle as she was in the process to obtain a title in her name. A copy of the vehicle registration that was left in the previous owners name was in the glove box of the vehicle at the time it was stolen. The vehicle bill of sale had been submitted along the with -- with the appellant's application for title and registration. Therefore was also not able to be presented to the officer. Subsequently appellant's vehicle was impounded in Salem Oregon and because they weren't the registered owner, she was not notified within 48 hours of impound and a lien was made on the vehicle. Er she received it and tried to clarify why she wasn't informed earlier. She had not been informed initially because it wasn't registered to her. She was said to have financial interest in the vehicle having leased the vehicle through the dmv. The appellant couldn't pay the fee and lost her vehicle. She said she had significant financial hardship due to the loss of vehicle. 6.30 subsection 1 subsection 8 where it says the requirement that in instances with the appropriate documentation is not presented or in situations that don't have the criteria, officers

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must contact a detective or sergeant to authorize the stolen vehicle. Officer a alleged the appellant did not meet the criteria and did not contact a procedural authorization. As it relates to the appeal's problems, so on December 2019. They challenged the police bureau's exonerated findings. They found that they couldn't prove the evidence and the policy via laying and they recommended abstaining. Meaning it was insufficient to prove that officer a's directive. The stolen vehicle includes a provision in section b, allowing community members to establish ownership by presenting document from the dmv indicating process of transfer of title, end quote. They were unable to identify what other than the paperwork that the appellant provided would have satisfied this requirement. The majority of the crc believes a reasonable person could not find that the contract submitted could not qualify as sufficient documentation under the language of subsection b. As a result could not have found that officer a did not take the stolen vehicle report following contact with the appellant. Further the crc found that a reasonable person couldn't conclude that officer a was in compliance with the director, specifically whether he declined to contact the supervisor. They disagreed with the findings at a hearing held on August 5th, 2020 and determined further investigation was needed by the police bureau into the dmv processes. In addition the post conference hearing memo dated August 2020, stating the testimony and exhibit provided, by both appellants and the appellants advocate added information to the case file that was not available to the police bureau when the original plans were proposed. They have a complete and unbiased. This is foundational in providing the due process as required under law. In light of the disparity between the evidence available to the police bureau and evidence to the crc I have referred the case back to internal affairs for additional investigation. I expect internal affairs to collect this information and conduct interviews as appropriate. Therefore, as a result, a second conference hearing took place on February 3rd. The supplementary investigation in this case consisted of another interview of officer a during which he reiterated his position that they had shown him a handwritten bill of sale and he had cyclical supervisor process paw that would have been a no because proof of ownership was completely insufficient end quote. You can find this under the interview of officer a and December 10th, 2020. No attempt seemed to have been made for another interview. Nor were the documents at the hearing included in the updated investigative file. Despite the claim that internal affairs would be expected to consider this evidence. The updated file did not reflect any investigation into the relevant tasks. While with chief Lovell maintained that the paperwork was deficient for the officer to file a stolen vehicle report, he did

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acknowledge that this was likely more the officer could have done to follow up in the spirit of providing good customer service. Therefore at that second hearing, the crc voted 6-1 to challenge the findings. Members of the majority articulated that the transaction was submitted rather than the bill of sale and the notice of transaction submitted was the only documentation that subsection p could refer to and that for subsection h if officer a believed it fell short. He felt all of the provisions stating them after contacting the supervisor authorization. One member concurred with the chief that this was not appropriate. They said he had too much oppression and accepting the stolen vehicle report. However, the majority of it dismissed it. We confirmed through testimony it was standard practice for the officers to contact the sergeant and the application of the vehicle documentation and the officer's discretion included a check with an officer and they failed to follow the specs. It is important to remember that they agreed with the majority that the appellant was harmed. Because with of crc were unable to agree on planning, that's why we're here today. Lastly I go into our recommendation. Based on the evidence in the file, a reasonable person couldn't determine that officer a was following 0.61 when he refused to file stolen vehicle report. They asked the council about the committee's challenge to the finding and they sustained the allegation. This would not only render the subsection without meaning and the other documents and notice of transaction submitted. And indicate a process of transfer of title. It would leave individuals who are waiting for the dmV to practice their paperwork without any recourse should their vehicle be in that time period. It is exactly what appears to have happened. Given the dmV transferred ownership, the appellant could be left vulnerable in that time frame. Ed -- crc believes they could account for coverage, in situations like the appellant especially in wording of subsection b doesn't have and possible effect. And furthermore when with officers failed to follow protocol and that failure was to another. It should be held accountable. In almost every profession, if a person fails to perform, the employee would likely face the consequence. Here the appellant made the report and failed to follow the directive. It is unclear why they're under so much reluctance for officer a in this case which chief Lovell specifically said during the February conference hearing, quote, wouldn't be super significant like these are required. The crc additionally asked that the council would update and it refers by name so it is consistent with with dmV. Lastly, we highly encourage the council to deliberate on this in public as much as possible to have more transparency. Thank you so much.

