



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

May 19, 2021

Date and time

May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:32 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney

Consent Agenda

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Date and time

May 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 3:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:36 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Anne Milligan, 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, MAY 19, 2021**

Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding;
Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.

Disposition:

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

Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by video and teleconference, and the City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to 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 Council by emailing the Council Clerk at cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov.

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 May 19, 2021 Council meetings is May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Email the Council Clerk at councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

346 Request of Noelle Studer-Spevak to address Council regarding Zenith from a Cully Neighborhood perspective (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

347 Request of Marilee Dea to address Council regarding Zenith (Communication)

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348 Request of Susan Peters to address Council regarding a solution to end gang related gun violence in Portland (Communication)

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<p>349</p>	<p>Request of Robert Schultz to address Council regarding bigotry and the fundamental lack of ethics in the Lents Neighborhood Association (Communication)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>350</p>	<p>Request of Paola Dooly to address Council regarding homeless camps and their negative effect on business (Communication)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>TIMES CERTAIN</p>		<p>190407 As Amended</p>
<p>*351</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Authorize an agreement with Travel Portland for the marketing and promotion of convention business, tourism, and overnight lodging using a sole source procurement and provide for payment (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps) 30 minutes requested Motion to add an emergency clause due to the economic emergency caused by COVID and the importance of allowing Travel Portland to move forward swiftly to address the economic emergency: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	
<p>352</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Authorize execution of an Amended and Restated Agreement with Sport Oregon for national and international sports marketing activities and event recruiting services to extend contract by five years not to exceed \$275,000 over five years (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Contract No. 30005536) 15 minutes requested</p>	
<p>353</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Appoint members to the New Portlanders Policy Commission for terms to expire May 24, 2024 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p>Office of Management and Finance</p> <p>354 Amend Fair Wage Policies Code to reflect current minimum wage rate index (Second Reading Agenda 333; amend Code Section 3.99.020) (Y-5)</p>		<p>190405</p>

<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>355</p> <p>Accept a grant in the amount of \$130,000 from Portland General Electric Drive Change Fund and authorize an agreement to provide BIKETOWN for All ride credit (Second Reading Agenda 337)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>190406</p>
<p>Commissioner Carmen Rubio</p> <p>Parks & Recreation</p>		
<p>356</p> <p>Accept the 2020 Title 11 Trees Fund Report (Report)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>		
<p>357</p> <p>Proclaim May 2021 to be Portland Nurses Month (Proclamation) 10 minutes requested</p>		<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>358</p> <p>Accept bid of Stellar J Corporation for the Ankeny Pump Station Odor Treatment System Rehab Project for \$1,530,000 (Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001614) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>359</p> <p>Authorize a borrowing of not more than \$60,470,000 in anticipation of the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund levy for FY 2021-22 (Ordinance)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Ryan</p> <p>Bureau of Development Services</p>		
<p>360</p> <p>Amend permit fee schedules for building, electrical, land use services, mechanical, enforcement, plumbing, signs, site development, and land use services fee schedule for the Hearings Office (Second Reading Agenda 325)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>190408</p>
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p>		

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Bureau of Transportation		
*361	Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessible Sidewalks Project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)	190409
*362	Authorize the Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the Signal Rebuild – SE 52nd Ave and SE Woodstock Blvd Project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)	190410
Fire & Rescue		
363	Authorize a five-year joint development agreement with Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for a reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus not to exceed \$837,875 (Second Reading Agenda 342) (Y-5)	190411
Office of Community and Civic Life		
*364	Authorize grant agreements with six nonprofit organizations through the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program for \$851,646 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested (Y-5)	190412
Commissioner Mingus Mapps		
Bureau of Environmental Services		
365	Authorize Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the South Portland – Burlingame Phase 2 Sewer Rehab project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority Project No. E11080 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Carmen Rubio		
Parks & Recreation		
366	Amend fee schedule for tree permits (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 19, 2021</u>		
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367	TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Revise residential solid waste and recycling collection rates and charges, effective July 1, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Rubio; amend Code Chapter 17.102) 90 minutes requested for Items 367-369	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
368	Authorize the rates and charges for water and water-related services beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and fix an effective date (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Mapps)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
369	Revise sewer and stormwater rates, charges and fees in accordance with the FY 2021-22 Sewer User Rate Study (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Mapps)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 26, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
370	TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM – City Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to approve the FY 2021-22 Budget (Mayor convenes Council as Prosper Portland Budget Committee) 30 minutes requested Motion to accept the revised Exhibit A to resolution 7416: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)	PLACED ON FILE AS AMENDED
<u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 20, 2021</u>		
DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETING		

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

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Wheeler: Portland city council. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law we're holding this meeting electronically. The city made several avenues available to listen. The city's YouTube channel, channel 30. The public can provide written testimony to the council. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and need to limit in person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public safety and welfare. Thank you all for your patience. We'll now hear from the rules of order and decorum.

Naomi Sheffield: You may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony for first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. You generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. Shouting, refuse to go conclude your testimony when your time is up will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given and the person may be placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the meeting.

Wheeler: First up is communications.

Clerk: Request of Noel to address council from a meeting neighborhood.

Noelle Studer-Spevak: Good morning. I'm speaking on behalf of families for climate. I live in one of the most racially and economically diverse neighborhoods in the city. Families for climate and many of our neighbors ask that the city not sign off on the land use compatibility statement which Zenith needs. There are two critical reasons why the city should not issue the lux. We are in a climate emergency and the climate depends on elected officials to keep making progress. Rolling through our school boundaries puts us at grave risk. The crude volume has

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quadrupled at the same time railroad companies have made and cut expenses. We remember the 2018 north west metal spier. Lacking language specific information on how to return home safely. We can't even imagine an oil train explosion. Zenith will come to the bureau sometime this summer. Those of us live in the blast zone urge you to decline the air pollution lux. If you grant the lux it will allow gas to flow freely. There is no public input process for the lux. We, your constituents, have come before the council for the past five weeks to put yourself in your own shoes 20 years from now. Will you be proud that you linked arms to hold the line? Portland's 111,000 children are counting on you to protect them and safeguard their futures. .

Wheeler: Thank you. Next up.

Clerk: Marilee Dea to address council regarding zenith.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Marilee Dea: Protecting children's health and children. I'm here to share information about the soaring climate temperatures zenith is contributing to. It underscores the concerns we have of oil by rail through the city. The oil is fracked, it's drilled very deeply releasing methane. Methane is 88 percent stronger than co2 and playing a big part in our forest fires and droughts. Methane extraction was banned by the internal environmental agency and in Brussels and the UN of its fast growing effects on the earth's climate right now. Oil production must be reduced by 75% by 2050. What would happen if one of these fracked gas zenith oil trains were to have an accident, more than a quarter of the county's population lives in that blast zone. It's called the evacuation blast zone. Exploding and sending toxic gas into our communities. We were very lucky because the wind was blowing away from the school instead of into it. One hundred eight schools are located within that evacuation blast zone. People of color are more likely to live in that zone. The potential negative impacts of oil accident derailments are heightened due to the volatility of this oil. On the basis of this the county commissioners opposed the new continued oil proposal. The neighborhood coalition association and my group, the nurses association oppose the permit. What are the commissions going to do now? Have you the power to do something to help our safety and climate. As a health profession, grandma and someone who lives in the blast zone, I implore you and deny the zenith loop.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate you being here. My understanding is that individual is withdrawn.

Clerk: Would you like me to read it?

Wheeler: Yes, please.

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Clerk: Request of Susan Peters to reduce gang related gun violence in Portland. Request of Robert Schultz to address bigotry in the neighborhood association.

Robert Schultz: Good morning. Just bear with me, I'm reading this. I have an issue. My neighborhood association is a body of bigots that fail to follow their own by laws and ignore the state's non-profit laws. Why bring this issue here? No one else cares. This wrong continues to hurt our community. I've witnessed acts of discrimination on age, sex, and race. The current system crafts this idea that we as citizens can take part in our government. It further implies levels of accountability. The reality is far different. As community members we're often pitted against each other with city staff occasionally walking through and refusing to listen. Instead they choose champion claiming they are the community voice. The neighborhood association meetings have consisted of white home owners. Not people of color, age, or diversity. Situations like this show a failure to empower us. When we come to city council claiming to have engaged us not bothering to speak to even one percent of our community. It's a gross misrepresentation. We need reform and basic change in our government and that can start right here with you fine folks. With a modest level of accountability. I see my time is running short. When these well paid city staffers claim they have spoken to our neighbors, I ask that you require attendance from meetings. I and many of my neighbors raise many questions like these just to be ignored by city staffers and associations that worry about their own personal agendas. I came to bring these to light. I appreciate your tolerance of my slight overage. I wish we had more than three minutes. I realize there are lots of folks you listen to. I ask that you be engaged when you listen to folks.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty has a comment.

Hardesty: Thank you for your testimony. As you may know, I am having meetings all over with neighborhood associations and neighborhood coalitions. I'm in in the process of ensure that that office will go back to its core mission of civic engagement and engaging with community members. This clearly some changes that must happen. That is a process. I will invite you in to hear your viewpoint and your perspective. You've reached out to my office to set up a time to talk and I of course will set up a time to talk.

Schultz: Thank you so much commissioner. I appreciate hearing that. There are an army of happy to volunteer members of the community happy to support that stuff. .

Hardesty: I have heard that. What I know is that neighborhood associations have been really phenomenal during this crisis of self-care the community has given to each other has been fabulous and not recognized enough. Let me just say, Robert, there are as many perspectives as

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there are people in our fine cities. We're not going to agree on everything but there are areas, I believe you and I can make this system better.

Schultz: I appreciate you addressing the topic so pointedly.

Wheeler: Good conversation. Thank you, Robert. Next individual.

Clerk: Request of Paola Dooly to address council regarding homeless camps and their negative effects on business. Are you able to unmute?

Paola Dooly: Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to speak with you. I spoke with you last month about the homeless situation. I appreciate that you're not allowing homeless camps in parks. Today I'm speaking to you as a mother. I'm not anti-vaccine and have the medical records to prove it. As a parent I'm deeply concerned about the mental health of our children. There's been a 25% increase in suicides in children under 18 versus 2018. 25%. My son is seriously stressed that he has the quote unquote choice of taking the injection that has not gone through the fda approval process or wearing a face mask until he does. This is blackmail and not in line with our constitutional rights as Americans. There have been four hundred thousand deaths related to the vaccine more than any vaccine in the last 25 years combined. Vars updates their data weekly and published one hundred ninety two thousand covid adverse event reports which is up 25% from the prior week. If Harvard is correct with their 10% under reporting statistic it's actually one million nine hundred twenty nine thousand five hundred forty who have been injured. Many doctors and scientists are speaking up saying these injections should be pulled off the market. I can send you so much information on this. Our governor and governor brown are doing the opposite. They are supporting big pharma. If they were held legally for damages, I would be more open to this new vaccination but they are not. They have no incentive to make a safe product. If we don't stand up to this medical tyranny. Our elected officials are rolling over bellies up and sacrificing our children and their futures.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here today. We'll do the consent agenda. Have any items been taken off the consent agenda?

Clerk: No.

Wheeler: Roll call to adopt the consent agenda.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Consent agenda adopted.

Clerk: Convention business tourism and overnight lodging using a soul source procurement and payment.

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Wheeler: I'm pleased to introduce this legislation with commissioner maps. The successful relationship with the city and travel Portland which goes back many many years. Our destination marketing destination. Travel Portland plays a key role in travel and tourism in a region that plays a key role in our economy. With that I'll turn it over to commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you. I have the privilege to serve as this council's liaison to travel Portland. Along with the mayor I sit on the business development fund board. I've had had many conversations about how to attract tourists and conventions back to Portland. I've learned about the relationship between the investments we make to bring tourists back to Portland and the economic benefits. Pre-pandemic for every dollar we invested in promoting tourism, Portland yielded economic benefit. Covid devastated our tourism economy. Tourists are starting to return to Portland, businesses, even hotels are starting to open up again. Last Friday I visited some downtown businesses to see how they were doing. I'm happy to report that women's clothing is doing better than ever. Some want to visit Portland but have concerned. I tell them this. We are still the city of roses and the Portland that you love. Please come visit us soon. We're here to help authorize an agreement for marketing and promoting tourism and overnight lodging. Last month we approved a one percent tourism district fee to help pay for this campaign. Back then we asked chief miller to ensure that hotels are well represented and lead with diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work. Today I believe we'll here about how some of those reforms are included in that contract.

Karl Lisle: The ordinance before you today will authorize the mayor to sign a five year agreement for a broad range of services for travel and project Portland. The agreement outlines the tasks to be performed both by Portland and the city. The collaboration between the city and travel Portland has a long track record of success. The agreement contains performance measures used to measure and track success because of the uncertainty of post covid recovery in the travel and tourism industry some of the measures have been written to accommodate adjustment over the years as things become clearer. The charter and code also prescribed specific attributes about the organization the city must contract with for these services. An Oregon non-profit, a marketing organization operating in Portland engaged full time in the solicitation, procurement for travel in the city. Staff from the revenue division are we us today to answer any technical questions. This is a regular ordinance will pass to second reading next week. I'll turn this over to jeff miller and happy to answer technical questions after that.

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Jeff Miller: Thank you Karl. Good morning mayor and commissioner and all of council. Let me say it's been gratifying to have such good partners on council and city staff. Our continued job of creating economic impact is important now more than ever. It will make our ability to start the tourism economy much quicker. I would like to thank the hotel economy for making it happen that much faster. We continue to grow our efforts and you'll hear some of those efforts today. I'll start with the sobering news we've been waiting to see released. The economic impact research, you'll see on the chart the drop in spending, earning, employment, and tax revenue. None of this is surprising but I will say I was shocked that we have been brought back to 2003 due to covid. We have a hill to climb. This is a screen shot of the quarterly report that we provide to the city and to merc. We track a lot of information in this report but today I want to talk to you about the city contract measures. Some have remained, some are enhanced and some are new. It was to be a benchmark year but covid has persisted. It will take two years to get to the benchmark. We'll continue to report honestly on recovery. These details are covered in your packet. Sales and services for hotels and city meetings. We're hosting a number of meeting planners for book conventions who want to come back. We'll fund up to two planners to see the city and experience it as we recover. As our trade show travel resumes we'll pay the travel expenses since hotels have had to cut their travel budgets. We created a single hotel meeting incentive fund. Travel Portland will tap funds and find new business to come to Portland. We'll partner to enhance the sport level of work. This goal is enhanced and more focused than previously mentioned. Some of you saw our annual presentation in December where we showed the annual diversity we do with planners out of Washington D.C. Our VP of diversity, equity, and inclusion will be a key leader in this work. Help brick and mortar stores improve their listings. .

