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Minutes

May 12-13, 2021
Date and time May 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Council recessed at 12:28 p.m.
Officers in attendance Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney
Consent Agenda On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.
Date and time May 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Council recessed at 5:33 p.m.
Officers in attendance Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney
Date and time May 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Council recessed at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened at 4:56 p.m. Council recessed at 7:11 p.m. and reconvened at 7:16 p.m. Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.
Officers in attendance Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief 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 12, 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.

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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 12-13, 2021 Council meetings is May 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Email the Council Clerk at councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

317	Request of Otto Yunker to address Council regarding Zenith (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
318	Request of Gregory Sotir to address Council regarding Zenith Oil (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
319	Request of Shannon Hiller-Webb to address Council regarding launching participatory budgeting in Portland (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
320	Request of Erica Fuller to address Council regarding launching participatory budgeting in Portland (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE

321	Request of Amanda Hudson to address Council regarding launching participatory budgeting in Portland (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
*322	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Amend the City Employee Benefits Program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the Labor Management Benefits Committee and as administratively required by the Bureau of Human Resources for the City’s plan offerings beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested for items 322-324</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	190400
*323	<p>Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter into a contract and any prerequisite business associate agreements with Businessolver providing benefit administrative software services on behalf of the Bureau of Human Resources Benefits Office (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	190401
*324	<p>Amend contract with Express Scripts Inc. through June 30, 2024 and increase funding for the prescription coverage under the self-funded health plans administered by the Bureau of Human Resources Benefits Office (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Contract No. 30005232)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	190402
325	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – 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 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Ryan) 20 minutes requested</p>	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 19, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
326	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:35 AM – Accept the State of Housing in Portland 2020 Report (Report introduced by Commissioner Ryan) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	ACCEPTED
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		

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*327	Create a new non-represented classification of Community Safety Transition Director and establish a compensation range for this classification (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190392
*328	Create five new non-represented classifications for the Bureau of Emergency Management and establish a compensation range for these classifications (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190393
*329	Pay property damage claim of Lucas Kaufman in the sum of \$7,103 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190394
*330	Pay property damage claim of Heidi Waltermire and Michael Branes in the sum of \$12,711 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190395
*331	Pay settlement of Scott Hughes' employment lawsuit for the sum of \$50,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190396
*332	Pay settlement of Mark Wuttig bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \$25,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190397
333	Amend Fair Wage Policies Code to reflect current minimum wage rate index (Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.99.020)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 19, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
334	Authorize hanger and aircraft storage and office leases with Lynx FBO Aurora LLC and Jet Aero LLC through May 31, 2022 for Air Support Unit operations (Second Reading Agenda 307) (Y-5)	190398
Commissioner Dan Ryan Housing Bureau		
335	Approve limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) (Y-5)	37539
*336	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Troy Laundry located at 1010 SE Ash St (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190399

<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>337</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 (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 19, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero</p>		
<p>338</p>	<p>Approve Council Minutes for October 7, 2020 – February 24, 2021 (Report) (Y-5)</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>		
<p>339</p>	<p>Appoint members to the Development Review Advisory Committee for terms to expire May 11, 2024 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan) 30 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>340</p>	<p>Accept bid of Landis & Landis Construction, LLC for the SW Capitol Hwy: SW Taylors Ferry Rd to SW Garden Home Rd Project for \$13,955,066 (Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001607) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>*341</p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements in support of the Bureau of Transportation Capital Improvement Program in amount up to \$54 million (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190403</p>
<p>Fire & Rescue</p>		

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<p>342 Authorize a five-year joint development agreement with Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for a reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus not to exceed \$837,875 (Previous Agenda 301)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 19, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Commissioner Carmen Rubio</p> <p>Parks & Recreation</p> <p>*343 Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Forest Park Entry Project (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190404</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 12, 2021</u></p> <p>Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5. Commissioner Hardesty left at 5:25 p.m, 4.</p>	
<p>The oral record is closed. The written record will remain open until May 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Submit written testimony to https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/testify/#/doza</p>	
<p>344 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Amend the Zoning Map, Title 33 Planning and Zoning, and Title 32 Signs and Related Regulations to implement the Design Overlay Zone Amendments project to update the process and tools of the Design Overlay Zone and related code sections (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Rubio; amend Code Titles 32 and 33) 3 hours requested</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO MAY 26, 2021 AT 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</p>
<p><u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 13, 2021</u></p> <p>Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.</p>	

- 345** **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** – Approval of the FY 2021-22 budget for the City of Portland (Mayor convenes Council as Budget Committee) 3 hours requested
- Motion to consider changes to the Proposed Budget as presented in the May 3, 2021 memo titled ‘Approval of the Budget for the City of Portland’:** Moved by Hardesty seconded by Ryan.
- Motion to allocate \$5,087,863 in one-time General Fund resources in Special Appropriations, Office of Management and Finance, and Portland Parks & Recreation as approved in the Spring supplemental budget:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate \$305,000 in one-time General Fund resources in Office of Management and Finance, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services as approved in the Spring supplemental budget:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate \$30,000 in one-time General Fund resources in Office of the Commissioner of Public Utilities as approved in the Spring supplemental budget:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate \$750,000 in one-time General Fund resources in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability as approved in the Spring supplemental budget and add \$150,000 to support contract management:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4 Ryan, Mapps, Rubio, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty)
- Motion to allocate resources and position authority to support the police oversight committee:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

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- Motion to allocate resources and positions to support City compliance with the Department of Justice Settlement:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note regarding City compliance with the DOJ settlement:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to amend language for the Independent Police Review budget note:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to amend Attachment D and add Budget Note for bargaining in good faith with labor partners:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate available one-time and ongoing Recreational Cannabis Tax resources to the Bureau of Transportation, Prosper Portland, and Civic Life:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to convert an existing limited term position supporting the Boys Strength program to permanent in the Police Bureau:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to amend Attachment D and withdraw a budget note regarding expiring Tax Increment Finance Districts and Returning Property Tax Revenue:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. Motion withdrawn.
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to strike and replace the existing budget note for Program Evaluation of Portland Street Response:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to amend Attachment D and add a budget note regarding analysis of Police Bureau unarmed response program:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to add two limited duration positions to support strategic cross-bureau projects:** Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate one-time American Rescue Plan Act funding to support alternative shelter:** Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate ongoing General Fund resources for the N/NE preference policy:** Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

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Motion to allocate one-time resources for an inclusionary housing study: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to allocate ongoing funding available in policy reserves and add limited duration position authority in support of Portland Street Response: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-2 Hardesty, Rubio; N-3 Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler. Motion failed to pass)

Motion to allocate ongoing funding available in policy reserves to support the Portland Street Response pilot roll out citywide through a program realignment: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-2 Hardesty, Rubio; N-3 Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler. Motion failed to pass)

Motion to retain resources for Public Safety Support Specialists (PS3s) in contingency pending evaluation: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-3 Ryan, Hardesty, Rubio; N-2 Mapps, Wheeler)

Motion to allocate one-time funding from General Fund Contingency to support a Truth and Reconciliation Process between the Portland Police Bureau and community members of the City of Portland: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to allocate one-time funding to support the City African American Network from General Fund policy set-aside, in their endeavors to proactively speak to the experience of black staff and state the steps that need to be taken on the City's behalf to support and stand in solidarity with their efforts: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to reduce one-time funding in the Portland Police Bureau in the amount of \$5,264,000 for the accelerated hiring of 30 Officers: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to increase one-time funding in the Office of Community and Civic Life in the amount of \$250,000 for District Coalition Office small grants to neighborhood associations and other place based community organizations: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to increase ongoing funding to the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services in the amount of \$30,000 for the City's share of Legal Services provision: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

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- Motion to allocate one-time American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Healthy Business Program in the amount of \$3,509,000 in order to begin the program in early summer:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note for the Office of Community and Civic Life to Standardize and Formalize the City's Community Engagement Process:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. Motion withdrawn.
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note for protocols pertaining to DOJ reporting:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4 Ryan, Hardesty, Rubio, Wheeler; N-1 Mapps)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note for Citywide anti-white supremacy training:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note for the Office of Violence Prevention in alignment with Ordinance 190355:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D and add a budget note for the Portland Bureau of Transportation to develop new revenue sources:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to amend existing budget note for Equitable Recruitment, Retention, and Promotion of African American and Black Employees:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to add a budget note for Expiring Tax Increment Finance Districts and Returning Property Revenue:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate \$40,385 in one-time General Fund resources in Prosper Portland to support the Portland Film Office:** Moved by Mapps and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to increase one-time funding in the Office of Community and Civic Life in the amount of \$118,821 to support the District Coalition Offices:** Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

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- Motion to amend Attachment D and add a budget note directing the Bureau of Human Resources to provide recommendations for expansion of employee benefits in FY 2021-22:** Moved by Mapps and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to amend existing budget note for Program Evaluation of Portland Street Response Budget Note:** Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3 Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler; N-2 Hardesty, Rubio)
- Motion to allocate \$50,000 in one-time General Fund resources in Special Appropriations to provide financial grants supporting the implementation of community events and space activation:** Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to allocate additional resources in support of a second Creative Laureate in the Community Arts Program within Special Appropriations:** Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)
- Motion to amend Attachment D and add a budget note for the Portland Police Bureau accelerated hiring:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)
- Motion to Amend Attachment D to add a budget note for Livable Wage of Portland Street Response:** Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-1 Mapps; N-4 Ryan, Hardesty, Rubio, Wheeler. Motion failed to pass)
- Motion to approve amendments to memo titled 'Approval of the Budget for the City of Portland' consistent with individual amendments:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)
- Motion to Approve Changes to the Proposed Budget as presented in the May 3, 2021 memo titled 'Approval of the Budget for the City of Portland' and its Attachments B, C and D as amended:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)
- Motion to approve the budget as amended:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)
- Motion to approve the tax levies:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

May 12, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Morning session of the Portland city council. Good morning. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Good morning, mayor and council. [roll call]

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely, and the city has made several avenues available to the public to listen to the broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel, www.PortlandOregon.gov/video and channel 30. Public can provide written testimony to council by providing the council clerk, e-mailing cctestimony@PortlandOregon.gov. The council is taking testimony as a result of the covid-19 pandemic to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we work through these challenging circumstances to manage the city's business. We'll now hear from legal counsel on rules. Good morning.

Matt Farley: Morning, Mr. Mayor. To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications the briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or for the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at PortlandOregon.gov/auditor presents information about how you may sign up for meetings. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing

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to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations 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 that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up is communications. Keelan, first individual, please, 317.

Keelan: Request of Otto Yunker to address council regarding Zenith.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Clerk: Otto can you --

Otto Yunker: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Yunker: Thank you. Good morning, mayor and council commissioners. My pronouns are they/them, and I am here to speak on zenith energy and its opposition to Portland's clean environmental practices. There are many reasons I could outline as to why -- previous testimonies have spoken of the hazard of having such operations in our area including but not limited to zenith's blatantly broken promises, the dangers of them operating in an earthquake zone, and the strong likelihood of an oil train disaster which we, as a community, have not prepared for. But today I'm here to speak to you all, in particular to you, commissioner Ryan, on the qualities of the air at zenith's terminal. In my current home at the edge of northwest Portland, I'm within walking distance of zenith's energy terminal. I learned this in 2019 when I was invited to a protest at the site. When I walked down the road past a children's daycare center and over the tracks where the oil trains are openly vented, I was greeted by a proffered mask. This was the first time I had encountered face masks in a social setting, a now common site, and although I donned the mask with apprehension, I quickly came to appreciate its apprehension as the effects of the area's quality of air became apparent. The scent was acrid. I will not tell you the exact chemicals we absorbed into our lungs because I can't plan to understand what the stringent-sounding names indicate or what the particle count implies. What I will tell you is that a migraine came on within minutes not just for myself, but for many others who raised their voice on front avenue that day. Throughout the evening it was common to hear fellows bid their farewells regretting that they were leaving earlier than they intended but that the air effects could no longer be ignored. I myself left sooner than I had hoped to and dealt with the headache for days to come, resulting in absences from school. I have not been back to the site since, but I have been listening to the way zenith has continued to bypass the city's effort to protect the

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area from pollution. I watched over the terminal from my walks around the neighborhood, feeling my stomach quiver. I was disheartened to learn that while I am moving to Culley later this month, I will not be escaping the dangers of zenith. But even those who are not within the oil train's immediate evacuation zones nor clouded in the acrid clouds of emitted pollutants cannot escape the harm that toxic fuel companies such as zenith cause to our climate. It is with this anecdotal story contextualized by the facts and figures offered by previous testimonies and sweetened I by February's valentines that I repeat what has been stated and pled by many. It is clear that zenith is not compatible with the land, it is not compatible with a livable future. But at the most base and apparent level, the effects of zenith's operation have on the quality of our air, of our lungs and our bodies is not permissible. Commissioner Dan Ryan, please deny zenith's air quality permit. Deny them. Thank you all and thank you for taking the time to hear from me today.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Next individual, please, item 318.

Clerk: Request of Gregory Sotir, but it doesn't look like he's joined the meeting.

Wheeler: Next individual, 319.

Clerk: The next three individuals, 319, 320 and 321, have requested to present together as a group.

Wheeler: That's fine. Nine minutes total for the three, please.

Clerk: I'll read the time. Request of Shannon Hiller-Webb regarding launching participatory budget in Portland. Request of Erica Fuller regarding launching participatory budgeting in Portland and 321. Request of Amanda Hudson to address council regarding participatory budgeting in Portland.

Wheeler: All right. Since you have elected to do this together, we'll just let you guys run your show. You have nine minutes. Good morning.

Amanda Hudson: I'm going to share a slide just as the backdrop for all of us. So let me know if that doesn't.

Wheeler: No, looks good. We see it.

Hudson: Okay. And let me make sure it goes full screen. Okay. Sorry. There we go. Hi, everybody. My name is Amanda Hudson. I moved to Portland in 2012 to start my doctoral study at Portland state. I didn't expect a civically are engaged utopia, but I did imagine a community-centered system that I've learned came from progressive community organizing in the 1970s. I think there is a lot to be proud of in Portland's progressive past. However, we must acknowledge its critical

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shortcomings that have failed to engage our most vulnerable residents. A progressive future for an inclusive and engaged community that works in partnership with the government. I'm the director of education and programs, and I'm joined by two others who would like to share how we imagine Portland in the not too distant future with your support. First, I want to take a second to share what participatory budgeting is. It's a participatory, democratic process where community members define, design and vote on projects that are funded by a portion of the public budget. What makes it so powerful is that community drives the concept. It goes beyond conventional public involvement by having community members work closely with government staff to insure that projects are realistic and that the cost is accurately assessed. It's transparent, and it allows for a wide variety of participate, researching and designing tangible solutions. Even better, the projects that win the most votes through a democratic process become a reality. When community members see their ideas actually implemented, this has a significant impact on their sense of belonging and their trust in their elected officials and government processes, their trust in you. While I'm always excited to see the term participatory used, I want to be sure we're not just tacking it on without actually assuring that decision making is distributed to the people. The residents of Portland have spent this last year marching in the streets, showing up to testify, forming coalitions and starting grassroots campaigns because they want to be involved in the city's decision making. We want more than listening sessions and invitations to join powerless advisory committees. We want real democracy and real power to shape the city that we love. Participatory budgeting has been around for 30 years. There have been thousands of cycles across the world. There are volumes of research showing that it leads to broader or participation and equitable investments. We know it works, and its past time that Portland invest in participatory budgeting so that we can live up to our reputation as a leader in civic engagement. Erica and Shannon are going to share where we see this having the greatest impact. Thank you.

Erica Fuller: Hello. My name is Erica Fuller. I'm running for centennial school board because I want to create a transparent school district with students can influence budgeting decisions. As a person who grew up in the district, graduated from the district and who has worked in education, I have the connections as a community organizer to bring my unique experience to the school board. I can insure that we build systems that center the needs of folks in order to make sure the district is a more equitable, accessible and restorative education system. When I was in high school, I was not given opportunities to get involved. I was never asked about what I

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thought and was not educated on how to influence the public budgeting process. I believe that we need to give young people the opportunity to impact budgeting properties. If we want to continue to build progressive leaders for the future. Participatory budgeting brings new transparency and accountability to the use of public funds, brings new voices to the table in determining how public funds should be used and benefit the community. We need pb in order to get the most underserved communities which are young folks this opportunity for leadership, real leadership. Youth have historically been left out of the conversation in matters that affect their futures, and I want to be a part of changing that pattern. Once I realized pb, I realized it's a powerful tool to apply to insure our education system is accountable to the students it serves. I want to launch the process as a way for students to relocate -- reallocate the funding for student resource officers. Students can determine how to allocate the monies on projects they want to invest in, that they serve their interest in, in community education, equity and inclusion. I believe that the city of Portland should invest in pb. And particularly set aside funds for pay representative steering committee in order to insure that the process designed by and centered around the needs of folks. Thank you.

Shannon Hiller-Webb: Good morning, mayor and city council members. My name is Shannon, and I can proudly say that I have appeared before this council several times wearing different hats. Today I am before you as a concerned resident, the president of the south Burlingame -- and I did not find my neighborhood association, my association found me. I worked alongside my neighbors for five years on a project that tested our resilience and commitment, and through it we forged friendships and trust. It was many of them who asked me to step into a role with the neighborhood association and, ultimately -- [inaudible] what I discovered was a broken system that engages the few, that listens to less and that does not center equity, does not draw in a diverse community and is relegated to outdated methodologies. As president, I have used every tool to engage my neighbors to join in the neighborhood system model for civic engagement, and like most other neighborhoods, attendance remains low. A return on the \$2.3 million investment of taxpayer dollars is negligible. Most neighborhood meetings have 10-15 people in attendance, very little is advanced for the community beyond a neighborhood cleanup, land use response or traffic safety demands. What I have heard from neighbors is neighborhood associations do not work on the issues they care about focusing mostly on; land use and transportation, and they want to invest that their time in other community-building activities. There isn't funding or project management to invest in what they do care about as the funding

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goes to coalitions that largely use the taxpayer monies to fund the bloated management structure with little going to the mission of civic engagement. They would like to join in on projects that interest them and suit their availability and leave when completed rather than a long-term, ongoing commitment to meetings that don't generate much action. I have been listening. So when I learned about participatory budgeting, a lightbulb went off. Working in tandem with government and funding for civic engagement to real results. That I can get behind and so can my neighbors. And I'm excited to have participatory budgeting Oregon present in our neighborhood in June and understand they intend to reach out to all neighborhoods as I have. I understand that city council will have a work session in the future to discuss the coalition model structure, and I urge you to lead with an open mind, to consider those left out and left behind and imagine a better Portland through your leadership and investment. I'm hoping for a more expansive neighborhood association engagement, more community-based organizations benefiting from this model together and inclusive of future. Participatory budgeting is not untested. In fact, it has been proven with metrics and research to support its effectiveness in the process for a brave new world. Yet it is not mainstream neither for funding -- either, and funding participatory budgeting would allow Portland to hold on to the reputation of a progressive leader, a model city, one to be studied yet again for this to be a legacy by which Portland and your leadership are defined. We hope the city of Portland will allocate a portion of the funds they have received through the American rescue plan act to contribute to a youth-led participatory budgeting process that will be launched in east Portland in senator -- and representative rose's districts. We also believe that participatory budgeting should be used to allocate funding through our neighborhood association system to engage the many and not the few and insure the 2.3 million is in service to build a stronger, civically-engaged community to impact Portland now and into the future. The thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Well, first of all, thank you for your testimony, and I just want to say I don't think we've ever had three people testify together at the same time with the nine minute restriction and have it come within five seconds of the nine minutes. [laughter] so that's about as well as you can do. Thank you very much, and that was a great presentation. I appreciate it very much. Keelan, does that complete our public testimony on communications this morning? I think it does.

Clerk: Yes, it does.

Wheeler: All right, very good. Time certain number -- actually, let's go to the consent agenda.

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Have any items been pulled up in the consent agenda?

Clerk: We've had no requests.

Clerk: Please call the roll on consent agenda, then we'll go to time certain. [roll call]

Wheeler: The consent agenda is adopted. Please call items on the time certain 322, 323 and 324.

Clerk: Item 322, amend the city employee benefits program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the labor management benefits committee and as administratively required by the bureau of human resources for the city's plan offerings beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. 323, authorize the chief human resources officer to enter into a contract and any prerequisite business associate agreements with business solver providing benefited administrative software services on behalf of the bureau of human resources benefits office. And 324, amend contract with express scripts inc. through June 30, 2024, and increase funding for the prescription coverage under the self-funded health plans administered by the bureau of human resources benefits office.

Wheeler: Thanks, Keelan. Every year the city's labor management benefits committee reviews the employee benefits programs and then provides recommendations for necessary changes to the city council. The first ordinance would approve the fiscal year 2021-2022 benefit plan document addressing recommendations that are given to us by the labor management benefits committee. In addition to both state and federally-mandated changes. The second ordinance would authorize the chief human resources officer to enter into contract and business-associated agreements with business solver, providing benefited administrative software services on behalf of the benefits office. The third ordinance would amend the contract with express scripts through June 30th, 2024, and increase the funding for the prescription cover an under the self-funded health plans administered by the benefits office. Council will, of course, take these ordinances up separately, but I understand the bureau of human resources would like to provide information on all three ordinances during their presentation. Kathy Bless, our chief human resources officer, Michelle Taylor, our benefits manager are on call to walk us through the ordinances. Good morning.

Kathy Bless: Good morning, mayor and council. I'm just going to turn it over to Michelle, because she has all of the information for you this morning.

Michelle Taylor: All right. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name's Michelle Taylor, benefit manager with the bureau of human resources, and I'm here to talk about three ordinances which will be presented all together to you. Last week's mental health

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proclamation highlighted the great work being provided through the city's strong well-being program. Joel, Courtney, Taisha have been tremendous advocates of a holistic, inclusive and human-centered approach to our work. I feel privileged to be following them in front of you all and expand on office accomplishments -- additional office accomplishments throughout the pandemic. When we were here last year presenting the benefits plan information, we were really only two months into the pandemic. Since May we have completed our first entirely virtual benefit open enrollment period with a near-record turnout of 3,079 employees active hi completing their elections. It's about 50% of our employee population. Except for the flexible spending can accounts, all other elections carry over from year to year, so employees who didn't log on kept their same coverage. We've implemented allowable flexible spending deadline changes so employees were less at risk of losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in hard-earned contributions. We assisted employees with other benefit changes due to fluctuating daycare needs, to spouse domestic partners who lost coverage throughout their other employer-sponsored care. We helped increase life insurance and disability coverages as people saw the pandemic impact their loved ones. We saw 167 employees take advantage of the cares act allowance to withdraw deferred compensation plan contributions. 265 former employees are receiving new cobra notifications and election windows because they may be eligible now for a six month subsidy as part of the American Rescue Plan passed this march. We created, implemented and provided ongoing service for covid paid leave programs which supported 1,134 employees. We used a total of 112,403 hours of qualified related leave. The covid-19 response leave-sharing program allotted over 4,000 hours of donated leave to over a dozen employees who would have otherwise been in an unpaid status because of their covid-related leave after exhausting all of their other paid leave options. We temporarily expanded the employee assistance plan benefits to 170 casual and seasonal employees so they could access much-needed mental health benefits throughout the pandemic. We continued our 98% compliance rate in the city's preventive care initiative where employees need a qualified medical exam once every two years to maintain the city's highest contribution towards health care coverage. We partnered with our vendors to advance telehealth options insuring plan participants could continue care virtually. In the last nine months, there have been over 19,000 telehealth appointments completed within the self-funded plan with four of the top five reasons related to mental health. Rounding out the top five were covid-related appointments. Telehealth utilization on the Kaiser side is up over 600% since the beginning of the pandemic. Members

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asked for safe maintenance med caution refill options through their pharmacies. With additional education and marketing, we saw almost a 4% increase in home delivery utilization and over a 7% increase in 90-day prescription fills versus 30-day fills. Our healthy foundations program shifted to virtual, HIPPA-compliant offerings expanding the program's reach knowing the pandemic could have devastating impacts on those with chronic conditions. We participated in monthly conversations with the deep group to find ways that the bureau of human resources and the benefit office can support employees. We're currently working on a new parent guide because of this collaboration. We implemented performance guarantees with our vendor partners to expand access to qualified providers who identify as black, indigenous and people of color especially in the mental health field. We entered into a contract with carrot to provide employees independent access to fertility and family-forming education, virtual chats with physicians and specialists, library of resources, exclusive discounts and holistic pregnancy support. We negotiated vendor contracts, implemented programs and managed trends to keep costs consistently below national increases as we understand the impact benefits has on bureau budgets and employees. I just want to thank our valued partners within the labor management benefit committee, the Portland lease association who have collaborated on plan changes with respect to fiscal responsibility and sustainability required to protect the health funds. I want to extend a special thank you to our vendor partners for their continued support in providing innovative benefits which meet the need of our employees and their dependents. Lastly, a special thank you to the entire benefits and bureau of human resources team. I am so proud to be a part of a team that's working through this pandemic and continues to be advocates and supporters of city employees. So with that being said, the first ordinance, number 322, authorizes changes to the health plan document for the new benefit plan year set to begin July 1 of 2021. Though the plan documents represent the legal requirements of the health plan and the health reimbursement account, by approving this ordinance you are also approving the plan design changes recommended by labor management benefit committee and for all administrative requirements which BHR and the benefit office are responsible to fulfill. We have one state-based regulatory change which is participation in the family connects Oregon program which covers newborn nurse home visits related to social determinants of health. This program is a result of Oregon senate bill 526 which was passed back in 2019. Visits will be available to participants within certain counties, and those are determined by the state, and they'll expand to all counties over a five-year period. There are no federal regulatory changes to

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report to you all this year. And then I'm going to go into the changes recommended by the labor management benefit committee, and there's a handful, so bear with me for just a moment.

[laughter] the first one is an express scripts pharmacy implementation of the rational med and advanced opioid management programs. Both programs are designed with member safety in mind by alerting physicians to potential interactions and limiting quantities of short-acting opioid prescriptions. Last year we had 467 members who would have been attempted by a real-time safety alert had the rational med program been in place. Rational med does not prevent a member from getting a prescription, it merely alerts the prescribing physician of any possible safety issue or gap in care. This program promotes member health, prevention of adverse events, and the plan could see a savings over time. The advanced opioid management program addresses opioid use with member education and support, safety edits, prescriber messaging, safe disposal and drug quantity management and intervention. The OMBC and benefit office are recommending these benefits to insure safety and support of our planned participants.

Longtime opioid users with chronic conditions such as cancer would not be impacted by this program. Changes to the city corps medical plan include increasing the adult hearing aid coverage from 60% to 80% so it equitably aligns with other covered services. Adding coverage for medically-necessary orthotics subject to the deductible and coinsurance and limited to one plan -- or one pair per year. Expansion of the diabetes management program to prediabetic members allowing for no-cost nutrition therapy, physical education and training for patient self-management. This is an important step in diabetes prevention. Last one for city corps is the implementation of Moda's coordinated specialty programs for behavioral health and disease management program for pain conditions. Both programs provide trauma-informed and evidence-based treatments including outreach and care coordination. A change for the VSP which is vision service plan, buy-up option only. We are proposing the addition of sun care and easy options program to buy-up plan. The addition of sun care allows members to use the prescription frame allowance towards the purchase of nonprescription sunglasses, encouraging members to seek vision care as it must be used in conjunction. Easy option allows members to personalize their vision benefits easily and affordably by choosing their own upgrade. Choices include a \$250 frame allowance, the anti-glare lenses, progressive, light-reactive or a contact lens allowance. Based on the LMBC-recommended changes and the state and federal regulatory changes, the final health premium costs and self-funded rates are increasing approximately 3% citywide for fiscal year 2021-22. The health operating budgets include appropriations in support

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of health plan costs associated with this ordinance. As in prior years, we draw down health operating fund reserves to lessen cost impacts to bureaus and employees. This has been an important strategy to balance against high increases. The second ordinance, number 323, authorizes the chief human resources officer to enter into contract in any prerequisite business associate agreement providing benefit administrative software on behalf of the benefit office. We are seeking a five-year contract with a not to exceed value of \$2.5 million for benefit administrative software services set to begin no later than January 1, 2022. Our current contract is nearing the ten-year mark, and this insures the city has an accurate system of record, correct calculation of premium for bureaus and employees, and it insures secure employee access to enroll in benefits from any device. Changing vendors will provide system enhancements and added capabilities not currently available to us. We will combine our cobra program allowing for streamlined processes, access to payment history and ability to make election changes currently handled through the paper enrollment process right now. Additional enhancements include tracking for city programs such as the preventive care initiative, decision making tools for employees and room for expansion in the future with total reward statements. This system will also provide more efficient compliance with regulations such as the affordable care act and our required 1095 caps reporting. The third and final ordinance, number 324, authorizes the chief human resources officer to renew our contract with express scripts to continue pharmacy benefit management services within our self-funded health plan. This would be a three-year contract extension set to expire June 30, 2024, and includes a not to exceed amount of 55 million. Express scripts has been the pharmacy benefit manager for five years after attaining our business through a competitive bid process. This extension comes after extensive market checks, rate negotiations, price guarantees for the upcoming contract period. The city was able to negotiate a 10.5% savings and an 8.5% -- or 8.9% for PPA over our current pricing module, and that's valued to save over \$4 million in the three-year period of time. Pharmacy costs are projected to increase between 6-10% annually, so any administrative fee reductions, increased discounts and rebates help the city offset continued increases. Continued specialty program implementations like the one we described earlier, strategic contract negotiations, all of those will be key in helping the city curb pharmacy costs over time. The additional contract funding is required to continue providing these pharmacy benefit management services to pay claims appropriately and to support the three-year contract extension. The requested funds for these three ordinances are available within the city and PPA health operating funds. This

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concludes my remarks, and I ask for your support in authorizing these ordinances, and I'm happy to answer any questions you all might have. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Terrific presentation. I'll entertain questions at this point. Keelan, do we have public testimony on 322, 23 or 24?

Clerk: No one is on the line for those items.