Brown: Thank you. Council the next presenter is -- is the complainant. This should be argument

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and no new facts should be presented. Thank you. It is still muted and maybe you could-us get the appellant's advocate unmuted and I understand that you'll be timing the ten minutes for us for the next three presenters.

T J Browning: Yes, can you hear me. I'm the apa for this case. The facts are practically well understood I hope. I'll take a second. The car was purchased July 15th, the seller couldn't find the title at that time. So a week or so later the seller and the appellant went to the dmv to rectify that situation. Under the advice of the dmv employees, they both had forms to fill out and -- and under the condition of the form given to the appellant, she had to -- to submit the handwritten bill of sale at that time to dmv. Car was taken on august 5th. When the officer asked for proof of ownership, she showed the transaction submission and was refused. She asked him repeatedly to call the supervisor which he refused. The reason this was so important to her is that the tags on this was expiring in I think a week or two and she was afraid if it had been a joyride situation and abandoned on the streets it would be towed and impounded and by the time she found out about it, she wouldn't with be able to afford to get it out of impound. She was assertive on asking to call the supervisor. I went to the dmv to find out what this was. According to the dmv -- she did not. Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt. I want to make sure. I'm not just calling this in the record, I apologize for interrupting. Hold the timer for a minute please. We don't want anybody's time. We're limited to what is in the record. Information that was not presented previously cannot be presented at council today. If you could speak to the information that was already in the record which was the information that was discussed.

Brown: All right.

Browning: Thank you so much. The chief referenced this so I assumed it was in the record since he specifically asked for the investigation into the dmv process. Having been corrected okay. We end up with the finding. When I go through the written record because I have access to the interviews the officer's version was she gave him a yellow handwritten bill of sale. He didn't call the supervisor because it wasn't going to go anywhere. The note is yellow, just so you understand that. The appellant couldn't have produced this handwritten bill of sale proof was presented at crc hearing and that was returning the original bill of sale dated May 28th. No way she had the bill of sale. This clearly violated when complainant has documents from the dmv involving the process of transfer of title. That is precisely has this receipt was for as per the dmv. We go to the conference and I thought it was productive. He was a good listener. He asked for time to investigate. He was asked what to investigate was the applicable dmv process. This is a

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quote from him and he wanted a new investigation by aid as the chair of the crc already indicated. Because of dmv letter proving the applicants didn't have the bill of sale. Time was granted, we're at that point, and the interview finding out has the second and thorough investigation from internal affairs far involved was an interview with the officer who said handwritten bill of sale was produced and not a note. And he asked the supervisor process. This is not the investigation he said was going to happen. On page three of the march 17th letter that he wrote to council, I quote, the chief says, I quote and this is in regard to two versions that she gave the officer of the dmv and the officer said he was handed a -- a bill of sale. Handwritten bill of sale. She said, quote, I find both with the appellant and officer a credible in their testimony despite their lack of agreement on this key issue. I believe it is possible to have people with their respective versions of event end quote. I'm sorry, I strongly disagree with the chief's mischaracterization of a -- of a quote he-said-she-said scenario. The facts are clear. She handed him the knots she repeated my asked to have the supervisor called. She was concerned about the will coming from possible impoundment or towing. All of these things exactly went down as she feared. She lost the car and has a lean against it right now of almost 2,000 dollars. All of this could be avoided he this just taken the stolen vehicle report or attempt to talk to the supervisor. Who knows at that point what would have happened. This is not good service to the community. This is not good police work. This is in a good investigation by internal affairs. Like I said, I'm just a citizen and I got to the facts pretty darn quick. It looks like there was no sincere attempt with the investigation. The facts are clear and the sustained finding is the only possible fact based outcome. Thank you for listening to me. The appellant is overwhelmed by the process and texted me. And said, she feels like she was victimized a second time throughout this process. That saddens me. Thank you for listening. You it for crc's excellent work. This has been quite a disappointment to me.