Wheeler: I'm sorry. Before you go on I want to make sure commissioner Hardesty has a chance to ask a question here.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Thank you jeff. Let me say, as always, an impressive presentation. Before you go too far, I don't want to leave the bringing convention planners to town, showing them the city, trying to entice them to come back. For me, I want to know what is the story you are telling them about where Portland is now and where we are headed.

Miller: We're being completely about where Portland is now and what our history has been. We're working together to be a better Portland for the future. We're unapologetic.

Hardesty: When the eviction moratorium expires, it's anticipated that we're going to have more than two thousand people houseless. We're a city that knows that we are attractive to tourism

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and conventions. We want to reemerge stronger for more people. My concern is what I'm reading in the paper and the narrative that's happening that we need to disappear houseless people to be attractive for these meetings in the fight you're. The fact is we have thousands of people living on our street. This is why I wanted to stop and have this conversation. It's important that we tell the real story about what's happening and how devastating this economic reality is for many Portlanders. I want to make sure we're not painting a false narrative or making promises that we're not able to keep at this moment.

Miller: I don't think we're making any promises that we can't keep. Travel Portland has worked very hard and understand what the issues are. The county got a significant amount of funds to help with services around houselessness. We want to see compassionate care for people on our streets.

Hardesty: You will find no disagreement on this council but the question is how soon we are able to do that.

Miller: Hundreds of employees are coming back to work. Our role is to create that economic impact through tourism and showing Portland as an attractive place as it is today, next year, and into the future.

Hardesty: Thank you. I know you didn't create where we are. It's important to me that we have this open and honest conversation. I don't want to paint a picture that a, this council does not support busing people out of downtown Portland. As far as I know this council doesn't support but based on what I read in the paper, there's a plan to do that. I'm not interested in that plan.

Miller: As far as I know nothing of that plan, we wouldn't be supportive of that either. Should I resume?

Hardesty: Yes. Please.

Miller: We'll continue to attract business openings. We're recruiting for just as the pandemic closed us down. We had to make a pause. We're working with search wide global. They are casting a wide net locally as well as nationally. How have minority candidates benefited from the rehiring? As you know travel Portland was a partner of travel meets progress. I met with the navigators to our hotel partners. They are on schedule to present to the pdx alliance as well. We'll monitor as best we can for stories of success. I've shown you many slides over the course of time from Smith Travel, they are a subscription research company. Many independent companies don't subscribe. Smith Travel reports nine hotels on the east side. Our solution is to work the revenue bureau on tax collection from the city on a revenue basis. We will still be looking at it

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and counting the lost cancellations which we've had quite a few. We measure our international success -- .

Wheeler: Jeff. I'm sorry. Commissioner Hardesty has another question.

Hardesty: Were you tracking the adversity and rehires and I think the question was more about your organization as -- you shredded 80% of your work force. How are you using an equity lens to actually rehire and promote and move people through your organization travel Portland? The industry was good but we were talking specifically about you.

Miller: That's really good to know. Because we had a conversation with city staff and that's easier to answer. We're very focused on that now. We have the diversity hire out now and that will be the second hire back of the 40%. One of the employees that we did bring back of course was from a diverse background. We're paying good attention to that and we'll be able to report how many people we've brought back. I should go on?

Wheeler: Yes.

Miller: I'm on two screens. I'm having trouble seeing you and following my script. Sorry about that. This measure will take many time to understand. We remain committed to growing Portland's international plan as flights return. Delta has announced nonstop seven is from south Korea. We've long standing ties to tourism promotion in Korea. We're looking forward to getting back into this lucrative market. Objective six, we'll do a biennial survey with our counties and travel Portland. Key messages such as arts, culture and food. We'll report consumer cinema, Portland from a national audience, objective eight meeting planner survey. Thank you for the 150,000-dollar grant to get us started with the online travel campaign. Three key booking platforms, expedia, price line, and air bnb. Hotels from every corner of the city are visible and bookable. Investments with the OTAs are already paying off. Price line campaigns combined to generate 13,000 incremental room nights. More to 20 to one so we know the dollars are working. These partnerships will run through July and look forward to maintaining the momentum created in April. We worked with key theater markets in five neighborhoods for a change of businesses. We're working to leverage about the city being generated by top chef Portland. We formed two partnerships with fox news Portland. The first heat map which launched May 14th. The foot courts. The second heat map which are certainly diverse and eclectic. We're partner withing the local firm industry whose office you see here. The recovery efforts -- industry is minority led and certified by the state as a minority owned business. Travel Portland knows that it takes people with different ideas, strengths, ideas, and cultural

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backgrounds to do our best work. As a result we're committed to work withing a diverse creative team on this project. Industry believes as does travel Portland that its best work comes from working with people from diverse backgrounds and above all people. We enlisted the help of a diverse team we found with prosper Portland. We made clear our desire to find a diverse team to be working on our behalf. We are incredibly pleased with the response, 24 total proposals. We didn't find just one winner. Three black boned firms that will help us shift the narrative about the city. When I report back to you in the summer we'll create a digital partners. Nearly all of the media work during the pandemic has been around the impact of protests and getting sensitive questions. Our pr firm to do a media audit to do a pr. Portland to be seen as a compelling destination. All proactive media engagement will include one diversity business and they almost always include numerous story ideas creators and outlets with dedicated budgets for hosting. We'll ensure the city's diversity conferred.

Wheeler: Is there any public testimony on this matter?

Clerk: No one signed up on this matter.

Wheeler: I see commissioner Ryan and I would like to make some comments on this matter.

Ryan: You had some goals and plans. When you come back off the summer, what would we expect. What kind of metrics would you bring to us that you're measuring over the summer? I'm not sure I saw that. I've had a lot of fits and starts on this in my clear. Clarity is important going into it. Maybe it was in there when you told me what the goals were and I just didn't track that.

Miller: I would say that we've always tracked minority conventions. Commissioner Hardesty will remember that we went back to bat more to get the naacp. We didn't get it then but continue to work. We're tracking conventions but what we need to do and have done is create partnerships like the Hispanic and black chamber to help track the city and all facets. We hosted a group probably about a year owing and had all the diverse organizations showed up on a Sunday night and we got that piece of business. The council on real estate and ethnicity know we're very intentional about knowing those. We'll always include diverse prizes and generally we'll include more because there are always so many good stories to tell. A whole gamut of metrics. It's multi-faceted, the tid was very good for me and my team. The five questions that were posed are emblazoned on all of our power points. It really focused me, it focused my team and our efforts. Not that we weren't already pay ago tension. It provided that extra level after tension that we all need right now.

Ryan: I know you used the ROI language that was related to 20 to 1.

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Miller: Monies that we used we'll continue to monitor that.

Ryan: When we talk racial lines and equity there's ROI in that as well. We miss out on making that case. When we tree today make case 15 years ago. It was important to increase the amount of investments for children who were pacific Islander specifically. It really with an equal nm he can endeavor as well. Because you're in that world of bottom lines and ROI's, I encourage you to look for that the in your bottom line if you can.

Miller: Of course. One area I will say on the national trends. We have a larger market with the hispanic community than we thought. It's been good to do that research so we're coming at this from a data driven standpoint.

Ryan: And economic justice is the bottom line as well. Thank you. Great report.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, Jeff. People that listen to earlier conversation may not know how well you and I work together. What you laid out are questions that we asked you to start tracking. I want to you know how impressed I am that not only did you take those questions to heart. You had had them posted and are developing benchmarks that have been tracked. A lot of people come in front of this council and talk about their work around equity and inclusion. It sounds fabulous. When you look at the outcomes and who is benefiting, we find out we haven't moved much in Portland in 35 years. I want to applaud you to being tough enough to take the criticism and going back and did the work and make sure that the systems are going to answer these questions. Applaud you and your team. We'll be a story of resilience and being stronger and more equitable and much more transparent and who benefits and who doesn't. I'm at your service to do anything I can to help promote Portland.

Miller: Thank you. We do have the same goals and the same mission. I appreciate you challenging us to keep us on track as well.

Wheeler: Very good. I want to underscore what your report said. Its benefit for jobs and travel is self-evident. As you noted the pandemic's impacts to Portland's economy have been immense and uneven. Hard hit have been communities of color and the refugees and folks just entering the job market including young people. Job creation and tourism related businesses I believe is going to be key to recovery in the city and people who live in this city. In ordinary circumstances, I mean going back over a year, the industry provided nearly 40k jobs at all levels. There's a high level of minority representation in industry an many small businesses depend in part upon travel industry returning and doing so robustly them to try different aspects of their city that they may

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not read about in some of the travel logs and encourage them to look at our younger establishments, new establishments, establishments owned and operated by people of color has been exactly the right strategy. I want to encourage you to continue to focus on those cosines of strategy. This agreement that's under consideration will allow travel Portland to build on its excellent track record and I'm also very confident it's been raised by others that the city and travel Portland will be to successful navigate the pandemic and work together to support a strong recovery. I want to thank you for being here today. Ordinarily I with say all those things when he calf my vote.

Mapps: I wanted to take some time out to make some comments today. I wanted to thank jeff for that fascinating and well thought out update. The covid pandemic brought devastating losses on everyone but the sheer number of jobs lost in the hospitality industry has been devastating. It's good to hear that things are starting to turn around but it's a long road ahead. I'm confident that travel Portland can bring people back to Portland. We offer great hotels and experiences. Please come visit Portland soon. We're still the Portland you love and look forward to welcoming you back to the city of roses. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank you jeff for your presentation and thoughtful answers to our questions. It's clary to me that you take these things to heart. It's evident in the work you presented today. Like my colleagues said we have some big rebuilding work ahead of us and we look forward to collaborating with you on this. Thank you for the deep dive that reflects who Portlanders are and what we have to offer. I'm really glad to hear that you're partnering with culturally specific chambers. If I may offer a suggestion to consider partnerships with other culturally specific and community based organizes to rift up community events and engagements in our communities. These things have uniquely shaped our culture and these would appeal to a lo of travelers wanting to come to our city. I'm eager to hear about your progress and look forward to your updates.

Miller: I assure you have the tun to meet with groups as they are coming to town. Be prepared.

Hardesty: We've all said our closing remarks. Would you entertain a motion for an emergency clause?

Wheeler: Make the motion, commissioner.

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: The stated purpose -- ?

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Hardesty: The state purpose is I think we've all said everything we need to say on this report. Isn't this a report?

Wheeler: No. This is an ordinance. This is accepting the travel agreement clause with Portland.

Hardesty: Creating an emergency clause will allow it to move faster.

Wheeler: You are correct. I'll second it. Any further discussion. Please call the roll on the amendment.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. Please call the roll.

Clerk: roll called.

Wheeler: Time Certain 352.

Clerk: Authorize an agreement with Sport Oregon for sports marketing activities and recruiting services not to exceed \$275 over 5 years.

Wheeler: Karl and Jim are here to present this contract amendment. Sport Oregon works to attract sporting events to our city. Helping to raise the city's profile and supporting our economy. The events generate city revenue by increasing hotel bookings. Welcome Karl and Jim, thank you for being here.

Lisle: We decided to bring this item along with the previous item, this is a smaller piece of the overall travel and tourism pie in the region in the city. They are related and serve many of the same benefits to the city. This ordinance specifically authorizes the mayor to sign an amendment to the existing agreement for sports marketing and professional services. This is the first reading on an ordinance. This extends the term of the agreement by five years and increases the annual payment to a total of 55,000 per year. The primary source of revenue are from events and parking related to events. The program and city's general fund by the transient -- they are generated by people traveling to attend sporting events in our city. The city benefits more broadly by large and small sporting events. Annual report its city council including reporting on a series of performance measures prescribed in section g in the agreement. Geographic representation and reported on sport Oregon's progress on achieving diversity and equity goals. I will quickly turn it over to report on what is going on.

Jim Etzel: I appreciate the opportunity to visit with you today. As you recall about 60 days ago a peered before you an gave you the annual reports. I won't go through that type of detail. I would like to emphasize the thriving sports tourism here. We have an unapologetic community here. The tourism and hospitality community, we've been doing this for nearly three decades. I want

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to touch on a couple slides here with some things that we've been continuing to work on and a few updates since I gave our annual report. The first is around, fuel the future along with hopscotch foundation addresses food insecurity in our communities specifically at 12 middle school and high schools. Food insecurity is a key barrier to kids or children being physically active. This is a highly successful program. We just launched three weeks ago she live, getting them physical active and community members involved with them. It's an exciting program platform that we are going to grow significantly in the coming year and years. We're actively supporting launch of the Portland activities and athletic league and are continuing to support Portland non-profits reaching under grants and other forms of support. Specifically to our board, we completed an overall to our bylaws. Over the last 12 months, they focused on creating new director categories specifically for community directors as you know are a member funded organization. We really needed to address more diversity and perspective on our board. I'm very proud to say over the last 12 months we either already onboarded or will be onboarding 12 bipoc members in our community both in the corporate community to bring the voices and perspectives that we need to have at our board level to have and guide our organization moving forward. We've been very involved in the work inside our four walls for about 15 months now. A very intense, our team is taking this very seriously. We've been work withing one of our members tina fox worth. That focuses on training. It's an annual deal. It's not just a one and done. Also our hiring practices. I'm excited to tell you that our next hire is a bipoc candidate that we're excited about the things that is he going to bring to our organization at many level sees. Next I'd like to talk about travel Portland and our partnership with them. We are very very connected with them. More connected than ever. They have a strong presence on our board as well. Mayor Conway is on our board. We work with them on our team, director of sports. The hotel community has recognized the opportunity to exist to really put our community on equal footing with our peers around the country to have more success with recruiting events at every level to our city. Our board is completely committed to that. It's a three to four multiple investment. We're very excited about that. I wanted to touch on a few things before I close. We are actively participating in the action tables. There's currently a subgroup being formed on that while the sports organizations in town thank the franchises and some of the bigger event that's we can hone in on things that had will help with that recovery. Today as we speak on -- we are the hub today for it. Provence park was not available. Ware an early adopter from the adopt a block program. Fire fighters park. We take a patrol in that everyday in trying to keep our city

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clean. As was touched on in our report a couple months ago pursuing aggressive big wins in our city. We found out last week, this has been a two year pursuit, we're winning our industry conference in 2024. We see this as an exponential opportunity not just for 2024 but beyond. It will take up half the convention center. It brings the national governing bodies and we can host them here for five days. It's a big deal, we have some exciting innovative programs before an af with travel pore land. This is some we've wanted for a long time. We're skyed attest it's one that ware coming to our city. We're working on own event opportunities work withing the hotel communities and identifying moments and calendar windows thar are historically slow that we can fill that demand in those areas with predictable owned evented with us or our community partners. The other one is we're put ago cute focus on taking what we already have and how do we leverage that. There's definitely growth capacity. Sometimes we're looking at what's new, it's important to look at what we already have. It's important to maximize those opportunities. Work withing the city on trying to find and build growth into those events this year and in next. That is the summary that I have for you today. I appreciate the opportunity to be with you. I look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues. Any questions. Commissioner Hardesty has a question.