Wheeler: All right. That was a great presentation, thank you. With that, Keelan, these are all emergency ordinances. Please call the roll on 322. [roll call]

Ryan: I want to thank you, Michelle Taylor, that was a great presentation. Very informative. It was wonderful to hear about senate bill 526 being woven into the benefit plan and also just want to compliment all your agility and flexibility during the covid pandemic. It's very impressive. I know as somebody that had to allocate, had to plug into the services, it was quite easy, and I owe you, Michelle Taylor, and your staff. [roll call]

Rubio: I want to thank you, Michelle, and the labor management community for their work on the ordinance that we're considering today. Now more than ever, it's, you know, it's really important that we have a competitive benefits program in order to support our employees and also to achieve our goals. So thank you again for your work on behalf of our employees. [roll call]

Wheeler: Well, thank you for a great presentation. Thanks for the hard work. These benefit plan changes expand critical health access for all of our city employees, and I appreciate that equity in the social determinants of health are at the forefront of the decision making that led to some of these changes. We know that the effects of the pandemic that we're all experiencing continue to strain both mental as well as physical health, and so I'm really encouraged that we get to provide expanded services while maintaining very low increases in the overall cost structure. I think you did a terrific job of balancing the needs with the desire of our employees to keep costs low. I certainly want to add my thanks to the h.r. Taffe and members at the labor management benefits committee for just terrific work and long hours that were put into amending the city of Portland employee benefits program to improve our plan offerings. And finally, I think it just goes without saying that a year plus of pandemic health benefits are going to be on everybody's mind as they make decisions about seeking employment with any employer, so it's really important that we maintain our strong commitment to health benefits and the wellness of our employees. And this certainly does it. So I'm happy to vote aye, the ordinance is adopted. Please call the roll on 323. [roll call]

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. 324, please call the roll. [roll call]

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Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. I called -- that was 324, correct? So we got through it.

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: Good, okay. Great. Mind freeze there for a minute, sorry. We're not quite at the time that I can call 325, so why don't we go, please, to the regular agenda. And let's do 339, please.

Clerk: Appoint members to the development review advisory committee for terms to expire May 11, 2024.

Wheeler: Excellent. And that is commissioner Ryan. Good morning.

Ryan: Good morning, and thank you, mayor. Yes. The development review advisory committee, known as DRAC, was established in June of 2001 as the city's primary advisory body regarding development review. DRAC seeks to foster a timely, predictable and accountable development review process and advocates for consistent and fair application of regulations. DRAC's 17 members represent groups of interest in development and development review processes. DRAC members are appointed by the city council to one three-year term with the possibility of serving a second three-year term. I'm so pleased today to present seven candidates as DRAC members. They include Bobby Daniels for design professionals, Libby Deal for neighborhood coalition land use committees, Steffeni Gray for environmental conservation and green building, William Steve Lee for land use planning professionals, Samuel Miller for small business, Eric Paine for low income housing developers and Maurice Rahming for minority construction contractors and development professionals. I will now hand it over to bds staffer Mark Fetters. Mark, please take it away.

Mark Fetters: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, and good morning, mayor and commissioners. We are very excited to present these seven candidates to you this morning for consideration, nomination as members of the development review advisory committee, DRAC. These candidates were chosen after a thorough review process that looked at 37 applicants for vacant positions on the committee. And it was it was really an intentional effort to increase participation on the committee from communities of color. There are currently ten vacancies on the committee with these seven candidates, if they are appointed, three vacancies will remain, and we are just about ready to launch a new recruitment to fill those positions. So I'd like to briefly introduce the members. I know some of them are present, and we'll give a chance for them to speak as well. So Bobby Daniels is an owner representative and construction project manager at the native American-owned firm. Bobby has more than 20 years' experience in design and construction and consults on the development of affordable housing and public improvement

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projects. Libby Deal is being nominated for the neighborhood coalition land use committee's position. Libby is a board member and the land use chair for the King neighborhood association, and Libby is passionate about civic engagement and wants to enable others to become more involved in their communities. Steffeni Gray is nominated for the environmental conservation and green building position. Steffeni has an architecture degree and a longstanding passion in working to insure the integration of nature and built environments. Steffeni is the vice president of operations for All Hands Raised and has spent her professional life working as a nonprofit executive in organizations committed to diversity and equity. Steffeni also currently serves on the Urban Green Spaces Institute board. Steve Lee is being nominated for the land use planning professional's position. Steve is the affirmative action manager for Oregon Governor Kate Brown. He has a master's degree in urban and regional planning and extensive experience as a mediator and policy adviser. Sam Miller is nominated for the small businesses position. Sam has owned small businesses and is on the board of directors for the North/Northeast Business Association and works with Prosper Portland to assist the community. Eric Paine is nominated for the low income housing developer's position. Eric is the CEO and cofounder of Community Development Partners which works with groups to develop affordable housing communities. And finally, Maurice Rahming is nominated for the minority construction contractor and development professional's position. Maurice is the president of O'Neill Construction Group, and he mentors women and minorities in the construction industry. Maurice is also a member of the National Association of Minority Contractors' Hall of Fame. So these, these, as I said, we're very excited about these candidates. They bring a wealth of relevant experience as well as important perspectives to the DRAC, and we're very pleased to present them. I know some of them are present, and for those who are, we wanted to give you a chance just to say hello and also to respond to question of what really puts the fire in your belly about serving on the DRAC. What excites you. So based on how you're appearing on my screen, Libby, can we start with you?

Libby Deal: Hi. Can everyone hear me?

Ryan: Yes, Libby.

Deal: Great. I'm Libby Deal, and I'm so honored to be nominated for this DRAC committee. What puts the fire in my belly to serve on this committee and serve the city of Portland, well, that's easy, it's my real belly which has a big old baby in it, and I have another baby in the bathtub right now. I'm a third generation Portlander, I was privileged enough to be born and raised in Portland and, you know, raising my family in Portland continues to motivate me to be civically engaged

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and to try to increase the amount of civic engagement in Portland so Portland can become, you know, can be a beautiful place and place where everyone can prosper, people from all walks of life, from all different backgrounds and beliefs. And I think development is really important to that because our built environment, particularly our homes, are how you make your families and how you can have families that thrive. And that's what puts the fire in my belly.

Fetters: Thank you, Libby. Sam, would you go next?

Miller: Yes, good morning, city council, mayor. Good morning. Hi, dan, good to see you. So having been part of Portland's infrastructure now for almost 30 years and seeing the opportunities that were not available to people of color with regard to business, it's really important for me that we provide opportunities so that what I've learned in order to build infrastructure in an economy, people have to be able to support themselves. In order to build infrastructure in a society, people have to be the able to start having conversations about generational wealth for their families. And only business owners can do that because no matter how well paid the job may be, your budget equals the job. But if you start to own something, not only can you help your family to develop generational wealth, but you can assist other families. My experience has been, especially in black-owned businesses, that most of the people that work in black-owned businesses are neighbors of the people that own the company. And over time what ends up happening is not only do you provide opportunities for these people to get secure employment, but you also begin to develop opportunities for them to become homeowners. And our economy changes when people go are from renters to homeowners. Everything changes. Crime is no longer welcome in a place that you own. Your children become prouder of the fact that your dad, my -- your mom, your brother, your sister has an opportunity to not only support themselves, but also to support other people in the neighborhood. I know that we can do this in Portland. We worked really, really hard in the soul district to do this up to this point, and I know that we can do that. So I'm really, really, really honored to be a part of this committee. Thank you very much.

Fetters: Thank you, same Bobby, would you go next?

Daniels: Good morning. Sorry. I am one of the many parents out there who is on the home schooling, so you might hear little rug rats flying around. I have a 10-year-old and a 12-year-old and a loud bulldog. But a lot of the things have been said before with Libby and Sam are true for me. I'm first generation Portland, Oregon. I've been here my whole life, and I've seen quite a bit of changes in these 46 years, and I think the perspective I bring is half of my career's been in the

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architectural profession, the other half has been in construction, and I've really seen the gambit of how, I guess, in particular bds has affected the way that things are developed in the city. And my hope is to bring a little more, I guess, I don't know if the right word is levity, but at least understanding from both sides. I've worked for the city as well, and I know a lot of people in these departments. It's a challenge. And I feel like, you know, if you're not, the cliché, very cliché, if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I feel like we can all get to a better place if we, you know, pick the time -- take the time and really look at these challenges and find better ways to get developments built in a timely fashion. I feel like Portland, as big of a metropolis it is, feels like it's lagging in this work. We just got on to electronic permitting two years ago. So seems like there's some opportunities here, and I want to hold the city and the developers accountable for their roles in this.

Fetters: Thank you, Bobby. Eric.

Eric Paine: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Excited to be here, being asked to participate, nominated for DRAC focused on affordable housing, helping solve the housing crisis, mainly working in Portland and metro area. And I think that the most exciting thing is just being able to bring in perspective, our perspective from our team as well as partner organizations that we work with. We're doing a lot of work with, in the ARA, Hacienda, FEI and other housing partners within the city. And I think being able to bring varied perspectives to the table to collaborate with the city on how we can make change to process in order to make things more efficient and, ultimately, get our housing development work back to the finish line sooner is what's really exciting for me to figure out how we can be better partners with the communities that we're working with and how we can get housing units produced and families moved into permanently affordable housing as request quickly as possible. Excited about the collaboration potential and providing different perspectives.

Fetters: Thank you, Eric. Steve.

Steve Lee: Good morning, commissioners, and Mr. Mayor. I am honored to be in front of you and have you consider me for membership on the DRAC. I think that when I left here to go to planning school, I was a transportation planner, and I come back now as an urban development planner, right? My kind of perspective about how cities work really expanded quite a bit in the years that I was away. And the intersection of kind of -- the management of place, transportation, and the opportunity for prosperity, with well-being and environmental health for people is really something that cities do really well. It's kind of the place where cities sit that

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other governments don't. And I think my interest in being here is just to make cities work better. I think we in Portland can do a better job, I want to be a part of that, and I think there's tremendous opportunity kind of going forward between the post-pandemic environment and kind of facing some of our problems with utilization of unused space. I think there's lots of ways that I could make a contribution to the committee and kind of position it for success and helping make Portland work better. That's -- yeah. That's all I have.

Fetters: Thank you, Steve, and Steffeni.

Steffeni Gray: Good morning, commissioners and mayor. I want to thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the DRAC. I'm honored to be considered. I have a longstanding passion for insuring that as a citizen of Portland, I do everything to make it a better place. And I believe that the DRAC, hopefully, can provide that level of service for me as a citizen. I have an architecture degree, and in doing that I have a real passion, as I said in my bio, for the integration of natural environment with the built environment, but I also have a passion for design of communities for all citizens of any community. And so if I'm appointed to the DRAC and this goes forward, I want to bring a perspective in the decisions that we make to make sure they benefit everyone that lives in Portland, not just a few people. This community is enriched by different perspectives, different backgrounds, different race and ethnicities and an understanding and honoring of that. And I hope that I can bring that level of perspective. As the DRAC looks at design decision and development decisions that can benefit everyone in Portland, I will say that my service on the Portland parks board a number of years ago made -- really brought home the importance of community involvement and citizen support of decisions in the city of Portland. I found that experience on to be very enriching and satisfying, and I look forward to that similar experience serving on the DRAC.

Fetters: Thank you, Steffeni. The remaining candidate, Maurice, let me know he wasn't going to be available until at least 11:00 so, unfortunately, he's not here in the meeting. But, mayor and council members, if you have questions for me or for the nominees, I would be happy to take those.

Wheeler: Any further questions of these nominees? These are outstanding nominees. Thank you for bringing them forward. Just terrific.

Hardesty: Mayor, I'll make a motion to accept the report as presented.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty moves the report. Do we have a second?

Ryan: Then I'll second, yeah.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan, thank you for seconding the report. Any further discussion?

Seeing none, Keelan, please call the roll on the report. [roll call]

Ryan: I want to just take a moment and pause to say this feels good. There's been a lot of dialogue with the director to get to a place where we could really recruit hard and think really strategically about the who to build the composite for this very important body. And so I look on the screen right now, and I see some very, very familiar faces, and your lived experiences and your, also your talent and your technical experience, it's really an honor to know that all of you are committed to a three-year term to serve the city. Libby, you did steal the show by standing up and -- [laughter] showing us your, the fire in your belly. And with that I will put a big smile on my face and say aye. [roll call]

Hardesty: I want to also thank the bureau and the committee who brought this fine, esteemed panel forward for appointment. I'm very, very, very impressed with each of your backgrounds, each of your commitments to the city of Portland and your commitment to really helping us think very critically as we come out of this pandemic. Mr. Lee, you struck my core where you talked about what we're rebuilding coming out of this pandemic, and we will need creativity, and we will need to be thinking outside of the limits that we've normally had. And we must center community members and the economic prosperity that comes as we rebuild. And I can't think of a finer team to help us have those very difficult conversations and make those really difficult choices. So thank you for your willingness to serve. Thank you for the incredible recruitment job that was done. And I just want to admire the fact that there are at least four African American men that will be on this committee, and that is not a normal appointment process at the city of Portland, let me just say. And it feels good to know that when we are intentional, we get good results. So thank you all, everybody, for your willingness to serve, and I look forward to the hard work we do together. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I just want to express how impressed I am by the quality of candidates before us today, and I also want to thank all the candidates for their service to our city. I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I want to thank commissioner Ryan for these really great appointments. This is a really stellar group. I have the honor of knowing or working with several of the appointees in this cohort, and I want to really lift up that these appointees are very highly regarded in the community and in their respective industries. And they are very reflective of Portland in 2021. So

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to our new design colleagues like my colleagues have stated, I'm really excited for the experience and the perspectives that you're going to bring to this work. And I want to thank you all so much, as everyone else has expressed, about your willingness to serve our city in this really critical way and in this -- and in this very critical time. I look forward to seeing the results of the future work you all do together. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Well, I just want to add to the cheers of my colleagues. This is a phenomenal panel of residents in this community. And as commissioner Rubio just said, these are individuals who are highly respected in their respective fields. The committee represents the community not only as it stands today, but as it will be in the years ahead. And I just think it's great. And commissioner Ryan, thank you to you and your team for doing such a great job bringing these folks forward. But most importantly, I just want to thank our nominees for their willingness to serve. This is great. This is what democracy is supposed to look like, when people step forward and offer what they can offer from their perspective to help better the community. I could not be prouder at this moment to support this slate of candidates. I vote aye. The report is accepted.

Ryan: Mayor, Maurice just joined. We just voted on you, Maurice, but maybe we'd allow him to say a couple words as well.

Wheeler: Of course, go ahead. Hi, Maurice.

Maurice Rahming: Hi, mayor and commissioners. I apologize, I was doing -- I had -- [laughter] sorry. But I just want to say I'm excited about this because as we look at -- I'm excited about this commission, I'm excited about this work. I know that there's a lot of work ahead, and I'm just really excited because I think we have the right team and the right group to actually tackle some of this historical challenges. And so, yeah, as many of you guys know, I'm passionate about this work. I really enjoy it, so I really am excited and look forward to the opportunity to serve and to really make our city a better place for everybody. Thank you for having me.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. Rahming. We're glad that you could join us. And thank god you didn't say you didn't want to be on the committee, because we already voted, and you're already in. So congratulations to you and your peers. We're so appreciative of your service and theirs as well. Thank you. Calling -- [inaudible conversations]

Hardesty: Mayor, you need to vote.

Wheeler: I did. I voted. The report is accepted and the appointments are approved. Thank you. The next item is 325, time certain.

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

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yes. Well, today we have before us proposed changes for the bureau of development services. Bds is responsible for administering and enforcing the state building code as well as administering and enforcing the city's zoning code, portions of the tree code and regulations on floating structures, erosion control, signs, murals and property maintenance. 98% of bds funding comes from permit fees and charges for service. Fees need to be set at a rate to cover the cost of providing these services. The ability for bds to provide timely, predictable services is essential in keeping the construction industry working, adding to the housing supply, supporting business development, and attracting investment in Portland. The fee changes proposed today are necessary to maintain fiscal stability, implement important process and technology improvements and also provide continuity of service delivery. With us today are bds deputy director Elshad Hajiyev and budget and finance manager Kia Bryan to provide additional background information about the proposal. Please take it away.

Elshad Hajiyev: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Good morning, commissioners, and mayor. I'm the deputy director of the bureau of developments and services. As commissioner Ryan mentioned, bds is responsible for administering and enforcing a variety of state building codes as well as local codes. Nearly all of our services are funded solely through permit fees and charges for services. Throughout the pandemic caused by covid-19, as you know, construction was with deemed an essential business, and bds never stopped providing services to our customers. We also significantly expanded services provided online. However, the economic crisis caused with by the virus caused a decline, substantial decline in development activity specifically in the multifamily development, office development, hotel space and other areas. At the same time as the construction activity was declining, the bureau experienced significant increases in personnel costs and also other costs associated with material and services. As a result of those cost increases, now some of the fees that the bureau is charging to our customers are below cost recovery. And as commissioner Ryan mentioned, 98% of our revenues are coming from those fees and services which means that we have to be 100% cost recovery on our services and fees. Over the last year, we've been significantly building on our reserves to compensate for the decline in the activity and as well as the increases in our cost. What I'm proposing the fee

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changes for the majority of our programs for the years the bureau always tried to increase those, the fees gradually so as not to affect our customers too drastically. And this is the case in this year too. Most of our fees are going up by only 5%. And even as those, with those proposed fee changes, it will be still very difficult to achieve 100% cost recovery in fiscal year 21-22. We've been very proactive in addressing the downturn. We did offer a variety of saving measures to our employees, voluntary measures that were passed by the council under the safety net ordinance. We did hiring freezes, we even went to layoffs in march of this year, and we laid off 11 employees. We are gaining a lot of efficiencies through electronic system and portal, payment portal, and we are using other efforts to reduce our costs and keep our costs low. What the goals the bureau is trying to achieve with these fee changes is to minimize reduction in our service levels. Because what those fee increases mean to us is additional \$2.1 million per year which means that's the funding for approximately 15-16 FTE. We also will be using the additional revenue generated by fees to continue to fund the technology process work, and again, the main factor why we are increasing our fees is to keep up with the rising costs. The bureau have done pretty extensive outreach to community. We work with DRAC on the fee changes. We did several presentations to the committee. We did advertise that the fee changes in our plans in our newsletter, our web site was updated with proposed fee changes as well as the state of Oregon bureau of -- BCD, building codes division, also posted our fee changes. Our managers have been actively reaching out to investor groups to also make them aware of the changes that are coming. In short, the summary of changes, as I mentioned before, the 5% fee increase across most of the programs, or these fee changes affect building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, site development, signs, enforcement, land use services and hearings officer fee schedules. We're not proposing any fee changes to the zoning enforcement program. Overall, again, the fee change is 5% increase. Some of the fees are going up slightly more than that, but some of them are not being increased depending on the cost recovery for the certain fee. That concludes my presentation. I want to thank bds' finance team, Carl O'Brien and -- for their work on this, this proposed fee change. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. And thank you for that presentation and for a thorough presentation. I heard you say that the fee change only addresses the increased costs, and so it's not really covering the deficit that you are experiencing as a bureau, is that an accurate statement?

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Hajiyev: That is an accurate statement we are, our fee changes are reflective of our increasing costs. Even though we are experiencing lower revenues than in prior years, the fee increase that we're proposing right now will not be enough to cover the lack of construction projects that are coming forward.

Hardesty: And what do you see as the impact on affordable housing projects? When I say affordable, I mean at 60% MFI and under. What do you see the impact on those projects moving forward with the fee increase?

Hajiyev: For some of the affordable housing projects, we do have programs where we waive some of the fees or reduce them. So as far as the affordable projects go, I don't believe that the impact will be as big as 5%. We did provide council with the comparisons of the old fee schedules, old fees that would have been charged, let's say, based on the current fee schedule versus the 5% that we're proposing. And it's, let me just get to that. Okay. I'm almost there. I'm about the -- so we're looking, I'm looking at the commercial project that is a four-story, 50-unit apartment building. That would be probably something that will qualify but will be under affordable housing. And it looks like that the overall increase in bds' fees will be approximately around \$6,000. So, the entire impact. If there are no waivers, if there are no anything else that's being given, it's approximately \$6,000.

Hardesty: So thank you. But what I know about low income housing providers that are building housing is that every little bit is kind of like toothpaste, using toothpaste to build an airplane. Every tiny increase actually makes it harder to build affordable housing. And so it may sound like not a lot of money in the scheme, but it could actually make or break many nonprofit deals that are coming down the pipe. So I am concerned about the continued increase in fees having a very negative impact on nonprofit housing providers because those are the ones we're primarily reliant on to increase the stock of housing people can afford to live in. So it is a balancing act, and I do understand that you're balancing many factors, but I'm very concerned about that significant of an increase for nonprofit housing providers. Thank you.

Wheeler: Mr. Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you. I want to thank staff for that excellent presentation. I was just wondering if the DRAC took a position on the proposed fee increases, and if they did, what did they say?

Hajiyev: Thank you for that question, commissioner Mapps. We did do a couple of presentations to the DRAC on the fee changes. Overall, they understand why our fees are going up. And they, I would say they support our efforts to make sure that the bureau is financially stable, and this is,

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that the fee change is a part of that effort to make sure that the bureau is financially stable and that we can provide, continue provide services and maintain the service level. That's what they're interested in, that we are stable to provide service, continue providing service to them. So from that point of view, they're supportive of that.

Mapps: The thank you very much.

Ryan: Thank you. I want to also acknowledge how much outreach you have been doing with our stakeholders and customers throughout this process. I know you went to great lengths. I appreciate that. Thanks.

Wheeler: Very good. If no further questions, colleagues, Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this ordinance?

Clerk: Yes, mayor. We have three people on the line to testify.

Wheeler: Excellent. Three minutes each. Name for the for the record, please. Go ahead and call.

Clerk: First up, we have John Duran.

Wheeler: Hi, John.

John Duran: Oh, can you hear me in.

Wheeler: Yep, loud and clear.

Duran: All right. My name is John Duran, I'm the secretary/treasurer for AFSME 189. I'm not here today speaking on behalf of my capacity as a city employee. Part of the district council of trade unions who represent 44% of all employees at the bureau of development services fully support all the recommended fee changes proposed by bds. We feel they are essential in helping to provide a more financially stable platform that aids in insuring the bureau can be adequately staffed to meet reasonable levels. Currently, the budget only receives 2% support from the general fund and, as such, the bureau must charge fees to cover the cost of its operations. There have been several years in recent past where bds has not raised fees and even reduced fees when cost recovery allowed. Meanwhile, labor costs as well as private sector competition for the same highly skilled and technical positions bd the s requires to operate have increased steadily. AFSME has noted and is keenly aware of the difficulties experienced in recruitment and retention over the year since the great recession. We have previously and continue to push for wage adjustments in our collective bargaining negotiations that help make these city jobs more competitive. At a minimum, we feel cost of living adjustments must be preserved to help compensation for upcoming predictably high inflation and to avoid falling further behind private sector competition. Without competitive pay, bds will not be able to I attract and retain

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the talent it needs to preserve sufficient service levels. As such, fee adjustments are a necessary component. As the economy begins to recover from the covid-19 pandemic, and hopefully soon, the bureau will need to be at the ready with appropriate staffing levels to respond. If staff has been cut through either layoffs or continually lost to private sector, it will have a substantial impact on the overall economic recovery of the city as a whole. All development and construction in Portland must go through the permitting process including affordable housing projects and infrastructure maintenance and improvements. Nothing is exempt. AFSME feels fee changes among the cost savings measures and sacrifices already borne by the bureau and its staff as well as the requests for the funds we have advocated are crucial to bds long term. We support the proposed fee changes and urge council to vote in favor of them. Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual, please, Keelan.

Clerk: Next up we have Rachel Whiteside.

Wheeler: Hi, Rachel.

Rachel Whiteside: Good morning, mayor, and council members. Thank you for your time this morning. My name is Rachel Whiteside, I am a union representative at the bureau of development services. We represent a wide range of classifications at the city. This includes the development services project coordinators and technicians who facilitate the issuance of permits large and small, our engineers who insure building safety, city planners who enforce zoning regulations that maintain our vibrant commercial districts that Portland is so well known for among others. We are here today to support our -- voice our strong support for bds' proposed fee changes, and we're asking for your support as well. As you've heard, bds staff and services are supported almost entirely through fees and charges for services. This is how they generate the revenue needed to maintain staff. And like other businesses right now, bds is facing annual cost inflation due to a wide variety of factors including rising rents and remaining competitive with other employers. As you've also heard, bds is currently experiencing lower cost recovery due to the impacts of covid-19, but we're supporting these fee changes because we believe that the bureau has really done their due diligence and been proactive in keeping costs down to the extent possible. Our members have also stepped up to take both voluntary and involuntary furloughs even before the city's safety net options were in place. We had members reducing work schedules to try and save money, to opt in to early retirement packages. And then, of course, we were disappointed and saddened to lose our non-represented colleagues

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who were laid off in march. I'd like to thank the mayor for the allocation or recommendation of much-needed one-time funds in the proposed budget. But this is with the understanding that the fee changes before you today are still needed in order to maintain jobs. And when I say maintain the jobs, I'm not just advocating for project 17 jobs in our city. This is jobs in our community. Further layoffs will affect the bureau's service levels which in turn impacts the ability to get permits out the door, and time equals money for our development community and our housing community and workers that are employed on those projects also face layoffs when the city is not able to process projects in a timely manner. So we saw following the great recession that when the work force is reduced at bds, it has an impact on Portland's recovery. So to conclude, we're supportive of b, the s' efforts so far, and we support the fee changes. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Suzannah Stanley.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Suzannah Stanley: Good morning. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Stanley: Great. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify. I'm a land use planner at McKenzie. I do, I work on a lot of commercial and industrial projects, and I also do a lot of permitting. And I'm also on a couple of DRAC subcommittees, the process of improvement and technology subcommittee and the group that has been working with the director's office for the past several years, and I'm also on commissioner Ryan's task force for improving permitting outcomes and timelines. One of my roles at McKenzie has been preparing multicounty permit fee comparison. We've done some version of this for quite a few years as McKenzie, but lately it's been pretty robust. We've done retail office and warehouse as well as multifamily residential project, so I'm very familiar with permit fees in the region. We actually do it for Portland, Seattle and Vancouver areas, seven cities in each for most of those uses. And I hope it is reassuring to hear Portland is often the lowest or one of the lowest for fees overall, permit fees, system development charges and land use review fees. Some of the fees that we see for Portland projects are much higher than in other cities, but some are a lot lower, so it kind of averages out. We've also done an exercise looking at the residential project, hypothetical project or an affordable housing probability where fees would be waived which makes the total fee per square foot for that same project very small compared to other jurisdictions. Just a little bit of

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data analysis there for you. I do know from my work with the committees that I'm on that raising fees is one of the several tools that bds will be using to improve service and meet city's goals for development and economic growth and improving permitting in Portland. And I support the increase. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Keelan, does that complete public testimony?

Clerk: It does, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, this is a first reading. Anything else before I move into second reading? Very good. Thanks, everyone. This is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next up, time certain, 326.

Clerk: The state of housing in Portland 2020 report.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, thank you, mayor. The Portland housing bureau has been publishing the annual state of housing report for the last six years. The report provides local leaders and policymakers with the most comprehensive resource on housing and affordability in our city, offering us critical insights into who the housing market is serving and who is being left behind. As you will hear from the presentation today, covid-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges, deepening our housing and houselessness crisis and highlighting race and income disparities that were already significant before the pandemic. In addition, changing market conditions many both the rental and home ownership markets due to covid-19 are bringing significant changes to our city and residents. A full report can be found on the Portland housing bureau's web site. Today we are delighted to have Bimal -- I'm, let me get this right -- Bimal RajBhandary's analyst for the state of housing report, and he will present overall, key findings of the report. Director Callahan and Matthew will also be available to answer questions. It's really wonderful to have you here and, please, take it away.