Wheeler: Could I ask you a procedural question?

Brown: Yes.

Wheeler: When you prefer we wait for the presentations to answer questions, we should take notes and ask questions later?

Brown: Yes, if you would please. At the end of the presentations that's when council can ask questions and have discussion. If the appellant could remain on if council has questions.

Wheeler: That was I concerned about people opting to do other things and I want to make sure they're available. Maybe they could take questions after their presentation. The next

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presentation we have is from the police bureau, again this presentation will be limited to 10 minutes and also must remain within the record.

Chief Chuck Lovell: Afternoon everyone. This is chief Lovell. And suddenly this case represents an instance where an officer is required by directive to conduct investigation into ownership of a vehicle prior to taking a stolen vehicle report. There's a high bar to establishing this proof because the risk associated with taking an invalid stole very high. There are often high risk stops where people are pulled over at gunpoint to determine if they're the owner of the car and sometimes if there are and things of that nature. There's a high bar to establishing risk and ownership. We understand the officers have a lot of discretion in this procedure to determine ownership. I think the officer took reasonable attempts on the front end. There's things he could have done on the back end. Officer a could have tried to follow-up with the person that came back as the registered owner to see if they sold the car and things of that nature. I concur there's potential follow-up that the officer could have done which is why I -- I why when I said not to stay there, there was a debrief component to that as well. The sergeant piece is not a requirement where the of our doesn't believe the burden of proof is met. That piece is actually to get permission to take a stolen vehicle in a situation where valid proof is -- where proof is in question. And in questions where the officer feels that it is clearly not met, the burden, I would not expect them to notify a sergeant in that situation. I feel this is about two things. One, the directive could use more clarification. There's several things listed in the directive of what could be and what proof is not. But with it is not clear what definitive proof is in the directive which is why I suggested a relook at the directive to make that more clear for both the officer and the -- and the complainant in these situations. This is not clear. People go to the dmv and process their transaction and get a receipt or piece of paper. That receipt doesn't infer that a transaction is valid or will be completed either. Analogy is maybe going to get a passport. You get a receipt of some type. It doesn't allow you to then fly on a plane out of the country. I think there might be some clarification there on the dmv side which is why in the initial hearings I -- I requested that they interact with dmv and hope we can be more clear going forward. I empathize with with the complainant. I feel she was victimized in this process. And even though the penalty in this situation for officer a would not be severe most likely. I feel like we have to make decisions on whether we with believe a policy was violated or not. I believe that -- that even though there is discrepancy in what -- in what the officer said was presented, the handwritten bill of sale versus what the complainant said was presented. I find them credible.

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There was dispute over what was presented at the time of the contact. I still believe that in this case the correct finding is not sustained with with a debrief to really kind of address the potential follow-up the officer could have done pip also do really feel this is really a case about -- about clarity of the policy.

Brown: Chief is that the conclusion of your statement?

Lovell: Yes.

Brown: Next, if the involved officer or a representative of the officer is present, they may also make a presentation. They also are confined to ten minutes and -- and their arguments must stay in the evidence in the record. Not hearing anybody speak up.

Wheeler: Are they on the line, do you know?

Clerk: I'm unaware.

Wheeler: Anybody from crc, do they know?

Avalos: I don't know but they'll come to the meeting. They would come to the hearing.

Wheeler: I want to make sure there's -- okay.

Brown: At this point council, this is the time to have discussion. If any point you want legal advice, we could go into executive session and the deliberation happened in the public session.

Wheeler: I'm police commissioner and member the city council. I have a number of questions. There are many things about the record here that I find frankly confusing. Is it in the record what is involved for a police officer to fill out the report, the stolen vehicle report? Is that an arduous process or not an arduous process? I wonder if there's an administrative reason why the officer didn't fill out the report. Is that suggested in the record. I'm not sure what is involved. I know there's a procedure for -- for a northern onerous procedure.

Brown: I don't recall if this was part of the record in the case.

Wheeler: Why didn't the officer fill out the report? I'm curious what is involved. If it is not part of the record, I'll figure it out.