Hardesty: Jim I just want to say how pleased I am with how different your plan is around equity, diversity, and inclusion in your report. I'm impressed that you're bringing on 12 bipoc people rather than one to represent an entire community. It's clear to me that you've done some really deep dive thoughtful analysis since the last time you've been in front of the council. I just want to applaud that. And encourage you to continue to be very intentional in hires, board members, and perspectives. I i will say no community is monolithic. When you talk to diverse communities, will you get diverse opinions. I wanted to take a moment to applaud you. I hear a lot of people talk about the changes they are going to make. Yours are benefit Portlanders for a time to come. I want you to know I'm pay ago tension. For the first time I feel like there's a serious plan and commitment. I would encourage you to think about how that plays out in sports that you're inviting to town as well. We have a lot of work to do, I'm so impressed with where we are at the moment. Thank you.

Etzel: : Thank you. I appreciate your recognition. We do have an internal goal that looking out a year from now we can say that we have most diverse board in the community. For a board that reps the entire community. Our organization has always had great intent.

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Hardesty: It is clear. It had had not been so clearly reflected up until today. I did have a question. It just went out of my head. I'm old. They come and go very quickly. You're on a path that I hope other non-profits will emulate. It's 2021 and we can't keep talking about diversity. We have to actually do it. Thank you for setting a fine example of what is possible and being intentional. Thank you.

Etzel: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio and then Ryan.

Rubio: I just wanted to echo my colleague in appreciates the presentation. It's very clear that you're being very intentional and thoughtful. It really does start with the board. They set the vision and strategic. Can you talk about what your work currently does? How do you envision the new change it the board? What impact will that have in your foundation work specifically? I'm just curious.

Etzel: Yes. Good question. Our mission of our foundation, primary mission is to address barriers for physical activity to youth communities. That's a very broad deal. That's in the just our city but state wide. Our tup and presence exists in in just a Portland community. We only have a couple proprietary internal programs. We really target that. It's a low barrier entry sport. It's part of the dna of the state and one that we own uniquely. There's several groups that have done this for a long time. Primarily we have try today leverage our strength in numbers and corporate support in that we have 150 members. How do we collectively pull that energy to amplify the good work being done in the community? That is with grants. We can hold fundraisers and leverage our able and turn around an take those funds and inject them in the community. We haven't been really active with that. We can double the number we raised last year. Shape lives, those platforms that we can incrementally increase. There's up to 12 board seats we can have in our bylaws. We've taken steps to -- literally two weeks ago the board got passed. Of those community board members, a lot come from the non-profit community. That's where that thought leadership is. Some are already organizations that benefit from our support and we have conflict of interest language around all that stuff. We want to be careful it's in the perceived at all. Guidance goes from board of representatives to the community. The great thing about our community is those leaders really work together. There's a collaborative approach especially in the underserved community. They all face the same challenges. We're coming at it from every angle.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Ryan.

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Ryan: Actually I want it start off by acknowledging you Karl. You are the glue here. I appreciate that you mentioned that you're part of adopted a park program. It was so exciting when doing the cleanup work. I also wanted to make a comment on the transformation of the culture which really does start at the board. I had a position similar where it's a mainstream organization that represents all communities. It was 2008. In two years we really changed the composite. I had people coming at me saying what's the secret sauce. I'm sure you know this, it's about relationships. It took a lot of dialogue, outreach, and listening. I want to acknowledge that you made this work front and center. I appreciate that a lot. I also think it's important to lift up the industry that you represent. I think sometimes people forget that all industries in our country have some horrific history, that's true with sport as well as you know. My lived experience was being active in proofs was where you had had an opportunity it build relationships and culture. It's organic for Oregon sports authority to be a leader with this work. With the topic of the day being dei. You have deep roots in your industry. My spouse isn't from a sports culture -- I'm the youngest of eight. I have older brothers. Sports is in my dna. Here is an unfair question that I he still want to ask you. Do you have an opinion on the fact that Oakland is looking to maybe move. Again, I said the unfair question of the day. **Etzel:** Gentleman it's not. It's really relevant. We lease space to Portland diamond project. They've been working really hard to be positioned for a moment like this. At the end of the day our biggest competitor is the city of Oakland. We want to bring everybody down there. As long as there's no realignment with major league baseball it's a west coast race. Cities on the east coast would throw it out of alignment. There is major presentation that's happening tomorrow that is not with the oak land a's but in general about sight. They are very active. They have also been complimented because the city of Las Vegas just likes to make noise. They are hope in their desire to be it. Oakland has been more strategic. It's been recognized by not just the Oakland a's but in baseball. You just don't want that stuff out in the news about talk. I was on a call last night where they were complimented on that. We'll see where this goes. Looking at some other opportunities that would benefit the city. Sports unified us on the field both with participants in the stands. They've been really quiet on things like blm if we peeled the curtain back were demonstrating that we're walking the talk. We weren't there yet. The only statement we made was when the nba and major league soccer stopped that night. We came out with a statement, you can't just root in the stands for an organization that represents your city if you don't listen to them off the field. That was the only statement we would make as we demonstrate changes we can make in our city.

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Ryan: You have the head and heart for this city. Another unfair city. What are your thoughts on the blazers?

Wheeler: Good answer -- wise judgment since your ordinance is still sitting on the council table. This is the first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next item 353 please.

Clerk: Appoint members to the New Portlanders Commission.

Hardesty: Thank you. I'm happy to present to you today this list of stellar community members who agree to serve in capacity on a new Portlanders commission. I do believe we have someone here to present on this.

Marco Mejia: Thank you very much. My name is Marco. I'm the community engagement coordinator for the city. I'm a member of the immigrant and refugee team. I provide technical support an expertise advice logistical and administrative assistance. It it's an honor to present to you two members who played a vital role on the committee. They completed 30 hours of work for the representatives being presented to you today. Let's welcome Blanca.

Blanca Gaytan Farfan: Hello. Good morning. Immigrant refugee small business owners across the state as well. Essential workers and lastly the community has an 11 billion spending power across Oregon. The contributions of immigrant refugee communities in Oregon and particularly in Portland are overall the key to economic and social development. The new Portlanders policy commission was encouraged to bring the voices to the city. The city of Portland established the new Portlanders policy. Refugee leaders who live, work, play in the community. Support community initiatives by refining and reviewing past recommendations on immigrant and refugee community integration policy and practices developing policy and practice recommendations for community integration. Providing expert support and technical support to local partners and other policies and practices. That's a little bit of background. I'll pass it off to Salome for more information on the process.

Salome Nanyenga: Thank you. Good morning mayor, commissioners, and all the guests. I'm a member since 2019. I would like to present a brief count of how the selection committee did its work appointing the new Portlander membership was reduced by 15. In the regular term, the by law, the commission assigned six of its member it comprise the selection committee. It was selected intentionally for diversity of our commission. The process was as follows. We plant and set a time line goal. We established the criteria to help us select the best who will respond to the new Portlander policy commission needs and goals. Review and design the application based on

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series standards of public volunteer boards and commissions members, then we open the public recruitment. We intentionally did targeting outreach groups, communities, and organizations composed and are waiting directly with immigrants and refugees in Portland. After public recruitment. We had 45 people who applied. The committee reviewed each application rigorously based on the criteria. We had three rounds of selection. We selected 24 candidates in the first round. Secondly we selected 17 candidates in the second round who were also called for personal interviews. The final confirmed nine of the candidates. Through the advisory bodies all applicants learned about the expectations, time commitment and role of the new Portlanders. Affirmed by signing and submitting their application. I would like to present to council the candidates selected if appointed they will become the new members of new Portlanders commission and bring its members to 24. Here they are. Sarah, Victor, Eric, Nabin, Mai, Jessica, Vanir, Rama, Hussein. As a group these candidates will contribute to maintain the np pc as the commission in Portland. It represents countries of origin, languages, gender, sexual orientation, life experiences, and professional expertise and more. The np pc through our mayor are asking confirmation to become our new commissioners. Thank you.

Mejia: Thank you very much. Now thank you all to council. If put have any questions, we're ready an open to answer those.

Wheeler: Colleagues any questions. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: What an incredible am of time volunteers spent both recruiting candidates, doing personal interviews and being intentional about the skill sets you were seeking. I want to applaud the thoughtfulness under which you were moving these candidates forward. That's number one. Number two, I want to ask the prior board members who had rotated off, do we have any exit interview information that would help us understand the challenges that new Portlanders face when volunteering their time for this work.

Mejia: They have to fill out a document exiting out. One of the difficulties the commissioners have during this time. One of the things that have always come up and the council is dealing with is at some point we are able to compensate for the time volunteers have put into the work. That's one the major ones, the difficulties for them. Many have kids, two or three jobs. It's good to understand that all of the people that come to serve in these commissions are citizens of the city that are very committed also in their own political and social life too.

Hardesty: Thank you so much for that. A lot of times I ask questions I already know the answer to. I asked that question specifically because we're interested in doing a pilot project. I would

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support a pilot with the New Portlanders Commission about what that would look like city wide. Civic life is responsible for coming back to the council with some recommendations. It's a very complicated process. It's my hope if the council desires to put in a pilot project on community engagement that we would use new Portlanders commission as our pilot because of the years that we've had to struggle to actually support our immigrant and refugee's community voice for immigrant policy and deliberations. You said exactly what I would have said if I had answered it myself. Excellent work, fabulous candidates. Thank you so much for what you do and for the intentionality you bring to your work with us at the city of Portland. Thank you.

Mejia: Thank you commissioner.

Wheeler: Colleagues any further questions. If not, I will entertain a motion.

Hardesty: I move we accept the report as presented. I'm sorry appoint the new members as presented.

Wheeler: Is there a second.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Any further discussion. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Ryan: This is a great group of people. Thank you for bringing it forward. I did have the privilege of gathering with members and listen and learn from all of you about your issues and agenda and what you need support and advocate for. I'm looking forward to engaging with the new members. Thank you for your commitment to the np pc. It's a terrific report. It's great to quantify 11 billion in spending the emerging market's power in our market. I just really want to thank you again for your dedication and help us highlight the voices of our part landers. We're excited to work with you. Thank you, again. Aye.

Hardesty: Thank you for the fabulous work of Pacific Life to bring these candidates to us. Thank you for your incredible work and leading to this great list of candidates. They are impressive and I know they will add value to work of the commission. I'm happy to vote aye.

Mapps: I would like to thank Marco for his work on this commission. I would like to thank all the volunteers for this very important work. I vote aye.

Rubio: I want to thank the current members and commissioner Hardesty and Pacific Life for this commission. I'm very impressed with the perspective and experience you all work. I had the great privilege to work with so many refugee and immigrant families during my time with non-profit work. When you work within or alongside these communities you have a deeper

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appreciation that resides within these communities. At the same time you can never unsee the lack of cultural responsiveness. We've had to rec for government to more fully recognize experiences and contributions and even the humanity and address challenges and participation in work and Civic Life can and community life. It may seem like a basic thing to ask for. People may be surprised the actions or inactions can strip away the basics of the lives. I applaud your commitment to stepping into this service. There's still a lot of work to do as we move into recovery from covid. Congratulations. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Portland has had a strong record particularly in recent years around both welcoming, protecting and enhancing and being responsive to the needs of the community. You'll recall when there was a time when the very institution of immigration was under fire in this country. I was very proud of the fact that as mayor Portland took a leadership role in championing an supporting the cause of immigration and we made ourselves a very intentional leader of that movement and it was this commission that helped us to really formulate and express that leadership position and the importance of it and not only value of immigration but also the work this commission does is not only very important it is as I would say essential to the work that this city needs to do. We have a good record in the city of Portland but we need to have a better record. We're doing a lot but nobody's doing enough is probably how I would describe it. This is a great panel. Commissioner Hardesty thank you to the office of civic life. Thank you for bringing a great panel forward but most importantly thank you. Everybody is busy. There's a lot going on and healing that needs to happen. There's a lot of trauma. This commission will help us navigate both the trauma and the healing process yet to come. It's a big job. I'm just glad there's knowledgeable people willing to donate their time and energy. I appreciate it. Not just as mayor but somebody b who lives here in this city. Thank you. It's an easy vote. I vote aye. The report is accepted, appointments approved. I hope you'll reach out to all of us and let us know how we can be helpful in your mission. This is a partnership and we want you to be successful in making our community successful. Next up we're move to go the regular agenda 357, please.

Clerk: Proclaim May to be Portland nurse's month.