Bimal RajBhandary: Well, thank you. Good morning, mayor Wheeler, commissioner Ryan and fellow commissioners. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to present the summary findings from our 2020 state of housing in Portland report. Oh, yeah -- [laughter] for the record, I'm a data analyst with the housing bureau. Let me share my screen. Well, thank you. Even though I am presenting today, I'd like to mention that this is a work of the whole team and, in fact, everybody from the Portland housing bureau contributed in some significant way in its preparation, and today we have our direct Callahan, our policy manager and data analytics manager here, and I'm sure they'll be more than happy to answer any additional questions and clarifications. A little

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background on the genesis of the report, we started preparing this report, the state of housing report six years back because at that point it was required we present the most current and market-oriented data as objective facts. And with subsequent leadership, it has gotten better. And in publication, the report strives to provide stakeholders and policymakers with a comprehensive -- like commissioner Ryan mentioned -- comprehensive look at the city of Portland's market by ethnicity, race and income so today I'll be presenting some of the highlights from 2013-2018 using demographic data and 2019 housing data. And this is before the current covid-19 crisis. And also the housing market and -- data from 2020 when the pandemic consumed all of us up. So I hope it gives us a good picture of where we were at and how we can get back in a better way. So one more thing is like every year we try to include a special section, and this year's special section is the impacts of the covid on housing and beyond. So it's a little bit too premature to talk about the impact, but we thought it would be good to start the conversation and also presenting some observations. The report can be divided into five parts. The first part is pitch introduction to demographics and housing stock in the city of Portland. And part two gives the introduction to the housing market affordability both rental as well as homeownership. Part three is city and neighborhood profiles. So the detailed information about the whole city and each of the neighborhood profiles. And part four and five are pretty much the city and housing bureau policies and programs and funding information. And for our study we use this particular map of the neighborhood study areas. So we have divided the city of Portland into 24 different neighborhoods which corresponds roughly with city of Portland's traditional neighborhood. Think of each of these study the areas as a super tract or like a combination of different census tracts so that we can combine data and then be able to present the data in much more -- we can lower the margin of error and be able to present the data that is much more valid. So that's the map of the neighborhood city areas. And the report presents a lot of information about what's happening, what has happened and a lot of information about the city of Portland housing bureau, program details. But these are some of the key findings. Even if you missed the other things. So one thing I would like to start is by saying there's a growth in population, wealth, median age and diversity from 2013-2018. However, the persistent income disparities by housing -- [inaudible] incomes overall. So disparities have still stayed. And some of the impacts from the covid-19 on the housing market, for the first time in a decade in the fit city of Portland we're seeing that asking rents are decreasing. And also we are seeing that asking rents are decreasing while the vacancy rates are at an all-time high. So city of Portland as well as

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the central city, you'll find that in east Portland the vacancy rates are actually decreasing while the rents are, in fact, slightly increasing. So it's a different pattern by different geography. And also you find that single family home sales has been consistently stronger in 2020 than 2019 in spite of covid. So last point I would like to mention is that the city and the housing bureau are having to play -- or have played new roles in having to play new roles in response to the economic impact of covid-19. So it's a new role they're having to fulfill. Here's the data on population. So the Portland continues to grow with 640,000 people, we are the 26th populace city in the united states. During the 2013-2018 five-year period, Portland added close to 45,000 new residents at an annual growth rate of 1.5%. So young, educated people are still joining our city but in a slower rate than before. So what was obvious was that Portland sort of has entered the period of stable growth in population and housing, especially in the -- [inaudible] during this period most of the increase were in north/northeast, central city and east Portland. So three of these accounted for more than 50% increase in population. On the right side is a chart showing population by race and ethnicity. So this graph shows that the change in the population, of the following groups have shown significant increase, white, Asian, Hawaiian and pacific islanders and Hispanic/Latinx and also those categorizing themselves as two or more races. But for the change for African American and native Americans -- [inaudible] statistically reliable change. And you have to realize that these two groups are historically undercounted, and the data we're using are looking at is actually race alone data from the census bureau. So for the programming purposes, it is very important that we use community-validated numbers which we try to do at the bureau. The next screen shows the median household income by race and ethnicity, and you will see that there's been a significant increase in income from 2013 to 2018. So in spite of overall increase in median household income for all the groups, the Portland's wealth is still unevenly distributed, and many of our historic residents are still struggling to make rent or to afford home ownership. And you'll see that even though the median income is increasing for all groups. There's a difference, dramatic difference in income for the white versus the communities of color. And also the data the which I've not presented here if you look at the income by -- look at the income by -- [inaudible] the homeowners in general have more than doubled the income of renters on average. Our next slide shows the renters have changed from 2013 to 2018. So rentership in general has been increasing for last five years. So we see that rentership rate actually continue to increase for African Americans and whites. Whereas for the other groups, which is a new train, for Hawaiian pacific and -- [inaudible] rentership has gone down. Next slide,

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the home ownership rate is actually opposite of the rentership. So you can see the home ownership has been going down a little bit slowly. Overall, and you'll see that, again, as a reverse of rentership, the home ownership has gone down for whites as well as for African Americans whereas it has gone up a little bit for Asian Americans and also for Hawaiian/pacific islanders, Hispanic/Latinx and native Americans. So you can see both side of rentership and home ownership rates. Next we'll look at the multifamily permits. So we'll see from 2017-2019 we still see the city is having permits and production data showing continued activity. Sew so in 2017 the multifamily production was set at a historic high of 6,000 permits and 8,500 units in production. So but when it comes to 2018 and '19, the multifamily unit's production as well as the permits actually decreased. And we only looked at up to 2019, so I think 2020 has a completely different picture. So most of the permits in 2019 were mostly in interested corridor, northwest, central and gateway neighborhoods. Next we looked at the single-family unit permits by neighborhood. So single-family permits and production have remained sort of like very consistent over the years. And they have not actually -- [inaudible] of 2007 and 2008. But they have been pretty consistent. In 2019 there were 693 permits and 546 units produced. And most of the permits in 2019 were in foster -- [inaudible] corridor and St. Johns. One other thing we look at in this report which I emphasize is looking at affordability by race and ethnicity. Is so first we look at the rental affordability? We looked at rental affordability based on their ability to pay at least 30% of their income rate alone so one isn't rent-burdened. For your information, 49% of Portlanders are either cost burdened or extremely cost burdened. So we sort of looked at which group on average can afford to rent average two-bedroom apartments in various neighborhoods in Portland based on their median income. The following average groups cannot -- in different areas of Portland if you look at different groups. So if you look at the white households in general, on average, they can afford to rent pretty much anywhere besides the central city area. And it is not true for the black household, so the average black household cannot afford to rent pretty much anywhere in the city of Portland. We're talking about two-bedroom affordability. Let's see. Try to make it a little bigger. And Latinx households can afford in east Portland. So this is the rental. So, again, the household, they can afford rent pretty much everywhere except for central city. Black household's top average can afford to rent anywhere in the city of Portland. Latinx households can afford some more areas, and the native American households can afford the rent in east and far, for northeast and Asian households have a little bit more neighborhoods they can afford to find. So when it comes to home ownership

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affordability, the situation is even starker. So see that even for the white households, places on the east side of Portland that is affordable to them. And when it comes to black households and native American households, none of the neighborhoods are affordable to them. We're talking about average households with average income. And Latinx household has few neighborhoods on the east Portland that they can afford -- they can afford, and pacific islanders have slightly more, one more neighborhood they can afford and the same with Asian households. So affordability has affected different races, race, and ethnicity groups differently. Next we looked at the person change in rent per year with, and you can see that 2020 has been a tough year for the rental housing market. So this year, this chart shows year to year percent rent change, and from 2015 to 2016 early, this is when the housing crisis began. And we started to see the rent being stabilizing, to certain extent '16, or '17, '18. But in 2020 the rent actually decreased dramatically. So in 2020 the average rental unit charges were, like, \$1461 per which is \$4 lower than 2019 \$14 lower than 2019. So the rent decreased. And this is a chart showing the vacancy rates for Portland. This is the darker color in the middle. And central city, the top one, and east Portland. So in Portland --

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor? Could we go back, please?

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: All right, thank you. Could we go back one slide, please?

RajBhandary: Okay. This one?

Hardesty: So this chart reflects this enormous increase in rent that started in 2014 through 2016.

RajBhandary: Uh-huh.

Hardesty: What's your analysis about the beginning of the reduction in rent based on that sharp increase that happened in a very short period of time?

RajBhandary: Oh, this is mostly because of what the city did, declared the housing more than. There was a partnership between the city as well as efforts to come up with more production, so more units came into production and actually decreased the rent over time.

Hardesty: So you're alleging that the decrease in rent was because there was more production as compared to a market correction because the rent was exorbitant and it went up so high so quickly?

RajBhandary: Well, I can really assume the marketplace grow, definitely.

Hardesty: Well, I just, I challenge that assumption because I think there's a lot of factors. I wouldn't want to assume that because we produced more, because we produced a lot that

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people can't afford to live in in the city of Portland. So I don't know how that was helpful.

Matthew Tschabold: Commissioner -- sorry. If I may, for the record, Matthew at the Portland housing bureau, in addition to some of that context we also in Portland, you know, we have seen because of the significant amount of production at the higher end of the market similar to comparison jurisdictions, that we've seen indications of oversupply or the supply exceeding demand which is also why in addition to the covid impacts we're seeing increases in vacancy rates -- in 2020 we were seeing increases in vacancy rates and concession rates and flattening of falling rates as well.

Hardesty: Thank you. That's helpful. I just didn't want to leave it where the market somehow did something good in this process. So thank you.

RajBhandary: No, I fully agree with you, commissioner Hardesty. And that's why we try to present our data in a very objective manner without making any -- [inaudible] definitely more to the market, more to the data than just looking at supply and demand. So thank you. Okay. I think I was looking at the vacancy rates. So, again, here you'll see that in Portland on average the vacancy rates have increased from 6.4% to 11.1% in 2020. So, and also the vacancy rates vary by geography with vacancies in the central city increasing much more dramatically whereas the vacancies actually on the east Portland is decreasing. And that's also sort of like reflected in the asking rate. So on average, their asking rate has been increasing for the city of Portland almost since 2019, but particularly in asking rents especially in 2020. And that, the decrease is even much more strongly seen in the central city whereas if you look at east Portland as well as what is also true for some of the suburban areas in the metro Portland, you see some of the asking rents are going up. And vacancy, you know, so the increased vacancies are reflected in rent conditions. East Portland and other suburban areas do not offer any -- offer very small or almost no -- [inaudible] whereas the Portland as well as the central city, the concessions have increased each quarter of 2020.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

RajBhandary: Yeah, sorry. Mayor, were you saying something?

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Sorry. I have a quick question. Mingus Mapps here. Can you just define what rent concession means here and also tell me how you collect this data?

RajBhandary: This data is collected from a company called gold star that has market-level data that they survey all the multifamily apartments in Portland as well as other metropolitan areas.

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So concession rates are asking people whether they are given discounts, probably like a one month rent off, two months off. So when you continue to do things, those are part of rent concessions.

Mapps: Okay, thank you.

RajBhandary: And then, you know, the gold star 2020 reported that downtown multifamily landlords slashed rents by 7% since march by providing major discounts and offers. And nationally, you're starting to see and hear stories about landlords offering 1-3 months of free rent, so I don't know how long that'll go, but that's -- hear about it. Next we sort of --

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty had a question on that.

Hardesty: Yes, before you move on, sorry, this is -- it's a lot of information that we're absorbing this morning. So in 2019 we see this drastic reduction in concessions --

RajBhandary: Uh-huh.

Hardesty: -- in the central city. And then we saw a rapid increase in the middle of 2019. And again, for me, it appears that the, because the represent was so high, the asking rent was so high in order to get anybody in those buildings, these incentives were necessary. Unlike east Portland where we're talking older housing stock, right? So it doesn't feel like you're comparing apples to apples when you're comparing brand new, fancy, empty buildings to older housing stock. So, you know, I'm just trying to figure out is that the right measurement that you're measuring? Because, you know, there are no incentives because there's no new buildings that people are moving into. That -- in east Portland. So I'm just curious as to --

RajBhandary: Yeah.

Hardesty: -- and why, what does this tell us?

RajBhandary: I agree with you, commissioner Hardesty --

Tschabold: Commissioner, if I may --

Hardesty: Yeah. [audio difficulty]

Tschabold: Sorry, I think I had a bad connection issue.

Hardesty: You sound better.

Tschabold: If I may, commissioner, the, you know, what we were, what we're trying to illustrate in the rent concession rates and the vacancy rates and changes between 2019 and 2020 is the kind of either emergence or reinforcement of a little bit of a bifurcated housing market between the central city area and surrounding neighborhoods in east Portland. You know, in part because there has been a narrative around many jurisdictions around the country of increases in vacancy

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rates and falling rents which is accurate particularly in some of the newer stock of housing. But we also wanted to make sure that we were painting an accurate picture of other neighborhoods where communities in those neighborhoods are not experiencing this same idea of falling rents and a lot of vacancy is, a lot of concessions. But rather where vacancies are flat, rents are flat or maybe even increasing. And it really is, you know, I personally think it's been exacerbated by the pandemic, but this bifurcation between the submarkets in Portland.

Hardesty: No, I think that's a good point especially when we know nationally folks with choices are moving into the suburbs now and away from major cities due to -- some are saying due to covid and the reality of they can work anywhere versus living close to where they work. So I appreciate that. I was just trying to get to why this measurement, but it makes sense. Thank you.

RajBhandary: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Yeah, it's a little bit premature to come up with, like, explanations. We have anecdotal stories about people leaving the central city, going to suburbs, and that probably has affected. But I think we can't make that at the same time on our part at this point as a data analyst. But given this year, by the end of 2021, we'll fully understand the real demographic impact as well as the housing impact. So please look forward to the new report. Thank you. [laughter] we looked at the impact on housing, so this is just a snapshot of data in two time period, one in December of 2019 and December 2020. And you can see that the vacancy, actually went up for central city as well as Portland and went down for east Portland. And on the other side, you look at the asking rent in Portland, you'll see that both for central city and Portland, it decreased whereas it increased for east Portland. And this is more of an observation and should not be taken as a causation. So we'll know more as we get more data and know more about the impact. So housing, residential home sales has been strong. So it was strong before the covid hit, and it has still stayed pretty strongly for whole year of 2020, even in 2021. So the lower graph actually shows data for 2019, and upper graph is for 2020. And you can see that the home sale price has stayed very high overall for the whole year except for one month in May where we just got into the covid pandemic area. After that it has still gone all the way up, and there's dramatic difference between what was seen many in December of 2020 and 2019. So the rental market as well as home sales has behaved in different way. We'll have to, I think we'll have lot of information, like commissioner Hardesty says, and this was a very short period of time to, like, really dig into the details. But there's a lot of information in the report and, please, feel free to ask us questions, and we're more than happy to provide any additional answers as needed. And at this point, I would like to invite our director to talk briefly about the

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housing development and the state of emergency and also to talk a little bit more about what the city and the -- is doing in response to the covid pandemic. Thank you.

Shannon Callahan: Thank you. Mayor and commissioners, Shannon Callahan. As mentioned, in addition to the comprehensive data on the housing market that you've seen today, the individual neighborhood profiles, the report also serves as the bureau's annual report on our progress of our major initiatives, strategies and policies. And while we're not planning to review all of the 170 pages of the report with you this afternoon, we just wanted -- or this morning, we just wanted to make sure that you were aware of that and that the public was aware of the comprehensive data and reporting contained in the report. I realize that viewing an online 170-page document can be rather challenging, so we want to make sure we give you hard copies of these reports delivered to your homes and make sure your staff always has -- also has these because the report contains a lot of important data. And I just wanted to basically mention what our continued focus is going to be through 2021. So, obviously, we will continue to focus on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities for Portlanders and the map in front of you contains information on what the bureau has been able to accomplish with our community partners since the state of emergency declaration in 2015, and we'll continue to work on those projects in our pipeline. As well, we just opened a metro bond solicitation just two weeks ago, and we'll be selecting new projects through the summer and fall to move forward. And then a big part of our work in 2021 will continue to be stabilizing Portlanders in the housing where they're currently residing. As you know, the eviction moratorium is slated to be removed at the end of June, and we are working with all of our community-based and jurisdictional partners to insure that rent assistance is available. We're also hopeful that the state will pass a bill this session which will extend the repayment period for rent arrears until February of 2022. That will be an essential part of insuring that families don't get evicted from their housing. So that actually does conclude our presentation. We hope to share with you hard copies at your residence soon. And we're here to answer any questions you may have. And I just wanted to express my deep gratitude to Bimal and the entire data team for creating this extremely comprehensive report. It is, it is a lot of work and just wanted to thank and acknowledge Bimal for his leadership on this project.

Wheeler: Thank you, director Callahan. Colleague, any further questions or I'll entertain a motion. Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thanks, staff, for that really excellent presentation. This came

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up a little bit in our, during the presentation, but I think the patterns we see in the central city represent an interesting paradox. And I want to kind of create some space to have staff at least speculate on what's going on here. We see renters decreasing and vacancy rates going up which seems counterintuitive. As rents decrease, we should see vacancy rates go down. Do we have any -- about what explains this? And during your presentation, I also noticed that multifamily permits seem to be kind of high in the central city. We're building there, so maybe that explains the rent increase. But I'm not quite sure, why don't people want to live in the central city? I also have noticed that I think commissioner Hardesty is right, baseline rents in the central city seem to be kind of high, so maybe some of that's there. Does anyone want to speculate around that or offer some insight into this paradox?

Callahan: Commissioner, I think, I think there's a variety of factors, and I'd welcome my team's input on this as well. I think it's been a hard time period for central cities generally, and I think that people have left units in the central city who were renting. I think there is also a mismatch between the luxury units and the people who can afford to live in those units. I think some of what you've seen when you see the development projects coming through related to the housing tax, you'll note that the market is building very small units and not a lot of bedrooms and, frankly, that's not what Portlanders need. And I think increasingly, and I am speculating here, but I think increasingly during the time of a pandemic where people are living and working from home, if they could get more space -- if they could afford to move out of the central city and get into more space, I think a rational family would have done that at that time. And so that is pure speculation to some extent, but I think it's also borne out in some of the data that we see time after time. So I'd also welcome my team's comments on that as well.

Tschabold: Just briefly, commissioner, you know, we track markets around the country as well that are comparable markets to Portland, and I think if you look at about the 16, I think it's 16 markets we looked at that are similar to Portland both in the terms of the makeup of the city and the city's economy and the kind of permitting volume as a portion of the overall stock, you know, half of them are showing similar trends as Portland, and the other half are showing the of sit trends. Our multifamily development does exist in a national and global capital marketplace and so I think you will find that development cycles are different city to city, so we trend similar to some cities are where permitting is decreasing. And differently from others, permitting is increasing. And I think what you're seeing in Portland specifically if you're asking for speculation is, again, in consideration of the covid impacts, I think you're also seeing Portland moving from a

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period of time with a significant amount of multifamily development where Portland was one of the top destinations for capital markets. And as such, we saw a lot of supply coming online, and we're naturally going to see rents flatten or start to fall and vacancies increase until demand exceeds and multifamily development begins to pick up again. So that's my perspective.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. And, first, let me just say thank you so much for this very comprehensive report, Bimal, and the rest of the staff at the housing bureau. It's problematic to say that black people cannot afford to live in the city of Portland based on the data that you have. I don't even know what to do with that information. But I am curious to know what the housing bureau is doing with that information in addressing their upcoming work and priorities. The other thing is there seems to be, when we talk about the houseless community, there's very little in this report that actually reflects what the lived experience is of our houseless community members. And it seems to be a very tiny focus on addressing the continued increase of folks on our street. So, you know, there's a lot about stabilizing people in the homes that they're in now which, of course, I support, but there's also no thinking about what are we doing about the massive increase of folks on our street, and how are we getting them into a process whereby they have some stability as we are waiting to build housing people can afford to live in. So those are the two big things that kind of pop out at me at the moment, and I'm not quite sure where we go with that, with this report from here. We adopt it, then what?

Callahan: Well, thank you, commissioner, for those comments. I'd like to say that I think, you know, one of the important things about surfacing the data regarding housing stability by race is so that we can make changes. And since we have been tracking this data and really publicly reporting it, it's affected the way -- it's affected who we fund and how we fund for the development and creation of new affordable housing and making sure that we put priority access for those communities who are not getting served by the market. I think, you know, we strive with each time we select projects to get better and better about this, and, you know, what we do know is that some affordable housing providers are better able to serve and bring in with community members. And it's an important part of how we structure our funding and who we select in the projects that we select is about who they're going to serve. And so that's part of how we react to this. But I also think it's, there's a variety of different ways that, of course, council can react to some of this data as well, and I think on the second part of your question we have not -- we do report on the data from the joint office because the joint office's connection to the

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Portland housing bureau but, you're right, we do not and have not done a comprehensive approach on what the houseless community is experiencing. So I appreciate that comment, and we'll take it under consideration for our next, our next report.

Hardesty: I also noticed that we're losing African Americans -- interstate area while we have programs that are very specifically tailored to get African Americans back in those communities. What are we doing wrong?

Callahan: Commissioner, I would love for you to point out -- we've, the neighborhood makeup and change of north and northeast has been rather significant for decades. I think mostly starting really, truly in, you know, obviously there were actions that the city took in the '70s. But in the '90s we really started to see a shift.

Hardesty: 2000 was the biggest shift of homeowners that were African American out of inner northeast. But that trend continues today.

Callahan: We do target, as you know, all of the funding through the preference policy in north and northeast that we have available. I think one of the other important things that we've done over the last year is the new funding for retention of longtime homeowners. One of the things we've heard over and over is how hard it is when someone passes away or to retain that generational wealth. So we started a pilot program just last year at the urging of our north and northeast oversight committee that has proved somewhat successful in outreach. And some of that, for us, is what more can we do. One of the things we have to be the really cautious of right now is predatory purchasing and predatory buying. As you saw from this data and, obviously, I think it's clear to anyone who's watching the home ownership market, homes are escalating at a very rapid rate. This -- we have not even been able to grapple yet with how this is going to affect our home ownership programs in general, but we do know that down payment assistance is becoming a harder and harder tool even when we're providing \$100,000 in down payment assistance. So I think one of the shifts that we're going to need to make is actually if we're going to try to continue to create homeowners in Portland, we're going off to have to build, and we're going to have to probably invest, invest quite a bit of money. I think that's the appropriate thing to do. So we'll, we will need to shift the way that we deliver services at the housing bureau based on some of the, some of what's happening in the changing market. I hope that answered your question, commissioner.

Hardesty: I'm going to stop because I could ask 20 more questions, but I assume this is our first conversation about this report, and we will be going back to this report at a later date. So thank

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you very much. A lot of good information, a lot of very troubling information in this report. And so I look forward to what's next. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Since I know we have a lot of work to do, so instead of asking a question, I'll just make a statement. Based on the data that you showed me, it seems profoundly problematic that there's no neighborhood in Portland where the average black family can afford to rent or own. That strikes me as being sort of beyond a crisis point. I appreciate your presentation because it gave us a sense of how we're responding to covid. At some point I'd like to have a conversation about how the bureau's plans and spending reflects just the reality, the stark reality that black people have been priced out of the city. And I won't ask us -- unless you want to comment on that, which I'm not necessarily asking you to do the, but I do hope that we can have that conversation and do some planning around that in the near future.

Callahan: I would just like to say, commissioner Mapps, thank you for that observation and that question, and it is very troubling to us at the housing bureau as well, and we're happy to engage in a further dialogue with you about that. And I appreciate, we appreciate your comments.

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

Ryan: Yes. Colleagues, I move to accept the state of housing in Portland 2020 report.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Ryan, a second from commissioner Hardesty. Any further discussion? Seeing up in, Keelan, please call the roll. [roll call]

Ryan: Yes, thank you. And thank you, housing bureau staff, for putting this together. Especially I want to acknowledge your skill sets and being so objective and crisp and even passionately honest while you were going new the data. That's a real skill set. And then to have Matthew weigh in with some great context. I think what I want to pause and just say is getting the truth out about all of this information, especially the fact that there's not one neighborhood that's affordable to the demographic in the report African American is troubling. And it's great to have it so crisp and clear. And so as stated by my colleagues, now it's what are we going to do about it. And I want to acknowledge director Callahan's leadership and especially the dialogue I'm having with the north/northeast volunteers on the coalition. I know there's great work going on, and I look forward to making sure that we continue to pivot and target where the greatest need is. This year's report gives data to what many of us have noticed in our day-to-day life that makes it very real. Yes, we continue to grow. We're the sixth largest city on the west coast, we're no

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longer a big town. Albeit, it has slowed down a little bit. Young, educated people continue to grow our city, but overall wealth continues to be unevenly distributed and many of our historic residents are struggling to make rent and find affordable stable housing. While the last two years before the pandemic saw historic housing production levels, we still don't have enough affordable homes for everyone. As well, the reporting on the market conditions this year gives an early -- and it is an early insight. I'm glad to hear that you're going to be delivering them soon, and I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: First, let me thank the housing bureau and Bimal. I love data, folks. It's just the data, nothing but the data, and I certainly appreciate having the give and take with folks who are really focused on the collection and doing the analysis. I also want to say this report is very disturbing to me. When I look at this report, I look at interstate as a community and see though we've increased the Latinx population, the poverty rate has almost doubled with the increase in the Latinx population. When you look at Alberta, the poverty rate continues to soar. The fact that native Americans can almost live nowhere in the city of Portland and have almost no opportunity for home ownership is a huge concern of mine. None of this information is new to us. We know how past housing policy has had a racially disparate impact on how housing has been built and how housing stock has been controlled in the city of Portland. So no big surprises as far as what the outcome has been. What's troubling for me is even with efforts focused on increasing opportunity for black, Latinx, native American folks, we are still failing miserably in reaching that goal. And I hope that it's not another year before we come back to this conversation and really unpack the fact that we are failing our communities over and over and over again. So we can say good things, we can develop good programs, but if the outcomes don't change, then we really haven't actually done much. I look forward to working with commissioner Ryan, with the housing bureau and really helping us think creatively about how we're not here next year looking at the same kind of numbers and scratching our heads about why nothing changed. We must do better, and we must be more intentional about how we do better. I vote aye, I look forward to the work ahead.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I want to thank staff for that excellent presentation and this excellent report. Like my colleagues on council, I share concern about the broader trends and patterns that we see in our, in Portland's housing market. I think it's important we work together to insure that Portland's

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housing market works for all Portlanders, especially those of color. I look forward to working with you on that important issue in the future, and that's one of the reasons why I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank Bimal and the Portland housing bureau again for compiling this report and this presentation. This is a lot of hard information to take in, but I also believe it underscores the urgency that we all feel right now. In my last job, I saw the impact of the housing crisis up front and in real-time through our rent assistance work and how this unaffordability is pushing people into housing instability or out of Portland entirely. And this data makes a clear case for the need for that affordability and the need to access home ownership by black, indigenous, Latinx and other people of color. It's really painful to see the deep unaffordability in most or all parts of the city. That's something that's been commented on by my colleagues. Also that the media cost of a house is well above \$400,000, and that amount is completely inaccessible for low income Portlanders. And I think particularly of black Portlanders who have been robbed of their opportunity to build intergenerational wealth in this city. We have a lot of challenges ahead that we've all identified that will require innovation and urgency, and I'm glad that we're committed to working with the bureaus and community partners to do just that. I just want to thank you for the presentation and for keeping this present for us as we enter this next critical phase in the housing crisis coming out of the pandemic. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Well, first of all, I want to underscore what several of my colleagues have already said. First of all, this is not new. This is not new data. We received similar data last year, similar data the year before that. So what we're seeing is a continued and even a strengthening trend towards a lack of affordability. And one cannot look at this report and not acknowledge that its conclusions are devastating. What we're seeing, as commissioner Rubio just pointed out, is that there is a growing disconnect between specific segments of our community and the primary means by which families generate intergenerational wealth. And so the consequences of this trend which started several years ago are potentially going to be with us economically -- by us, I mean specifically those segments of our community that are excluded from home ownership, that loss of intergenerational wealth will be felt for, potentially, decades. And so the word urgency once again comes to mind. But I also want to put a reality check in front of this. We are dealing not just with the Portland housing bureau's contributions to the overall marketplace which, to be blunt, are minimal when compared to the overall size of the market. There are large market forces here,

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and while I appreciate that director Callahan said it will take more money and more resource, I think we need to have a objective, steely, emotional analysis of what that actually means. And as you know, colleagues, the housing bureau's not coming into deeper resources going forward. We're going to be struggling with the funding for both the housing bureau as well as our economic development agency and have some really serious conversations going forward about the future of those two bureaus in the lineup of the city's bureaus. And so there's probably no way we can solve this problem solely through the housing bureau has at its disposal. We also have to talk about access to employment, we have to talk about income disparity, we have to talk about skills development, human resource development, we have to talk about education. All of those things are linked to this question of affordability as is the current supply issue. I applaud commissioner Ryan and the housing bureau and the bureau of development services and our other permitting bureaus that are looking at ways to reduce the time, cost and the hassle factor associated with building particularly lower income or entry-level housing in our community, but I also want to acknowledge something that was said in the report, in the presentation, and it garnered only one sentence of the presentation which is those costs associated with permitting consist of development charges represent a very small fraction of the overall cost of development in this city. So while they get disproportionate news coverage and a lot of attention because those are the government's contributions to the cost of housing, that's not the only thing that -- that's not the only consideration. There's a lot of things we need to do here. And then, shannon, I'm just going to make the same appeal that I did last year at this time. Could we please reserve more than 30 minutes on the official docket for this? We always put it for 30 minutes, and it's never a 30-minute presentation, and it deserves more than a 30-minute presentation. So can we just try and put in our notes that this will be on the docket for at least an hour just so we get -- and I'm telling all of our bureau directors, let's be realistic about the times that we are associating with our council agendas because we are routinely far more interested in the reports than the bureaus think we're going to be. So there you have it. Excellent report in terms of the information and clarity of the information. Well presented. Thank you to our presenters. Great questions from my colleagues, I think thoughtful responses to those questions. This was time extremely well spent, and as commissioner Hardesty said, now the question is what are we going to do with it. And that really is the key question. I vote aye. The report is accepted and thank you for that. With that, we'll move back to the regular agenda, if I can find my place. We're at 340. Given the time and since this is one of my item, I will ask that we speed

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this up to the degree that we can reasonably do so and still have a thorough enough presentation. Item 340, please.

Clerk: Concept bid of Landis & Landis construction LLC for the southwest capital highway, southwest Taylor's ferry road to southwest garden home road project for \$13,955,066.

Wheeler: Colleagues, in summary, this is a procurement report for a joint Portland bureau of transportation, bureau of environmental services and Portland water bureau project that will install pedestrian, bicycle, storm water management and water main improvements on a section of the southwest capitol highway. I'm not sure who's presenting, so whoever's presenting, feel free to jump in right about now.

Kathleen Brenes-Morua: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I'm Kathleen Brenes-Morua.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Brenes-Morua: The interim chief of procurement officer, and I am here to recommend authorization to enter into a contract with Landis & Landis construction for the southwest capital highway, southwest Taylor's ferry road to southwest garden home road project. On October 21st of 2020, council authorized procurement services to solicit the project, and the engineer's estimate was \$18.5 million with a high confidence level. Bids were opened on March 30th, and four bids were received. Landis & Landis submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$13,955,066 which is approximately 25% under the engineer's estimate. The city's aspirational 20% subcontractor utilization goal applied; Landis & Landis has committed to subcontract 20.79% to firms certified by the state's certification office for business inclusion as identified in the report before you. They're self-programming 55.22% of the work and subcontracting the remaining 23.999 % to noncertified firms. Landis & Landis construction is in full compliance with all city contractor requirements, and I here recommend that council accept this report and authorize execution of the contract. If there are any questions about the procurement process, I'm happy to answer those. Also in advance are the project managers, Steven and Lisa, and also a representative from Landis & Landis should there be questions.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, and thank you, Kathleen, for that presentation. I guess for me I'm happy to see this multi-bureau process, project move forward. And though we are achieving our goals around covid-certified firms, I see we still have three departments involved in this bid, still have very few representation from contractors of color. Of and i, I guess my question is there's

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nothing that prohibits contracts of color or women contractors from being utilized outside of the covid process, is there?

Brenes-Morua: There is not, no.

Hardesty: Yet I've never seen a firm managed by people of color or women in the non-covid section. Is there a reason why we only talk to people of color and women when it's based on covid as compared to the totality of the contract?

Brenes-Morua: The way that our subcontractor equity program is currently structured where we are counting the participation of firm through their certification with the state's office, it's the reason why you're seeing that when we're reporting out, we focus on their certification. But it does not -- if there were firms of color, contractors of color that were participating or being subcontracted, we would include that, that were not certified, we would make mention of that.

Hardesty: Would we encourage that as a way to actually expand opportunity for folks in subcontract opportunities?

Brenes-Morua: We do encourage that, and we are looking at ways of changing our program and our policy to be able to afford more opportunities for contractors of color that are not certified.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yeah, thank you, Kathleen, for that presentation. Just a real quick question. Anytime there's an overestimation that's over 20%, I'm just always curious on why that is. It seems like there's a pattern of late where that happens, and I want to get just more insight into that.

Brenes-Morua: And, Steven, if you wouldn't mind taking that question. Steven is the capital project manager, and they would have reviewed the bids for this project.

Steven Szigethy: Sure. I could posit briefly about that. Capital project manager. We do see cyclical nature to the construction and prices in the low-bid market through the years. As recently as a few years ago, bids were coming in significantly above our estimates. Now they are coming in pretty consistently lower. In fact, three of the four bids were below our engineers estimate on this project. So I think it's a cyclical nature that follows the economy. Earlier council items here about the residential and commercial markets not doing as much may have something to do with it. And subcontractors look to government infrastructure projects. So that's a little bit of speculation, but that's kind of what we've been seeing over the years is that it kind of ebbs and flows, goes up and down.

Ryan: Thank you, Steve. I know from my past experience around materials sometimes whether

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it's steel or whatever, you know, the fluctuation in the market, and I think for us we just want to make sure that our, you know, the labor costs are -- we're doing living wages. So sometimes that's what one wonders if the speculation is connected to that. So you would say it's more connected to the materials that fluctuate in the marketplace and the demand?

Szigethy: I would say that is true. And we, you know, we're -- contractors are required to pay prevailing wage on all of our projects, so that is a constant.

Ryan: Sounds good. I think I'm getting a little more insight with the summary. We'll have to look into the fluctuations in the market for the supply of the goods. Thanks.

Szigethy: Thank you.