Bryan Parman: I'm the commander and professional standards, what is in the record is excerpts from directive 63061 that states upon sufficient proof of ownership and indicates that the vehicle has been stolen, members shall complete a general offense report. It is required once a member determines they established ownership.

Wheeler: Okay. Thank you, that's fine. I had a question about -- I think it was the advocate for the appellant that raised this issue. If I'm wrong, I apologize. I think they said it was an established fact that the document provided to the officer was the -- the dmv state and I'm

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trying to figure out whether that is accurate, whether that's an stabbed fact and whether in fact we have no way of finding out whether or not it was that form for the dmv or whether it was a handwritten bill of sale.

Browning: I said it was a stated fact because it was record from the dmv returning the bill of sale and everything else to the appellant in May of 2019. I submitted that at the crc hearing. The crc members each got a copy and then that is why and then the chief of police referenced that when he -- when he in our conference said that he was going to investigate the dmv process is the word he used. Okay. Under their directive, one of the things they allow is the complainant has proof of ownership and the complainant provides documents from the dmv indicating process of transfer or -- or -- or -- or of title. It is ambiguous but that's what it says.

Wheeler: Thank you for that clarification. Those are my questions for the moment.

Commissioner Mapps I see you have your hand raised.

Mapps: Yes. I feel like I might have heard conflicting testimony about the conditions under which -- under which a police officer needs to go to a detective or sergeant to seek authorization to report a stolen vehicle. It may help me to hear what chief Lovell read that rule and maybe we could have a discussion as to -- as to what the crc says. Or someone from the police department or the attorneys could tell us. You have you to go.

Lovell: This is chief Lovell. When there's dispute of the -- of the paperwork or there's -- there's -- there's question whether the paperwork is sufficient and an officer is intending to take a stolen report at that point he can get approval, he or she can get approval from a sergeant or detective to do so. Since this is where there's clearly not sufficient proof, that step is for the -- is not a required step. That's how I read that.

Mapps: Could I pose the same question to the appellant applicant.

Browning: I'll read you what it says on the directive. This is section h. In situations that do not meet the previous criteria, they're referring to proof of ownership, officers must contact a detective or sergeant for authorization to accept a report of a stolen vehicle. I understand, honestly chief, since I read this, I understand why you're interpreting it different than I'm interpreting it. But it -- the word must in there says to me that they must call the supervisor, if they say it is not -- it is in the -- doesn't meet the criteria. I say it did. But the officer is saying it didn't and this says it must. That answer your question?

Mapps: I think it did. Thank you.

Wheeler: I want to ask a question on that point. Chief, I actually respect you for being the one

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here front and center. I might ask you later, as not part of this why you're presenting this on behalf of the police bureau as opposed to the investigators who did the work that has led you to be here. I appreciate the leadership role you're taking. Having just heard what the appellant advocate has stated into the record helped know understand for first time why they're not right. It clearly says in the absence of the other -- the other documentation the officer must contact some supervisor, why are you not interpreting it that way?

Lovell: I don't interpret it that way because I believe there's many instances where people can try to report the vehicle is stolen, where the officer has the discretion to city, it is not a stolen vehicle and in the notify the officer. I recognize the way it read. For me the officer needs to get to not take a stolen vehicle report.

Wheeler: Chief, you probably don't have the answer but maybe somebody else does. I'm not clear why -- let's say for a moment that the officer is right. The officer received documentation that he or she -- because I don't think we know if it is a he or she, he or she officer a received some documents they felt was insufficient. Wouldn't it make sense then that somebody would say, oh, officer this other receipt from the dmv, I'll go get it. Can you come back tomorrow? Was there an effort made to have the individual have time to the secure the right documentation? Why is this a one and done.

Lovell: That's what I alluded to in the follow-up. I think there could have been more follow-up done by the officer. He did run the vehicle and it came back to a different person, not the complainant. And I feel like maybe a day later or past there are he could have asked that person, did you sell it to the complainant and determine it that way.

Wheeler: Let me ask, did your client or the person upon whose behalf you're advocating, did they make the effort, you gave us the wrong documentation. Did they provide accurate documentation. Assuming that's true for the moment.

Browning: I have something in my notes that said she would contact the dmv and attempt to rectify this. I don't want to misquote her. Do you have that?

Brown: And this is in the record and -- and the record is very long. So maybe I missed it and I don't want to assume that, but I just don't recall this being in the record. To answer your question.