Wheeler: Whether in an everyday emergency, on a battlefield, or in a pandemic, nurses always find themselves on the front line of providing healing and care to choose who need it. Nurses are an essential part of providing care. They pre vied significant emotional support. Nurse as long with other health care workers have played an essential role during the pandemic putting their lives on the line to pre vied better outcomes for patients during covid 19. This has led to high

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burn out and stress. 93 percent of health care workers reported burn out and stress. 76 percent reported stress and burn out. 75% said they were overwhelmed. More than ever nurses need to know that they are respected, valued, and celebrated. Nurses were essential before the pandemic and especially essential now. We can't take for granted the crucial role that they perform in our helming care for our entire community. To all nurses, I want to say thank you. I salute you. Perfect, before I read this proclamation, are there any comments my colleagues would like to share.

Hardesty: I've always been a champion of nurses. This last year with covid has taught us something that I hope we never forget. In crisis, nurses are always on the front line. They put themselves at risk, their family lives at risk. They do it because they have to and have taken an oath to actually serve people who are in the -- I have to tell you in the beginning of the pandemic it felt overwhelming just watching what was happening all over the country. I just want to say thank you. Thank you to the nursing who each an everyday get up and do an incredibly thankless job but yet vital to the health and wellbeing of so many people in our community. I want you to know I see you. I see you daily. On a personal note, I had a loved one receiving from cancer, though the doctor did the surgery the doctor did the follow-up, it was the nurses that help the survival and recovery from what was a major life threatening illness. My hats off to nurses not just today but every single day of year. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan.

Mapps: Let me share with you one of the many reasons why. Last Sunday I got my second covid shot at the Oregon convention center. It's been a couple days an I feel great. I still feel an ache in my arm. It's a souvenir of someone who brought me from my beginning and end of journey.

Rubio: Nurses everywhere have put their lives on the line to ensure that our residents have the chance to return to full health. Nurses have made an impact in my life when we had to coordinate for care for my father the knitting together of his care plan. It was nurses that did this when they didn't have to. I'm so grateful for that. These are essential workers that bring a quality of care and expertise and deep deep love for patients. I want to personally thank them in the Portland metro region and around the world. I vote aye. It's not a vote. It's a proclamation. Never mind.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: I wanted to start off by acknowledging all the great comments. There's a reason we're taking a breath and giving attention to nurses. My aunt was a public nurse. If you go a

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generation above me, women and females had two professions they could excel in t. Was nursing and teaching. She had so much insight. She would nail what was happening in the world because she saw things in such a direct raw way. She warned me about the houselessness crisis that was coming if we didn't get things right. They just see things coming. Nurses were the ones that would rally with me. My respect for nurses is deep. I'll end with the last year especially, I have two friends that work in emergency er they give me so much insight about the types of -- the increase in the amount of mental health issues from covid and our houseless residents. Our state is so inadequate. This is mental health awareness month and I'm bringing this in with nurses. Thank you for being on the front lines and continuing to show up for work. You definitely don't get paid enough. We're all here to acknowledge you.

Wheeler: With that on behalf of the city of Portland I'll read a proclamation. Whereas the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the health care needs in a variety of settings. Registered nurses are charting a new course for primary and preventative health care. A renewed emphasis on primary and preventative health care for better utilization of -- next up is item number 358.

Wheeler: Colleagues this is a procurement report for environmental services project to repair the pump station located in water front park. The equipment and control system was damaged by a flood in 2015.

Kathleen Brenes-Morua: I'm here to enter into a contract for the odor treatment system. The engineers estimate of one point two million. At that time the confidence level was high. Procurement systems issued a bid. It was determined to be the lowest responsive bid. The utilization goal applied. Stellar j submitted to subcontract to firms certification for business inclusion and diversity. They are self-performing nearly 70% of the work. Stellar j corporation is in compliance with all requirements. Our recommendation is that you accept the report and enter into the contract.

Wheeler: Any question about this item. I'll entertain a motion.

Ryan: Thank you. It's always good to see you. When it says that the confidence level was high. The confidence on the cost of the prong was high. Can you explain that resulting in overestimation?

Brenes-Morua: I will ask Paul Suto to respond.

Huong Nguyen: I'm the project manager for this project. The estimate was at 100%. The level of estimate was high. However, when we bid the project, the level we need to meet for the safety

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of the pedestrian that required -- does add on a level of safety and we believe that was the reason that the bid was higher. .

Ryan: That's helpful. Anytime it's over 25% it raises questions. You explained it was around safety. I appreciate that.

Wheeler: Very good. I'll entertain a motion.

Mapps: I move that we pass this ordinance.

Wheeler: Is there a second.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The report is accepted, item 359, please.

Clerk: Authorize a borrowing of not for than sixty million four hundred seventy thousand dollars in anticipation of the fire and police disability and retirement fund levy for fiscal year 20. Twenty-one, 22.

Wheeler: This is a result of a cash flow deficit due to the timing of tax collection. The city will repay the principle and interest on the notes no later than six/30/22. Matt Gierach is here to further discuss the ordinance.

Matt Gierach: This ordinance authorizes the short term borrowing for fire and police disability fund. They are funded on an annual basis which is sized to pay the funds current year requirements. Given that the city's first property tax requirements, this presents a recurring funding gap. To address the short fall, the city enters into a borrowing fund. The borrowing solves for a timing mismatch of annual revenues and expenditures. With your authorization we expect to enter into the borrowing on July 7th. Currently our estimated interest rate is roughly zero point four percent. This will depend on parking costs. Stacy jones is here to answer any specific questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues any questions on this matter? Is there any testimony on this item?

Clerk: Yes, mayor. We have one person signed up. Edith Gillis.

Edith Gillis: Hello. I would like you to separate the amount set aside for the fire disability and retirement from the police, prevent cops from hurting the economy and people's ability and willingness to pay the taxes and to lend the money. Increase the tax collection fined from the wealthy. Ban the use of steroids when not medically necessary. Do frequent drug testing to prevent police from disabling others.

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Wheeler: These are all interesting ideas but completely unrelated to what is before us. This is a question about gap funding for the fire and police retirement program. If you have comments on other matters, this is not the time to express that. Do you have any comments on this particular ordinance, if not we're going to move on? All right. Colleagues any further questions on this ordinance? This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It move it second reading.

Clerk: Amend permit fee schedules for building, electrical, land use services, mechanical, enforcement, plumbing, signs, site development, and land use services fee exceed yule for the hearing's office.

Wheeler: There's been public testimony. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the role.

Ryan: The bureau of public development, to continue to operate at a level for home owners, renters. I value them and use their experience. Their one focus goal is to improve the quality of submittals. I vote aye.

Hardesty: This is one bureau that everybody in the city of Portland has an opinion about. It is my hope as we continue to monitor the recovery from covid 19. We will continue to monitor it. We don't know. We don't know what we don't know yet. I will put faith in commissioner Ryan to keep us updated on whether or not we're having any unintended consequences from this action. But today, I will vote aye.

Mapps: Aye.

Rubio: I want to thank the bdsf staff during these challenging times. I'm support of these efforts in the hopes of avoiding layoffs and keeping services. I appreciate the engagement with impacted organizations prayer to rolling this out. I vote aye. .

Wheeler: I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted.

Clerk: Authority the bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the pedestrian safety improvements. Americans with disabilities act accessible sidewalks project through the exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

Hardesty: This will rebuild the two ramps on 60th avenue to meet current ada compliance. The project will also provide safe landing next to signal pole and signal activation push buttons. All effected property owners have been contacted by phone or mail about the city's needs and plan to attend the reading this this item.

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Ashley McLay: Good morning. My name is Ashley I'm a PBOT right of agent I'm joined today by Jim Scanlon who will discuss more of the project.

Jim Scanlon: I'm the designer for this project. My personal information is I'm a member of the pbot team. I'm part of the ada ramp crew. We're charged with ensuring that city delivers 13 ramps per year. They come to us through multiple sources. CIP, private development, and also our ramps by request program. Whereby people with disabilities can request specific improvements in their neighborhoods for the public benefit. This ramp came to us as a project to complete improvements to the intersection that were begun by the MO, maintenance operations. Those other three corners were completed in 2019. The project location is two blocks north of the mount tabor grade school. The pedestrian crossings are signal controlled by push buttons. It requires a level landing next to the button. There's not sufficient right of way to build an ada compliant ramp. I apologize, I meant to be sharing my screen. Is the screen visible now?

Hardesty: It's still not visible. It just popped up.

Scanlon: I've just talked through this elements establishing the existing conditions coming into it. This shows an aerial picture of the intersection. The lower left hand corner of the top picture represents the corner that we are improving. The ground level picture in the lower left hand corner is a street view of the pole that we need the pedestrians to be able to access. Lower right hand is a picture of the foot print for the ada compliant blue principle. It will complete the intersection improvements. I believe Ashley will be talking about the right of way component.

McLay: : Thank you. A general ave item 361 gives pbot authority to compensate property owners for the project. For this project permanent right of way for one property owner have been determined as necessary. The effective property owner has been informed and was invited to this reading. Other than that, thank you for your time, we are here to answer any questions.

Hardesty: Thank you for that presentation. Mayor, I'll send it back over to you.

Wheeler: Very good. That completes the full presentation. Any questions, colleagues? This is a -- .

Hardesty: Do we have anyone signed up to testify?

Wheeler: Is there any public testimony?

Clerk: No one signed up to testify. .

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

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Rubio: I just want to say thank you. I used to live right near this intersection. It's a really busy one. This work is really needed. Thank you for this important project. I vote aye.

Wheeler: It can only help. Thank you for the presentation. I vote aye. 362 please.

Clerk: Authorize the bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the signal rebuild.

Hardesty: Replace the signal at SE 52 avenue and Woodstock. This will include ada corner ramp upgrades and paving. All effected property owners have been contacted by phone or mail. They have been invited to a ten the reading of this item. Ashley, I didn't appreciate you in the first one because I knew you were coming right back.

McLay: I'm joined by David Backes who is the project manager of this project.

David Backes: Thank you Ashley, mayor, and commissioners. David, pbot. I hear everyone is hungry, I'll keep this brief and did a quick project overview of the right of way needs. As the commissioner mentioned this is south east fifty second and wood stock. It's a complete traffic signal rebuild. This is a community driven effort. I'll show just a quick clip of the e-mails we've received about this traffic signal. This was vetted through our signals and street lighting team. It's an older signal. It's expensive to maintain. This will help reduce our fought you're maintenance on the city. It improves safety for all road users. If you can picture yourself wanting to turn left, the only real way to do it is when the light turns yellow or sometimes ready. At that point you're really hoping that they're not try to go use the crosswalk. Construct a new modern traffic signal. Bring all the corners up to ada standards. Repave the current intersection which is necessary. Here is a very brief snap shot of some of the e-mails we have gotten. Folks are very concerned about the safety at the intersection. This is a response to the safe phone calls complaints over last few years. With that we can get into the right of way details.

McLay: It gives pbot the right to compensate six property owners. A permanent right of way for one property owner has been identified. They were invited to this reading. If council has any questions, we are happy to answer them.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up for this item.

Wheeler: Very good. This is an emergency ordinance, please call the role.

Ryan: Thank you. I love the slide with the females, that was awesome. I vote aye.

Hardesty: Thank you Ashley for your very important work. Everyday people are being injured on our streets because of poor infrastructure and lack of maintenance. These are very vital areas of

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our city. You have a tough job because your job is to prioritize what we can do with the limited resource that's we have. I applaud your work and look forward to these improvements being realized.

Rubio: I want to thank Ashley for the presentation and thank you for the important work.

Wheeler: I vote aye. This is adopted. Thank you for that.

Clerk: Authorize a five year joint development agreement with pierce manufacturing for a reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus not to exceed \$900,000.

Hardesty: This is a second reading mayor.

Wheeler: That's correct. I apologize. Please call the roll.

Ryan: That's great to do what we can within our own lane to reduce carbon emissions.

Hardesty: I too am very giddy about the feature of fire and rescue. I'm happy to vote aye.

Rubio: Thank you to commissioner Hardesty and the fire bureau for bringing this forward. This is exactly the type of legislation we need to reduce carbon emissions.

Wheeler: I strongly support the strategies around alternative fuel sources. This does that. We should look at operational opportunity to reduce our carbon emissions. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item.

Clerk: Authorize grant agreements with six non-profit organizations through the diversity and civic leadership program for the period July 1, 2021. To July 30, 2022.

Hardesty: Also a second reading, mayor.

Wheeler: I don't show that.

Hardesty: You may remember commissioner Ryan pulled it off the consent agenda. We had a lively conversation last week.

Wheeler: Can I get confirmation on that council.

Hardesty: I apologize. I was mistaken. I'm going to turn it over to Andrea.

Andrea Williams: Thank you for the opportunity to present on civic life's diversity and leadership program. I'm the partnership manager. I'm going to go co-present. We'll provide a quick summary of the program. We've invited two leadership graduates to give you a deeper sense of the program and a brief summary of their experience.

Hardesty: As I mentioned earlier, we're a bit over time. We're going to come back to council at 2:00. If you could abbreviate your presentation, we're just running a lot over today, I would be greatly appreciative.

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Williamsj: We'll do our best. If you could pull up the slide show, that would be great. I'll keep my comments super brief especially since we have two guests here. Just to give commissioners a sense of what this program is. This is a program that enhances civic engagement amongst bipo and civic engagement communities. It's done through six organizations that are our partners. They carry out three interdependent goals. One is build out engagement communities. The second is to support communities that reflect their lived experience through cohort based models. The third is to build connections across communities and community based organizations. You can see right here on the next slide the different program outcomes we're hoping to achieve through this program. In collaboration with these six leadership partners. This ordinance really authorizes civic life to -- administer these 6 grant agreements for a 1-year term. This total really maintains the previous fiscal year's allocation. We wanted to do our best to reflect the budget guidance to prioritize communities most impacted. This year marks the 12th year of the cohort, a very successful 12 years. Also cognizant of other organizations we can partner with. I'm going to hand it to my colleague to talk more about the program.

Shuk Arifdjanov: Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. This is the budget for diversity and civic leadership program. We're requesting approval which programs to one hundred forty one thousand for each partner for each of the six partners. As you see we put the last column on the right to show organizational budget capacity for each partner here. Showing the proportion of the civic life funning in their entire organizational life revenue. This is the chronological history for the program. In 2010 five partners. In 2012 the ordinance authorized funding for each partner. From 2012 to 2019 the funding through grant agreements, the ordinance authorized one hundred thousand each for each partner. The same amount of funding for next fiscal year. Council members, next I would like to invite our two partner representatives.