Wheeler: That looks like that concludes questions. I'll entertain a motion.

Hardesty: I move we adopt the report as presented.

Wheeler: Thanks, commissioner Hardesty. Do we have a second?

Ryan: I'll second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan seconds. Keelan, please call the roll. [roll call]

Hardesty: I believe that all of us are committed to actually walking our talk when it comes to insuring that we make these opportunities available for minority and women-owned firms. We've been trying to do this for a long, long time, and I hope that as this project moves forward, we will look for opportunities to engage more contractors, owners that are led by communities of color and women contractors. We can't continue to aspire and not achieve our goals. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps. [roll call]

Wheeler: The report is accepted. Next item, 341.

Clerk: Authorize a competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements in support of the bureau to of transportation capital improvement program in amount up to \$54 million.

Weeler: Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner, you're muted. Commissioner, you're muted.

Hardesty: Thank you very much, mayor. I am just going to turn this over to my trusty colleagues at the bureau of transportation. I think we're going to start with Eva.

Eva Huntsinger: Good morning, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. My name is Eva Huntsinger, and I'm from the bureau of transportation. With me in this presentation to you are Cary Watters who is the contract equity coordinator and Kathleen, is city's chief procurement officer. Together procurement and PBOT are excited to bring this ordinance to you for your support and sponsorship. Passage of this ordinance provides us with the on-call engineering

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resources we need to deliver PBOT's capital improvement program, and it provides more opportunity for firms certified. We call these firms -- [inaudible] they include disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned business sewer prices, women-owned -- [audio difficulty] there are and emerging small businesses. The proposed legislation does not change any current city policies and does not change our appropriations. The citywide aspirational target is 20% contract value -- [audio difficulty] certified firms. We're upping the ante here for these professional service contracts by raising the minimum aspirational equity goal to about 30%. It also builds opportunities for smaller consultants to -- [audio difficulty] through our smaller sized solicitation. PBOT manages roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike lanes and trails throughout the city. We help Portlanders get from place to place. Our strategic plan is based on three primary goals: safety, moving people and goods and asset management. The cornerstone of our work is a commitment to transportation justice -- causes to further advance equity and provide more opportunities in our contracting which is exactly what this ordinance does. Next slide, please. This is an emergency ordinance because we need this additional on call capacity for street design, traffic signals and street lighting professional technical services to keep PBOT's capital improvement program on track. Now Cary Watters will provide to you an overview of our contract equity performance and how this solicitation will bring further contracting opportunities in support of PBOT's capital improvement program. So, Cary, if you'd please take it from here?

Cary Watters: Thank you so much, Eva, for your leadership, and thank you, mayor Wheeler and commissioners, for the opportunity to share about this exciting project. For the record, my name is Cary Watters, and I serve as PBOT's equity coordinator. So also as Eva mentioned, the city upholds an aspirational equity goal of 20% of all contract dollars within our professional services contracts to go to covid-certified firms. At PBOT, we have found that we can effectively increase our expectations to a minimum goal of 30% which we have established as a proven model that we have applied to these contracts as well. So over the past four years, PBOT implemented this as a pilot approach, as we call it, to advance contract equity within this realm. So the prime consultants provide a declaration of understanding to -- [audio difficulty] equity as a means towards capacity building to grow the diversity within the marketplace. Using this approach, we have reached 29% of covid participation as compared to our other nonpilot PTE contracts using the qualifications-based selections solicitation model that we're applying here. I will also highlight that we recognize the importance of not only analyzing covid data alone. So you'll

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note that we have also included an analysis on the next slide. Sorry. Whenever we're ready, thank you. An analysis of firm participation as well as women owned and operated firms on the left side. So we're very excited about how our figures have doubled for both women and BIPOC other nonpilot contracts so that we can increase our investment of equity across the bureau. Kathleen, who's also here, can attest to how this PBOT model for professional services contracting now serves as a flagship applied by the bureau of environmental services and other bureaus throughout the city.

Hardesty: Can I stop you before you transition over? Mayor, if I may, I just want to really highlight the great work that PBOT is doing about really tracking this kind of information and holding ourselves accountable to those outcomes. This is really, really impressive, and I just want to take a moment because I am always the most critical of contracts and who benefits and who doesn't. And it's not just because you're my bureau, but it's because you've done a great job and continue to do a great job. So thank you.

Watters: Thank you so much, commissioner Hardesty. We really appreciate your support. So furthermore, these two solicitations provide opportunities for large and small-sized firms as an opportunity to grow capacity for those smaller firms that don't have experience with us as a prime. So we focus primarily here on the subconsultant equity program that we will continue to apply to these large contracts. But when I heard that the solicitation was happening, I immediately thought how we can grow capacity beyond the direct contracting scale that we currently have that allows for us to direct contract with covid-certified firms for up to 150,000. That's a big gap between 150,000 and \$5 million contracts. So if we have created the smaller solicitation as well, and we'll spend a lot of time assessing how we can continue to break down barriers and build this as a space to grow that kind of capacity. So I know that we would also be very happy to report back to council on the covid performance, disaggregating race and gender performance, and with that, I'll hand it over to Kathleen to see if she has anything to add, and if not, we'll hand it back to Eva.

Brenes-Morua: I just want to say that procurement services is supportive of moving forward with these price agreements. PBOT came to procurement services four or five years ago with this model that they wanted to pilot, and it has, they have achieved so much success that procurement services is actually adopting this model for all price agreements citywide where we can get contractors' commitment up front and, you know, statements that they will do everything that they can to maximize participation. Bes has adopted this model as well and is

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also experiencing similar success with their engineering services price agreements. Eva?

Huntsinger: Thank you both.

Hardesty: Can I ask you a quick question before you move on? I'm curious, I noticed that with African American males and with native American males there were no contracts in the pilot and very minimal in the nonpilot. That seems to be an area that we could improve a lot.

Watters: Agreed. And I'll mention that I have been exploring opportunities for direct contracting with a couple of firms in particular. TCC engineers which is black male owned and -- engineering which is native American male owned. We know that there are even more firms that are out there, so we want to make sure that we're increasing our reach. We work with the trade associations and work with the with the bid database. But as you have astutely pointed out, commissioner Hardesty, we know there are many more firms that aren't necessarily covid-certified that would like to do work with the city. So we're going to continue to do a big push of outreach once we've received this authorization and before we issue the solicitation and get it out on the streets so we can continue to build that participation, fill in those gaps.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Huntsinger: So that concludes the formal part of our presentation. Mayor Wheeler and commissioners, did you have any other questions of us?

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? If not, we can also see if there's public testimony.

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

Wheeler: Very good. This is the emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Eva, Cary and Kathleen. That was a great presentation. It's a great example of how to operationalize covid to get results and the transparency which commissioner Hardesty acknowledged you could really shine a light on where the gaps are which was done with African American males and native American males. Just a really good practice. I appreciate it. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I want to again thank PBOT and the very able Cary Watters for her great work in leading this effort. Eva, thank you so much for your incredibly good work. This is an excellent model. It's a way to hold ourselves accountable, and just so my colleagues know, I don't let my bureaus off the hook any more than I let your bureaus off the hook. So I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

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Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I want to thank Eva, Cary and Kathleen and commissioner Hardesty and PBOT for this really hard work and for setting that expectation very high for all of us to look at. I'm also really excited about the possibility of this new model and what it will mean for the rest of the city and very eager to learn more about it. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Great. Happy to support it, I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you all for your hard work on this. Next up, 342, please, regular agenda.

Clerk: Authorize a five-year joint development agreement with pierce manufacturing inc. For a reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus not to exceed \$837,875.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. We had a -- on this issue last week, but I'm very happy to turn this over to bill. And jay to present this to the council. It is my hope that everybody had their questions answered between last week and this week, so we expect a brief presentation today. Take it away, Bill.

Bill Goforth: Good afternoon. Thank you, commissioner Hardesty, and good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and council members. Thank you for allowing us to present again today. With me is senior business operations manager jay -- and pierce manufacturing western regional vice president mark. We're here to present the ordinance requesting city council's authorization to enter into a five-year joint development agreement with pierce manufacturing for carbon emissions fire apparatus. We have an exciting opportunity to joint develop and operate a newly-designed fire apparatus that fits within the city's 2015 climate action plan. Directing bureaus to prioritize actions to reduce carbon emissions. Pierce manufacturing was founded in 1913 and is an Appleton, Wisconsin-based manufacturer of custom apparatus. Assembled on -- [inaudible] fire and rescue has been purchasing from pierce for nearly 20 years. Today Portland fire and rescue protects all communities in Portland. Funding for this project is cover -- [inaudible] and the costs include 690,000 for the fire apparatus and 147,000 for the purchase and installation of an apparatus support system. Portland fire and rescue is also actively researching federal, state and energy grant funding to assist with the purchase. This is a prototype fire an apparatus designed to be compliant with -- standard for automotive fire apparatus. The center for the city of Portland direct impact to our community and environment is to reduce emissions and clean our air. By entering into this joint agreement, it is -- it will demonstrate to our community that

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the city of Portland is committed to a cleaner and safer environment. Fire and rescue is requesting your support and authorization to enter into a joint development agreement for reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus. Thank you for your time and consideration, and we're happy to answer any questions at this time.

Wheeler: Yeah, very good. And I want to start out, commissioner Hardesty, and to our esteemed firefighters, thank you for giving me the additional week to have my questions answered. I appreciated it, I needed it, and it was very helpful. So thank you for your forbearance on that front. Colleagues, any first questions? Is there any public testimony on this item, Keelan?

Clerk: No one signed up, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. This is a first reading of a nonenergy ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you.

Goforth: Thank you.

Wheeler: Item 343, please.

Clerk: Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the forest park entry project.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. Portland parks and recreation is committed to providing better access to recreational opportunities for all Portlanders, and by moving forward with the forest park entry project, it delivers on commitments made in the 1995 forest park natural resources management plan to improve access to forest park. The project will also address requirements for permanent storm wears and erosion control measures for the site to protect the health of Portlanders and our river. I'd also like to note something that many of my colleagues already know, that we've received a great deal of testimony about this especially regarding the fire lane access and improvement, and I'd especially like to thank representative Maxine Dexter and senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayworth for their testimony and also former representative mitch greenly for his past advocacy for forest park. I've asked our great staff employees, great parks employees to address these issues in their presentation, and I know they will be happy to answer any questions about these issues as well. So I will turn it over to Britta from parks to share more about this item.

Britta Herwig: Yes. Hi there. My name is Britta Herwig, mayor Wheeler and members of council, I am the capital growth program manager with Portland parks, and I'm here today to ask for permission to bid phase one of the forest park project. Before we do so, I have information in the

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PowerPoint to share with you, and I think the council clerk is bringing that up for us. Can you go to the next slide, please? The project site is located at the or intersection of kit judge ridge, St. Helens and yawn in northwest Portland. It's marked with a red star and then the red circlings. It is a 3.9-acre, undeveloped industrial property, and it is adjacent not within forest park, and the city purchased this land over the course of several years, 2005-2009, with the intention of developing a park entrance with a trailhead and a parking lot. There is some residual PCB contamination from a previous use on the park site. Next slide, please. I have some images of this industrial site. It's at the bottom of the hill behind. On the hill you can see the forested hills -- hills of forest park. Next slide, please. Overview of the project context to date, what's important is that we purchased the property with the intention to develop this trailhead and parking lot. There was some residual contamination, so we entered into a consent order with the department of environmental quality that required parks to complete some permanent storm water controls as part of the park's project. We all located project funding system development charges and a state grant over the next following years, ask we went through extends thrive public outreach and sign development for a larger project vision. We had to go through a land use review process because it's an environmental zone. That process was extensive. It was appealed. We reached a decision last summer. As part of that decision, we adjusted the scope for the project and phased the project so that we could meet the requirements from DEG, we could start the entrance improvements, but we delegated to a future phase the entire project vision. We are hoping to do permitting, bidding, construction this summer and fall, and then by next spring we'll have phase one of the project complete. Next slide, please. The project goals for the overall project were obviously to improve access to the park. The park is just uphill of the site. With parking, some accessible trails and repair to the existing fire lane one. So fire lane one is a narrow fire lane that is currently used with ATVs by the fire department to access the park. Portland parks has been and is working diligently with the fire department on the maintenance and repairs to this fire lane to insure the safety of the park, the fire safety of the park. So this is a little bit addressing some of the public testimony that we've heard. In the past the fire lane has been overgrown as part of the land use decision also there was a condition last year that we commit, parks commits to improving and maintaining the fire lane. So we've been doing that since last year. We have cleared brush about 8 feet wide, we've met on site with the fire department, put together a plan to make sure that the fire lane in the park is usable by their ATVs, and we've applied funding to make this repair work. The project that I'm here to ask for permission to bid

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on is the beginning of that fire lane, so providing access into the site and into the parking lot, obviously, is also crucial to improving the fire lane. The other parts that my project will achieve is meeting the DEG environmental requirements for permanent stormwater controls on the site to make sure that the small amount of residual contamination after two major clean-up efforts and no further action notice is completed. And then, of course, you know, parks and recreation's goals of creating and strengthening opportunities for stewardship are a major component of these projects. Next slide, please. You can see on the slides -- excuse me. The project contacts, this is the site map. On the bottom left every park access road -- [inaudible] it is the fire lane. It will go uphill through a 30-car parking lot which we will be building and sort of to right-center of the slide is fire lane one as it exists today. It is eroded. We'll be repairing it so that it's a nice smooth surface and goes off the project site into forest park. All the other trail work and the nature center that was part of the original -- or is part of the original design that was agreed with the community is relegated to a future phase because of funding. In addition to the -- of the parking lot, we'll also be providing extensive landscaping. Next slide, please. So the action here today I'm asking for is the authorization of the competitive bid solicitation, and an emergency exists because we need to get the construction of this access road completed as soon as. DEG has issued a fine against us if we don't complete the construction of the permanent storm water controls by the end of the year and then also, obviously, we would like to provide the recreational services and the fire access. So thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues before I open up for questions, I'll throw one out there. In the concept design, and I don't want to open up a can of worms here, I probably am, but was there any discussion about bicycle access?

Herwig: Yes. Yes, there was. There was actually extensive conversation because this project has been going on for several years, and it was sort of on a parallel track with a cycling plan. We have been fielding conversations around bicycle access. Currently, fire lane one is an access point that is for all modes of access, pedestrian, bicycle, and horseback. We can't accommodate horseback riding because we can't accommodate trailers, horse trailers off St. Helen's road, but we can accommodate bicycles with this repair, for sure. For the future we would like to be able to separate pedestrians and bicycles a little bit better for safety reasons, but that is a part of the project that has been relegated to the future. There are some additional trails that are intended to be a downhill trail for bicycles and then additional pedestrian trails because the fire lane one

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is fairly steep there at that location. [laughter] so that will happen with future phases. Yeah.

Wheeler: All right, thank you. I was just curious to know what the conversation was. Thank you.

Colleagues, I any other questions? Seeing none, this is an -- oh, Keelan, is there any public testimony on this? There might be.

Clerk: No public testimony.

Wheeler: No public testimony. All right. It's an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Britta, and thank you for addressing the concerns from community members in your presentation and reassuring them that the improvements to the access to the park are long overdue and especially the fire lane concerns, and I'm glad, I'm happy to support phase one. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Some days it's fascinating to see how long common sense projects take to get to the finish line. [laughter] thank you so much for that fabulous presentation, Britta, and thank you so much, commissioner Rubio. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I appreciate the environmental benefits this project will bring. I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Thank you, Britta, for your overview and your work on this project and for the presentation today. And also we're appreciative of the partnership with fire on this project as well. Forest park is an important natural resource that provides our community so many mental, physical, environmental health benefits, and this project has been long in coming, and I'm really excited it will improve the fire lane one access to forest park while also addressing mitigation required by DEG. And as always, I want to see this solicitation result in meaningful opportunities for BIPOC-owned businesses. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Happy to support, I vote aye. The report is accepted. That concludes our meeting. We are adjourned until 2 p.m. This afternoon. Thank you.

At 12:28 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good evening everyone. This is the Wednesday May 12 afternoon session of City Council. Please call the roll. [roll called]. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video 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 the council by e-mailing the council clerk at ctestimony@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. We hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

Lauren King: To participate you may sign up in advance. The published council agenda, Portland, Oregon.gov/auditor contains information. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist please identify it. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct and interrupting other's testimony will not be allowed. If there's disruptions, a warning is given. Please be aware that council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you, we have one item for this afternoon. 344.

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Clerk: Amend the zoning map, title 33 planning and zoning and the title 32 signs and related regulation to implement design overlay zone amendments project to update the process and tools of the overlay.

Wheeler: Before I invite Commission Rubio to give opening remarks, legal counsel has advised that we disclose any conflicts of interest. I want to announce that I rent property that is not in the d overlay. Only properties in the d overlay are impacted by DOZA. I do not believe I have a conflict of interest potential however out of an abundance of caution I want to announce that I do not own property in the d overlay. I do not reside in the d overlay. I don't believe I have a conflict. Do any others have conflicts to disclose at this time. Seeing none, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, I don't think I have a conflict or any perceived conflict but within an abundance of caution, I rent but don't believe our actions will have any impact, no special privileges because I'm a renter in the area.

Wheeler: Hardesty, Ryan.

Ryan: I want to announce I own property that is not in the d overlay. Only properties in the d overlay are impacted by DOZA. I don't believe I have a conflict of interest, but I am disclosing I do own property in the d overlay.

Wheeler: Any other commissioners wish to disclose?

Mapps: I do not live in a d overlay or own property in a d overlay.

Wheeler: Thank you. Rubio.

Rubio: I want to announce I do not own property in the design overlay zone.

Wheeler: For the record, no city commissioner has a stated conflict of interest real or perceived. With that commissioner Rubio, take it away.

Rubio: Thank you mayor, I'm proud and excited to introduce the design overlay zone amendment to city council today. Since I was assigned to bureau of planning and sustainability, my staff has learned about Oregon and Portland's nationally recognized program. Part of the legacy is a design review program that was first introduced in the central city in the 1970s and expanded throughout city. We heard the design commission design report presentation a couple of weeks ago on April 29th, design makes a difference in so money of our world. It effects the quality of the buildings we see and use every day and affects how we love through the city. It is a key element in building an inclusive and accessible city. Before we hear how the project does this, I like to thank staff for the impressive amount of work they undertook and extend to public

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outreach up. I want to thank the planning and sustainability commission by holding hearings and making amendments to the proposal. I am hear how people may think this might be strengthened. I turn over do director Durbin to introduce her team.

Andrea Durbin: Thank you very much. I'm Director of planning and sustainability. DOZA has been a project that started in 2016. Extensive input process. This is coming to city council at a difficult time in our city. A time when you were rightly focused on urgent and pressing issues and including the pandemic and addressing the need of our houseless community. Racial justice and economic recovery. The DOZA don't have that urgency. The pandemic has reinforced having quality outdoor spaces are critical to our well-being. Making sure they are well designed is one of the many benefits of this proposal. DOZA requires the planning and sustainability commission and the design commission which BDF reports. The recommendation is on the zoning code in that amendment. The recommendation is on the guidelines. I like to thank the commissions for their efforts on staying aligned on the broad other goals and on a more holistic plan. I want to thank dr. Esa for their partnership over the years. We couldn't have done this without them. I like to invite our staff, Sandra Wood and Lora Lillard to present the proposal. Thank you.

Sandra Wood: Thank you. Hello city council members. It is nice to be here with you today and thank you for having us. A couple of weeks ago at the state of design report presentation. You saw samples approved by the design commission. Today we're going behind the scenes and we'll share the DOZA proposal that cover the program. We're presenting on behalf of a six-member project team and we put their names on this slide, both from our bureau and the bureau of development services and time together at city council we'll call upon our colleagues for their expertise. I'll be sharing the project context today. Laura will present the proposal. Schultz and Livingston will highlight points from their commission's recommendations. The bulk of the meeting is for you to hear public testimony. We have 61 people signed up. In the event we can't accommodate everyone, we can continue at the next hearing. I like to talk about project context. This has been in place since the 70s. Like any school reevaluated and refreshed from time to time. In this case the refresh is needed about what the Portlanders put farther regarding their land. Those are opportunities for Portlanders to have a healthy and active life. Fostering a healthy environment. Improving our resilience. In other words our ability to withstand recover and adapt to change. The overlay tool is a gross management tool at its core. We expect 60 percent of new housing units to be built in the area of the overlay. At the outset of the project,

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we asked ourselves what could be done? First we reaffirmed the city should be designed for people. We apply this overlay zone where people work live and shop. Not only we're striving for a city but a process and people be able to discuss design. This is the time it takes for projects to get approved and all the cost of the development itself. Finally, DOZA provides a greater certainty and more flexibility but introducing a new way to look through many options. So in sum, DOZA raises the program to create high quality design as efficiently as possible. This project started about five years ago. We started in 2016 with an assessment led by a consultant team from Walter Mason. We studied in cities and conduct building operations. They also conducted extensive outreach starting with a survey and interviewing many stake holders on the slide. They're work culminated in recommendations that were unanimously accepted by city council in 2017. Those make up the bulk of the amendments with DOZA. Our partners at bds and the design commission have already made those changes and they're outlined in our report. Our legislative process began after the assessment. Where the discussion dropped we hired three architectural teams to draw design and test different scenarios. We wanted to see if the criteria resulted in community. There are several changes in the proposal. The draft was joint hearing with two commissions. In terms of outreach, that was in-person open houses, we attended meetings with different offices. Planning had hearings. You'll hear from testifiers today. In addition you received 150 pieces of written testimony that are waiting for you to just read. The DOZA proposal is volume. The first is a staff report and the why of the proposal. Code and map amendments. The Portland guidelines. Before I hand it off. I want you to know it is in the records. You can contact the e-mail on the slide. Lora will share the details of this proposal.

Lora Lillard: Good afternoon, mayor, and commissioners. The proposal is outlined in five general buckets and I'll go over each of these in more detail, the purpose, map, thresholds process for design review and the school for evaluating projects. First, because the design overlay zone supports where the city is growing and how the city evolves within our current centers and emerging centers. We're pivoting from an overlay that focuses on buildings as objects that need to fit in with other projects and to live in harmony with nature. Build on context, not just the architectural context and the social and natural context. Continue to public realm. How is it experienced from the public streets and sidewalks and promote quality and long-term resilience. These tenants are the foundation of our work. Design overlay is applied to our largest centers and through our comprehensive plan in 2018 it was added to small sensors where development is high. Two points I want to make about this map. The first is we ask the

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public if we should expand the overlay to all of the smallest centers, including those with less development pressure. Public comment was mixed. We tried to honor what we heard and we tried to improve the overlay before considering expansion. Because the design overlay is expected to focus on projects that have big impact on community and it shouldn't include properties where only small projects are allowed. The third bucket is thresholds. We're going to spend time on this and it reviews who does a when. This is based on the impact. We have higher level or review or lower level for smaller projects. This is different than today which is based on project evaluation. For the exemption, we included more. These projects have less impact and are usually made by individual business and property owners. This could be a barrier to shaking small improvements. If a project is not exempt, it has the choice in what we call the two track system which is that middle blue row. On the left side is a design plan check where approval is granted as part of application for building permit. It is faster but involves less input. The regulation respect called standard and clear and objective and you either meet them or you don't. If an applicant can't meet the standard or if the building is too big or an applicant would like flexibility, an applicant can go through the design review track. The design review uses discretion and depending on the size of the process, it is either a design commission for the larger projects. Up larger projects have a choice to go through the design commission and staff review. This aligns with the threshold that was established during the housing emergency by council. Where all design reviews, the criteria is design guidelines and they're qualitative. Like design your front entries be welcoming to pedestrians. There's an amendment that you'll hear about today. The thresholds for project that can meet the standards track was raised to 75 feet. Commissioner will walk through the reasoning for making this recommendation. Before we leave this slide, I'll mention the fourth bucket of proposals is all about the design review track on the right side of your screen. A fourth bucket is about design review only. So two key changes of the design -- of the DOZA amendments.

Wheeler: Before we move up. I think commissioner Hardesty had had a question.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Could we go back one slide? When you say affordable housing, being able to have options, what do you mean when you say affordable a housing?

Lillard: Sorry about that. We mean a city subsidized project with 20 percent of households earning no more than the 60 percent MFI.

Hardesty: It matters the MFI amount.

Lillard: Thank you.

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Wood: Just to reiterate, that's the same threshold that was established during the house emergency and so we were copying that same language from the housing emergency ordinance.

Hardesty: The first one.

Wood: Yes.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Lillard: Okay. So two key changes from this number four bucket, the first is makeup of the design commission. You may recall it is made up of seven volunteers. Currently one spot reserved for the arts and culture council. And the other five draw from a pool of applicants that have expertise in design, development, and engineering and construction, et cetera. The DOZA amendments add two reserved spots, one for sustainable building practices. The second significant exchange what is on the table for discussion in discretionary design review. What is on the table includes material, color, parking areas, open areas, landscaping, tree preservation, this can be discussed. This proposal clarifies while a review may evaluate the shaping and how it is distributed on the site, design review cannot reduce the total floor area or height. You may recall that the base zone, such as commercial, multi-dwelling zones that fit under the design overlay, those base set the height. I want you to look at the middle. They insured their work was aligned because the guidelines on the right column with recommended by the design commission and the standards on the left column are recommended by the bds. The stein guideline have been simplified and reduced to nine guidelines down to 16. The standards on the left fit into those tenets. Just to build on that. Those design standards that are clear and objective regulations include a small set of required standard. Three are standard appropriate no matter what. There were many standards that we didn't think were appropriate to require everywhere but we wanted to encourage. Balconies, seating. Those flexible standards are in a menu of options where an applicant needs to earn points based on the size. This is a pivot from the current system which allows only. We think this strikes the right balance. All three of these buildings have vastly different architectural styles but were in the ground floors and weather protection, the damage on the left demonstrates a more traditional western architect. They allow buildings like the building on the left but they also allow what is shown on the other two images. Another positive change with DOZA, our current tools are about designing buildings from the way they should be seen from the sidewalk. That's important in creating including welcoming businesses. This is expanded to encourage better design throughout, and plazas and

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playground like the other images. These changes center the comfort and dignity of people who live and work and experience the site. Finally new to the design guidelines and standards is the idea that quality is about long lasting and enduring materials but also about resilience in terms the building is responding to climate, encouraging passive heating and cooling. Trees, solar energy systems. Those are all stand DOZA. The DOZA proposals add up to making improvements and consider cost so quality design is available and accessible to everyone.

Wood: Great, thank you Lora. That concludes the presentation. The next people we have to present is commissioner Cat Schultz from the planning and sustainability commission who was our leader on DOZA or the commission and commissioner Livingston from the design commission right after her and then we can get into public testimony. Unless any commissioners have questions before we hand it off to commissioner Schultz.

Wheeler: Any questions at this time? Doesn't like it. Go ahead, commissioner Schultz, welcome.

Katherine Schultz: Good afternoon mayor and commissioner, thank you for having me back to share the manning and sustainability's recommendation in the design overlay zone amendments. The nine sitting members voted unanimously on this. I'm excited about the recommendations and process and how design review is administered. One tool that is used to review projects in our most urban and vibrant centers. DOZA is a unique project, it involves PSC and the commission. We worked closely with the design commission to insurance. In a development of a cross commission working group that worked while each held additional work sessions in 2020. The PSC's primary goal was to revise the program to better support high quality design in development projects through a process that is efficient and effective. This balanced the policies of the 2035 comprehensive plan update and the need for clear and predictable system. Our transmittal letter focuses on the challenges that help attain the project goals. I want to focus here on key parts of the recommendation. The creation of a new purpose statement was key to insuring that the design overlay zone focuses on a city for people through three design tenants, context, public realm and quality and resilience. It also expands the overlay zone to include more equity and sustainably focused tools. The new design standards to improve the buildings and sites while providing flexibility through the point based system. These standard bring greater design parity. It is this parity that recommends they be used and as well as projects in the regional center which currently does not allow this option. This allows more projects within the centers and corridors the option to apply directly for a building permit instead of land use review and still achieving the greater design oversight which is key. You'll hear a lot of

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testimony about this proposal. We strongly believe the updated design standards achieve the community's goals for design and make the program that efficient. As an aside on this. As architect and former design commissioner, I tested these against projects my firm is working on. I found these standard are challenging and attainable and most importantly, they insure that project achieve the goals that discretionary review insures. Several of the regulatory recommendations focus on simplifying and clarifying the process up about I wanted to highlight two. One insuring that the baseline analysis, such as height and floor ratio are not subject to reductions through the design review process. This helps provide certainty for the development community about minimum bay standards. Also amending a composition of the design commission to insure that experts in sustainable building and natural resource respect included in that the public at large member is not associated with the development industry. Our definition of quality design has expanded to include resiliency over time and its role in the environment. PSC feels guaranteeing these voices on the design commission is very important. While the PSC's vote was unanimous there was recognition that the design review program can't be a static program that is must continue and change over time. Items that need to be addressed in the future include the following. Addressing the individual character of unique areas of the city. This is of vital importance to insuring that projects respond to guidelines-these character statements are just that. They're statements. They should not be lengthy documents that are onerous to update. They should consist of no more than a handful of key objectives. Use of a menu approach and point system is new and innovative and should be monitored to verify they're achieving the objective set out by this project. Impact of DOZA in the future should be monitored.

The above issues do not detract from a positive impact of DOZA or excuse me these issues should not detract from the positive impact that DOZA will make. We believe the packet will result in better design and resilient development and greater flexibility for developers. In addition to our recommendation, our commission submitted a letter of testimony in support of the design commission's recommendation for the design guidelines. We were thankful to rest of the commission for their collaboration. This is my last opportunity to represent the PSC as my term is ending. I want to thank the council for years of collaborating with the commission and with me when I served as chair. I've learned so much from this work and I greatly appreciate the chance to serve the city. I'm available to any of the commissioners. If you have questions about our decisions and work sessions on behalf of DOZA. Thank you.

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Wheeler: Does that complete your presentation?

Schultz: That does.

Wheeler: First of all, commissioner Schultz on behalf of everyone, thank you. You've been on this commission since I took off and you have been exceptionally helpful not only to my staff and me personally and to all of us at the city of Portland. We benefited tremendously from your leadership and expertise. This is a bittersweet moment. You earned the opportunity to step back. Here you are making your last presentation to the Portland city council and you really seen this through to the very end. I want to -- to just thank you and acknowledge you for that.

Congratulations.

Schultz: Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: With that colleagues any questions? And it seems we're done with the presentation and ready to move into public testimony after this, but I want to give my colleagues fair opportunity to ask any questions.

Schultz: I think Julie Livingston is following me. She's with the design commission.

Wheeler: I'll shut up and let Julie do her work and see if my colleagues have questions.

Schultz: Great. Thank you.