Avalos: Not off the top of my head, I could open it up and do some digging right now while you keep talking.

Wheeler: Something I'm confused about. There is a dispute about whether accurate

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information was given. Two side saying they saw different forms. If that were the scenario and the officer said I'm not going to contact a detective because you're providing me a dmc receipt, did the appellant say, well I'll get the receipt or I have a copy of 0 that receipt or I could e-mail you a receipt or whatever. Was this -- it feels like there's a piece the story missing that is confusing me.

Lovell: Correct me if I'm wrong, there was a long period of time even after this contact with the vehicle was still in the -- not able to be registered by the complainant because of the issues regarding proof.

Brown: I'm so sorry, can I ask Megan to pull down the link. I didn't realize it was there. That was information, confidential information I think shared with council and council had access, but we got information accessible to the public and I thought maybe they could take the link down.

Clerk: I can do that.

Brown: Thank you. I apologize, can you repeat your question?

Lovell: I believe -- I believe in the record there is a long period of time after this, that reporting where the vehicle was still not able to be registered because of issues regarding proof of ownership.

Brown: Is your question, whether that's in the record, that -- that -- that I believe was back in the record.

Wheeler: This is awkward.

Browning: It couldn't be registered because of an error that the seller made in the paperwork. I mean, I know that for a fact. I don't have access to -- to the -- to the files anymore to tell you where I saw that. Which is a problem. I remember at the crc meeting when they were talking about it, chair, chair about how they were caught in this catch 22 bind because she couldn't register because with they needed odometer reading and it was on the car that was taken. So -- so they -- they were in a catch 22. I don't have access to files anymore. I'm terribly sorry. I -- I -- somewhere in all of this that was stated. That was the issue with the odometer. They failed to do the odometer reading.

Lovell: I also believe in the record that -- that during the ia portion of the investigation, that -- that a detective was contacted and asked if -- if it was the notice of transmittal submitted shown to the officer, if that would be sufficient proof and that detective's response was no as well.

Wheeler: Thanks. Rubio has questions or thoughts.

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Rubio: After this interaction happened, did this -- was it confirmed by the seller that sale had occurred.

Browning: That's a question we all like answered. If the complaint, the appellant was located by the towing and impound lot to get a lien on her. Even though in theory none of this paperwork ever went through. It was all returned to her.

Brown: There is information from Internal affairs and the tow company.

Mapps: I think I'm a little less in the weeds here. I wonder if the city attorney could help, what are we deciding here?

Brown: Answer questions before with you understand. Once you understand the evidence, what you need to decide is whether or not the police bureau's finding and chief Lovell's finding in case, is that supported about the evidence? And the standard you apply by city code is a finding regarding a complaint and supported by the evidence whether with a reasonable person could make the finding in light of the evidence, whether or not the reviewing body does agree with the finding. The reasonable person, chief Lovell. I hope you assume theories a reasonable person and given in light of the evidence could he have made the finding that he made and was that reasonable whether or not you agree with the findings. Do we have questions about what standard you're applying.

Mapps: No, thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you. I think this question has been asked. I'm not satisfied in hearing the answer. I think this is for you chief Lovell. What constitutes a situation where an officer would need to contact the supervisor? I'm trying to get more to the bottom of that. Do you want to answer that and wasn't tracking it?

Lovell: No, I don't think that particular question has come up.

Ryan: Okay.

Lovell: But I think there's cases where -- where -- where things are in dispute. We get a lot of times where it is kind of a civil matter where someone has a car that -- that was loaned to them by someone or someone in the process of a breakup or divorce. There's rental car agreements that go past their time and things of that nature. I think there's instances where someone's paperwork where it is expired and there's some other situation where you need a third a third party kind of supervisor to look at it. It is hard to say. The officer believes this person owns the car and they don't have the sufficient paperwork or they have some paperwork but they're -- there's

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something missing and something that maybe shows someone else's name. Anyone the supervisor and detective can come and make that -- make that determination.

Avalos: I just dropped the language from the memo. I'll say that the ppd was not able to discover what with other than the paperwork that was provided would have satisfied this requirement. That was a big part of the issue. And then the majority of the crc believed a reasonable person couldn't have found that notice of transaction submitted to not qualify as the sufficient documentation under the language of subsection d. That subsection b, but complainant provides documents from the dmv indicating process of transfer of title.