Simone Auger: I'm a proud alum of the Oregon lead program for the family youth center. The lead program is funded through the diversity and civic leadership program within the office of community and civic life. Lead participants have the opportunity to take part in a yearlong curriculum grounded in a manner that is culturally relevant and responsive. In the leader -- the Oregon lead experience affirms cultural identity through peer to peer relationships for year it come. I'm proud to be a part of an amazing cohort connect canning one another through shared experiences. The lead curriculum was well crafted with eventful growth exercises built in with workshops with native professionals' community organization, communication, advocacy, fundraising, and organizational management. The leadership education through the program

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helped me advance both personally and professionally. Currently I serve as a congressional fellow. I continue to benefit from the leadership training insight an engagement we experience with dynamic leaders through this program. Funding for the program will provide other emerging leaders with the opportunity to grow within their capacity. I urge you to continue funding into next year. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate your consideration.

Manijeh Mehrnoosh: Good morning mayor and commissioners and everyone. Thank you so much for giving me this chance to present my case about pilot program. I am unite Oregon board's cochair and pilot graduate of 2012. The leadership program, here is what I'd like to say about the immigrant leadership and organizing training program. This program is very diverse and opened my heart to so many cultures. It's a judgment free space and the way all the participants feel welcome and special including all the immigrants and refugees which i, myself, am an immigrant from Iran. One of the ways we know that fight and justice through discrimination is educating people. To me, unite Oregon is like a beautiful university. Pilot is one of the colleges in that university. The workshop that we experience while we are taking pilot program taught us about injustice and civil responsible. They were so intense that it brought us to tears. When we were acting as a real thing and we had this skit playing the program about injustice an civic responsibility. I'm a member of the adversity advisory board and committee member for the city of Portland. I started working with emerge, the interface movement for immigrant justice and other organizations as well. All of these doors of civic engagement were opened to me because of this pilot program. As a matter of fact I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for pilot. This year our theme for pilot was east Portland and Portland prosperity. Our 2020 to 2021 pilot class present 21 different countries of origin. For the first time pilot members are leading conversations and workshops about environmental justice and sustainability in their own communities in four different languages. We launched our first pilot cohort in 2007. We have 280 pilot graduates including myself representing 81 countries. Other graduates have gone onto become elected officials, lead initiatives, inspirational leaders in their communities. When you continue funding this pilot program, you continue building and strengthening our city. I'm positive you won't egret your decision to fund this leadership program. Thank you so much for your understanding and support. Thank you.

Wheeler: Excellent presentation. Thank you for presenting to the city council today. Colleagues any questions on this item. Any public testimony.

Clerk: No one signed up for this item, mayor.

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Wheeler: Great. Please call the roll.

Ryan: Nothing like building capacity. I vote aye.

Hardesty: I'm really proud of the work that's been done over the year as part of this grant process. It's hard to believe that it's been 12 years since this program was created. Clearly it has had an impact in our community and on civic engagement. This is the last year this program will operate like this, however. It's important this opportunity is made available for a lot of community members who desperately need this kind of training. I certainly look forward to working with the groups who have the historic perspective on how to make this available for more black, indigenous, and other organizations. This is a legacy program. I'm committed to doing just that. I'm happy to vote aye today for this report, this funding. I look forward to working with community based organizations and my city colleagues about how this program evolves to continue to do the good work that it's done. Thank you.

Mapps: I'm going to vote yes on this today. But I also feel compelled today say that civic life is obviously a bureau in transition. It pains me to invest in a bureau until I know where it's going. I will vote yes on this because I trust commissioner Hardesty to reimagine and reform the office of civic life. I know and trust many of the organizations funded by this project. That's why I vote aye.

Rubio: I want to thank everyone for the presentation. I'm very excited to the city will continue to support this today. I'm interested in learning about what my colleague mentioned about the innovations to come. I have the unfortunate experience by working with these programs for the last 12 years. These trusted organizations have served as our first engagement for many of them with the city. These programs typically rely heavily on in person presence for intimate connection work. This past year they had to recalibrate and a dap. They were able to continue to enhance the engagement when it was vitally important over the past 14 months in sustaining community connection. Thank you for continuing this really vital work. I look forward to hearing updates. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Happy to support this. Thank you for the presentation. Thank you to those who took the time to do that this morning. Next is 365 please.

Clerk: Authorize bureau of environmental services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the south Portland rehab project through the exercise of the city eminent domain authority project.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

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Mapps: Meet the future storm water needs. This is in the -- you can see the three temporary construction easements needed for the repairs. There was a -- market value of this work was determined by an independent appraisal. Last I knew it came out to \$9,300. We are anticipating notice to proceed next year in spring. We hope to acquire the property interest at the time we start. Essentially by March first. That is all I have in my slide show. I always like to get a historic picture of the neighborhood that we're working in just so we have a bit of culture and presentation as well.

Joe Dvorak: We have a very short presentation. Daniel I'll turn it over to you now to run through the slides.

Daniel Boatman: As mentioned, I'm here with Joe and Ashley. This is Ashley's 3rd presentation, so thanks for sticking in here. This project will be will go out to bid later on this year, but ahead of it we need to secure property rights on one property in particular. We have an existing easement with a pipe going through it on private property. That pipe is failing and needs repair. Here is an overview of the property. You can see the orange hatch line is the existing easement and the blue line is the pipe that will be repaired. In order to access the pipe we will need to go in through their driveway and in order to maintain the pipe in the future we need to expand the easement. This ordinance is about obtaining the property rights for the temporary easement and the permanent easement for the future. We are working through the owner directly and will continue to do so during construction. Do date they have been onboard with getting the work done. The construction method for this will be an open spot repair where we will just repair a short section of the pipe. I might ask Ashley to jump in if there are questions about the right of way itself. The easement will be 15-ft wide, which is standard. In the lower left you can see the three temporary easements in order to complete the repairs, they are supplemental to the permanent easement. The market value of the easements was determined by an independent appraisal. Last I heard it was \$9300. Ashley can you confirm?

McLay: The easement is less than \$10,000.

Boatman: We are anticipating to proceed next year in the spring and we hope to acquire the property interest by the time we start, March 1. That is all I have. I always like to give a historic picture of the neighborhood just so we have the culture in the presentation, so this image shows that. A little north of where the pipe and private property is. Let me stop sharing my screen.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, while they are doing that.

Hardesty: Thank you. I answered my own question.

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Wheeler: Colleagues. Any further question on this item. Is there any public testimony on this item.

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. It's a first reading on a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Last item.

Clerk: Amend fee schedule for tree permits.

Rubio: Pay part of the costs for urban forestry performing its responsible as directed and title 11 fee schedule incorporates 5% increases to most development fees with some fees increasing more than 5% to better incur costs of these services. Tree removal and replacement applications will remain unchanged. Perform more information.

Jenn Cairo: Brian Lando is here. I want to also recognize Brian for his work on the fee schedule update. While parks title 11 fee schedule covers two types of permits and review fees. Development and non-development. Development fees cover the cost of parks urban forestry, tree preservation planting and other requirements preservation planting. Non development permit fees such as tree removal and application are set below to level code compliance. The fee schedule you see here increases most development fees by 5%. On the sheet in front of you see you can see the right in red. One development fee is increasing from \$229 to three hundred two dollars and that's to be consistent with other fees that have a comparable amount of labor associated with them. Review, final inspection, reinspection. This change brings parks permit fee structure in line with other bureaus that also does public works comments. Fees for non-development while development remains unchanged. That concludes the information I have prepared for you. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. .

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you for this important ordinance. I have a question and I'm almost fearful to raise it. Last year we got into a big conversation about penalties. Maybe they remove a tree and they shouldn't. It doesn't look like we're raising the cost when people violate the rules. At a time when we need to recover costs, we review the penalties fit the time that we're in. The violations, those fees are really low. I think developers write it in as the cost of doing business. Do you have data that actually proves or disproves the premise that I'm putting on the table?

Cairo: Thanks for the question. To clarify something, the penalties where there are violations and enforcement fees, these fees in enforce m on the lower part of the page don't apply during

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development because in property development instead what happens is folks applying for the permits through bureau of development services have to go an revise and correct things rather than the enforcement fees being activated which are focused on the non-development fees being implemented. Whether or not these are accurate. Wee routinely review where violations have occurred and the monetary implementations are accurate. Your point is a good one and we'll continue to review those for future iterations.

Wheeler: This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading.

Thank you commissioner. With that we're adjourned until 2 p.m. Thank you everybody.

At 12:32 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: This is Wednesday, May 19th afternoon session. Call the roll, please. [roll called]. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel, egov pdx, www.portlandoregon.gov. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and 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. With that we will hear from legal counsel. Good afternoon.

Anne Milligan: Thank you, mayor. You may sign up with the office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for resolutions and the first readings of ordinances. Online you may sign up for public testimony while the council is holding meetings. It should address the matter being considered at that time. Please state your name and your address is not necessary. The presiding officer determines length of testimony, individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up you will be asked to conclude. Disruptive conduct will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware all meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: First agenda item is 367, nonemergency ordinance.

Clerk: Revise residential solid waste and recycling collection rates and charges effective July 1, 2021.

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Wheeler: Commissioner rubio.

Rubio: This ordinance plans to adjust the monthly rates for collection for garbage, recycling, and composting. Every year in accordance with the franchise agreement the bureau of planning and sustainability conducts a review of the rate schedule. The rate represents the costs to provide service and provide incentive for waste reduction and recycling. We're a leader in composting and recycling. The bureau of planning and sustainability has reviewed the costs associated with residential collection service and is proposing a monthly rate increase of -- of a dollar 30 to a dollar 70 for most customers. Bruce Walker and Arianne Sperry are here to share the findings from this year's garbage and recycling rate review.

Bruce Walker: Thank you. I'm Bruce Walker, the waste collections manager for the bureau of planning and sustainability. I'm here to discuss the outcomes of the annual rate making process for curbside garbage and recycling collection. Recycling and composting collection. The workers that pick up our garbage have done a great job providing this essential service through the year. Garbage and composting and recycling collections are recognized as an essential service and the drivers are on the front line of delivering those services to the public. Now, some background on this annual rate review process. There we go. As a reminder city sets rates for curbside residential program which includes single family homes, duplexes and triplexes and fourplexes. Properties with five or more units and business are part of our commercial sector which has a different system and the city does not set rates. Collection services are provided by private haulers and our rate making analysis includes an independent CPA review of all of our financial reports. Using the previous year's cost as a base, we add in fuel and wage adjustments as well as the changes in the garbage disposal fees that are established. It is important to note that inflation and other cost adjustments are applied to the actual cost of providing service and not across the board to the existing rates. In this way, reduced operating costs that haulers experience can mitigate the effect of upward pressure on the rates. Rates are designed to allow haulers the opportunity to recover the costs of providing the service plus an operating margin and a franchise fee that is paid to the city. Smaller garbage service levels are slightly discounted to incentivized for waste reduction and recycling. We reviewed our rate making process with the commission. We conducted a public hearing and unanimously recommended the proposed rates being considered by you today. Next, Arianne will lay out the factors that are the basis for the proposed rate increase and we will answer questions you may have.

Arianne Sperry: Thank you, Bruce. I'm going to talk about the factors affecting rates. Last year

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during the pandemic, metro delayed the increase in the garbage tip fee. That's the price that metro charges for haulers to drop off garbage at transfer stations. They had a study last summer and this year there will be a more significant increase of 17 percent, going up to 115 dollars a ton. Haulers also collected more material from residents last year. Everyone was home a lot more. There was a big jump in the garbage collect but also more garbage and recycling. Fuel costs are projected to increase along with wages and union contract putting upward pressure on rates. What does it all mean? We're proposing a rate increase for all service levels. For the most popular service level, to 35 gallon cart collect every two weeks, we're looking at a rate increase of a dollar 40 per month. That's a little over a 4 percent increase. If next week you vote to adopt the new rates they will take effect July 1. I also want to take this opportunity to touch on other projects that we have cooking. There's been a lot of interest in low income assistance program. I wanted to update you on that. First, I'll mention that the city has always required and continues to require property owners to set up and pay for garbage service for tenants. So renters, whether they live in a single family home or larger apartment building, if they experience economic hardship, they don't have to worry about their garbage collection being cut off. We believe that requirement insures the essential service will be maintained for many of Portland's most vulnerable communities. What about people that own properties and are struggling. We conducted a pilot program.

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, go ahead.

Hardesty: My apologies, Arianne, you said something about apartment complexes. Would you repeat what you just said?

Sperry: We have a requirement that property owners set up and pay garbage service for their tenants. If you're renting in a single family home or apartment building, you don't have to worry about your garbage service being cut off if you're experiencing financial hardship. That's one element you don't have to worry about.

Hardesty: Thank you. I would say that on the other side of that coin is paying excessive services, excessive fees based on nothing that makes any sense per apartment and in an apartment complex. I believe people who live in -- who are renters are paying significantly more for significantly less service. My question is what are the safeguards so that landlords won't be gouge individual tenants because they won't get a bill but they're required to pay a set fee and not based on anything.

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Sperry: Yeah. In our -- the metro plan, we're taking a look at multi-family service and the rate that is are being paid to make sure that they're transparent and reflective of the costs that are -- are actually experienced. That's something that has definitely been flagged and we're working with our regional partners to address that. Do you have anything you want to add to that, Bruce?

Walker: Commissioner, the -- we have not -- we, the city and city council, have not established a rate making process for the entire commercial sector, including multi-family. As Arianne pointed out, we're looking at greater service requirements to insure that better services and transparency for those costs related to solid waste services will be put into place. That's not brought forward in the immediate future.

Hardesty: That's my concern. A few years ago we had the same conversation. We said we were working on addressing whether or not landlords are charging excessive fees to renters. I appreciate the improvement in the lower income assistance program, as we know, 55 percent of Portlanders are renters. A significant percentage of people of color are renters. We have not yet addressed this issue and it continues to be exacerbated by the pandemic and I don't want there to be a rosy picture without addressing there is a severe inequity in funding this system which has been lingering since the beginning of this system. I'm disappointed that we not now as we're coming out of the pandemic been intentional about addressing this matter. Thank you.