Julie Livingston: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners, it is nice to see you. I think I have 5 1/2 minutes of testimony today. Portlanders care deeply about the evolution of the city and its neighborhoods so do Sandra and Lora from the bureau. The design commission thanks them for their guidance and collaboration and very hard work on DOZA. The com commission embarked on this, first outside the city and parts of the design review.

The guidelines accomplished this goal. They aligned with the comprehensive plan and a city designed for people and a city built in harmony with nature. They're organized around the three tenets of design, context, public realm and quality and resilience. They recognize Portland's neighborhoods are not static and an appropriate response is for the past present and future. This is particularly relevant considering the development. Then for staff to discuss diversity and equity and inclusion. There's values based policies, we worked to make the review process more accessible to all members of the community. The d overlay is our growth management tool. We foster community engagement and livability. These are the areas of the city that felt so many growing pains in the recent past. This is a small percentage of land but the character of our neighborhoods matters to all of us. So design commission and staff developed a charter and media and regular trainings and aligned it with the design process. We renovated our

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communications to understand design review. This means better availability of materials and better site postings and renters not just property owners are included in mailing. Our third goal for DOZA was consistent outcomes for discretionary design review and subjective standard. The planning and design commission worked with staff to correlate the two tracks. This was largely very successful but we realized there will never be true parity between guidelines and standard. We're asking you city council to reconsider five code amendments. Firstly, make parks and open spaces subject to the same threshold for review as other development proposals. Carter will address this in public testimony a design review for buildings in the d overlay that are 55 feet tall. Psg is recommending an increase. This is the first opportunity for the public to comment on this. The goals and policies of the comp plan and the 2016 council brokered with people that live and work around the neighborhood centers. Council gave them a voice in the projects proposed in their neighborhoods in exchange for floor allows in the zoning code. All have opposed this for 75 feet since it was recommended and because of its context and character and community involvement. Thirdly, we ask you to restore. This is an equity issue. Households that live in buildings that takes public funding should have the same as other buildings. For bds as a way to shave off of affordable housing. Fourthly, we ask you to better business matching. Design commission can't determine the floor area. There's no room for a building's massing in an incentive condition. A height bonus will allow applicants to use all available floor area and make design decisions that respond to context. Fifthly, we ask you to implement the commitments and restrictions. The same for people that don't have a background in a specified field and had relevant lived experience and interest in serving. I like to close with a thought about the cost and time of the design review process. Critics spoke about this a lot. It is my experience that the cost is a fraction of a percent of the overall cost and the timeline that is within the team's design process. The willing participants approach it with enthusiasm and knowledge and this public forum will yield better results for the building, neighborhood and city. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: There we go. Thank you. Sitting there tabbing on the button and nothing is happening. Commissioner Hardesty and then Mapps.

Hardesty: I really appreciate a lot of what you said and a lot of what is being balanced in this proposal in front of us. It does beg the question if in fact design review doesn't delay good project while moving forward and doesn't -- doesn't actually impacted quality of the project itself. Why would we not want to expedite building housing that people can afford to live in,

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especially at 55 and below family income. The need is significant and the -- and the -- and the pipeline is small.

Livingston: Correct me if I'm wrong. You may be asking if design review can expedite type three reviews for affordable housing developments?

Hardesty: I'm asking if it is even necessary for affordable housing development at 50 percent and below median family income.

Livingston: If design review is necessary. Oh. Thank you for the question. I think I understand. Yes, it is. Design review is significantly different from the objective track. It gives the neighbors that surround the building and the broader community to discuss in public discourse about the development. It is not just people that oppose development that show up to participate. There are many people who support affordable housing that have true understanding of how their neighborhoods work and a what they need and they will provide input and good ideas for the design team, the development team that will positively influence the design of the building and will yield a better building, a better urban performer that benefits the entire neighborhood. You know, without the opportunity to do that, a lot of good input is lost in the process. And those affordable housing buildings suffer as a result. The residents that live in affordable housing should be able to live in buildings that are held to the same development standard as all other buildings in the neighborhood.

Hardesty: It wouldn't necessarily be all buildings in the neighborhood. There's a lot of factors that trigger design commission review?

Livingston: You're right. We're talking about a very small land area in the city. It is just the d overlay. But at our commercial -- at our commercial nodes at the neighborhood centers, the d overlay impacts all of the taller developments that is happening along those corridors and in those centers.

Hardesty: My last question. The makeup of the -- of the design commission with the requirements of so many specific specialties must make it a bit challenging to have the most diverse design commission that we could have. So what method, what tactics are we talking to change the requirements of who serves on the design commission to increase the number of seats. What are we looking at to make sure that the opinions of the design commission are as diverse and inclusive as possible?

Livingston: Thank you. We're a commission of seven. It is a four-year term. We do a lot of outreach. All the time, to find people that have the skills, the interest and the ability and the

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sometime in their calendar to participate. Is expanding the number of people on commission would increase that challenge. Making specific seats as set aside also increases that challenge. I think you're right the more opportunity there is for a broader selection of professionals and people with an interest to sit on design commissions. The more opportunity we have for more people of color to serve.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: I like to invite staff to explain the intuition behind the design review process from requiring a change in floor area ratio or height. Where is that coming from and why is that a good policy?

Wood: One place is Oregon revised statutes. We cannot reduce the density of a development. Because of our multi-dwelling zones and our mixed use zones don't talk about number of units per site anymore. We basically in recent -- our code sets the maximum size of the building and then you put as many units as can fit inside. We translated that state law from being a density count to floor area specifically. The analogy was part of our conversations about this is the zoning code and the planning and sustainability commission, when they set recommendation to council and council adopts the floor area on a site, that's the amount of clay that a developer is allowed to put on the site. Then there's a height limit. In some parts of the city, there's a height limit a lot more up the clay you have. A developer could build something short and squatty. It is the same amount of floor area. The planning and sustainability commission, I'll invite commissioner Schultz to speak to that felt strongly that it was not just the amount of clay but the height that the applicant was proposing shouldn't be able to be reduced either. It is not for the entire site, it is for part of the site.

Schultz: I appreciate the opportunity. The PSCs spent a fair amount of time discussing this. I think there's a couple of reasons for it. We went through a lengthy process to review all of -- after the comprehensive plan to review the zoning code onset. We took testimony. We set the base far and the height for projects through the city. We felt that dialogue has been had. Then to add certainty for those in the development community who are going through the purchasing of land which you have to do prior to design commission review. Right? If you're trying to value what a piece of land is worth, you go to the base zone and you understand what the FAR And height gets you. Height traps hates to dollars. Higher in the sky and higher rents. All that is happening before you go to the design commission. Therefore, since we felt we already had the

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conversation with the community about what height NFAR should be, by keeping that as a set number, then the development community has more certainty in that process. That make sense.

Mapps: Yes. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any further questions for the commissioners before we turn this over to public testimony. Keelan how many more -- thank you commissioners, for a fantastic presentation and thank you also to -- to our very able staff. Keelan, how many folks signed up for public testimony.

Clerk: On the line, we have about 42 people.

Wheeler: 42. So why don't we do this, why don't we try to do 2 minutes of testimony, but if people need to go a little over, if you are at 2 minutes and are not done and could hit your key points and wrap it up that would be great. Let's go ahead and do that. Keelan I'll let you run the public testimony of the program.

Clerk: The first 3 we have up are Jessica Molinar, Chandra Robinson, and Brian McCarter.

Clerk: Jessica, do you want to share your own screen or would you like us to share it.

Jessica Molinar: I can share my screen. Alternative to design review out of central city and gateway. I want to point out the areas of the city where it applies in case that not clear to everyone. You can see the diagonals with the hatch and they constitute a small fraction of the city. If this 75-foot height threshold is instituted this small area will be eliminated leaving only tiny pockets in the red areas and subject to discretionary review when building 75 feet. I was a member of the group that was created for DOZA and the design commission and oppose the 75-foot height proposal since its earliest recommendation pip like to explain why, context and community. In regard to context, this is the wrong tool for the requirements. It can't be summed up without becoming generic. However, we could have robust discussions. And determine what is needed to enhance it and if those needs are met. In regard to community, this proposal removes the public from the equation when it is important to maintain the character today and when guidelines are finally moving to support equity and sustainability. These buildings will be around for a hundred years and maybe more. Because of that and because no one knows the impact of standards have, we request the council stay on the side that benefits neighborhoods and keep it at 55 feet and monitor.

Wheeler: Keelan, are you muted?

Clerk: You know what, I was. Sorry about that.

Wheeler: Thank you, Jessica.

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Clerk: Next Chandra Robinson.

Chandra Robinson: Thanks. I would like to share a screen. Jessica if you could stop sharing I'll start sharing. I'll speak before I share. I'm going to share a few images of affordable housing. Thank you for time today and in the interest of time, I'm going to skip over a few things which are the descriptions of the differences between the type two and the type three review processes. And what I'm really testifying about is the footnote that allows housing projects to choose between those two and does require a design review for affordable housing. The first reason is that the type 3 process casts a much wider net of public notice, it provides a forum for the public to make comments on the record that are heard by more people.

Wheeler: I wanted to make sure you weren't missing the opportunity to show us something.

Robinson: I'm going to, but I haven't started sharing yet.

Wheeler: I'm sorry and I'm not taking up your time.

Robinson: I'm glad you did. I'll share now. You can see that here. What I'm sharing now are images of recent affordable housing projects that have gone through the type three design review process. So the second reason that I feel that -- that type three design review is required is that the appeal body for a project as important as affordable housing should be city council. Type two the appeal body is design commission.

The third reason is the housing emergency ordinance that was passed in 2015 already provided an option for developers to choose a type 2 instead of 3. Since 2015, only two out of those affordable housing projects to come through has opted for this -- for this lesser process. The type two process does say between five and 26 days in the overall entitlement process. The current recommendation reduces that to type two. There's very little appetite to avoid the type three review, because they want to go to city council in case of an appeal. The fourth reason is mitigate the time to go through the review.

The staff can prioritize housing projects and facilitate those reviews within 70 days instead of the state mandated 103 days which will bring that in-line in a type two. Julie already said, households with little money, deserve to live in building as other neighborhoods. They shouldn't be subjected to lower standard or lesser appeal body. I personally have lived in affordable housing projects my whole life through high school. It is important that we people who are -- of lower income and we who are residents of Portland aren't stigmatized further by living in buildings that have community engagement. That's people that serve the city, and make sure we don't move away from those processes and instead move towards them. That's the end of

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the screen share. Four projects that recently gone through design review and are all affordable housing. The body of that is due to the community engagement and the design. Thank you.

Brian McCarter: Hello, good afternoon. I've been on the design commission and been landscape and urban designer in Portland for forty five years now. I want to tell you this helped open spaces and bridges. Our responsibility is to insure new projects complement their context and create great public realm and will be of a way that is high quality years from now. Our guidelines are crafted around how we as citizens experience the city and the projects that built it. In my mind, they apply to building streets and open space. Those are the building blocks of city buildings. I want to share three projects with you. I won't share the graphics. I have poor Wi-Fi. Want to share these to show you how bridges has been shaped by those working with the design commission. The design of the ground floor spaces in the plaza completely benefitted. It was a design request with the design commission before achieving approval. The design commission does agree the type three review with the commission should continue for privately developed open space and remain a requirement. Director park in downtown Portland. In this case, I was on the consultant design team's side and my commissioner was at the time director of Portland park and rec. We took it through several requests and final approval in 2010. The design commission at that time gave critical feedback to our conceptual choices and helped to shape the park we see today. We acknowledge Portland parks and recreation has a longstanding commitment to community engagement. We feel that because the design commission is responsible to design the guide of buildings and design buildings and street that will be part of the space, that a type three review be tone with design commission. We believe early input should be provided. Let me switch to bridges. Bridges are unique in the world of infrastructure because they're big and highly visible and very conspicuous crossing rivers. They can have a profound positive or negative effect on their surroundings. We've been working with the team engaged on the burn side bridge replacement. That's -- the county bridge and division and PBOT. And design an agency set out a comprehensive schedule built around review requirements and has mandatory public input and comment period. The design in the agency team skillfully inserted briefings with our commission at key intervals with the landmarks commission to get the design and input at critical stages of the bridge design. These were integrated into the overall schedule without any additional time or delay. And the response from the designing agency teams that we heard back on was that input was invaluable. As you know this bridge crosses so many different contexts. Saturday market, waterfront park. River, east bank

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promenade and the railroads and it has to respond to all of those contexts. The design commission does agree with planning and sustainable ability recommendation and the design overlay zone should be codified as a requirement. Lastly, I would like to say, this has nothing to do with the shelter to housing continuum. It is only in the d overlay zone. Design requests are where we help an applicant say which guidelines for the project. Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up, we have Luke Norman, followed by Michael Andersen and Diane Linn.

Hardesty: Mayor, I had a question for the last speaker.

Wheeler: Is he still on?

Hardesty: You still on?

Wheeler: Are you muted?

Hardesty: Brian.

Wheeler: I'm sorry, commissioner.

Hardesty: I'll put this out there. The question is about why the need to have a design review for bridges. We probably build one bridge every ten years. I don't think that's a process that is broken and adding additional burden in raising bridges doesn't make stones me. Maybe somebody will answer that later. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Livingston has an answer to that.

Livingston: I don't know this is an answer, I would certainly be glad to address it on behalf of the design commission. Bridges -- bridges are the most remarkable structures in the public realm. They are the most significant structures in our city. They are visible from -- from all around. They -- they do a lot for place making. And they are integrated into our urban fabric in the same way and in fact even more so because they are an element of transportation that all of the buildings in the central city are integrated into the urban fabric. It is absolutely true that buildings and bridges, when they go through design review come out better on the back end after that public conversation through design -- design request and the hearing. I was not around when the Tilikum review went through. You could see significant improvements in the design in that bridge because of commission's input into the process.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner.

Clerk: Next up Luke Norman.

Wheeler: You have more than one mic open? It there's a bit of an echo. Now we don't hear you at all.

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Luke Norman: My name is Luke Norman. I'm a registered lobbyist with partners neighbor's welcome. Speaking with you on behalf of myself and to encourage the council to pass DOZA up. I love this neighborhood, like Hollywood, and Sellwood and slap down. And restaurants and shops and access. What I love about DOZA it makes it easier for more people to live in those neighborhoods and more buildings of housing up to 75 feet tall and improved under the design standard. What is great about the standards is not only do they update the comprehensive plan goal. Meet high design expectation. But they also provide a clear and objective path for approving housing outside the central city which is required by state law. The state of Oregon believes like I do that housing is a public good, and that our neighborhoods play a key role in supporting it. I'm proud to the join the affordable housing supporters. And sport the design standards for many new projects as possible. I do want to discourage council from limiting the benefits of these standards by requiring more buildings to use the discretionary design review which opens the door to appeal often used by neighbors to delay and stop housing from being built. I also discourage council from adopting the privately developed guidelines that you may have read about in the public testimony and could make it harder and more expensive to build housing in some of our wealthiest and highest opportunity neighborhoods. So I encourage council to pass those out to the Portland neighbor welcome amendments to allow more Portlanders of all incomes to enjoy and live in our neighborhoods. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Michael Andersen.

Michael Andersen: Thank you. I'm senior researcher for housing. We're a regional sustainability think tank and thinking everybody that wants to live in a city should be able to do so. Some are not able to move in, in large part because market rate housing is not being built fast enough. I'm speaking today in support of those of the proposal. I want to focus on one signing in particular. I think the clerk can put it up on the screen if they haven't already. Thank you very much. I think it calls into question, two ideas, you're likely to hear from other testifiers today. One thing this afternoon is the cost of adding design features. Those are not nothing, but generally that's true. You also heard that the discretionary design review process itself is pretty fast. Often it is, thanks to the good work of those on the design commission. What this ignores, though, is the risk of appeal. The providers and other institutions that joined the coalition letter agree that the risk of appeal is great and costly. On your screen I shared a chart from 2017 paper from the center on housing studies, national survey of 3,000 people, it said support for housing across three categories. The chart those the closer the building is to the average homeowner, the less likely

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that person is to support its construction. I raise this not to impugn any individuals today. I raise it because it will shape our city. And we have to determine how they will be used not just now but over time. You said neighborhoods should control their destinies. Again both this evidence and the experience of numerous local affordable housing developers. Any process is likely to be tilted. It doesn't take a lot of people to send that building into years of appeals. Thanks.

Clerk: Next up, we have Diane Linn.

Diane Linn: Diane Linn here. I was well into my testimony. Good afternoon, mayor, members of the city council. My name is Diane Linn, executive director of proud ground. We create affordable home ownership opportunities for working families, 75 percent of whom are people of color. We assure permanent housing. Would this have the appeal proof standards as Michael described as opposed to the design review. This is a letter we signed off on and we were one of those. We will not address the specific content of the standards, other than to say if it -- if it evolves into a neighborhood association being part of designing buildings, it could it -- it can be costly and damaging. Most of you know I was part of the homeowner's association. Very much honor the role of neighborhood associations and how they our -- how they shaped the city. In my experience we were in predevelopment for the condo building that was to create 40, affordable buildings, black families with children. We had threats and appeals in the neighborhood association but never was -- did anyone express any interest in what the building was attempting to achieve or the neighborhood and for these families. Sadly days before closing on this important building covid-19 hit and the financing for the project was compromised and we were not able to recover. This project will now be a rental building which is great. But not what the city promised to the community. Design review specifically killed the project? No. The challenges we faced over a three-year window, including all of the requirements and processes definitely played a part in delaying the project and did drive up costs. All of these factored and remember this is a layer on effect of all impacts the city's requirements. Definitely -- definitely destabilized the project. Again, most of you know I grew up in Portland. Support the design review process strongly. And I know there's multitude of value that are built into this process. But it is now clear that we are in desperate need of affordable housing units. We want the design review standard to apply but not if they make the project just simply unaffordable in the long run. I'm happy to answer questions. We support those with Portland Welcome's position.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty has a question.

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Hardesty: Thank you for being here to testify on this important issue. I really think that you raised a point that I was attempting to raise a bit earlier about the -- the down side of actually requiring truly affordable housing opportunities to go through a design process. What I heard you say was that due to recommendations on the design commission, due to barriers that -- that a neighborhood association put up it delayed the timeline for the project to go through. And I'm curious as to -- how long that process took. How much additional time was added with the delays with the neighborhood association and the design review commission process.

Linn: Thank you commissioner Hardesty. What are we trading away here? If we two back in my memory bank and try to remember -- and we it take the project to the neighborhood association on at least three occasions, we did present, we tried to connect the dots with the people that lived around the building. It did get appealed. I would say we're talking about a two to four month window that had had we been able to move through in a more stream lined manner we may have been that much further ahead. Time is money. Frustration and concern. And sadly a disconnect with what the neighborhood association felt they wanted and needed and we were trying to achieve in the building. These are neighbors that are really enjoying the amenities of inner northeast Portland. They wanted what they wanted. We understand that. But it -- I think -- I can say with confidence that those kinds of delays it end in a sad outcome for this building.

Hardesty: Thank you very much for that. Diane. Excuse me. I will say as a long time board member I'm certainly deeply aware of the impact of delays on affordable housing units. I appreciate you reaffirming that today. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you. I have a question for Miss Linn too. It is kind of rooted in your unique background both as a public servant and your work on affordable housing. One of my challenge is role of public input in design review. Where do you draw the line? Some is consistent with Portland values and then -- and I understand needing to move them along efficiently. Where would you draw the line?

Linn: Thank you commissioners, wonderful to connect with you. I know you grapple with how to help neighborhood associations so more voices can be heard. I appreciate that effort. I was going to jump to the chase and say, this appeal proof objective standard may be that kind of you know sweet spot. There's wonderful work that went into this. We want these buildings to be great for everybody. Still if there's an open-ended window that's a dangerous cycle. I think we can better support neighborhoods involvement when we -- with there -- when there are some

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parameters. So we can -- so we can achieve the affordability. Five, ten, 20,000 dollars of additional cost can -- we had to raise so much extra resources for this building. And still couldn't get across the finish line with -- with -- with the conditions that we were facing. That's just a fact. Thank you for asking that. I think appeal proof design standard may be that sweet spot.

Clerk: We can move on.

Hardesty: Before we move on, Keelan.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty has something.

Hardesty: I wanted to make a quick statement. It is ironic that we have a -- a city system against another city system and -- at the expense of actually expediting affordable housing opportunities for folks who need them and so I don't think we're going to resolve the actual issue today but I am -- I just want to put on the record that I'm interested in this amendment that won't slow down truly affordable housing units because it is truly important that we are not putting barriers in place, especially for units at 50 percent and below median family income because of the desperate need for the units. I wanted to disclose I'm interested in that amendment and supporting making that change. Thank you.

Wheeler: Keelan, are you muted?

Clerk: Next we have Roger Jones, Trisha Patterson, and Mark Wyman.

Roger Jones: Surprise. This is Roger. Am I unmuted? Thank you very much. We're hailing from the Hawthorne district and we have a need for some capacity to control what is happening with our historic district. We need a plan which we asked for 19 months ago. Testimony is in that Hawthorne was requesting a planned district. We're called out in the -- in the low rise commercial storefront analysis which should give us a lot -- a lot more control over what happens in our neighborhood. Several projects I would call in pictures, if I had my screen share out. I'm doing my best with what I think I know. We have all the historic buildings that we have on Hawthorne. We've got a few at 45 feet and turned out to be 55 feet and just gigantic buildings if you're familiar with. And what is next door. We need to have some controls. I'm sad that that proposal doesn't give us those. We need to put the horse in front of the cart instead of moving DOZA forward without talking to the community. Anyway that's my -- that's my two minutes' worth, I guess. Good luck on the future and please stay in touch. Any questions, I'll try to take them.

Clerk: Next up we have Trisha Patterson.

Trisha Patterson: Hello. Can you hear me?

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Wheeler: Yes, we hear you.

Patterson: I'm with Portland neighbors welcome. I'm a lobbyist but today I'm representing myself. I support this project and I hope that you will pass DOZA with the recommendations made. I was delighted to see so many affordable housing developers and architects supporting this project and the coalition letter. The option in new buildings to a point system as opposed to a subjective review process is one that many people can get behind. Delay and unpredictability can kill projects. The rest is great, especially for the affordable housing projects as we heard in Anderson's and Linn's testimony. The design review by delaying housing development and especially affordable housing development speaks to the need for an objective appeal Proofpoint system. Design review doesn't guarantee beautiful housing such as contributing to the short supply of affordable housing itself. I oppose the narrow a restrictive standard by neighborhood groups and reject the idea that an objective standard system would fit unfit or ugly housing. The path should and do result in equivalent outcomes. They're a way for the displacement action plan. Housing delayed is housing denied. Please pass this project with the suggestions made.

Clerk: Next up, Mark Wyman.

Mark Wyman: Good afternoon. Thumbs up if you can hear me. Thank you. I'm here representing Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association. We are within the d overlay district. I'll frame my comments by using staff comments within the DOZA report. The changes in DOZA are meant to result in great places in which people live, work, gather and recreate. Rather than just clusters of dense development. It is important statement because we feel DOZA is overlooking the biggest factor. I'm talking about commercial spaces, any type of publicly accessible space where people get to know each other. We're requesting it extend the overlay which is just to the south and directly to the north. And yet, it is not present in the lodge. The m overlay requires 25 percent of the ground floor to have active use. We feel this is critically important and there's no real down side. You can look at both side and you have the same developers with the same product at the same price. The only difference is when you walk to the lodge, the street level experience is passing by people's bedrooms and living spaces with blind drawn shut. That's the ground level experience that DOZA is delivering. All these changes really don't deliver a promise of the proposal. This is a simple but really important change that we're advocating for to be included at this time and the reason why it is important now is because we're losing key spaces each month that goes by. We're losing public spaces. The Nite Hawk restaurant on Rosa Parks and interstate,

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that's for sale now. It is being marketed for exclusive redevelopment, exclusively for residential use. If we don't act now, we'll lose that corridor. We're hopeful our comments will be considered. We offer this during the proposed draft and all of the subsequent hearings, PSC and staff and the reports. It didn't explicitly design. They just ignored it. It did not show up. We hope you consider what we're asking. We hope it makes it into the proposal. Foremost, we hope it is considered and the voices in the community will be heard. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Heidi Hart, Davit Sweet, and Anyeley Hallova.

Heidi Hart: I support this by Portland neighbor's welcome. I want everyone to live in my neighborhood and other high opportunities throughout the city. Younger people deserve to live in suitable homes. The objective standard paths and design paths are designed to be equivalent in outcomes. Standards are not a lesser way, they're a way to follow law and create an objective path, as well as the more subject one that the city offers. We know that design review can delay project so they have widely overrun costs. Especially since type three review end up at LUBA due to appeals. This means it is far more than ordinary or never should have been in the first place. This seems like an easy choice in a housing crisis.

Clerk: Next up we have David Sweet.

David Sweet: Good afternoon. I live and work in the cully neighborhood. We won't have any [indiscernible] in cully, DOZA will impact us in an important way. Let me explain. We celebrate the racial and economic diversity of cully. People are being displaced. Indigenous and tribal people are being displaced by those that can afford higher housing costs. What draws these people to cully? Is it our lack of sidewalks? No because they're outpriced in neighborhoods that do not have nearly enough housing to meet the need. It is e-con 101. I support DOZA, it will reduce time and expense that playing both nonprofit and for profit developers that would build more housing in high opportunity areas. The clear and objective design standards will make it easier to make affordable houses in those neighborhoods. The anti-displacement action plan suggests that we should -- should incentivize higher density housing opportunities and especially in those that are amenity and service rich. To build abundant housing and high opportunity and low risk areas, DOZA will support that recommendation, in so doing it will reduce displacement pressures in Portland and Cully for you to support DOZA. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up is Anyeley Hallova.

Aneyeley Hallova: Can you hear me?

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Wheeler: We hear you.

Hallova: My name is Anyeley Hallova. I'm here to testify in opposition of the recommendation, the 75-foot height limit and the review for affordable housing. I'm an equity center here in Portland. I'm testifying on my behalf. I wanted to point out issues that I think a lot of testifiers have been saying and are untrue in many ways. I'm appreciative of the people supporting affordable housing, but I think people are pointing to the wrong problem and the wrong solutions for what is going on right now. Design review is not a cost issue. It plays a very small role in a development project, especially at the scale that we're talking about applying this to. What plays a huge role is the time to get a permit and the cost to get a permit and the cost of SDC. So with you're talking about the timeline, when you to design review process, it is in conjunction with your schematic design and it happens parallel. It doesn't add time. Those tripped up in design review, are developers that are not acting in a responsible manner as to what the city need and desires. I want to second what Chandra said. We don't want to stigmatize people in affordable housing. You can tell they become important parts of our fabric with great design. And I think the type three review is needed to make that happen. As a person who sees appeals at the process at the state, design review not a consideration I've seen come up. I feel that the folks testifying and blaming design review no actually are not a part of the development community and don't really have an understanding of what takes longer time. I live in northeast Portland. I support affordable housing. I'm a big push for affordable housing. We want to focus on the issues allowing affordable housing.

Clerk: Next up we have Wade Johns, Brandon Narromore, and Mac Cunningham.

Wade Johns: Can you hear me? Great. I'm Wade Johns. I'm with Elmo Manhattan. We did projects in Portland. It is a privilege to the speak to the mayor and the council. I know this is a very difficult year for the city. I appreciate your -- your leadership. You guys stepping out there and doing a good job. It is my pleasure here to support the design commission's recommendations related to DOZA. We read through their physician letter and we agree with them. We've been through the process five times in the last few years. Most recently the city council saw our blocks project on the waterfront which kill start construction in the next couple of months. We to projects in lots of cities. I believe that the design review process is really a pillar to what makes Portland great.

The result of the design commission and city staff make the city a really wonderful city, a key reason we like to invest there. Any of the walkability and practicality we get is really good. I'm

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always amazed at the commissioners. I know they'll volunteer 18 hours a week or so. I've seen them spend four or five hours. It is amazing with their qualifications and experience and how much time they invest in volunteering to make the city better. The city staff is fabulous. I'm sure you all seen, just check out one of the staff reports on one of the projects. When you see the quality of the staff report they put in and every project in the city that goes through gets a benefit of those kind of eyes going through it. Big recommendations of it. Just a few examples. Making our projects better, mostly with the streetscape and benches and lapped escaping and windows and active spaces. We make them better and we take them to other cities. Creative solutions. And I heard inclusionary housing mentioned. We're about to start construction on an inclusionary housing building that the design review held our feet to the fire to make sure it was a very high quality project and balconies and windows. Also the stake holder process is the organic parks of the design review process. The notices and hearings are already a part of it. It is a convenient easy way to get the community involved in our project. We like how it goes. How it works. I like how Livingston keeps things pointed and direct and actionable and the process we're glad to go through. Makes our projects more valuable.

Clerk: Next up, Brandon Narramore.

Brandon Narramore: Hello, I'm testifying in strong support of DOZA as well as Portland neighbors welcome. This is not design versus expediency and affordability, it is both attractive and sustainable but by moving standards, we have ability to encourage affordable housing. There's great aspects to DOZA. We should expand type two review for buildings up to 50 feet that are using inclusionary. Type two review in exchange for housing is a win-win for the city and affordability. Encouraging housing also means not doubling standard points and buildings between 55 to 75 feet tall. Building at this height should be the main driver for inclusionary and affordable housing. It is better not to set road blocks for their development. I ask that you reject design requirements. We should be following the guidance of Portland's anti-displacement action plan and encourage more housing and more neighbors in our low vulnerability neighborhoods rather than letting character step in the way. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Mac Cunningham.

Mac Cunningham: Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you all today. My name is Mac Cunningham. I'm a proud member of neighborhoods welcome. I applaud you all to consider these for the design review process for the highest opportunities and centers and corridors. There's many amendments being considered which my comrades here from Portland

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neighbors welcome and have and will continue. I ask you to expand the type 2 objection for projects by the housing bureau. Not just the ones that are taking in city dollars for the project. And extending that to buildings up to 75 feet that are including inclusionary units. Housing development is tricky and budgets are balanced. Great projects can die from a death by a thousand cuts. Design review appeals by dragging out the process which is expensive and introduces uncertainty into the process is one of the most effective cuts weaponized by nimbies. We need more housing not less. Housing delayed is housing denied. I ask you to reject the mainstream guidelines that will make it harder to add housing in the high opportunity areas. This last year shown us our community demand racial -- racial justice and -- and adding more barriers in the high amenity area goes counter to that.

Clerk: Next up Matt Otis, Emma Dixon, and Johann Hannesson.