Lovell: That's not what the officer said was presented. I think you know, that -- that's an important -- that's an important factor. The transmittal doesn't mean your process is going to be completed. It says you came in there and applied for something or did a transaction with dmv.

Avalos: This is subsection 8, and the officers must contact a detective or sergeant for authorization to accept a report of a stolen vehicle. That's at the core of why we make our decisions.

Wheeler: The owner of the vehicle was twice victimized. This process has real holes in it. I hope we agree with that. Not necessarily today but at hair date that there isn't a way to improve the process. It sound like there's a strong disagreement over the intention of the directive. That makes it a cuseless directive, if the meaning is crystal cheer. Number three, I'm concerned this will become a molehill has become a mountain. I'm thinking about the staff time that is being burned with on an issue that has a real material financial implication for the appellant that -- that not an overwhelming one we couldn't figure out how to resolve it. I think the language it clear. I may be interpreting it not the way it was intended but that's -- that's -- I read that -- I read that sentence as -- as -- as definitive, clear statement of procedure. It says without that proper documentation, the officer has an affirmative duty to contact. I don't know whether the officer was right or wrong. We'll never know. The record is not clear whether the officer was right or the appellant was right about -- about which was provided. We'll never know. The record is not clear on that. We heard three questions on that and got different answers. In the absence of us knowing the answer to the question, what form was actually provided we can't decide. I'm left with the only piece of documentation before me which is section h which states a clear direction. In my opinion. With due respect to my colleagues in the police bureau, if that wasn't the intention, we should rewrite it.

Brown: At any point council wants to talk in executive session, I'm more than happy to.

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Wheeler: Commissioner rubio.

Rubio: I was going to affirm what you said to me. Does that want more clarity. And when I think about community members and how they read this. It clearly says in the procedure to make that how much extra was it. How much time? That's where I'm at. I think the same.

Wheeler: I want to add one more. It is just not clear. The policy is unclear. When the policy is not clear, it puts our officers if jeopardy. It confuses the public and makes them angry. It causes them to lose confidence in us as leaders and puts our officers in a difficult position too. I want to go on the record and say, I'm not casting aspersions on the officer A at all. I think this could have been handled differently and better. This could have been better follow-up. Chief I appreciate your efforts at customer service. I know the officers were overworked particularly at the time this took mace. I think my perspective on this was clear. I agree with the crc.

Mapps: I want to -- I want to -- to agree with the mayor's comments. I have a lot of empathy for everyone involved here. The woman who lost her car before she got a chance to get the title. The police officers just trying to do the best -- the best that he or she could in the real world. This is a difficult situation. I think I'm there with the record and the language in the directives. And it seems to me like the directives are pretty clear, if you can't produce the paperwork that shows you -- shows you possession of the car the officers must contact for the report of stolen vehicle. Actually, for me what I think is problematic is what I think is -- is a through g and then h. I'm trying to figure out the situations in which you don't automatically get kicked out to talking to the sergeant. It says you produce your paperwork and shows you own the car. If you don't produce the paperwork, you have to call in a sergeant or detective. What I don't see is where the discretion from the officer comes from. If this is a way to make this out of a difficult situation, the good thing to do here, is call it and also the interest of trying to clarify the directive.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: I think -- I think we're all coming to -- similar conclusions. This is a difficult case, and probably why the police chief and the cr differ. I think we're ready for a motion. Can I make a motion?

Wheeler: You may. And Heidi, would you reiterate?

Ryan: I don't want to screw it up.

Wheeler: And commissioner Ryan could do based on the conversation that you suggest and which one is the most broken create motion?

Brown: The motion that you need to make is whether or not the finding is recorded. So that is

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the initial motion that you counter-- consider and whether it is supported by the evidence and whether or not the council and reviewing body had you agree with that. That's the first motion that you why need it take.

Wheeler: Before we get to the second. Ryan would you like to make a motion in that regard?

Ryan: So these are -- again lost on me. I wanted to make a motion that adopted the crc's committee authorization. There's another step.

Brown: The standard put forth in the city code is different than the chief's finding in that -- in that -- so -- which is why you made a finding that the chief made, whether or not you believe the finding. That's the initial determination you need to make before you get to what would you find, if you disagree and find that no, it is not -- it is not, and we talk about the next.