Sperry: Thank you for raising that I appreciate it. We're working on -- on a pilot program to help customers who own their homes to keep their garbage collection service during these difficult economic times, by providing a onetime credit with customers with past due bills. We wanted to get this into the hands of those struggling. The customers don't have to apply or prove income, instead, the haulers applied the credit to the customers that met the criteria. It was a quick straightforward way to provide one-time relief during a crisis. We'll be evaluating the pilot this summer and working with commissioner Rubio's office to establish next step in an ongoing bill system. This is part of the waste plan and to prioritize this work over the next one to three years, so we're also working with our regional partners on this. But we do hope to develop an interim program sooner on our own. I want to address these white triangles that you see on the truck in this photo. As part of the program safety effort, we have provided partial funding for side guard on the trucks. Side guards with installed between the front and rear axle in order to protect cyclists, pedestrians, and wheelchair users from impact. About three-quarters of the nearly 400 trucks in our fleet, the hauler fleet have now been installed. The remainder will be complete

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during this calendar year. We wanted to let you know that. We're excited about that. Bruce and I are available to answer questions.

Wheeler: Before you get in to that. I got pinged and want to make sure I got this right. We read 367 separately because that's under commissioner Rubio but I've been asked if we would read 368 and 369 as well. Those are commissioner Mapps's bureau. Do you want us to read 368 and 369.

Sperry: Are you asking me?

Wheeler: I'm asking anybody who is involved in the presentation. We could read them separately and together but I got pinged by somebody who thinks we should read all three together.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, it is my understanding that we're going to read all three of them together. Whatever makes sense.

Wheeler: Why don't we do that, commissioner Mapps, will you also have opening remarks on 368 and 369?

Mapps: I do.

Wheeler: Keelan, why don't we do that unless anybody objects. Can you read 368 and 369 and then we'll get questions if there are any. And we'll let commissioner Mapps do his opening statement. Does that work for everybody? Please read 368 and 369, then we'll do q and a and I'll turn it over to commissioner Mapps.

Clerk: Authorize the rates and charges for water and water related services July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 and fix an effective date. 369 Revise sewer and storm water rates, charges and fees in accordance with the fy 2021-22 sewer user rate study.

Wheeler: Do we have since we have Bruce and Arianne with us, any further questions for them at this juncture? Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: I remember there was an effort to diversify the contract opportunities around recycling and waste -- solid waste disposal. Where are we on diversifying the opportunities for the bipoc community members in these very lucrative contracts?

Sperry: Thank you for bringing that up. So this -- just a reminder that -- that our work considering equity in -- in our waste collection system it kind of -- it kind of came about as part of our midterm residential review in 2017 and city council directed us to use an equity lens as part of our review process and focus not just on diversifying the workforce but also on various economic opportunities for women and bipoc owned companies in the waste collection system.

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We quickly realized that the focus just on the franchise residential system because that just represents 20 percent of Portland's waste was limiting. So we developed waste equity work plan to document the city's commitment to advancing diversity and equity throughout the entire waste collection system. One thing we accomplished as part of that in 2018, City Council approved a class special procurement for city waste contracts. That allows us to focus opportunities for minority owned and women owned service providers. We have used that to bid out five-year 2 million dollar collection contract, servicing new public trash cans in east Portland to a local family owned bipoc run company. Service on the contract began last summer and it is doing very well. We're in the process of bidding out additional public trash collection contracts and we have several more lined up in the next several years that will go through a similar process. It is also has a waste equity advisor group that has callers and bipoc owned companies and advocacy groups, like the national association of minority contractors, and so that -- that group has been meeting and helping to guide the process, provide accountability to the process, one of the -- of the key projects we're working on right now is establishing a -- a demographic baseline surveying our hauler's workforce to establish that so we can measure progress moving forward. We should have the results of that this summer. Progress is being made. Yeah. I appreciate your asking that.

Hardesty: Well I'm surprised that wasn't in your presentation and you say look, this is what you asked and this is what we've done and where we're moving. You should be applauding the success of that effort. I didn't know you had that much success, which is why I was asking the question. I want to find out, are you looking at opportunities to make the contracts smaller for more opportunities for companies. For too long they have been very exclusive contracts. The 2 million dollar contract is out of the door. As we come out of the economic devastation there will be people looking at industries for opportunity that is they never looked in before. So I just want to make sure that you are -- that we as the city is really walking our talk. I'm proud today because there have been three presentations where there were benchmarks set and I believe all three of those organizations actually achieved the benchmarks that were set. I think it is important for my colleagues to know that if we don't have benchmarks we hold people accountable to, the systems don't change. I thank you for the work that you've done and look forward to continuing to assist you in this to be better. Thank you so much.

Sperry: I'll just say, it has been a fascinating topic to work on. We're learning a lot and exploring about what are the different opportunities and how do we right size them for different

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companies that are at different readiness levels to take on different types of work. So yes. We looked at how can we create those opportunities that are the right size for different types of companies. Yeah, you're spot on with that.

Hardesty: I think it would be really fabulous for us to as the city and I'm not quite sure mayor, who I'm directing this to, is for us to start collecting outcomes that we have actually invited our partners to achieve because I think this is the only way that we actually start changing systems is that we actually are keeping a tally. Maybe that's a conversation for someone else. I think it is going to be really critical as we come out this pandemic that we're able to measure what we say we value. And today has been an excellent opportunity of us moving the needle in ways I did not know. I wanted to put that on the table and look for opportunities for us to continue to vote other people who have done the hard work but also to push the rest of us to do more.

Wheeler: That's an excellent point. I agree. I'm a huge fan of dashboards. Any other questions before I turn this over to commissioner Mapps who will introduce us to 368 and 369? Anybody waiting to testimony, don't worry, we have not forgotten you. We'll get through the presentation and questions and if people are waiting to testify, you'll get your say, I promise. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: The bureau of environmental services and water bureau collectively build, manage and maintain 30 billion dollars in assets to provide water, storm water, and sewer services to every Portland resident and business. We're here today to authorize rates for the upcoming year with a combined increase of 4.9 percent for both utilities or about 6 dollars per month increase for a typical family. You should also know that both the bureaus and our customers have been impacted by the pandemic. Our bureaus absorbed the effects of reduced revenue, while at the same time, increasing financial assistance to Portlanders in need. Here's with the presentation is Mike Jordan director of the bureau of environmental services. And also the Gabe Somer from the water bureau. I turn it over to the directors.

Mike Jordan: Thank you. Members of the council, I believe there is a -- there is a PowerPoint presentation. There we go, coming. Happy to be here today. Thank you for having us. We're happy to talk about the rates that we have before you that we intend to adopt today with your consideration. It is worthwhile to note that these rates are generated from the budget that the council just approved recently and so, we'll -- Gabe and I are going to double-team this. In years past, you may recall that we did a water bureau presentation and a BES presentation. We're going to follow up on the way we did the budget and try to do this together. Hopefully it will

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paint a more consolidated picture of how the utilities are approaching both their budgets and the rate structure that -- that we're asking you to consider today. So first slide, please. Just as a reminder, this is our mission at the bureau of environmental services. While we have as commissioner Mapps mentioned, billions of dollars of hard assets that we manage, we also manage natural assets across the city with our -- our mission which is to -- is to preserve and restore the health of watershed. In this particular budget for the bureau of environmental services our objectives were to maintain our level of service. I called this a current service level budget. We haven't asked for increases in fte or major programmatic increases. We're asking for a current service level budget. Within that context, we hope to advance our equity plan priorities, some of which have to do with mwsb involvement and diversifying the workforce in trades. Continuing our asset management and reinvestment in the assets, it is what drives us to mitigating the risks to asset failure. Obviously complying with all of the regulatory requirements that is we do our work under from the feds and from the state. Then promote long-term financial stability and sustainability. Our goal over the long-term is that utilities pay their way and maintain the system at an adequate level of service. Next slide. I'll hand it over to Gabe.

Gabriel Somer: Thank you so much, Mike. I'm the Portland water bureau director. I think to commissioner Hardisty's requirements about benchmarks, one thing we've been asked to do is to have the utilities be coordinated and have us work together. I hope we're showing you in this presentation that we take that seriously and we are coordinated. We're so coordinated that if you didn't look at the logo on the slide, I could say ditto to what Mike just put up. We have very similar work that we do. Our missions are slightly different but we do coordinate and work well together. Similar objectives for water. I'll point out our budget is one of the biggest ways we can live our values. We have always been a public health organization and during the pandemic, that's more important than ever. We don't see equity called out as an objective here. It doesn't mean we're not working on equity, it's huge priority for the bureau. We focus on how we do the work, we don't equity for its own sake, we do the important hard work to make sure that we're -- we're doing all of these objectives with an equity lens and with that in mind. Next slide.

Jordan: Just as a -- a -- a refresher for council and for any public that are watching, this slide represents the revenue that we expect to raise with the fee schedule and the rate schedule you're considering today. You see that combined the annual rates and fees come to a little under 600 million dollars. What is notable in the pie charts is that about 97 percentish of all of our revenue both the water bureau and b.e.s. together come from the rates that our ratepayers pay

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each month or quarter and from the fees and charges that we charge others for our services.

There is no general fund revenue in either bureau's budget this fiscal year. Next slide. This slide represents and reminds you of our total expenditures. You'll see that combined the utilities expenditure budget is just right at a billion dollars. The notable part of this pie chart is about two-thirds of both of our budgets are -- represent capital investments. Either we're paying for previous capital investments that we've done in previous years, capital investments we intend to do this year, or putting away money for capital investments that we tend -- we intend to do in the future. It is certainly representative of what commissioner Mapps said about the number and value of assets that we manage, two third of the budget would be about maintaining and improving those assets. Next slide.

Somer: Thanks. To look at our asset condition, you can see blue for water and green for bps and the investment we make every year through our capital program is why we have 80 percent of our combined infrastructure in the very good, good or fair condition in the columns. We put that money to work to maintain systems for the generations in the future. You could also see that we have this chart is the result of our strong management programs that help us identify which process to replace, to repair or even to run into failure, we really use a risk based program and cost/benefit analysis. And equity has been included as a criteria in both of our asset management programs.

Jordan: Thanks. You'll probably note that on the right side of that slide there's a column called unknown. It is almost 3 billion dollars. That's predominantly, I think it is all d.e.s. Assets and that mostly has to do with -- with our pressurized mains and our pump service and some assets at our treatment plants. We are in a -- we have been for a number of years in a mode of doing condition assessment on that part of the system. It is very difficult to what we do with the rest of the system which is run a camera down the main and take pictures. You can't do that when the main is under pressure. The water bureau doesn't do that with their collections or distribution system. That -- that is one of the things that -- that keep me awake at night and that is that we're still in a process of getting condition assessment for a sizeable amount of our collection system. Thanks.

Somer: Absolutely. I think we can take the next slide. So just a little bit more about, again, what our money goes towards and those columns are good and bad and the unknown represent that infrastructure investment and while we make those investments we're contributing to the sustainability and the longevity of our assets. It also means we're fulfilling our regulatory requirements. Both are highly regulated and we talked about that a little bit in the discussion.

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Both years are also leaders in climate resilience and the projects that we do get us to those goals, they also provide an engine for -- for an equitable economic recovery and again thanks to -- to the Director Kinard for helping us tell that story in the budget process. Way back at the beginning of the budget discussion in how we can be that engine and that driver for the city and the region. Next slide.

Jordan: So what is on the radar that you're considering today? First of all retail rates. You can see on the slide the requested rate increases and the combined billing increase of about 4.9 percent. When we get to a later slide we'll talk more specifically about these dollars that that represents on a typical single family residence. Also in the rate ordinance are system development charges, both bureaus charge development charges to new development. Both bureaus system development charge structure is an reimbursement structure. With new development comes in the door, they pay the fee based on work we've already done to build the system in such a way that they can hook up to it and expect a level of service that is -- that will serve their development. You'll see under the b.e.s. Request that it is a variable request. It is based on a class of development that is occurring. You'll see in example one that -- that a single family dwelling residence increases 4 percent while an industrial park with two large buildings would increase by 6.3 percent. That's really based on the -- on the -- on the -- on the burden that the class of development puts on the system that we have a variable set of rates. Then you see and you recall back to the pie charts our other fees and charges other than sdc's and rate and retail rates are really around 1 percent of our total revenue, maybe 1 to 2 percent. They're very small. These are charges that we charge for development review types of things. Certain hookup charges. These are the other fees that we charge.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, a question?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you Michael. I didn't want to interrupt. I'm trying to understand, it looks like really significant rate increases at a time when we're desperate for housing people can afford to live in. So in this, my understanding is not including the billion dollar filtration system that we have and charging ratepayers as of yet but we'll pay for a significant period of time. How can you give us context as to -- as to what you're requesting we vote on today and how that is going to fit into when we know we already are going to be significant costs as we continue to do the work we're doing.

Somer: Go ahead.

Jordan: I was going to say thank you for the question. And I'll let Gabe respond particularly

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regarding the filtration plant. However, we do have a couple of slides later on that talk about the impact of dollars for folks and then we'll end with a number of things that we're doing regarding low income folks and our low income programs and how we're trying the best we can to ameliorate these rates for folks that really need the help. So I'll let Gabe talk a little bit about filtration and we'll get to the other questions too, commissioner.

Hardesty: That made me see that this is out of context to rate increases that are coming down the pike. I wonder, in your presentation, I'll wait. The other rate increases hit me big as well and the economic reality that we're in, I think that's an important thing for us to talk about today.

Hardesty: Absolutely. Go ahead, Gabe.

Somer: I was going to add and we will talk about the affordability pieces at the end of the presentation. I think that's critical with the rate increases. This is sizeable. I want to also point out that -- that we've been working with bts development services and our stake holders to understand for some of these very specific, sdc's and other fees and charges, we have taken or direction from those experts to say you need to charge more for it because it will help you move through the process more quickly and time is money for a lot of these developers. So it might sound a little counter intuitive. We're trying to follow the direction of the experts in terms of what should these fees be.