Matt Otis: Hello. Mayor and commissioners, I'm Matt Otis and I'm here to support DOZA. I spent years as a land use chair and chair of the neighborhood. While I was there, a foundation for division design guide lines were established. They use surveys of unrepresented groups. So instead, I want to tell you what I like about DOZA, one thing I liked earlier was one of the sites was certainty. One thing I'm proud of is my kid. One thing as a parent to create healthy strong kid, you need to create a certain environment for them while also remaining flexible to their individual need. Take getting ready to school each morning. In our house there's certain rules. You have to wear pants; you have to put on a shirt. You have to brush your hair and teeth and put on shoes. Yes, you do have to put on clean underwear today like every other day. And finally environmental review. Do you have a coat or need one? Beyond that they create their own style and what comes out, it is -- it lets me see my character. We shouldn't mandate style. I love my century old house. My kids like house that looked like they were built in mine craft. Let's allow people to have the creativity. Fair haired dumbbell wouldn't stand out if it wasn't against the yard. So I ask you limit requests as one per project to leave time for new housing projects. I ask you reject wealthy neighborhoods what a street should or shouldn't look like. And finally, I ask that you do improve DOZA by insuring the design commission has one number has experience in designing. Give people clear guidelines and let them flourish.

Clerk: Next up Emma Dixon. Are you able to unmute?

Emma Dixon: Yes. Sorry, can you hear me? Cool, just a minute. My name is Emma Dixon. I'm a renter in northwest Portland and like to ask the commissioners and mayor to support DOZA. I think that providing clear and objective standards for pretty much anything is a great way to

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reduce uncertainty in the process. We know what you're getting into. You can figure out how much it is going to cost and how long it is going to take to -- to get the project going. I also really appreciate, you know, I love walking around Portland and seeing the neighborhoods and sort of the vibes that each one has. Communities are made of people. Not buildings. The more opportunities for people to join these vibrant communities, the better we are and able to preserve a sense of culture and inclusiveness. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Johann Hannesson.

Johann Hannesson: Hi, there, can you hear me? Perfect. My name is Johann and I'm registered lobbyist, testing on its behalf. We're a grass roots pro-housing organization insuring that all Portlanders can find and keep safe stable and affordable homes. We believe DOZA will have more housing when it is needed. Few small amendments could change things. There could be a consistent path to our homes and centers and corridors. Critically DOZA expands the option to use design standards for projects up to 75 feet tall. These standards were the clearest and highest impacts on affordable housing projects can deliver. Expanding the design standards means they can protect more of their projects from delays. It also reduces the risks with stringent financing deadlines. It also improves type 2 and 3 review by clarifying the role of design review to focus on quality not size. To improve it even further, we are asking for expanding type 2 review at least 60% MFI and all projects up to 75 feet tall. Today only projects by the City and buildings up to 65 feet have this option. Lets remove this. The design commission should include someone who has experience in affordable housing. Please do not double design standard points required for buildings between 55 and 75 feet. At 35% height increase should not require 100% more point. Reject calls for guidelines that could further restrict housing in high opportunity areas that can deepen disparities. We should not carve out exceptions to weather neighborhoods that run counter to it's goals. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Sam Stuckey, David Boush, and Doug Klotz.

Sam Stuckey: Can you hear me? Good afternoon thanks for the opportunity to testify. I live in East Portland where I am a member of the Mill Park Association, I'm also a licensed architect who puts projects through our design process. I'm only speaking for myself. I want to put my full support behind DOZA, I see this project as a much needed evolution in the way we regulate the design of our building. It will help our city better respond to the crisis of our city with climate change and housing. The elements I'm excited about are the citywide guidelines, they are objective and will create a clear path for approving projects. They provide lots of options.

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Architects like myself can better meet the needs of the neighborhood without wading through unclear applications of design standards. Aligning the standards will ultimately lead to high quality projects. I also appreciate DOZA saying the design commission cannot reduce the height of projects. As it works now the zoning code shapes our design process. These can kill great projects. I want to say that we've heard a lot of value statements, values that include affordability, equity, safety, sustainability, beauty, and not a lot of disagreement on these values. Our values are only as strong as our system. The beauty of DOZA changes these values into language that will lead to high quality projects, we need to make sure there are no delays and appeals. Appeal proof design standards are crucial ingredient to this process. I encourage you to approve DOZA, review the amendments, and ensure this legislation can turn our value statements into valuable projects for our future. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, David Boush.

David Boush: Can you hear me? Thanks. I am David Boush, I'm the president of Sunnyside Association, I guess I'm sort of terrified about hearing so much about nimby's and associations to represent one, but I do and I want to suggest one alteration to the DOZA process. That is that the parody with downtown on the height restriction. It's 45 feet downtown and it's 75 feet in a neighborhood where most of our structures are 2 stories high. Am I right? Is that correct? I just ask that you consider that we have parody with downtown. Okay, it's going to crush these little centers to have huge buildings next to them. It's not about associations, it's about putting a 75 ft building next to a 1 or two story building, it's going to crush it. So that's all that I want to add. I will say one thing is I was old enough to live through the urban renewal period in the 60s and 70s, but not every huge affordable housing project is successful. So I'd urge you to consider that. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Doug Klotz.

Doug Klotz: I heard about DOZA in 2016, I attended open houses and testified. I'm glad that we are about to adopt this. For decades, design review is required for central city buildings. Often multiple design commission meetings are required. Recently there is a trend of neighborhood groups appealing to council. Privately, these groups admit they are trying to delay a project to kill it. The significant costs of this process, not only in city fees and architect fees, and time and loans are added on to the cost of the building, making downtown living more expensive. When the building includes affordable housing, funding is drawn from many sources, which comes with deadlines. The funding can be lost. Multiple hearings can stretch for years killing projects.

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Now that d overlay has expanded outside downtown. The city must of hear clear and objective standards path. Dose DOZA has rewritten them. They are equal to guide lines and are much more useful for builders. Allowing this path for buildings up to 75 feet high honors that state goal. The new standard will be giving affordable housing projects a great increase in certainty and lower cost. The changes mean the builder will know that the design requirements are fulfilled when they submit the permit. Even if the 75-foot figure is in there, that doesn't allow the zoning. So fellow from Sunnyside neighborhood needs to know 55 feet along Belmont is not overrun by design review. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Henry Kraemer, Heather Flint Chatto, and Patricia Cliff.

Henry Kraemer: Mayor, Wheeler, commissioners, my name is Henry Kraemer. I'm a homeowner in northeast Portland. Speaking for myself here. I strongly support DOZA and the guidelines along with the minor amendment suggested by Portland neighbor's welcome. I heard throwing out DOZA and state pan dates and primarily created by affluent neighborhoods. I want to focus on why you should not to that. The DOZA proposal was crafted in public view with the explicit goals of reducing time and development and creating clear and flexible design standards to make a fairer less onerous process. It was developed through an open process over 5 years including 61 open houses. We received over 1100 public comments. It was proposed and adopted by diverse cohort of appointed public servants based on directive from the 2035 comprehensive plan and the climate action plan. Some people testifying today are asking you to throw out the transparent work of all of those people and replace it with boutique design mandates developed outside of the public eye by private outlets. At a time when Portland is crying out for more housing, especially affordable housing. These mandates would create more barriers than the problematic standards DOZA was created to addressed. Don't give them attention. A broad coalition of affordable housing providers as asking you to accept this draft. Please hear them and pass this draft.

Clerk: Next up is Heather Flint Chatto.

Heather Flint Chatto: Hi there. Can you see my screen? My name is Heather, and I am 20-year urban planner, and small design firm. And, I have been director of the Portland streets initiative for the last seven years because I saw that my neighborhood was redeveloping and didn't have any tools to guide them. So I jumped in and help form an inter neighborhood coalition. With 7 different organizations and 4 different neighborhoods represented which met for 2 years for open meetings and agendas. Partnered with universities on designs, open house, RFP and hired

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a planning commissioner, hired Joy Davis, we have done everything in mind that you could possibly do to engage people in this process. Bill Cunningham has said he's never seen anyone be more engaged. I would like to let you know that, and, and our efforts are really intended to support density to turn people onto density, not as others are falsely attributed to go us, to stop development to stop affordable housing. We want to make it better and, understanding, but there's a lack of clarity and discussion, and a lot of shaming. So we want to make sure that as we evolve that, we don't scrape and erase and, fill in and we can support density. One of these is contextual. This one on the left, and that building is, so we want to do it well and many communities are asking for these same tools. If there's a little bit of extra time, if I might have it, an extra minutes from the three minute potential. Because we have done so much work. And. And clarify a little bit of the testimony. We have some great tools and graphics for you to highlight some of the work that we have done. This is extensive work that we have done. Many, many more communities, thousands of people have been engaged to do work that is similar to what was done with Chinatown at a cost of \$175k that was done for free. Following every best practice I know of as a planner. And so cut me off if you need to, but if you are still interested, I'd love to share a few more slides. We think there are these undressed impacts to these smaller places and with better tools, we can actually respond to that. If they are at the 75 neat high and there's no level of design review, then we're missing some areas. None of these will apply to these smaller areas. So we just need some different tools. This is a quote from the tools report. From the consultant. This is a common phrase. How do we evolve with the right tools? How do we adapt, so that, we can pick up these patterns, that work well. Including one for design that we are basing on wash constructions for afford ability. These are things that many buildings that you see now, and it is more unnecessarily expensive. Because they're not following time tested design practices will it doesn't have to look traditional but they contribute to efficiency overall and, those elements, and that still feels human scale and, without tools like context elevations to see the impact and understand how something is going to fit we may not be getting it quite right. So, we think we can engender better support, and there are some areas, in the centers, where you notice that they're important. There's something that needs to be done there and we think that could fit well with what you are hearing. That the work that we did are much closer to standards and those would be adapted as a common set of main street standards and, so we would like to encourage you to support that future work, and budget and the staff work plans, and has to be engaged and that we really are concerned that the eastside is under also who can't

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wave the complex policies and, we just really appreciate that you have given me a little extra time. These are some of the consultant recommendations. I would be happy to, invite you work a go sign walk, if you would ever like to see it, I have seen people completely change their mind when they see it and understand how these patterns work to make better density. And more affordable. Thank you, I will be happy to share any more information. We have a lot of great tools. Thank you so much.

Clerk: Next we have Patricia Cliff. Are you able to unmute?

Patricia Cliff: Sorry. Am I now heard.

Clerk: Yes.

Cliff: My name is Patricia Cliff, and I'm the president to Pearl Neighbors for Integrity of Design whose goal it is to enhance our districts by promoting high quality design that is response by promoting high quality design and enhances live ability for current and future residents and visitors who call this city their home. What they do, and we are in support of the mission and goes, with reservations. However, we strongly object to. One second. The facts that height and density are being being completely outruled as a part of the project. If they are allowed in the zone as part of design review. Given FAR and height entitled status, and weakens the value of design review. In no case will surrounding natural, historic, or culture resource compatibility you can limitations, such as roads or design bike routes ever restrict the height or density below what the base allows. This is important because central city 2035 never took a detailed property specific look at resource adjacency, livability, and infrastructure into account. It is because context is so important to ensuring comparable design. Fully supports, the recommendation number 4. Formerly requiring that all design review applicants provide site plan and elevations. Showing the proposed project was in the exist built environment, including when viewed from resource areas and open spaces. We hope that the city and the design commission will carefully consider these aspects, and not be rigid with respect to eliminating any consideration of height and adjacency up where it would upset the local community. I notice that the many of the people speaking have class a tied the neighborhood associations, as people who don't want affordable housing, in their district. I cannot disagree more with this concept the neighborhood associations, all 95 of them have picked up so many of the obligations that the city has not been appropriately addressing, such as quart badge removal. Graffiti, and many more. They are involved, in how these local neighborhoods function and the having them brushed aside as objectors is incorrect. And I sit on the board, I'm not speaking on that behalf. And planning and

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transportation committee. But, I am familiar with how engaged this organization is in the improvement and betterment for all residents, and the neighborhood has more affordable housing than any other district because it was put in there during the Katz administration as a requirement of the infrastructure. So it was a major city private public initiative that created more affordable housing that is attractive and should be replicated in our district. So, please, don't bad mouth it. I appreciate your time.

Clerk: Next up, Aaron Brown, Dave Otte, Linda Nettekoven.

Aaron Brown: Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Brown: Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify. I'm calling in support of the welcome passage of the amendments. I hear all of the concerns for a good design in urban development. I just want to take it at a different level of scale. I'm interested in the design of our city. How this city can promote dense walkable neighborhoods. My neighborhood can use a ton more housing. It is expensive. My peers, and my family, so many people want to be my neighbors and there isn't enough housing. I saw in this previous slide, that the eastside was underserved. The Illinois argument is that it is underhoused. We need to be building a lot more housing. Respectfully I would also point out the numerous people that have testified today, have all gone over their time limits. If you do not pass it, as it is written, you're allowing all of these individuals every time there is a housing project that they don't like for whatever reason and continue to delay the construction of housing that we need during a housing, and climate crisis. So please move forward with the DOZA recommendations, I understand the issues with design, but I encourage you to prioritize the affordable housing crisis and the role it can play. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next we have Dave Otte.

Dave Otte: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Otte: My name is Dave and I'm the owner of an architecture firm. I have two points, about the benefits of design review. On quality time and money, every project, was improved in one way or another by the type three process with the design commission. Can it be frustrating? You bet. Is it worth it? Absolutely. Architecture is subjective that requires discussion, compromise. Architecture is not painted by numbers. Please don't let them replace public discussion. Doesn't take more time and money, permitting does and despite previous testimony, appeals are rare. Only one

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affordable housing project has been appealed to LUBA. On the design and advice request, some testify testimony is going point to affordable housing projects that were built through a type 2 approval staff approval. Rather than type 3 approval. This is true, and I should know. The Nick Fish that is used as an example is one of my projects and a main reason for its success, was it required a DAR hearing, this allowed early input from the public, and, if they needed to discuss big picture arrangements but you're being asked to remove it. This is a mistake. Please keep the DAR to allow for inclusive and timely public process. Speaking to my friend nick, I got quote. Regarding other public projects I never someone saying I object to quality, and can't we go cheap? Why is it, when it buildings low income? No checklist can replace that. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Linda Nettekoven.

Linda Nettekoven: Thanks, good afternoon. I'm here to support the new improved design standards and guidelines. But also to call attention to a gap in what the proposal contains. I work with main streets. I'm speaking on my own behalf. As you will see. The list of value statements that introduced them includes the following. The design new development should expand the character of a place and its community rather than today plan initial t. I'm still concern that he had design standards, which will govern 80% will not be adequate to the help us uphold this value about today Michigan -- diminish meant as we go. Calls for 60% to be absorbed. And many of these districts versus no plans in place to help guide this change. So the response is just say no. And having worked in the neighborhood system for many years, I am tired of that. When given tools, that response can be very different. I'm not advocating for any reduction, in density. Staff has identified many of the missing pieces needed to close this policy gap. And I would like to suggest crafting a amendment that calls for a set of main street standards, bundle, built into the standard section. So it is clear and objective. But it at least prompts people to think about context in terms of how things fit where older buildings, or at least, the particular fabric that exists in some of our very highly, rapidly developing neighborhoods. I support lower the design thresholds, from 75 feet. I want to stress some pathway for us to make better use of community wisdom, we have neighborhood plans, and other reports, and we have other sources of information evolving, from communities about their concerns. I would like the staff to be able to refer a developer some of these sources. The design commission can look at them. Although there must be a way that you can do this by making it clear these have no legal jurisdiction and cannot be used in any kind of a particular design review. They are sources of good information. I wasn't planning to talk about design review, but I have one concern, type two versus type three

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review. As a neighborhood person who is a supportive, trying to get another one through process, two blocks from my house I am concerned that the conversation with Julie Livingston, about a building coming up on 30th and Powell, when the community is thinking about that affordable housing it's a question of how can we best integrate that project into our neighborhood. So that the folks that live there, they are of us. They are not an island of some separate group with no ties to the rest of the neighborhood. That's the only puzzle piece that I'm concerned about losing if perhaps people go straight for type two. I'm assuming Housing developers go to talk to the neighborhood. Sometimes, some neighborhoods want that affordable housing and want those neighbors to feel welcome. Somehow to, build that in, whether it is type two or three, it has to happen. I guess I'll close by saying before we began facing these crises, there was an agreement, that we need to increase availability in buildings old and new, and striving for greater affordability. And, climate response design, and greater focus of inclusion, equity, and anti-racism. I think the creation of basic style neutral could help us achieve many of these larger housing goals. They don't have to be an impediment. Not causing delay. There's a way to do this. About this kind of it's the interface question. Not thinking building but thinking about the whole fabric of a neighborhood and a street and that's the place that gets lost when buildings are reviewed. So everything thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up, James Carpentier, Jonathan Greenwood, and Mary Vogel.

James Carpentier: Hello, I am James, representing the sign manufactures, in the city and beyond. Currently the sign code title 32 requires signs that are greater than 32 square feet, be subject to design review. We believe to maintain this, with many of the stated goals of the report which it refers to, making the process more efficient and less time consuming for applicants. Therefore, we are requesting that the council consideration the amendment. To increase the minimum threshold from 32 square feet to 75 square feet. For the following reasons, number 1, design checks are allowed for buildings up to 75 feet and, 32 square feet. Number two, you have third before. Increase costs, this is a real concern for signs that cost less than the design fee and increase time-lines, which can make it impact that business that needs that sign right away. Number 4, unintended consequence of this, restriction, which I haven't seen, anywhere else, due to the increased gulf and timeline many are assigned without permits. Many of our members will not install signs, due to what I'm talking about. To main a 32 square foot threshold, with the proposal statement, proposed draft volume one which states require a higher level of review for

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larger projects and a lower level of review for smaller project he, and, makes sense to me. With that I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Would appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Clerk: Jonathan Greenwood.

Jonathan Greenwood: I am in support, of the Portland Neighbor's Welcome suggestions. It allows more buildings with house -- based on clear criteria. Also makes it easier to use the type two review by staff if they choose the discretionary design review path. While not as definite as the objective design standards. Type two avoids the public hearings required by type 3 review. Both the upgraded design standards and type two staff review can reduce the costs in building housing making it more likely that new housing will be built. Building denser, and mixed use is good for the planet and the good for the people who live here. They will allow taller buildings to go through a simpler process, to make housing easier to build, in places like Slabtown, Hollywood, and Kerns. We should limit design request meetings to one per project. By doing this we'll eliminate months of review time. Council can improve it by expanding type two review options to each affordable housing project. Not just developments receiving city dollars. Also, use type two review for buildings up to 75 feet that are using height. This will create more affordable house, the design commission should always be informed by affordability by requiring one member, to be part of the approval process. Finally, we should not double design standard points required for buildings, 55-75 feet tall. Council should oppose wealthy neighborhoods that make it harder to add housing. These places are screaming for dense housing, without requiring restrictive process for approval. I oppose overly complicated character statements if they become re-zonings or restrict height or hyper design manuals that can stop or tie up developments. This aims at stopping projects in most needed areas. Thank you have a good day.

Clerk: Next we have Mary Vogel.

Mary Vogel: Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Mary. I support the proposed amendment. The congress for the new urban I am certainly concerned about the design of our neighborhood. Plan green has long been focused on climate, and excellent urban design. The proposed will bring greater climate resiliency to communities by bringing greater certainty to developers who meet the design standards. I also support the amendments proposed by affordable housing developers. I waited, over several years for proud ground to live up to its potential and offer multi-family housing opportunities. When they partnered with my favorite development and on the proposed 5020 north interstate development. I was ecstatic. However

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they were forced into a contentious design commission review by the president of the overlook neighborhood association who decided to be a stickler for the very recent change to the zoning code. \He was insistent on investigating active use at the corner, although that location makes little sense. As the train going by without stopping for several blocks prevents it, from being desirable major intersection for most businesses. As it is not a faraway corner. Mine was one the least impressive testify monies before the design commission that day and the so many leaders of the black community, in favor this project. It made no difference. Lost the project. Please pass it with the amendments proposed by the affordable housing developers. By the away appreciate the closed captioning, but it has been very slow, and very incomplete, and difficult to understand, I wish I could have understood more of more testimonies today. But I have a profound hearing loss. Thank you.

Clerk: Next Eric Lindsay, Thomas Robinson, and Kate Widdows.

Eric Lindsay: Good afternoon the committee hear me?

Wheeler: We hear you.

Lindsay: Thank you. Good afternoon, thanks, for having this. I just want to lend my voice for those who are urging to you pass it. I particularly hope that you will il proof it, by putting all of the regulated affordable units that it would apply to into the type two review option. I think it's important to design it in such a way that maximizes the possibility of affordable housing units per building and also makes it easy for affordable housing developers to feel confident that they'll be able to build the buildings. I also, in addition to that, I want to offer my support for all of the suggestions, and minor amendments that have been made by welcome, and affordable housing community. Just I would ask when you guys are thinking about any changes you make, somebody else spoke about how we're thinking about values. I think that, I would ask that you emphasize objective design criteria and I think you will maximize affordable housing outcomes. I just think when it comes down to, it the possibility to put more people who need housing in good housing, and high opportunity maybe had hoods is just so obviously, the greater value to me. And I hope that you will act on that value as well. Thank you. Have a good afternoon.

Clerk: Next up, Thomas Robinson.

Thomas Robinson: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Thomas Robinson. I'm the founder of Lever Architecture. I really believe that you can have great design and great affordable housing. You do not need to choose. We were the architects for the largest affordable project, the flowers project and we went through a type three design project, and it made it better, and it

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connected to the community. We have been through numerous type three design ask always found a way to make the project work for the commissioners, work for the city, and actually meet the budgets. It just requires a focus on design and I'm super appreciative that this discussion is happening. We love this city and want to see it grow and I don't think that you need to make the choice. I think you can support design review. And you can support it, but I have real concerns about what's been characterized as minor amendments. 85 foot height with the exception is a big deal. It is a big building. I think that, most of the projects we do, most of the housing and is below 75 feet and will not be impacted. It will be a type two review. But when you this these large projects, I urge you to allow for to happen and allow that design to occur. Thank you we appreciate this discussion.

Wheeler: Before you go off, commissioner Hardesty has a question or comment.

Hardesty: Thanks. Thank you for your testimony. So what do you say to organizations like proud ground or human solutions and others who say these delays actually create missed opportunities to increase the stock of housing that people can afford to live in?

Robinson: You know, I think it's a really great question. In our situations, and designs that we worked with, we've always been able to final find a solution, I think that this issue about design being the obstacle to me is maybe not a holistic sort of focus. It's thinking about the whole process. How do we speed up the permitting process as a whole? Design review happens in the beginning. Always found creative ways to get through.

Hardesty: I appreciate that the but I think there's a huge difference between for profit develop he is, and non-profit, there's a different between the resources, and the nature of the finance agreements that they put together. So, I don't think that we're comparing the same items.

Robinson: Yeah, I respect that. What I'm saying is we're doing some of the largest affordable housing projects in Portland and also market rate. So what I'm saying is, most of those affordable projects are below 75 feet I think that there's design is a equity issue. We want the affordable housing projects we design sore every architect wants to be as attractive as anything that's market rate. And I think design review can play a role in that. I think that there are real challenges, but what I'm saying not that you, it's really for me the 75 foot height issue, it's not about you know, type three versus type two. It's really when you get to that size building.

Hardesty: Thank you. That's very helpful, I share some concerns about 75 feet as well. But I'm really trying focus in on how to we expand as quickly as possible the opportunities for real affordable housing. Because 80% is not affordable. And, so 16%ing and below, that gets closer to

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a rate, and we don't need anything slowing it down. Let me say that, speed it go up doesn't mean that we're expecting buildings that won't be excellent buildings, good quality and design. This means that we know that we need to speed up that process.

Robinson: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Kate Widdows.

Kate Widdows: Greetings to the mayor and commissioners, and staff, my name is Kate, I'm a contributor of a group, and we're local advocacy group dedicating to preserving a treasure in the landscape, the historic neon sign. Every city has their own collection. These glowing against before nothing less than culture icons and are essential elements in the visual identity of our city. Think of Alibi's fiery red lettering. These and scores of other supreme court are signs, are known and cherished tourists and sign lovers everywhere. Signs disappear from the American landscape every day the. We need to act now to act before they are gone forever. The changes we are proposing, will not only help prevent the beautifully signs from being tossed in a dumpster and support the work of people who make repair and restore these one of a kind signs. Now, the recommendations make mention of me on page 32, suggesting that adherence maintain a site's uniqueness by repurchase classing, sculpture neon signage. So my suggestions are as follows. One, the terms cultural is please specific. Please include something like, quote historic and/or noteworthy neon signage. Most aren't necessarily designed to fit. Two, please include additional examples of neon signs, in order to further illustrate the need for protect a variety of signs this potential showcasing of neon, will provide a reference so use issues, will be more incline to preserve important ask or historic neon signs in the design standards section of the document, please add additional standards requiring the preservation of list tor rick neon signs and, creation of new neon signs. No mention of neon signage. 4, please the adoption of a neon sign resource survey. This survey will lead to the development of many need new options, for protect them. In regard to the historic resources code project, my last suggestion is that you add support for assigning landmark designation. I appreciate the time you have taken and thank you so much for considering our proposed changes. I hope you agree that we need to act now to protect Portland's works of art before it is too late. And adjusting the zoning codes is excellent. Thank you so much.

Clerk: Next up we have Stephen Judkins, Peggy Moretti, and Sean Bolden.

Stephen Judkins: Hi, there, can you hear me? Great. First off, thank you for the time to testify, I expected to speak earlier, but speakers from pdx and each went several minutes and pushed me

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back. I am very lucky I made it in. Last year, city council passed the residential project. Address the housing crisis. Though I don't think it is sufficient to address the crisis, it's very important following we need to defend. I feel if we don't limit opportunities to delay and block new housing, the impact will be blunted and less, more expensive housing. By law, it can be appealed and will be appealed the appeal process is where the problem happens. I will like to point out that people representing, some wealthy, speaking many minutes over their limits. I'm lucky if I was able to speak. The balance of testimony be tilted further towards the nimbys. The same thing will happen, there's a broad retro appeal. The wealthiest and most connected people to the city will regularly use their privilege and fancy lawyers, to delay and block every development. Many will still be constructed and renters and homebuyers will suffer. Please pass it, and improve it by Portland Welcome Neighbors recommendations. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Peggy Moretti.

Peggy Moretti: Thank you, I'm Peggy Moretti representing Restore Oregon. We support many aspects of DOZA. Nick Fish once said everyone designs on a well-designed city. In a city that tells its commitment to inclusion, everyone deserves a voice. It is an extension of their home. That degree of community engagement has not yet been achieved. It joins many of the neighborhood associations, in support the pdx main street top-five recommendations. It was unfortunate, that they have been divisively and ignorantly represented today. One, commit now to the development and adoption of character statements so we don't lose the context specific themes that make each neighborhood center unique. And the city cannot stop the illusion of the culture, through outreach. For example, supplemental guy lines are critical to elevate the themes, and as a way to empower and engage communities such as St. John's or midway this effort cannot wait ten years. Council must instruct them to have deadlines. 2, set the threshold at 45 feet over four stories. Most of the east and the centers, consist of three or four story buildings and, construction requires review to ensure that they do respond to the surrounding character. The main reason is lack of predictability, but the height and FAR is entitle he that undercuts this concern and we have no examples of denying a request reviewed. Most importantly, it provides a forum for community members to engage and creates positive outcomes. Impose demolition review for those areas that are vulnerable. In addition to erasing our heritage, demolition setback the schools. Is the summary of findings, from equal northwest. And, using a commercial 10,000 building, versus by 20,000 square feet building, decreases the emissions. That's the -- equivalent of taking off 1,000 cars off the road for a year. The impact, is significant. The of

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soul Portland is wonderful character, and this could be erased if we get it wrong. It requires prioritizing, that embraces the historic features. There will require additional effort but the impact and, legacy will outlive us all thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Sean Bolden.

Sean Bolden: I wanted to bring this from a different perspective as well without shaming. I am a former resident of Texas, where they have no zoning laws or design review. My position is to keep the DAR for affordable housing. You cannot boil everything down to a checkbox for people to check off and everything is fine. You have to have individuals be part of it. If you drown out the voices it's a slippery slope. Here's some bullet points. If you have developers coming in that do not understand the social structures, values of an area, they bring their own bias to the table that only looks at their culture. Public discourse, sure can be a place that can be a trojan horse for people to slide in and use the tool for malicious intent. But that cannot be the soul reason to take this away from the people. I think in my opinion, you need to review and revise before you strip it away. Because once it leaves, it is hard to bring it back. We have seen with our politics. There's no one size fits all so that standards that you come up with, will evolve. So, instead of there being zero, you need a hybrid of the two. Stripping it out, I don't think it helps solve anything, by strip it go out. You need to reduce the time. But that's the end of my time. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Kirsten Leising, Shari Gilevich, and David Schoellhamer.

Kirsten Leising: I'm Kirsten and I'm the first of four speakers, from the improvement league better known as smile. So we a sport increased density and in our neighborhood, has had 1200 units built in the past six years. An increase of 20% with no appeals. So, they have four miles of d. Over laid corridors. Change is occurring quickly. Most new development in our neighborhood, uses design standards, and that's why we focus on those. Standards can reduce costs and streamline projects. But do not provide a vision for neighborhood development. We want to improve livability while the neighborhood evolves. When design standards are used there's no opportunity for community input or design review. They fail to build on context, which is supposed to be a tenant. We want them to incorporate the community development main street design guidelines as an optional design standard. We believe this will lead to a better vision for growth. Next, Shari will go into the process of our community guidelines, thank you so much.

Shari Gilevich: This is sherry, with smile. In 2019 the smile neighborhood association started a project to learn about and develop design guidelines after fully engaging area residents and

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businesses. The steady development over the past six years, the community wanted to help local design while the neighborhood grows. We held several public meetings and a guided walking tour. 150 people participated in events and completed 80 surveys, and design, they inform connection, documented in the main street design guidelines. 17 guidelines addressed building form, main street facades, and pedestrian amenities. Upper floor setbacks. Other features are articulation of a roof line. Some guidelines focus on individual features, balconies and corner entries. Features that relate to the main street facade are recessed and storefront display and building sides. It's important to stress that the community guidelines do not anyway circumvent city guidelines. They promote this for options to create live able neighborhoods. We seek town included to add some of the main street design guidelines. David will next explain how they can be implemented. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is David Schoelhamer.

David Schoelhamer: I am David, with smile. There are two ways you can implement the main street design guidelines. First, the zoning code includes a we do sign district which uses the city wide community design standards. Proposes to eliminate the district. But it could be retained. A second approach is to Adams optional design standard that awards it for one or more, recess windows, that are human scaled. Clear story windows. And tended street facing balconies, step back design and a main street bundle bonus. They have 45 optional standards for developers to choose from to earn points. Elective classes in school. So this would add one more elective to choose from. To support it, one of these features should be required in the existing centers main street overlay zone. This applies to a small part of the design overlay where they have areas of shops and services. This would ensure that new buildings have at least one main street design feature and, satisfy the goal of building to context. To reduce building costs, the recessed window and balcony should satisfy requirements in all zones. Either recessed windows or extended balconies would achieve this. Allow it and details enter our testimony and, rocky will explain the benefits.

Clerk: Next we have Rocky Johnson.