Wheeler: Let me help with that. We think the chief is -- we -- we -- I think where we're going with this, correct me colleagues if I'm I don't think. We disagree with the findings that the chief made. We have a disagreement about the interpretation paragraph h. It is not -- we're not calling the chief a liar. We have a difference of opinion on interpretation of h and the majority of the council interprets that must sentence as a declarative requirement on the part of the officer. The chief is not the intent of that particular directive. We have an honest difference of opinion about the meaning of the directive. We do not agree with the chief's findings. So help us put that into a legally acceptable -- a legally acceptable finding for the council.

Brown: If there was a motion that -- that -- that -- that -- that -- that the -- I think you would say that the motion would be that -- that you do not find that the -- that the -- that the finding is supported by the evidence because you interpret the directive to not question the findings. The evidence, but how it is applying in the directive. So, the motion would be that -- that we -- that we, sorry. That the -- that the -- that the finding is not supported by the evidence because of the interpretation of the directive.

Wheeler: I move it and Ryan second it.

Brown: You vet on this and we go on. Any discussion on this. We're ready to vote. [roll called].

Wheeler: The motion carries, what is the second part. You walk us through that.

Brown: If the council determines the police bureau finding is not supported by the evidence, then we find what is the finding. In this case, the options you have are unfounded and there was not a credible basis for -- for procedure. And this does not sound like what I heard from you. Exonerated was lawfully and within policy. The chief finding was not sustained which was -- which was insufficient to prove a violation of policy and procedure. The last option is

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sustained that the evidence was sufficient to prove a violation of policy or procedure. You have a motion. You have a motion as to what finding you would like to make in the case and have a vote on that motion.

Wheeler: I have a question. I'm confused. What does the third motion mean, that one is not clear to me.

Brown: Right now, the motion that -- that any one of you might make would be either the finding would be either unfounded or exonerated.

Mapps: The mayor might not sustain and insufficient to prove the violation of policy or procedure.

Brown: Thank you. So unfounded and exonerated and not sustained or sustained. Not sustained was the finding that the chief made. And you've already are voted.

Wheeler: Okay. Why don't you jump in here while we're here.

Avalos: I wanted to reiterate that the recommendation from crc is to vote to sustain it. That's what we voted to and we're recommending to council.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, I like to move that -- that -- that we -- that we sustain -- sustain the recommendation from the crc which -- and this level means that the evidence was sufficient to prove a violation of policy or procedure.

Rubio: I second that.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Mapps and second from rubio. Heidi, does that leave me through a legal threshold?

Brown: Yes, it does, mayor.

Wheeler: Any further discussion? Please call the roll. [roll called]. The motion carries.

Brown: Mayor, that's all that -- that need to be done at this point, the council has sustained the finding and then it goes back to the police bureau to determine the appropriate outcome and corrective action to be taken paved with on the findings.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Before we break today, I would like to encourage the city attorney's office to work with the police bureau and the crc to -- to clarify the directives which deal with the procedure around when -- when -- when you go to the -- to a sergeant or detective around this.

Wheeler: That would be helpful. I had another thought as well. My understanding is that the economic damage to it the woman that owns the car, is 2,000 dollars? 1 that correct?

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Browning: That's the amount, almost 2,000, I think 1900, on lien on her for the impoundment and towing. That's not the 13,000 dollars for the car she lost.

Wheeler: The impoundment and towing, could you look at the risk reserve. Thank you. Anything else?

Avalos: Wanted to say thank you so much, I appreciate your deliberation and I know these things are tricky. And in this effort to get to the bottom of it. Obviously, we're pleased with the results. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Very good. I believe that completes our business for this afternoon. We're - Go ahead.

Mapps: Before we break, and I also wanted to -- I wanted to acknowledge and thank chief Lovell for participating in this discussion today. It really does show a unique level of here. And even though we didn't land on the same page today I think this was kind of a collaborative effort that we need it embrace in order to provide the public with better service. Thank you chief and please thank everyone at the police bureau.

Lovell: Thank you. Commissioner this was a very confusing case and again, I empathize with the victim in this case. I think really the policy was the failing. So we will work on that and improve it for future complaints. This has been a lot of work. I want to thank everyone that spent time and invested in getting this process done.

Wheeler: Thanks, chief. You're a good man. Appreciate it, everybody. We're adjourned.

At 4:32 p.m., Council adjourned.