Hardesty: And houses people can afford to live in or market rate developers. If we're making it faster for market rate developers we aren't in need of those kind of things right away.

Somer: No, we're actually paying specific attention to affordable housing development, for just that reason. The other thing I would point out is that these percentages look a little scary. I'm with you there. When you look at the actual dollars. So you could have something going from ten dollars to 100 dollars for a major development. That's not a significant amount of dollars for that project. It is not going to represent a lot but obviously that's a big percentage increase. So not all of them are like that, I want to put that in context for you. And then obviously the bigger thought about the filtration and what is ahead of us. That's why we do these longer term forecasts so we can set rates and give council and the public and customers a sense of what is coming and prepare for that rather than a shock to the system.

Hardesty: Thank you so much. Michael, one last question for you before we move forward about the system development charge. There's a big difference between a 1 percent increase and an 8 percent increase. I'm concerned that there's no certainty about what would be a one percent increase and what would be an 8 percent increase.

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Jordan: Thank you. The -- the differences among the different charges by way of the examples that we're showing are really for different classes of development. A single family development comes in and it might be one or six or eight. We know that single family dwellings will be 4 percent and a certain amount for that dwelling, just like for other kinds of development classes whether they're commercial or industrial, they know what the rate will be. It is not variable rate for the development.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Jordan: You bet. Next slide.

Somer: So you can see this diagram before and before we dive into the mechanics of the rate ordinance, we wanted to show how our sewer storm water and water bills, how that money is invested and where it goes. That's important. People are paying this money and we want to show that does support again a mix of infrastructure and maintenance and resiliency and stewardship and all of the key utility services that support both the community and our individuals but our economy as well. You it for letting us take a little time to -- to talk about that because it is probably the most asked question and the one we get a lot of confusion about. Just wanted to clarify what that looks like.

Jordan: I want to make sure everybody knows that two-thirds of the bill is for bes but don't ever forget that it is the water bill.

Somer: See the coordination? We've got jokes.

Jordan: Next slide.

Wheeler: I would say take it outside but this is already virtual.

Jordan: As promised, here is the single -- the typical single family monthly bill. As you can see for a typical single family residence the current bill is 122.74. You could see the breakdown between the water bureau in blue and the sewer if green. With the proposal for rate change, you see that bill will go to 128.69, just less than six dollars. Also on this chart, however, important to note that the low income program that we have is really a two tier program and -- folks who are at 60 percent of median family income or below, they can qualify for a significant reduction, about 50 percent. And then if you are below 30 percent median family income, it is an even more significant drop and you can see the changes in those rates for folks that qualify for those programs. Next slide. You saw this slide in our budget presentation, wanted to reiterate that our combined bill is somewhere the in middle of the pack of comparable utilities and then there's a sprinkling of some local communities in there also that you can see. The local communities tend

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to be less expensive than we are. I will tell you one of the major differences there is that we are the only sewer system in the region that is a combined system and we're the only one that was under the epa order to build a piece of infrastructure like the big pipe. You see nationally, we're in the middle of the pack. It is likely that we'll probably stay there. Two different pressures on that overall bill, one is that our competitors in many other parts of the country, their bills will be going up faster because they have not dealt with a combined sewer system but on the flip side of that coin, all of those comparatives have filtration plants already and we're just at the front end of the development of our filtration plant. You'll see fractures both ways that will probably keep us somewhere in the middle over time. Next slide. You saw this slide also for the budget. This is to give you some temporal context for our rates. You can see to the left of the vertical line is historical perspective on our rates. The blue line represents the water bureau. The green line represents bes and the black line is the combined bill. You can see that -- I'll just say notable for bes, you could see the fairly rapid decline historically over the last few years. If you went even further into history, you would see that that would be a more stark decline. The reason for that is we're coming off paying for the big pipe. We found an ability to get back to a more stable kind of predictable rate increase because of getting over the hump on -- on a lot of the debt that was issued for the big pipe in the early 2000s. On the flip side of that, you can see that for water bureau, Washington park reservoir, the transmission line under the river, and looking out into the future, filtration also are significant pressures from the capital side of the operation. So, I also invite Gabe if she wants to add anything to that for this.

Somer: I think you did an excellent job. Just another point, we're really looking at the forecast. I think that's important for -- for both the council and also for our customers to be able to look at that. We don't want shocks to the system. We want to be able to show where those rate increases are going so that people are well aware of that and then we can plan accordingly.

Jordan: Next slide. I think that's it.

Somer: This is me. I'm glad we're talking about the filtration project. I'm really excited to share a sneak peek at the data we've been gathering for that project. You'll see more in the annual report for filtration. Even the best data was gathered more on the water portion of the combined bill. I think it is a really good illustration of affordability. Commissioner Hardesty's question, we're interested in the specifics. You can see a survey that was done and the blue is the 2021 version. It was done in March. We also done the same survey in 2019. You could see the trend there. This was a phone an online survey. 600 residents we sampled to make sure that we had good results

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for particularly people of color. It is -- it is weighted by -- for -- for -- for age, gender, education, income, home ownership status. It really does have a pretty good picture of -- of where we are, snapshot in the march timeline. There's about a year into a pandemic. You could see this is the question we asked people to tell us where they were. For this question, the water portion of the bill is reasonable. I can easily afford it. It is high and I struggle to afford it. You could see in 2021, just 13 percent of respondents picked the -- the bill is high and I struggle to -- to afford it. I think that's interesting. That was interesting to me. What it tells me is that we have to focus our attention and dollars on a targeted population. We have to tailor our programs and outreach and partnership that is we make where they're going to make the difference to someone who is struggling. We are -- we are all in this together but we're not all in the same boat. You could see the differences there. Looks like commissioner Ryan has a question.

Ryan: Hello. My question is, do you have the demographic breakdown of the 13 percent?

Somer: I do. I'm happy to share that. I could provide it.

Ryan: That would be helpful. I'm always thinking about the seniors and we're sense turnover that audience as well.

Somer: We are as well. So to look at again whether there is home ownership difference in people who rent versus own because we can get to those customers in different ways. The age that is going to affect who we are talking to, but really again, it tells us that we need to target our response.

Hardesty: Gabe, I love listening to you. I really appreciate the expertise you bring to this conversation. My question is, since we now have a change in the federal administration, I know that we applied for a loan that would actually lower the cost of building the filtration system, but what you see now at the federal level that might be an opportunity that didn't exist under the last administration that would benefit ratepayers here in the Portland metro area.

Somer: Thanks, commissioner. We were very excited to have the largest in program history and a loan is great, we're looking for dollars that don't come out of the ratepayer pockets. What is the federal money that can be brought to infrastructure or to again to our low income programs? How can we expand those programs? We know from this that not everyone is in the same position. We don't need -- when you look at sort of the rent assistance and the rent addiction protection that's a -- a much bigger boat. We're looking at -- at -- at a lot of people that can afford these increases that pay 6 dollars is something I can afford to get all of these benefits that the utilities provide. We're looking at -- at a small, smaller amount of folks who absolutely cannot

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afford that. We have to figure out what are the programs that support them we're involved at the state level and federal level. The federal level I think will be -- will pay dividends towards that. We see a lot of that coming in some work being done now on the jobs bill.

Hardesty: I want to push a little further on that because we have a lot more than 13 percent of our population that is cost burdened. Last week, we had a report that says black people cannot afford, they're all burdened with the cost of rental or home ownership within the city of Portland. If we know that black people are already cost burdened on just having a roof over their head and everyone, it is like the neighborhood in Portland where that is so. I think it doesn't tell the whole story when we say only 13 -- only 13 percent of people are cost burdened. So the question is, it is fine for everybody, we like our water, but the reality is that if we look at these things in isolation and we're looking at water bills and we're not looking at that people can afford to live in the city of Portland then we're not painting a clear picture of the burdens of people trying to survive coming out of the economic downturn. I want to say that for the cause. In 2021 you did the survey, was it at the beginning of the pandemic or after people had been home for a very long period of time?

Somer: The second portion was done in March of 2021, so a couple of months ago, about a year into the pandemic.

Hardesty: That's helpful. We look at what we thought we were building. Are there opportunities to create the best green climate friendly filtration plant that anyone has ever seen as compared to what we thought we were going to build? I hope we're reevaluating based on the new administration and based on the opportunity to be climate leaders. I hope we're thinking about that in conjunction with also making sure that we're not overburdening ratepayers because once we start this project, it is going to be a long project and it is going to actually have a financial impact for what 30-plus years to come. It is really important that we look at every new opportunity and think about how we can reduce the burden on ratepayers.

Somer: I completely agree. I think those tensions of how we bring those new technologies, not so new anymore, they're proven technologies that are going to employ and train our workforce, how do we build that -- build smart value engineer so that we are building something that will stand the test of time and that we really get the -- the value for? What is the money we're putting in and what do we get out of that? I completely agree.

Hardesty: One last question. This filtration thing, what I know is we're losing each county's city that will pay their share of this new filtration plant. Do we know yet how many cities we have lost

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and how that will impact the rate payers in the Portland metro area.

Somer: I'll skip to the question. We have built the -- the way that -- that wholesalers will continue on and which -- which wholesalers are continuing on. We built that into the rates. There's no additional effect on -- on -- on Portland ratepayers on our retail ratepayers. That's built into the rates. Go ahead.

Hardesty: I -- maybe I'm remembering wrong, but I thought I was sure last year that the city of Gresham and some smaller cities were not going to renew their contract with Portland's water, instead they were going to -- to -- to dig a dam or something, right?

Somer: Yeah.

Hardesty: Did that not happen?

Somer: That's correct. So Gresham, Rockwood, and special district and Portland water distribute, they're three that are moving off our system and we're aware of that and built our forecast with that in mind. That's already built in all three.

Hardesty: It was not built in when we presented the filtration to the city council. The assumption was we would have the same partners that we had. I'm a little concerned that with that big change that we're anticipating that the rates are going to be the same.

Somer: The effect on our retail customers, it has been taken into -- into account. So those three. What we have not done, again, because we budget conservatively is what are the -- what are we going for our new wholesale contract and we talked about this before. What are the opportunities to bring back those wholesale customers before emergency water supply or a menu of items? We have not included any of that potential revenue in our calculations.

Hardesty: All right. I think we may have to have a one on one.

Somer: I would like that. I see that commissioner rubio has his hand up as well.

Rubio: Hi, Gabe. I want to go back to the survey. I'm sorry if I missed this part, or if you said it, but do you have the data responsive abrogated so we can see the community on how these questions landed and also was the survey or focus groups done in languages other than English.

Somer: I'll check on the language question. We do have abrogation. I pulled this question, because I thought it was relevant to the rates and that piece. But we have a lot more. I also speak out on the cross tabs and looking at this. I'm happy to work with -- with each individual office to -- to -- to give you all of this and I'll get the answer to the language question.

Rubio: I would offer that if we don't have a representative group of communities that speak languages other than English, we figure out how to supplement this data.

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Somer: Yeah. It is definitely -- it definitely has the whole picture, just a snapshot for sure. Move on to the next slide.

Wheeler: No, I have a couple of questions related to this. You may not have the answers which is fine. Maybe for a different day. I've been reading about municipal jurisdictions that are pull out of the water supply and they're indicating it is not a problem, we can always tap back in in an emergency. I assume they're paying a premium for that privilege, right?

Somer: That's what we're building into the new contract.

Wheeler: Good. I don't want to make it easy for people to withdraw from the system. If they feel they have a backup in good old Portland then of course we're going to be asking our ratepayers to bear a disproportionate burden of the risk. If they're to come back on emergency basis, I assume it will be at a premium. I'll look for that. The second question is more probably a longer term question of feasibility. California is now in a permanent drought. California continues to grow at substantial rate. At least from a utility needs perspective. We will continue to generate water, I presume, although I never asked this in excess of what we actually need, particularly given that there are municipal jurisdictions pulling off of our system. Is there any viable means now or in the future to potentially sell excess water supplies elsewhere where they're needed thus recovering some of the -- some of the of fixed costs of this system currently being born by our ratepayers?

Somer: Yeah. It is fascinating question. There's practical issues so the systems that border ours, we're looking at those interconnections and -- and the water consortium did a study a few years ago about those connections. What happens is where our pipes touch at the edges of the jurisdictions are -- are generally the smallest pipes. Just logistically it is hard to move water through. We could get through that and get through the legal issues. Actually when I was in -- in San Diego, we looked at importing water from the pacific north west. That's how drastic the drought is there. We look another this to figure out -- what makes sense economically for us to -- to -- to either wheel water which is -- which is getting the water there. It may not be our bull run drops of water but wheeling the water to where it is needed. It is really a significant situation, the drought in California, even on the northern border of California. It is crisis levels. We're fortunate not to have that situation here.

Wheeler: I don't want to go down the rabbit hole completely, but it is on my mind, where does this conversation happen? I assume there's some sort of interstate group that is -- this gets to the viability of California's economy. I assume they're all over the issue. Where is the table for what is

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the organization that has jurisdiction over this conversation of interstate and interjurisdictional water arrangements?

Somer: So there's a lot of places where this conversation is happening. There's the awwa the Florida systems that -- that sort of networking group. There are governmental organizations. We're a part of a lot of different groups. I would say that the conversation that I've been involved in have been much more focused locally. So in our jurisdiction, something that we could physically connect to. I haven't been as involved in the -- in the state -- state-to-state conversations but I agree that it is getting to the point where all options should be on the table.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty's comment about the encumbrance of the ratepayers and the 30-year bonds, this is a long-term cost recovery question for our ratepayers and it -- it seems if I were thinking out 30 years, I would want to start looking at some of the trends in the west around water access which seemed more significant by the year.

Somer: I would agree.

Jordan: Mr. Mayor, I can tell you that we produce somewhere between 70 and 350 million gallons of water a day. I would be happy to load it on a barge and send it to San Diego.

Wheeler: I would be happy to take it there personally.

Hardesty: I think you would have a lot of volunteers for that. That's the question, isn't it?

Jordan: I'm not sure they want our water.

Wheeler: It tastes too good.

Somer: We get spoiled.

Jordan: In all seriousness Mr. Mayor, there are tables in -- in Florida where they are talking about connecting the pipes.