Rocky Johnson: Rocky Johnson, I'm also a smile and I will be brief. Just summarize, given this has been long afternoon. All of our recommended design guideline options will encourage building diversity, increase solar and pedestrian access and can be incorporated there new construction without increasing costs. In short, they will continue to allow us to accommodate increased residential density, while maintaining the livability of our neighborhood and the city. So we

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don't see what we are recommending, is in any way going to make it more difficult to construct, affordable housing. We see it as more complementary to that. If we work with them, we can have better designs and, better housing for all people that seek to live within our neighborhood. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up Matt Kelly, Brian Hoop, and Patrick Hilton.

Matt Kelly: Hi my name is Matt Kelly. But the views are my own. I support the proposal and encourage you to adopt the changes. Late last year I was fortunate to be able to just barely afford buy a small home. Due to some financial help and I love my neighborhood. There's a huge variety. That's a lost apartment buildings and, most never went through design review. So, are some ugly? Some people would say so. How should buildings look? [inaudible] building should be context wall. What is it? There's a lot of language we use. A lost words what are we mean is subjective we can talk about specific building things, and, but the end of the day it is subjective. Here are some of the phrases I heard in testimony today. Building should have a coherent vision for the inhabitants, create places that have a marriage of diversity and unity. They should have human scale and rhythm and express both their own unique identities, while being in harmony with neighbors. Did the buildings do anything? I don't know, what I do know is I see people living in their cars. So that's an urgent need for good quality housing, and I urge commissioners to stay grounded. I encourage you to support DOZA, it so we can have good quality housing in our city. Housing that is well built and we can be proud of and house that go we need. Thank you.

Brian Hoop: Good afternoon my name is Brian Hoop. I serve as ED of housing Oregon a statewide membership of affordable housing nonprofits committed to serving and supporting low income housing. Our Portland metro-policy council which endorsed it, includes groups, human solutions. And c.d.c. 20 others. I want to leave you with one message today from the community, please make clear flexible and objective design standards an option for as many projects as possible. Please don't misunderstand our support. Our members are fine being held to the same design standards, man take tori design, have several costs. But there is as risk of every affordable home. Overlapping deadlines and time limited financing options make it more vulnerable. Through no fault the design commission, any process makes them far more vulnerable to the risk of a delay. Appeal can delay a project months to a year. Experience has taught us in neighborhoods with design review, takes only a few critics. For our members, this is a major deterrent, even though a healthy city should have affordable homes. Because it is

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vulnerable. We ask for the recommendation, the option of a type two staff review. Our members are working hard to deep Portland you can build the affordable housing we need. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Patrick Hilton. Are you able to unmute? Mayor I see that Patrick is -- on the call but, I don't know, it looks like he might be trying to call in.

Wheeler: While he is calling in, can you give us some indication of a time check?

Clerk: Sure. I'm showing 9 testifiers remain. Next up, Adam Wilson.

Adam Wilson: I'm with the Montavilla neighborhood association. I'm the land use chair. Montavilla would like to at least bring up the topic of expanding the D overlay and M overlay and understand them. We feel underserved by the city as far as an oversight to the design that goes into the neighborhood and understanding of the identify of our neighborhood. The main street on stark has an M overlay which does have some minor criteria, but we'd like to expand that and know what that means for those buildings that have historic significance to the neighborhood. In relationship to the light rail that once existed there. There is also an understanding that 82nd is a huge corridor running through our neighborhood not owned by the city, but the buildings put on that corridor may have the potential to be influenced by the city. So that's one corridor that we have interest in discussing. So, the future projects that are discussed at the tail end of the proposal, talk about expanding of I think, the understanding of where those expansions should go beyond and explore other scales within our city. With the different corridors. We have three different scales. Our key concern is having some type of communication with the city, over time to develop these design overlay and understand how we can maintain some identity of it and also respect the urgency of neighborhoods and, underserved low income housing that needs to be addressed in the city we support it, but we would like to have a acknowledgment of expanding those design overlay and starting that conversation in the future. Thank you.

Clerk: Let's try Patrick Hilton again. Okay, I'll call the next three. Sean Sweat, John Czarnecki, and Michelle Plambeck.

Sean Sweat: I just have to start; I really love neon signs. Please give it to them. I wasn't part of my game plan, I live in the pearl, and I value the design commission. I don't think design review is a problem at all. But I have seen the appeals process, try to stop good projects, in my neighborhood. I think it's important that you eliminate this path for just a few well-funded people to torpedo good projects, make decisions, final, that would be my first choice. But correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand the state law requires the city to allow appeals the other

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opening is to reduce how many have to go by using the objective design standards. So maybe that means we have a little more stringency, that people want to complain about, but as long as we can allow more projects and avoid the appeals process, I think there's value in that. So we badly need more housing and, defining these projects, it will have a big impact. So, please, prevent the weaponization of the appeals process. So these good projects can move through. I think you can accomplish that by allowing more buildings to be built by right.

Clerk: Next up, John Czarnecki. Why don't we go to the next person? Michelle Plambeck.

Michelle Plambeck: Hi, can you hear me? Yes. Stays for staying after 5:00. Good afternoon, mayor and city commissioners, I am here today registered as representative a group of developers, invested industries. Oregon smart growth has shared feedback. [inaudible]

Wheeler: You may have muted.

Plambeck: Can you hear me again.

Wheeler: Now we can.

Plambeck: Oregon Smart Growth has shared feedback include sag sport for the alignment of standards and guidelines context and quality. We appreciate that some of our concerns have been addressed. We also strongly opposed a proposal to grant a design commission to reduce it. We appreciate the support and support the change to allow buildings up to 75 feet in the height for the track. However there are two issues that need to be addressed. Smart growth agrees that it should remain voluntary but applicants should be allowed to use more than one.

Recommended draft limits the number of DARs to one per review. Projects can make more efficient use of the design review stage by using a second DAR. We also appreciate the design standards, and the point system is too directive. Instead of assigning point values, we urge council to consider a menu of items organized where developers can chose a number of options. In addition to this, Oregon's smart growth is also in agreement with Portland Neighbors Welcome. Thank you for your time today.

Clerk: John, were you able to unmute?

John Czarnecki: Yes. Thanks very much. I am John, I'm an architect with a practice downtown. I'm also a past chair of the landmarks commission. I'm testifying today in support of the amendments, and request that you adjust the proposal to better meet the design. One, include one position on the design commission, and a preservation background. The architect seat will complete urban design, landscape design and architecture, there by being able to provide the applicant and ensure with input and ensure the possibility of consistent message to the

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community the position with the background, particularly given the proposal to expand and adjust the sources of cultural references for design. Number two, resolve conflicts between zoning density and live able neighborhoods. The intention to provide for complete neighborhoods as designed in the comprehensive plan. It's just a couple sentences. The complete neighborhood, is where they have safe and convenient access to the goods and service, needed which include a variety of option he, grocery stores, and other commercial receives. Complete neighborhoods are easily accessed by foot, wheelchair, bike and transit. I think I'm just going go back to number 3 and come back to number two. Well, the main -- number 3, remove the with the exception for design review as a bonus for affordable housing. Structures not having the benefit of adequate design review will be noticeable in the context of otherwise reviewed projects. They will run counter to the benefits of pre-bonus code limits and socially mark their residents based on perceived economic status. So, back for a moment to the complete neighborhood. I support the process of main street standards, believing that they are, they have the possibility of increasing livability by developing the public realm in such a way that it increases the quality, in which the neighborhood operates and adds to the completeness of the neighborhood. Thanks very much.

Clerk: Madilyn Hotchkiss, Patrick Hilton, and Tony Bernal.

Madilyn Hotchkiss: Hi, can you guys hear me? My name is Madilyn, I am speaking in full support of the. [inaudible] DOZA to simply guy the design and review process. Simplifying the design process will help bring more housing to high opportunity areas, as encouraged by the displacement plan. It will remove roadblocks. Please reject the hyper local design requirements. These decrease economic diversity and lend themselves to bias. Staying true to our commitments to diversity and equity means supporting housing in high opportunity areas no setting roadblocks. Thank you.

Clerk: Next Patrick Hilton.

Patrick Hilton: I keep getting muted. Can you hear me now?

Clerk: We hear you.

Hilton: My name is Patrick. I'm a low-income, and I will in favor of the recommendations, by main street, guidelines, design standards, and main street standards and demolition review. You guys say city to the people what does that mean when only the city hall staff that will tear down affordable rental, and, your policies are not leading to equity, so many empty apartments the zoning rules you create put no pressure, on that's that build the I don't understand the desire to

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demolish and rebuild that design the identity as a global city they are charming because the historic buildings were created and hand had craft he. With knowledge and practices were lost, after the automobile changed human has been -- habitations, forever the. New apartment companies do not offer this. Or complexes do not offer this. This adds hundreds of millions to the economy even year. So why replace it with, monotone districts, that will shade out the sun, this will kill the vital human scale plates and will result in vertical suburbia. It is a corporate built habitat. Why take away the best business we have and they are zero density. Focus on making these areas beds, and well designed affordable housing they can own many. The reason is that developers will make the most profit by replacing the districts. High opportunity means highest profit areas. So, at the end of this process will be at the city, of corporate. I expect more innovation. Because corporations will not lower rent will the working class depends on it. Innovation can add affordable housing, while keeping them vibrant. And if you were so concerned, about affordable the why are you allowing them to develop with no housing. Many surrounded by people in tents. The list goes on and on. I don't believe that you care about affordable house, when I see you require nothing from global corporations. Our city has half-empty luxury building, and house rentals and retail battle are level. Stop letting corporations -- stop displacing all of us, that live in old businesses, and innovate. We can have viable, and urban window with new marketing. Thank you.

Clerk: Tony Bernal.

Tony Bernal: Good evening. I will the director public policy and funding, that helps people in their homelessness. Design Review is a process that has long-term benefits. Households deserve to live in rights, of buildings, that have discussion that informs and il proofs, and validates design. In spring of 2020, when pandemic of setting in, we open our gardens will 72 units. In addition to consult with the neighborhood about design and participate he in a design advice request. The feedback was invaluable. I would encourage you to consider making design advice requests, to affordable housing developers. Thank you. Have a great evening. Thank you.

Clerk: Leslie Cliffe, Ted Labbe, and Nancy Chapin.

Leslie Cliffe: This is Leslie. In my 17 years as a project manager, I have guided numerous projects. Actually just submitted an affordable housing. I have three comments. On the question of timeline, my experience is design review is not the process that holds up a project. The real problem is the permit review time-lines, the nine months it took for the high school project. So, if you want to fix time-lines let's work on the permitting process. Second is an issue of equity, I feel

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by removing affordable housing, it implies that these projects can just be good enough and somehow not come under the review after higher design idea. Everyone deserves consideration for their neighborhood and, I fear without public scrutiny, developers, ask their architects have cut corners. Every development should consider the lasting impact of the lastly I believe in a public process, someone who has owned a house for the last 28 years, I have witnessed early development that turned it back to the street and contributed nothing. I urge you to retain the design review process. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Ted Labbe.

Ted Labbe: Thank you, mayor Wheeler, and commissioners, my name is Ted. I'm executive director with the urban green spaces and we across the region to integrate green spaces. I want to encourage you not to move forward with the recommended draft, I think the staff have put a lot of hard work into this. The design commission. And I think it represents, an important step of work for the city. It is important to have it across the diverse commercial centers and there's urgency to this work as the effects of climate change are happening. In the past it was appearance, massing, and, neglected climate change mitigation. That's why I am a big proponent the proposal before you to add expertise for someone landscape architects to serve. And sustainable building experts. I know you haven't had too many folks talking about that. It's important. They talked about avenues to ease the path for affordable housing developers, I would say sport those as well. But a lot of those are worthy of your attention the so thanks very much. Thanks for your thoughtful consideration of the standards and, thank you. Good night.

Clerk: Next up, Nancy Chapin followed by Adam Wilson.

Nancy Chapin: Well good evening. It's good to see you the can you hear me? Yes. I was born here. And I have live her for the last 37 years. Portland is a draw in the country. Historic districts are a draw. I really want us not create city that 40 years from now is not that historic and beautiful business district draw. I do own my house. I'm not wealthy, I am, I heard this thing about we wealthy people that the two have our business districts and city look good and couldn't it historic feel in many areas. Bothers me. I'm also the president of the 82nd avenue business association. That is an area that is the center of the city that needs more attention paid to it. And, have more housing for sure. So, when you create system that allows that service thing to happen to our beautiful business districts, to people from our country to come to, you don't do anything Portland a favor. I know I'm your last speaker and I'm tired. So, I just want you to know, that, you know, 55 feet is plenty for Hawthorne and Belmont. Please, do design reviews

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over -- don't change that from the downtown. I have gone over the time. Hope you have a good evening and, it's good to have been sitting in with you on this entire afternoon. So, I know you're ready to go have a bite to eat and visit with your families good night.

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that complete public testimony.

Clerk: Yes, I made a mistake when I called Adam Wilson, he already testified.

Wheeler: Fantastic. Thank you everyone for your defendant money. We have heard from everyone who has signed up. So the oral testimony is closed. At this time, the written testimony is also closed. I'll now turn it back to staff to share our next steps. **Wood:** Hello, mayor, thank you so much and thank you to all, player we were going to suggest that we keep the written record open until Friday at 5: 00.

Wheeler: That's okay with me that's okay with staff.

Wood: We received 40 pieces of testimony in the last 3 hours so we don't want to cut it short.

Wheeler: That's reasonable. So, to restate that, the oral record is closed. Written testimony will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 14th.

Wood: We do have time reserved on the council agenda for May 26. We have a 2 p.m. To 4 p.m. Time-slot reserved. Our thinking is that's when the councilmembers could introduce their amendments. We won't have time for the public to sign up to testify or publish them ahead of time. You could move the amendments at that time. But that the testimony would be taken at subsequent meeting for June 10th.

Wheeler: Thank you the does that complete our business for today.

Wood: I want to show the public, once we have those amendments moved we would also post them on the website and that you will be receiving e-mails from, e-mails to all the testifiers and to let them know.

Wheeler: Okay, Stacy do you have a comment as well?

Stacy: I do. Thank you for letting me jump in. We have another person that said they are on the call and emailed saying they are on the video and they are waiting to testify. I'm not sure if has seen them.

Clerk: I don't see David on the call.

Lauren King: Is it a phone number?

Clerk: We can -- open that line and ask if it is David. David are you on the call? I don't believe that's David.

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Wheeler: Why don't we do this. Since the written record is still open. If David could submit his testimony, if you can hear me out there, my apologies, we definitely want to hear your testimony if you can submit it in writing we can take it into the account with all the rest. All right. Then --

Wood: Alright, we'll continue to May 26 at 2 p.m.

Wheeler: Correct. May 26, 2 p.m. Time certain. That concludes the hearing. Thank you all and we are adjourned.

At 5:33 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon everybody. This is the Thursday meeting. Please call the roll. [roll called] Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video 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 the council by e-mailing the council clerk at ctestimony@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. We hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

Linly Rees: To participate you may sign up in advance. The published council agenda, PortlandOregon.gov/auditor contains information. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist please identify it. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct and interrupting other's testimony will not be allowed. If there's disruptions, a warning is given. Please be aware that council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: We have one item today but it's a big one. Item 345 please.

Clerk: Approval of the FY 21-22 budget of the city of Portland.

Wheeler: Good afternoon colleagues and welcome. Today we're going to take a series of steps and votes as part of the approval of the budget. As the city of Portland's budget committee we

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will hear on the uses of state revenue sharing, see changes to the budget, and approve the tax levies. At this point I'm now convening the meeting of the city of Portland budget committee. Director Kinard, will you please lead us through today's meeting.

Jessica Kinard: Good afternoon. The council is convened today as the budget committee. There are several steps we will take, required by law. Before we get going just a reminder of what steps have been taken so far -- individual amendments when we get to that point will be seconded and we'll take testimony and they will be voted upon. So here is a little more about the process. We do need agreement to first consider the changes that are in that change memo. I will remind council about the changes after the motion and before the final vote. We'll open the floor to comments. Because we have several amendments. I'm going to suggest we hold discussion until after testimony. We'll move to public testimony. It will be taken on floor amendments and all the floor amendments and the budget as a whole. Following amendments. The adjustments and the attachments and approval of -- this is a lot for right now. I'll be here the whole time to signal to you what is needed and what is meant by each action we need to take. We'll have a final vote at the end of the day to approve the tax levy. Following this hearing the approved budget will be forwarded along to the tax conservation commission which has 20 day it review the budget. A hearing will be conducted on Tuesday June eighth. This will be scheduled and live stream at the adoption. Public testimony can be received during today's approved budget hearing. The June 9th budget adoption hearing. I'm going to turn it over to mayor to open our hearing on state revenue sharing.

Wheeler: Opening a hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. This is being held by the city of Portland Oregon. It is to allow citizens to comment on the possible uses of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process. As proposed for council adoption the fiscal 21/22 budget. As has been the case in previous years. It's proposed this will be provided in equal parts. Is there anyone who has signed up to wish to be heard on this specific subject?

Kinard: Mayor, we discussed, because people have signed up just generally on this item. I'm assuming they signed up to testify on this item. If you want to speak on this item. Raise your hand on zoom. Okay. Keelan did you have anything to add there.

Clerk: Just that I'm not seeing anyone raising their hand.

Wheeler: Very good. With that I'm am closing this hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. With that we'll open our hearing to the budget colleagues. I'm seeking changes as title approval of the city of Portland. Can I get a motion and second?

Hardesty: So move.

Ryan: second.

Wheeler: Director at this point you'll describe the approved budget changes as filed.

Kinard: We walked through these changes. The approved budget total five point seven million dollars. There are six thousand eight hundred eight zero four for all funding sources. The notable changes that were included in that change memo include an increase in the city's attorney's office from the bureau of environmental services to support two positions for cleanup services. An increase of one point nine million dollars for the tax project. Transfers and prepayments for a one day loan which we must conduct every year in accordance with budget law and accounting groups. Multiple grant projects in the housing bureau. It includes an increase of one position in the parking operations funded through internal resource realignments. With that, mayor, I'll turn it back over to you.

Wheeler: Colleagues will now propose various amendments. Those that are cosponsored, please note that in your motion. And Director remind us the protocols to facilitate this.

Kinard: Absolutely, thank you. Individual amendments need to note the amount, purpose. Funding source. These amendments need to be moved and seconded for all amendments. The mayor may call for public testimony. Voting on amendments after testimony is taken. We'll hold our council discussion until after. The mayor will call to entertain a motion to approve. We will have a final vote to approve the budget as amended. Mayor, I will turn it back over to you.

Wheeler: The first four or so are technical in nature. I'm move willing to allocate five million eighty search thousand, appropriation in the supplemental budget. Allocate five million eight hundred thousand in one time general fund resources in the following programs. Three million nine hundred thousand in the special appropriations for community based organizations reducing gun violence in the community. Two limited term crime analysts advocate used on data transparency initiatives. A ranger program supporting enhanced ranger services. Various actions in the spring budget to resources and violence reduction areas. Amend attachments b and c. Can I get a second please?

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: This allocates bureau of financial services to fund future revisions and refinements to social equity and contracting programs. This is in the spring supplemental budgets amend attachments.

Hardesty: So moved.

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Wheeler: Public utility as approved in the spring supplemental budget in the office of the commission of public utilities. Funding is sourced to support this program expenditure amending b and c as applicable.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: I move to allocate general fund resources as approved in the spring supplemental budget and add one hundred fifty thousand dollars for contract management. The bureau of planning and sustainable external services for a city wide cleanup project in partnership with the city of property land. Allocate one hundred fifty thousand dollars in one time general fund and at one FTE coordinator two position in the program services to manage the city's contract for volunteer clean up events and the relaunch of fiscal year 21/22.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment five. Allocate resources to support the police oversight committee. One time general fund resources in the office of finance to increase program expenses and at one limited term. Help with all manner of meeting logistics be responsive to public record laws and commissioner offices to ensure a flow of information. This request was responsive community and committee members working on complications policy issues that have significant impacts. It will fall to general fund balance year end.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Motion to allocate resources positions to support city comply settlement. This is being put forth by me and all members of the council. One time general fund resources four hundred eighty thousand in ongoing resources. At a two point two zero regular FTE and limited term FTE to support city compliance with the city of justice compliance. Program expenses the following. Four hundred thirty three thousand in one time general fund to the Portland please bureau to support office three six five to allow better reporting on uses of fort and traffic control events. Help update policies to ensure compliance with the settlement agreement. The Portland police bureau for overtime costs for training on crowd control policies without disruption of levels. Four hundred eighty thousand dollars in ongoing general fund beginning in fiscal year 22/23 to the personnel office. Focus on litigation aspects. Add is the case necessary to achieve settlement agreement. Council is appropriately represented throughout the process. One time funding source will be under spending in fiscal year 2021 the ongoing source for the deputy city attorney position will be a reduction policy said aside for future liabilities.

Hardesty: Second.

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Wheeler: Amendment seven. This is the amendment that I'm putting forward on behalf of the entire council. To begin critical community safety. Prioritized by the police bureau.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: I move to amend attachment d for the note. The note where we as follows.

Conserving the position the independent police review as permanent ongoing positions.

Council acknowledges the importance of the positions and expertise of the employees that hold them. Council also acknowledges the employees' experience and commitment are worth reserving as a benefit beyond their assignment. Two fiscal years to implement a new oversight board.

Finding equivalent positions either within the city auditor's office or within the city. The fiscal year 23/24 budget will reflect that role or combination of the two.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment nine, motion to amend attachment -- Motion to amend attachment bargaining in good faith this is brought again by all members of the council. Bargain in good faith. The city further acknowledges to maintain the status quo for staff increases during bargaining.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment 10, brought on behalf of the entire council. Recreation cannabis tax resources and fund as program services as follows. Four hundred twenty thousand to cannabis resources. Cannabis relief program. A three million reduction in the recreational cannabis funds.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment 11. A motion to converting existing position to permanent in the police bureau. Convert one point zero program administrator at the police program from limit term to perm net. Include the in the community safety transition office and community safety transition part of the fiscal year 22/23 budget development. Implemented in the police bureau with the intent to office of management and finance at the beginning of fiscal year 22/ 23.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment 12. Motion to amend attachment d. withdraw a budget note regarding expiring tax finance districts and return property tax revenue. Striking the entire.

Hardesty: Second for that.

Wheeler: We'll be bringing up an alternative later. Amendment number being 13. This is being brought forth by myself and commissioner Hardesty. To strike and replace the existing budget note for the Portland street response to read as following: The street responsive launch formed

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an agreement for homeless program services. One after six months and one after 12 months of data collection. This budget note directions schedule a work session for the city council after the six and 12 month works with the program. Reporting against key metrics including work load and number and calls responding to. How to improve the program based on evaluation findings.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Amendment 14. Motion to amend attachment d. Analysis of the program evaluation. The community safety officer provides an unarmed response model, low acuity calls and frees up officer time to focus on higher priority calls. The job class specification and responsibilities were negotiated which represents these employees. The city budget office he is are directed to work together for a set of performance measures on an ongoing basis. The police bureau is provide by the end of the calendar year in order to develop the process for fiscal year 22/23. An analysis of day-to-day activities of the program, a cost again fit analysis, an assessment of the program and current efforts for safety. The property should include recommendations to maximize officers. The police bureau is further directed to establish the program as program officer.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Can I take these in the order of the packet and have Commissioner Ryan go second? Thank you, I see Director Kinard shaking her head.

Ryan: My first amendment is a motion to add two limit duration positions. Three hundred thousand in one time general fund in the office of management and financial program expenses high priority cross city plan houselessness. The source of funding is one time reduction of general fund. Update exhibits b and c as applicable.

Hardesty: Second.

Ryan: Number two, allocate one time American Rescue plan resources expenses to be passed through to it the joint office of homeless services. Let shelter program for safe sleeping options? In response to the covid pandemic.

Hardesty: Second.

Ryan: Three, motion to allocate ongoing resources for the North/northeast preference policies. One program specialist one coordinator to support ongoing work in the north northeast, under spending set aside for feud you're liabilities beginning fiscal year 22/23.

Hardesty: Second.

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Ryan: Four, motion to allocate one time resources for inclusion study for data and analysis for program.

Wheeler: Second. Does that complete your amendments?

Wheeler: Very good Hardesty.

Hardesty: My first amendment motion to allocate ongoing funding and add limited duration authority for Portland street response. Increase ongoing general fund resources Portland fire and rescue. Balance by an increase bureau program and expenses. Policy set a site to increase the allocation of general fund resource supporting expenses. 18 limited crisis specialists. These resources a limited will provide a role out beginning on 21/22.

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: Second motion. Ongoing funding availability to support the public street response pilot rollout through a program realignment, allocate one million dollars ongoing general fund resources for street response and increase by one million dollars. Houseless community program to offset increase. Amend a b and c as applicable.

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: Third motion to retain resources public support specialist. Reduce the police department budget by nine hundred thirty two thousand dollars. By retaining these resources in contingency. Until a program evaluation is performed. The resources to hire these 12FTE are retained in the budget will require further council.

Ryan: Second.

Hardesty: Four, support a truth and community process general fund one time resources for a truth and reconciliation process. Offset by program services and special appropriations. Offset increase allocation of general fund. Amend attachments b and c as needed to reflect this change.

Ryan: Second.

Hardesty: Five, motion to allocate one time funding for the city African American network and their efforts to proactively speak to the experience of black step and steps needed to be taken by the city to support and stand in solidarity with their efforts. Allocate fifty thousand in general one time resources to the office of equity and human rights. The one time fund source will be under spent that is expected to fall to the general fund balance. Amend b and c as needed to reflect that change.

Ryan: Second.

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Hardesty: Six, reduce one time funding the police bureau for the accelerated hiring of 30 officers and reduce expenses by five million sixty four thousand. Offset decrease. Amend attachments b and c as needed to discuss this change.

Wheeler: I'll second for discussion purposes.

Hardesty: Thank you. Seven, motion to increase one time funding in office of community and civic life for district coalition and other place based community organizations. Allocate 250,000 in one time fund general resources to the neighbor associations and other place based community organizations. Under spending in fiscal year 20/21 that expected to fall the general fund balance.

Ryan: Second.

Hardesty: Motion eight. To increase funding for the gateway center for domestic violence services for the city share of level service provisions. Allocate 30,000 in ongoing general fund services increase out going grand expenses.

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: Motion nine to allocate one time American rescue plan act funding to support the bureau of transportation bureau in order to begin in the summer. The rescue plan to the bureau of program services for the healthy business program. This action will reduce the total amount of resources available for later allocation through economic relief coordination council.

Wheeler: Second.

Hardesty: Motion ten, to amend attachment d and add a budget note for the office of community and civic life to standardize the city's community engagement process. Anti-racism, transparency, and inclusion. Eleven different programs the office of community and civic life has the expertise in community outreach and engagement. They are directed to a master outreach plan for the sit energy and incorporate the facilitation and management and outlined in the mayor 'calendar. The office of community civic life to report back to council in six months and ongoing.

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: Number eleven. Add a budget note for DOJ settlement agreement. Share draft DOJ reports with council members and mayor. It should read seven days. In advanced deadline for submission. In addition the city attorney is directed to facilitate direct communication between the DOJ the city council on a quarterly basis to ensure substantial compliance. Finally the office

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should direct a protocol in the event council and the policy bureau are not in alignment on the reports to the DOJ.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: With 7 instead of 14.

Hardesty: There is one other that I made. The DOJ and city council on a quarterly basis or the city council's chief of staff in their place.

Wheeler: Without objection.

Hardesty: Motion 12, to amend attachment d and add a note for city wide anti-supremacy training with the western state center and committed to bring an anti-white supremacy training. Concepts too the equity training add well as initial first steps. But we need to do much more. Come to council in the fall with an update and request for resources.

Wheeler: Second.

Hardesty: Number 13, motion to amend attachment d and add a note for the office of violence prevention in alignment with ordinance as follows. On April 7th council passed to work in partnership with community bases organizations to reduce the impact of gun violence in our community. Steps our city must take to transform the system. Further direction and alignment with the intent of the organizations. The creation of these protocols and community partners and the police bureau understand the clear protocols and why they are being asked to show up. The community safety director is advised with the community safety directors.

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: Number fourteen, motion to amend attachment d and add not for pbot to develop new revenue sources as follows. The Portland faces serious challenges as existing revenue sources are not available for the asset management maintenance needs. Fossil fuel consumption which is conflict with our climate action goals. And corresponding reduction in resources necessary to fund these initiatives. Portland develop new revenue sources that reflect the city's policy goals, address the deficits, and provide invertibility to invest in our transportation system. During the fiscal year of 22/23 development process.

Wheeler: second.

Hardesty: Number fifteen, motion to amend attachment d to amend existing budget note for equitable promotion of black American employees as follows. The city released the results which showed many certainly accounts of discrimination and a consistent want for more black leadership. CAN followed up with a report and black workforce data. Highlighting the successes

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of investing in black investment. This budget note directs the scheduling of a work session with CAN to present the findings of their reports and discuss with council in partnership with HR their recommendations. The bureau of human resources with the city's core value as the found and shared accountability with bureau s shall create a proposal equitable recruitment, retention across the city of Portland with robust practices affinity spaces and mental health support. Pay equity of African American black equal pay act. Provide safe equitable spaces for employees. Implement changes to the city council in a work session no later than September 30th, 2021.

Wheeler: Second.

Hardesty: I'm at my last one. Motion sixteen, amend attachment d to add a budget note and returning property revenue as follows. Result in increased resources returning to the assessment poles the city's general fund. Assuming these resources as part of the balance five year forecast. Directed to provide an updated for cast of anticipated revenues and relationship of these resources to projected service levels. The chief administrative officer is directed to provide this information to council offices and lead a work session for any anticipated excess resources.

Wheeler: Second.

Hardesty: That completes my list of amendments.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you. Today I just have four relatively straight forward amendments. Here's my first amendment, it deals with the Portland film office. Motion to allocate in one time general fund resources to support the Portland program expenses to support the film office. This would close a budget gap in the film office created by prosper Portland new policy to create problematic costs previously create the by the economic funds. Travel Portland has committed to ongoing funding. But these resources are intended to be deployed directly into the community. Specifically support a point five FTE to administer the expanded scope of the program. One time reduction of general fund. Amen attachment b and c as needed to change.

Hardesty: Second.

Mapps: Thank you. My second amendment deal with the office of civic life. Motion to increase one time funding in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred twenty one dollars to support the district coalition offices. One time general fund resource. Funding source of resource is a onetime reduction in general fund.

Wheeler: I'll second, by my sheet shows a slightly different number.

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Mapps: I think there was a different number in the headline and in the first sentence of the motion. I think I did research and figured out that the one hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty has a question.

Hardesty: Sorry. I'm glad we got the film office clear. It sounds like the second motion is very similar to a motion I put in. I see it as a friendly amendment. I wouldn't mind if we could combine the two into one.