Wheeler: Okay.

Jordan: This is not an outlandish conversation.

Wheeler: No, it is not. I read about conversations about south -- southeast Oregon again. And that's starting to become a hot button issue. And I know California, the weather down there is -- is like it used to be in August. It is really changing quite rapidly. I took us down a rabbit hole, sorry. Good presentation. Thank you for entertaining the questions.

Somer: Of course. Again, we have more to talk about. This is the survey. I'll get you that with the disaggregated data. Next slide. Again to bring us back to the topic of affordability, obviously on all of our minds, again what I took out of that survey and this conversation is that we really have to have that targeted approach. We have to know who we are trying to reach so we have the

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methods to reach them. These programs are our target. We have as Mike was talking about, we have accounts of 50 or 80 percent depending on income. We have assistance that goes to the customers going through a crisis whether that's COVID related or -- or a different kind of crisis. Then something that anyone can take advantage of which is payment plans so you can make progress towards your bill even if you can't pay it all now. It is important that we connect to people before they have such a big bill that it overwhelms them. We can make really any number of payment plans; we're trying to reach out to people and get connected to them so we know what will work for them.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. Do you know what percentage of our rate payers are in disarray today?

Somer: It would depend on how you define that.

Hardesty: They owe you money that they haven't paid.

Somer: Yes. We have a significant number of people. It depends, we always do, I just want to start with that, whether there's a pandemic or not, we always have people in arrears in terms of payment. We've been tracking that to see where that goes. Our finance director has that number on the tip of her tongue.

Hardesty: I'm interested in the percentage of increase over the last year due to the pandemic.

Somer: Cecilia, do you have that?

Cecilia Huynh: I was looking for the unmute button. We don't have information as far as the number of accounts that have increased because we haven't been tracking, as Gabe mentioned, there's always a number of customers that are in arrears. Given that a large majority of the customer base has been paying their bill pretty regularly. There hasn't been a number that we tracked. I don't have off the top of my head the number of accounts currently in arrears. It has grown. What we have seen is the dollar amount has simply grown, doubling over the last year as far as amounts that are outstanding in these accounts that are past due.

Hardesty: I think it would be really helpful for you to share that by my staff and my colleagues on the city council. I think we don't have yet a clear picture of really how people are hanging on to it economic devastation that many of our community members are living through. I would like to see a clear picture on where this is happening and how not to let people fall and further and further behind.

Somer: Yeah.

Hardesty: Appreciate your work. It is an important question.

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Somer: Exactly. I can tell you some of the work that we're doing to get that information and to avoid people moving too far getting left behind. In terms of its extraordinary moment that we're in, we've done that with targeted outreach and focused on calling the customers directly. These are of course the customer service piece is -- is handled by the water bureau. These are customers that have sewer, storm water and water bills. We're focused on customers that have getting behind. I want to share the two partnerships I find valuable. We continue to share our work and get feedback for the Portland utility for the pub and the port of Oregon hub and they have been valuable in helping us understand what it is like to have -- to have a really incredible perspective, range of perspectives. That's been useful. We have been sharing it phased approach, targeted approach, making sure that worry using appropriate language. Both languages other than English and the word that we use and we're being compassionate. We don't know the crisis they're if. In. They need a problem solver. This is what we've been doing to solve those issues. Just wanted to point out that we're doing to this with -- with -- with a partnership and with the advice of our utility oversight groups. Next slide is just questions. We can move to that. Our discussion, I know we're probably over our time but if from are any additional questions, can I answer those.

Wheeler: Keelan, can you give us an idea of how many people are signed up to testify on 367, 368 or 369.

Clerk: We have two people signed up to testify.

Wheeler: All right. I'm not seeing questions right at the moment. So why don't we go ahead and have them testify, three minutes each.

Clerk: First up, we have Beth Vargas Duncan.

Wheeler: Okay.

Beth Vargas Duncan: Good afternoon, I'm from the recycling association and in that capacity I represent Portland hauler's association whose members create the collection services in Portland. Every hauler providing residential garbage and recycling collection is a member of pha. We hope this find you well during uncertain times. We comply with rigorous standards and providing customers with affordable and efficient and environmentally sound operation. We continued service through covid and the fires of last year. In partnership with the city was built progressive nationally recognized residential franchise waste collection program that serves the liter role if recycling. Pha continues to improve as demonstrated through implementation of mixed food waste recovery, clean fleet standard and side guards on our trucks and expansion of

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diversity and collection activities in our workforce and vendor networks. Most recently, pha partnered with work systems and interstate trucking to provide recycling and garbage truck driver training with preference to minorities and women. We provide this to all customers. We have continued to work diligently through the rate review process. Pha believes the rate review and study process is fair with a right balance of independent review and transparency to insure reasonable rates for the haulers for their service and to the Portland customers we serve. We support the rate adjustment city staff presented. We have a couple of calls to action. We ask that the Portland community support us in providing receive sustainable services to protect the health and safety of our workers and the community, we encourage customers to seal their garbage in bags and right size them so the bags fit within the garbage containers for automated collection. This is garbage only. This is particularly important as people have solid waste. Oregonians lead in the nation in recycling. We ask residents to continually improve and seek the latest information on what is actually recyclable, what should not be if the cart so everyone can reduce, reuse and recycle right. In addition to the challenges confronting us whether it is covid-19 or smoke filled fires, over the decade, we have continually worked with Portland staff to address challenges with sustainable results. We ask the city council adopt the rates as presented by staff and we look forward to partnering with the city in the future. We appreciate the opportunity to serve Portland. I'll answer questions.

Wheeler: Thank you. We sure appreciate it and the flexibility of your membership as well.

They've been terrific this last year and all of us appreciate it.

Vargas Duncan: Thank you.

Wheeler: Next individual.

Clerk: They dropped off the call. That completes testimony for the time being.

Wheeler: All right. Very good.

Clerk: Wait a minute. I see a message from Gabe that Karen Spencer is available to testify.

Somer: I believe our representative and a representative from pub and we may have a repetitive from cub.

Hardesty: I see Jen is on the line.

Wheeler: If they like to testify, now would be a good time. Gabe, you want to orchestrate this?

Hardesty: Mayor, I see Karen Spencer trying to get her mute button off.

Karen Spencer: I'm happy to go first.

Wheeler: Go ahead.

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Spencer: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. My name is Karen Spencer and I have been a voting member of the Portland utility board of 2019. I became active in civic service because I believe diverse government is better government. Thank you for the opportunity to share the feedback and recommendations today and throughout the budget process. The public created as an independent community oversight body for the public utility bureau. Membership includes a diversity of lived experiences as well as a wide range of skills and expertise ranging from science, construction, environmental protection and legal background to communities facing background and planning, equity and engagement. We have had four members in the virtual environment. They helped navigate the complexity of these programs. The testimony during the work session and the recommendation relates to affordability, potential improvements to financial assistance programs, and other outreach tools for residences and businesses. Retention of employees and work on performance measures and efforts that contain to advance equity and effective and operations and project delivery. As you know it hit women especially hard. We were proud to work on a small program for a utility committee to provide relief on utility bills. We advocate for the city to continue to find creative ways to provide relief. Budgets reflect our values in the community as evidenced by our work session testimony and budget letter, equity considerations remain core to the conversation and priorities. To that end we wanted to take advantage of the hearing today to share some recent work to further document our board's values in its effort to infuse them in the work. The pub has developed a statement of our beliefs and values in anti-racist principles. I'll very view them now. We believe that every portland resident is entitled to clean and affordable drinking water healthy communities. Driving inequity is a form of racism. We must hold people accountable for racism and structural inequities. Those should be afford culturally appropriate opportunities to speak for themselves. We learn how to support each other on this anti-racist journey as long as individuals are willing to learn, we're willing to engage. Every person has a right to share their personal perspective, we stand against wrongful conduct, particularly conduct by people by systematic inequities. We speak up and speak out and empower each person to be a culture of the pub and focus on the impacted individual population while condemning the conduct and the not the person. The principles I read to you are shared in our notices. Pub members or staff and the public are the values that drive our work for expectations. These anti-racist principles infuse the key values, work plan development and the frames which pub uses to analyze and develop budgets and policy recommendations. Speaking in my individual capacity, I hope that

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other boards will consider adopting their own statement of belief values and anti-racist principles and infuse those values into their work. I would have appreciated such a statement like this as I onboarded in 2019. Thus I expect this statement to be invaluable to future board members. They support today and align with our values. The pub looks forward to continuing to provide feedback on policy and budget issues in the future and insuring that the bureau's work and our recommendations align with and advance our values. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have for the pub and thank you for your time today.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Somer: Janice, why don't you go next?

Janice Thompson: Thank you for your patience. So Janice Thompson was part of pub. I got to provide context for this -- for these comments. I submitted written testimony. We'll hit the highlights. Pub's involvement remark management of the bureaus were invited to play this role. It worked out well, I think for both entities, but due to internal restructuring here at pub, we're going to be withdrawing from this oversight role as of the end of June. That was a challenging decision to make but it was right for us organizationally. We also really factored in you know three key points that -- that make us feel comfortable with this in terms of -- that the overall that the management of these two bureaus are in solid hands and bureau is in a good place and I think is demonstrated by the previous presenter, the public utility board or pub is very effective in public advocacy. Over the years pub has highlighted equity issues and -- and take over in this last seven years both bureaus made advances. As I say, the pub has been particularly robust and dynamic in that regard. I want to applaud them to that and it contributes to our comfort level and -- and withdrawing from our outside roles. In previous years the testimony provided at this rate hearing has had more of a forward focus. That's -- that's the case in the written testimony with if anything maybe a little more kind of historical background. So three observations related to -- to the Portland water bureau, obviously is the importance of monitoring the cost and what not of the filtration plant and you know as Gabe mentioned an annual report is coming up and the -- one additional historical point that I did not mention in the memo is that the trigger is losing the variance. I often thought that -- it -- that -- it is always a minor miracle that the city got that variance. The need for an option is coming out of the blue. River crossing is another upcoming project for the water bureau. Advance metering infrastructure. Automatic meter reading is an upcoming topic. Four key points related to bes, one related to the trident creek plant and interaction with the city because there's joint financial support there. There's a major

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secondary treatment expansion program under way at the Columbia boulevard and I think -- you know, that project is in the right direction but requires monitoring. Bes has launched a -- a -- a -- and -- a rate study which is really important and one where -- where along the way, I see an important emphasis on equity and I'm pleased that I'm seeing a commitment for involvement of the pub and the outreach, Portland harbor is a particular bes issue but one that actually has citywide implications and then regarding both bureaus, you foe, the -- the -- just a final bit of testimony on the importance of the low income assistance programs which are -- are bone bust and have grown, the pub has been supportive. I apologize now, I have more information on the low income programs and potential areas for continued improvement in my testimony that I submitted at the work session and then I had a minor thing so I couldn't attend. I don't have much in this memo but can refer you back to that point. It is bittersweet to know that this is the last time I'll be before you given this shift in pub's role. Not saying there are not challenge but overall these bureaus are in a pretty good place and oversight by the pub will help keep things heading in positive directions.

Wheeler: Thank you, we appreciate what you've done for a long time. Thank you. Gabe, does that complete your presentation?

Somer: It does, thank you.

Wheeler: All right. Colleagues, any further questions? With that 367 moves to second reading. 368 moves to second reading and item 369 not to be outdone is also a nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. Thank you for a great presentation. There was a lot of information in there. All of it useful. Thank you.

Jordan: Thank you.

Wheeler: We're right on time. The people want to take a five-minute break before we jump in. Why don't we to that? We're a minute ahead of time. Let's take a five-minute break here. We'll reconvene at 3: 35. We're in recess. [recess taken].

Wheeler: Item 370. Please, Keelan.

Clerk: City council to convene as prosper Portland budget committee to approve the fy21-22 budget. I'm convening to approve fiscal year, 21-22 budget.

Wheeler: The budget committee received the proposed budget and received testimony on May 6th. They received the budget and changed memo to resolution 7416 on May 14th. They received a revised change menu to resolution 7416 on May 18th and substitute received on May 14th. Please call the roll.

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Clerk: Thank you want to call for a motion? To accept the substitute?

Wheeler: One moment. Not yet. Right now I need you call the roll for the budget committee.

Hardesty: He wants to know if we're here. [roll called].

Wheeler: Just roll with me, folks. Just roll with me.

Hardesty: Long day, mayor.

Wheeler: I know. Long day, long year, long life. The changes included in the revised change memo in exhibit A approved by the budget committee on May 13th that includes the following changes, 420,000 dollars in ongoing resources to fund program expenses in the bipod cannabis business program. 350,000 in one-time resources to fund program expenses for digital divide and e commerce support. 40,385 dollars in one time general fund resources to fund program expenses to support the Portland office. I will now set a motion to accept the advised exhibit a to 7416.

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: Can I get a second?

Rubio: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from Hardesty and second from commissioner Rubio. Before we positive on, colleagues any other individual amendments to the memo that you would like to propose at this time? Not seeing any, Keelan, any public testimony?

Clerk: No one signed up for this item.

Wheeler: Good. I'll call for a motion to vote to approve exhibit a of the resolution, 7416 as amended. Call the roll.

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: No, we're just voting now. Call the roll.

Ryan: Are we voting on amendment?

Wheeler: We're voting effectively on the budget. That's what you're proposing. All of the changes and amendments we moved last week that I just described, this is the final vote. No, whose turn is it to vote.

Ryan: I said aye and then aye again. You have two ayes on Mapps.

Wheeler: We don't practice this. We really don't practice this. Keelan please start all over good.

Clerk: I'm so sorry, I want to clarify this is the vote to accept the substitute exhibit a or is this the vote on the final package? Would already have the motion on the table. That was already put on the table. We're now voting on the motion which is to accept the revised exhibit a to the

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resolution which was 7416.

Clerk: Thank you so much. [roll called].

Wheeler: Enthusiastically, aye. Unless I'm told otherwise, the budget committee is now adjourned. Legal counsel, are you satisfied we dotted is and crossed ts.

Anne Milligan: I'm satisfied.

Wheeler: We're all satisfied and ladies and gentlemen, we're adjourned.

At 3:41 p.m., Council adjourned.