Mapps: Sure. You proposed an increase to the small grants administered to the grant's office. These funds are directly to the coalition offices.

Hardesty: Is it in addition to what's proposed by me?

Mapps: Yes, it's not taking any money away from that.

Hardesty: Thank you for the clarification.

Mapps: Oh sure. Let me get to my. Colleagues, this amendment deals with -- actually a budget note directed to the office of human resources. This is a motion amendment attachment d and add a budget note directing the bureau of human resources to provide recommendation to expansion of employee benefits in 21/22 and propose options for employee wages in fiscal year 21/22 in order to address the resource gap in the year 21/22, the proposed budget does not include COLA, merit, or non-represent employees, subject to good faith bargaining and status quo obligations. It directs the bureau of human resources to investigate options for offering non represented employees an employees with contract and other wage and benefit options in the fiscal year 21/22. This report will be presented to council on or before September 15, 2021.

Hardesty: Second.

Mapps: Thank you. I believe the next item is my last one. Colleagues, Mr. Mayor, maybe the budget director. I believe the first two paragraphs of this budget note essentially as some of the language in mayor's number 13. Can I skip reading those paragraphs and get everyone out of here sooner?

Kinard: Yes, if you want to read the language and say the first two paragraphs are the same as the Mayor's motion 13. That will work.

Mapps: To wrap up, this motion is for the portend street response program. Motion to amend attachment d to amend existing budget note for Portland street response budget note. The first two paragraphs are the same as the mayor's motion 13, which means I'd like to read the final paragraph of this amendment. To ensure the evaluation is conducted under a cultivated study of

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demand, performance, continuing to focus on one neighborhood. Work with bureau of emergency communications to command call criteria by the pilot including the possibility of responding to housed individual. The police bureaus shall seek all opportunities to health response. Finally community safety transition director shall work with Portland.

Wheeler: I'll second. Thank you commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Motion to allocate fifty thousand dollars to provide financial grants for community space activation. Increase in program expenses appropriation to provide financial grants for committee events for black and indigenous peoples. In April 2021 supporting black indigenous community led. Source for of this allocation is one time reduction of general fund contingency.

Hardesty: Second.

Rubio: Motion two. Motion to allocate additional resources for a second Creative laureate. One time general fund resources with special appropriation to support funding needs. Five thousand dollars each in fiscal year 21/22. This position is a two year fund. During covid this position worked with people of color and developed initiatives related to healing. This stipend does not include funds for projects or other things request of them. The addition of funds for these roles is from underspending in 2021 that is expected to fall to general fund balance. The additional 5k will go to funding.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Thanks for your patience while we put those amendments on the table. Are we ready to now take public testimony? Keelan how many people do we have signed up?

Clerk: We have 29 people on the call. Jacob Falkinburg, Kathy Madore, and Cody Galloway.

Jacob Falkinburg: My name is Jacob I'm the communication director at venture Portland.

Can I get started?

Clerk: I'm so sorry to interrupt. Was there a determination for the amount of time for testimony this afternoon?

Hardesty: The mayor did the rule otherwise. So I imagine 3 minutes unless he says something different.

Clerk: Thank you. Sorry Jacob. Go ahead.

Falkinburg: Before you today and thank you for all your efforts to support small businesses in the city of Portland. I want to encourage you to increase our support for the business and business districts. The last year has been incredibly difficult for small business owners in response to covid 19 Portland -- limited staffing. As you know. Venture Portland is the only entity

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making us the support system of all of the city's district. Provide direct support historically underserved business districts. It provides targeted support for staffing and grants. It was immediately expanded. This year we have a unique opportunity to build on that success. With hundreds of business to support and special events happening each month, there is only so much a staffer can accomplish in 12 hours. By supporting this increase, they can triple their support and move us towards recovery. A new team would be created for community events to increase tourism and increase revenue in small business areas. The neighborhoods are known for incredibly large scale events. With businesses closing at an alarming rate and many others fighting for survival, fund this expansion. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Kathy Madore.

Kathy Madore: Hi everyone. Thank you for your time. My background is advertising graphic design and marketing. I'm a distinct organizer through venture Portland. I work for two business districts. 12 hours is not enough time. Little time to put out newsletters and plan events. There's so many inequities in the business districts. S one time funding of five hundred thirty thousand dollars. Thirty-six hour per week dedicated person. Three times the amount of attention and support to help small businesses succeed. A dedicated events team. Events bring in revenue and reignite the communities. Producing events take time and money. They help gather volunteers and staffers organizing planning and running of the event. Small businesses are the backbone of Portland they are what make Portland unique and special. Please help them in this difficult time. Many others are fighting need of survival. I urge you to adopt the Portland thank you for time and consideration.

Clerk: Next up, Cody Galloway.

Cody Galloway: Hello. Thank you for having me. I'm a district organizer with venture Portland. I've been an employee for three years. I'm been able to work in the north west owners as well. I'm representing small business owner who cannot be here today to participate in this process. I'm here to advocate for venture Portland funding as part of the mayor's budget. It's the only org in Portland to support business district associations. Some of the ways it manifests is marketing, promoting diversity, district advocacy, and events. Our current budgetary constraints only allow to dedicate 12 hours pf their time to perform these many activities. This amount is not adequate that is needed. This would open up enormous possibilities in the level of assistance we could offer to parts of our city that need it the most. Venture Portland like many organizations have

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met the call to do more with less. There had as never been a better time to collectively improve the issues that we face. Thank you for your support. We appreciate it.

Clerk: The next three we have are Ana J, Nels Vulin, and Heather Gardner.

Ana J: I didn't prepare a statement. I'm squeezing this meeting in with meetings of people who come to the table in good faith to find common ground and meet the needs of people that we are -- the majority of this council has despite the fact that the experts are telling them that their opinions are wrong. All the extra -- [indiscernible]. You still refuse to fund a program that would be the closest to you could come finding common ground. He can't get protesters to talk to him. That he doesn't see an end to this. We are willing to compromise. There is no compromise from this council whatsoever. We continue coming to these council meetings to please with you to listen to the community. You don't. We're given the only options are to continue protesting, to recall ted Wheeler. To continue engaging in mutual aid that the community needs are not willing or able to meet. That's the present state of Portland. We will continue to see unrest in the streets because you do not listen to your community. We'll be interested to see what happens in the next couple other days and months. You've given us no other option but to stay on the course we were on. Thanks for not a lot.

Clerk: Next up, Nels Vulin.

Nels Vulin: Good afternoon. I'm an attorney in Portland I'm also a father and I got to say. I'm pretty disappointed. The last time I had to call in to one of these things, myself and many others were asking you to please have some sense about protests last summer and the overarching message of that was to do something about the problem of police in Portland. It does not seem from my perspective that you have gotten the message. I haven't seen anything substantive to reduce police violence. Attempting by those to make progress and I would like to give a word of thanks to those involved to the Portland police efforts literally on the ground. Allocate to additional funds to the same model. You have a real opportunity, an actual opportunity to do something meaningful to save human lives. I had a terrifying look at yet another news story of an individual being shot in the park by the police. You do something instead of deferring down the line. Do it for one time and do the descent thing here. Expand the street response.

Clerk: Next up, Heather Gardner.

Heather Gardner: I don't know if I should just repeat any testimony since clearly three you of you were clearly not listening. I could share dozens of stories that I -- I'm fully against giving any more money to ppd. The public should not be paying for their mistakes. I don't want to fund the

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most brutal police force in the country. They don't need to be rewarded for their behavior. I support all amendments on putting a pause on hiring. Please fully fund PSR, we don't need anyone else to die at the hands of ppd. Do the right thing and fully fund Portland street response. Serve the public and listen to our needs and support Hardesty's amendments. Thank you Hardesty and Rubio, the rest of you should consider your jobs in public service.

Clerk: The next three are Jim Rice, Paul Frazier, and Sandra Lovingier. Paul are you able to unmute.

Paul Frazier: I am sorry, I didn't know I was first. Hello. I am a resident of Portland and a father. I wanted to voice my full support for expanding the street team. I respect the mayor's and others to take a measured approach. The time for caution is over. Let time for action is now. It's been approximately 20 seconds since I started talking. Which is the same amount of time that it took to arrive and kill a man. Response to these calls are simply deadly. A federal descent decree, lawsuit, complaints. You have it all. All I see in the way are police union politics. If it's a financial concern avoiding lawsuits should be motivation alone. Money shouldn't be the biggest reason. The biggest reason should be to help people. Please do the right thing. We have an opportunity to expand things city wide. Are there mistakes, sure. Is it worth sending a risk to send people who are trained in mental health crisis to respond? Do you think they might respond to calls differently? What is your perspective, how can we deescalate? How is it even a question that this is valuable money. You're hearing hundreds of people say yes. What else do we need to do this. Again, other testifiers have said what do protesters want. We want change. More than one neighborhood. Responders whose first action is not to pull a gun. I urge you all to support the city wide expansion. Thank you for your time today.

Clerk: Next up, Jim Rice.

Jim Rice: I know that there's a lot of calls to defund the police. There's a lot of good examples that the police have done that are not right. Where they fall short, they clearly need to be held accountable and make improvements. That being said I'm equally concerned at watching us continuing to defund the police. At a time we're seeing an escalation in shootings, murders, and violence. All across the city. I'm seeing all across Portland is used as an example as a city that is declining. Watching us make the impacts that we're having in our city. All you have to do is drive through the city, you can see the radical decline that has already taken place. As we move funds we're taking away from resources that are needed in order for users to effectively address some of these problems. Mental health needs to be address. Homelessness needs to be addressed. I'm

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concerned about watching our police department defunded more when we see a radical impact on our city. Thank you very much for your time.

Clerk: Next up, Sandra Lovingier.

Sandra Lovingier: Hello. Thank you for having me. I'm an owner of a home. I have lived here for 12 years. Paid my rent and property tax. Obeyed rules and spent money on updates and improvements. Last October in the middle of the pandemic we received a notice that the park was closing and we would have to move our homes elsewhere an expense of \$45,000. From our fate. The permits had -- we were delighted to find out the commissioner Ryan in early February 2021 that the permits expired to stay in our community. He would have our backs. However in late March we were informed after discovering must permitting items that their decision had been reversed. The development of an entire community were received. What we are here today to ask for that its city make good on their commitment allocate funds to purchase this from the current owner no matter what it takes using eminent domain if necessary. I bought this house in 2009 after getting out of an abusive marriage. I thought this would be my forever home. I was diagnosed with plasma treatments, migraines, I'm in constant pain. I've made several improvements to my home. I've installed a heat pump. Just put awe new roof on it. Remodeled one of the bathrooms. A new water heater. I can't afford to move this home. I'm going to be homeless and loose everything again for a second time. Stress is the worst thing for us. The permits were cancelled then were reinstated because of the covid thing but there's nothing protecting us during covid. We are a community; I can get help from anyone of my neighbors if I need it. Save our home, save our community. I feel safe here, we look out for each either. We are a family. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Ashley Henry, Cheryl Decker, and Lucenda Brisack. Ashley, can you unmute.

Ashley Henry: I sent in an e-mail to you I'm not going to testify. We submitted a letter.

Clerk: Lucenda Brisack.

Lucenda Brisack: I live at here with my husband of 21 years and our eight year old daughter. This is really tough for me because this is my first home, ever. We've lived here for three years. We pay our taxes every year on time. We pay our space rent on time. This is our home. This is where we're raising our daughter. This is where we have put down roots. Last October we too got a closure notice. We were gutted at the time and gutted now. We can't afford to move our home. It would be at least \$45,000. We have drained our saving paying for child care while our

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daughter was out of school. We've been fighting this since then. The permits were being cancelled for inactivity. We thought commissioner Ryan assured us that he had our back. He had our support. We found out permits were being reinstated. We're asking for the city to not forget us. Stay your course for your commitment. Save our homes and our neighbors. We're asking for funds to allocate to purchase the park from the owner using eminent domain if necessary. We have barbeques, block parties, we all shoveled the snow. If anyone needs anything we know we can call one of our neighbors and they'll be there. We want to stay in our homes. We want to stay as a family. We want to stay in Portland.

Clerk: Next up, Cheryl Decker.

Cheryl Decker: I'm also an owner in Kelly Butte place manufactured mobile home park. I expected to spend the rest of my time here. We are responsible people. We respect each other, we're true old fashioned village. We look out for each other. We know when someone needs help. It gives us a true sense of safety and security. We don't want to lose this community. The community has diverse ages backgrounds. This isn't simply moving out of an apartment or house. It's finding a place for an entire house to move. The cost is exorbitant. We don't have the money to move. I'm a retired teacher. I take care of my grandson. I have my nephew living with me right now. None of us in this park can afford to go anywhere else. We are stuck in this park.

Clerk: Next up, Chris LeDoux, Trisha Patterson, and Ian Frantz.

Chris LeDoux: I'm a community member and I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony to fund Portland street response. I want to share about my dad. He passed away with dementia. He was disruptive to other people due to his illness. He took the bus to Portland and often urinated in public spaces, was confused. Instead, I wanted to share about someone I observed. A member of the houseless community who was outside a store I was about to enter. A police officer was talking to them and was joined by a second. The individual seemed sad and wanted to talk to their mom. The officers were focused on one thing. The individual was distracted emotionally. This is not a good fit and has never been. We must make adjustments to believing it it will succeed and not fail. We need to use our imagination. I believe that the police should not be involved in these calls. As soon as possible and in a way we can continue to build and make these systems work. As someone with a loved one, I know I'm lucky I did not lose him in one of those interactions. I urge you to please support commissioner's amendment.

Clerk: Trisha Patterson.

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Trisha Patterson: My name is Trisha. Today I'm representing just myself I wanted to make a comment about the Kelly manufactured home resident. The landlord tenant act excludes these type of -- I'm currently researching in an academic sense. Manufacturer home dwellers are banned from discussing rent and eking visions. I'm a renter and a few weeks ago I was outside gardening when I heard a crack that echoed. It was a Friday morning. The normally busy road seemed oddly sound was the Portland police shot him. He was worried about the police regularly interact with houseless people. This individual was worried that this might be a sign of escalating aggression. The police are not equipped to respond to crisis situations. Clearly we need a better solution. Commission Hardesty budget proposal are a step in the different direction. How many other failures of seven is must the public endure before this council takes raining in the police? The police are not helpless actors. They have failed to protect and serve. Bloated budget and oath ways of keeping communities safe. Defund and reallocate police money.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you for your testimony. You sound pretty knowledgeable about the laws around mobile home parks. I'm really curious, I thought that there was a state law passed that actually required mobile home land to be developed. There had to be a first offer of purchase. I'm pretty sure there's a state law that requires that to happen prior to seeing an eviction notice.

Patterson: I would be curious to see that. I have just sign that these residents are excluded from the tenant protections.

Hardesty: I would encourage you to reach out to unite Oregon. I'm relatively sure there's something that kicks in when a mobile home park is being redeveloped for another purpose. Happy to have my office work with you to do more research on that. That would be helpful for the residents called in today.

Patterson: That would be lovely. The point they bring up still stands that they face eviction. If it's true they have the opportunity to purchase, they should know that.

Hardesty: Somebody just text me that they have the answer to my question and are signed up to testify. Those are my questions, thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan

Ryan: I want you to know that our office is working with the home owners and working with residents and attorneys to find solutions. Like you commissioner Hardesty we're working hard to find out what the solutions are.

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Clerk: Next up, Ian Frantz.

Ian Frantz: Greetings, I work as a business intelligence developer in Portland. It's my job to make dash boards. I want it to acknowledge what happened earlier today with mayor Wheeler. Thank you for pausing on hiring 12 officers until you can review the commission err oversight board. I took a personal interest in the Portland street response prior to the pilot. This is how data can help us reason to a conclusion which is otherwise might not see. It's notable that welfare checks are down. Due to my interest in this and prior to the launch. I e-mailed asking them to make their data public. There are statistics in ninetieth percentile response times. That's the wrong medium to use. This would give the public a measurement of what is going on. They aide the public in making informed judgements to accurately assess these judgments. This needs to be considered in the analysis results. Two months of data is not enough for me to support spending to expand the pilots with no raw data yet exposed to the public. While also helping Portland street response grow and improve. I'm optimistic that our city can expand both hands at once. Thank you for your time and attention. I'll one additional footnote. If any council member would like to meet with me to discuss these matters further. I will make myself available to your schedule.

Clerk: Next up, Nidal Kahl, Rachel Saslow, and Edith Gillis.

Nidal Kahl: Thank you so much. I'm the current president of the gateway area business association. I'm also currently the treasure of venture Portland. I want to thank you all mayor Wheeler thank you for giving me opportunity to testify in support of mayor Wheelers revised budget specifically towards the allocation to venture Portland. I think it's really important that this happens. I'm thankful to have this discussion. I was born and raised in Portland. We have a long history why Portland I've been able to watch the changes in my city. Education to the point where I've the privilege of engaging in service. As a business own r and property owner I learned very quickly that growth in any city is very challenging if you don't have the right support. With the critical times we're in right now livability has been distressed. We need help with economic recovery. Small business support is always a good starting point. Venture Portland was a big game changer because it unifies districts. It got me out of focusing just on my distinct and seeing how my district interacts with other districts. I get the privilege of learning for free. I share those learning with my business colleagues who are in other districts. With venture Portland is always had such a wonderful balance of knowledgeable staff to the point where venture Portland is resilient, funds that go to convenient you're Portland go much farther because they are nimble and has a wide knowledge base. They unify the districts and helps to build

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communities. I support this budget change and I hope that you pass the funds to venture Portland.

Rachel Saslow: I'm a SE Portland resident and volunteer with Moms demand action for gun sense in America. I volunteer because I'm a survivor of gun violence. There have been three hundred forty eight shooting incidents over the year. To prevent gun violence Portland needs to build community resilience and create a safer Portland. Increase their capacity for gun violence invention and prevention. They work through an equity lens providing support to black and brown communities. We are asking the city to the support programs that help individuals at highest risk of being victims or per pet traitors of gun violence. Housing food education. Support and consult seven is to ensure that offices align with evidence based and national best practices. The necessary community programs are well resourced to sustain the prevent and intervention efforts.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Rachel, you may -- I don't know if you know but city council did everything you had on your list through an earlier action. We funded the programs that actually do the work. I'm very pleased that the city decided the to invest in those programs. Thank you for your testimony. We've already done what you've asked us to do.

Saslow: Great. Thanks so much.

Clerk: Edith Gillis. Edith are you there?

Edith Gillis: Cut the Portland police bureau by at least \$35,000. And follow the common sense of programs like Cop Watch. With at least mental health professions that are unarmed and people with lived experiences. All city employees with full wages and benefits and professions growth. Support for true safety and accountable trust for the government. PSR is carefully planned other cities. This would save lives. Community and tax dollars. This better investment would save millions more on police lawsuits and closed businesses by brutality and violence police cause harm and harm it public physical and mental health. For over half a century. Houses first for all Portlanders. An economy. Thank you.

Clerk: TJ Browning, Margot Black, and Samantha O'Rielly.

TJ Browning: I'm an affiliated with the citizen oversight for the police bureau for over 20 years for advocate for it. The absence of any civilian oversight of the police would be detrimental to the healing that our city needs to take part in. I thank you very much for that. I also want to thank him for adding enough over thirty officers. We do not have the personnel right now for bake law

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enforcement. 911 calls go unresponded to. A better police force means more training, better officers, reform costs more money, not less. When was last time you heard our schools are not performing so let's cut the budget? According to the street response pilot project, I want to thank the mayor for leaving it as a pilot project. This is a huge financial investment. I don't need to tell you right now money is a precious resource to our city using data from a pilot project is absolutely responsible. Last but not least. I heard a lot of money going in for community and civic life. I can't find anywhere on the organization chart. We're living in fear right now. The chaos in our city is scaring the city. Ever meeting I ever organized with a crime specialist was the most attended meeting we had. It's a great tool for community building. Commissioners, it is something that you can do that everybody in the city will recognize you've heard our pleas. They are not armed. They are trained professionals. Please consider reinstating the crime prevention program in this budget.

Clerk: Margot Black.

Margot Black: Good afternoon. Can I ask a quick question before I start? He sign up but his link doesn't work.

Clerk: Can you ask that person to e-mail the council clerk. We can help him get connected.

Black: Okay, wonderful, thank you. Good afternoon. I'm a tenant organize working with a group of home owners. One year period to move. Move their whole homes to another park. A cost that can reach 45,000 per home. It is not possible to overstate the hardship and duress these residents are feeling. In recognition that manufactured home parks are a critical component for housing. The developer submitted his permits just two months before leaving just two parks level vulnerable. At this point the clock is ticking and we're running out of options. We need the city to take action and protect these residents. There was one park left out of that ordinance. City council and back and put them in and protected them. The city must allocate funds to buying the park at a fair price. We're asking the city to fully the parks to these residents. We needed city to step in and act. The only way to do it is to buy the land.

Wheeler: Thanks, Margot. Commissioner Ryan has his hand raised.

Ryan: I want to make it really clear there was no persuasion from the developer. We've been in consultation with the city attorneys. At is this point nothing is off the table. I want to make sure I got the truth out there.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. Yes. Is there a state law that protects mobile home park dwellers?

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Black: No. The state law says that they have a right to purchase. The owner needs to let them know he is planning to sell. The owners did try to put together an offer, but that ship has sailed. It has been sold to a new owner. Lawfully proceeding with his redevelopment.

Hardesty: Thank you for the information.

Wheeler: Thank you for putting out there that this was put in front of the city council. We did know at the time when that ordinance came forth and we did know these parks were at risk. I'm sorry that the worst scenario. I hope there is a solution year. Thank you for bringing it to our attention again.

Clerk: Samantha O'Reilly.

Samantha O'Reilly: Hi there. I'm a resident of the neighborhood in southwest Portland. To fully fund an expand the street response program city wide. I understand that they are a bit apprehensive to move forward with this plan. They want to study more data this proposed expense was agreed to and they have the sticker shock because a similar program is run for a smaller amount. They released an interview with the executive director. In which she stated it's a mistake to model that you can run a similar program by comparing those budgets because they are so severely underfunded. This program is so direly necessary because the Portland with an excessive force -- it's so bad that way are subject to a descent degree by the federal department of justice. It is so bad because previously they just were just beaten with. Now they can just shoot people when arriving on scene instead of talking and using care with people who are in pain and suffering and needs help not violence. I'm begging to please consider the fact that people have been in the streets for almost a full year. If you want to do something fund PSR to meet the community at their demands. Thank you.

Clerk: Mark Poris, Ian Murphy, and Kate Ertmann.

Mark Poris: Thanks, I live in NE Portland. Thanks to commissioner Hardesty to your commitment to the community. Thanks for sending Street Response employees down to Eugene for training with Kahoots. Thanks for embedding Street response in the Fire and Rescue department. Thanks for reimagining a Portland where we have less police officers responding to these situations. Commissioner Hardesty you requested 1.2 million towards graffiti removal. As head fire and rescue you requested 4 million for street response. When I look at those two requests together. You're asking to spend around three dollars and fifty cents for street response. Mayor Wheeler your proposed 4.1 million for graffiti and 1.9 for street response. That's a big disconnect. There's real value space choice here. Do we value people or property? By fully funding street response

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you'll keep us moving towards a point where mental health response can get the help they need. You'll help us get to where we need to be sooner. Where we depend less. You can choose people over property or stand in the way of progress.

Clerk: Ian Murphy.

Ian Murphy: Thank you. I'd like to testify in support of missioner Hardesty to remove funds from an already bloated budget. Police budgets have continued to grow. I'm a lifelong Portland native. I'm a white man of having the police treating me kindly. I previously worked in secure nor a hospital and would engage with officers when they bring us patients. I know police members would like to get away from this time of work. This is deeply problematic. Police are the highest paid individuals of all emergency services. We're spending more per officer. My tax pair isn't meeting my needs and isn't m meets needs of the people of color. Portland police union has eighty years and no moment of political figures. This will be the beginning of reparations of Portland past. It needs to hold officers accountable use of force April all citizens they have sworn to protect and serve. I'd like to finish by asking you to join me in supporting reforms on police department. They need to be accountable. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Kate Ertmann.

Kate Ertmann: Good afternoon mayor, and city council. I'm here today to speak in favor of amending the proposed budget so it includes Portland street response. My thirty years of building -- I'm greatly concerned that you may not realize that the design process pile lot and program a human centered service. The two types of differences are the constant feet back loops that must exist in human start up design. It relies on access to all availability resources for feedback loops are telling you. That data will be outdated in June. It will fail. It would fail because if today constraining the ability to scale the program effectively. That is inhumane. I'm asking for each of you to trust what your community has been saying based on their experiences so we can trust you. Need to trust you. Trust is built on people in power. The way you can model what trust looks like is to fully distribute the fully evaluation of the state are actually tied to the basing with that feet back loops. It's disconnect from the ever changes conditions. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, Marvin Dean and Ira Bailey.

Marvin Dean: Good afternoon, I'm a member of the can leadership team. I'm the executive committee of d. I'm here to provide comment to the fifty thousand for can. Some might take exception with had a I have to say. It needs to be spoken to be a reality. The majority are all of it going to a potential leadership development program. This is separate to the past is observing

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within itself can exploit lacks who makes t collection. This not my main gripe at the moment. We have received gratefulness and praise for bringing this data to light. Even more astonishing is the opposition we received with the numbers reported. This is not unexpected. The system says whenever challenged. I ask how can and our core values include being anti-racist when the policies are built on white supremacy. I'm not a politician. I can imagine it's difficult to look at the reality. How do we change this? We know money talks. Thinking an environment to people that are welcoming to people of color is better. It should shed light on what is happening. There's a lot of rhetoric around core values. The city needs to ensure black people looking from the outside of our on -- the city -- having to prove we belong. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. For your directness. I think it's important that message be heard. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I'm curious. The amendment that includes the 50,000 asked to can to participate in representations that were moved forward with condition. Is there something we're missing as we start moving your work to the forefront to take institutional action on it?

Dean: Yes. Number one the work that we're doing. We're do willing add volunteers. We are doing this outside of our regular job duties. It seems there an expectation that condition is going to deliver certain things. We do this work and we're doing our regular jobs. People are deterred from participating because they feel like they are going to be retaliated against because of the work that they do. Some type of way to compensate to look at the work we're doing as volunteers I think is being overshadowed here and being missed.

Hardesty: I hope it isn't as my amendment specifically talked about the leadership condition and creating these reports to the city. The goal is the 50,000 to sup or the work you are to do every year. It was very intentional. I suspect that as we get through this budget process is a specific allocation to can can's ability to talk with city council. We need you working with the bureau of human resources. I understand the frustration we talk about this at our meetings a lot. I think this year is a lot different. I'm going to ask you to have faith that what you see may not clearly reflect the thinking and vision behind this amendment.

Dean: I appreciate that. We hope that moving forward we'll have participation with bhr. I will say that we haven't had it in the past and things get thrown at us last second. We will say at this point that will not be the case moving forward.

Hardesty: I agree and that will not be the expectation moving forward. You have no reason to trust me except that I'm saying this in public and I have to be held accountable.

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Dean: You know we will bring that to you.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio had a question.

Rubio: Thank you Marvin for your directness. I understand too about what in part your testimony is. Are you then supportive of these amendments or are you asking us to change it? I'd love to know your perspective.

Dean: I should have prefaced it with I do support them with condition. Ultimately, we want to be out of the picture. We hope that down the road someone is hired to do this full time. It's a lot of effort for us and what happens is we get burnt out. We get scrutiny that we aren't performing at our jobs, but we are doing this work as volunteers late after for. We do. We have a tendency to interact with each other a lot. The hours that the city provides us is forty eight hours a year. If you hire an outside consultant you would pay six figures for the work we're doing as this.

Rubio: That's very clear to me then, so you're supportive of this step but there's clearly a lot more work to do.

Dean: Correct.

Rubio: Thank you for that clarification.

Dean: Thank you.

Clerk: Ira Bailey.

Ira Bailey: I would like to say amen to everything that Marvin. I'm a member of the city's leadership. I would like to say I'm not a political leader. I won't pretend to understand the pressure you are under. It's well as those of the city of Portland and those of your constituents. I do know that what you find is important and priority. City and leadership cried out for black -- any racist environment and support black employees of the city. To get a realistic view of how black staff really felt. They did not feel appreciated or safe. In response to those results we wrote a letter stating the concern expressed. Since that time a follow-up letter and work force report were sent out. It was not the intention of want to become a volunteer group that acts as a diversity and inclusion for the city. Growth and change needed to happen. Community that stated support was expected. Unfortunately it was clear to us that if we did not do this work ourselves it would not have been done. After reviewing the mayor's budget. I see allocations and explanations in some of the amendments. Approval will go to support and event activities that celebrate black history and support the community the resource and community as part of celebrations. Until black employees feel that equity and safety are real. I want to point out allocation of \$125,000 further

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demonstrates the other groups benefits. I'm not against this allocation. I ask that there be consideration of the pattern it maintains. Thank you.

Clerk: That completes testimony.

Wheeler: Great thank you. We appreciate everyone who testified. It was obvious that people prepared well and brought the information to the table. We will go through each of the amendments that are put on the table one by one. We'll vote on each of them in turn. I'll just go through them that we proposed previously. We'll start with nine. The first three are technical in nature. I'm not sure how much discussion people would like. Five million dollars that we have already approved in the spring budget. Anymore decision on this.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Number two. One time general fund resources. It's also approved in the spring supplement budget. Any further discussion. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. The third was the fund resources in public utilities in support of programming. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The fourth was one time general fund resources in the bureau of planning and sustainability and to support contract management as it was approved and support contract management. Commissioner Hardesty

Hardesty: I am just curious does this entire seven hundred fifty thousand go to Solve for is this an opportunity for many groups doing clean up in our community?

Wheeler: It was set for Solve. This was the additional one hundred fifty allocation that is to have an individuals in the bureau the planning at one FTE specifically for the purpose of manage the contract for community events in the contract itself as described is specifically for solve.

Hardesty: Okay, thank you.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, I want to say Portlanders are eager to help their city in partnership with solve and it offers an opportunity for us to have an impact on the city of roses.

Hardesty: I know there are a lot of groups involved in clean-ups. Some organized and some not. I have a concerns with giving this much money to one organization. So I'm going to vote no on this amendment.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Wheeler: A motion to allocate resources to support the police oversight committee. This was to support the launch and ongoing support, any further questions or thoughts on this one? Seeing none please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Hardesty: I'm really happy to see this in the budget. I'm excited to get this work started. I vote aye.

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. Amendment six the department of justice settlement agreement. Please call the role.

Clerk: (roll called).

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. The motion to amend attachments d and add a mote with the DOJ settlement on this item? Please call the role.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. The independent police review budget note. This was brought by all offices. Any further discussion. Pleads call the role.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Adopted. Amendment 9, This is with regard to COLA, motion to amend a attachment d with our labor partners.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Amendment is adopted. Amendment 10 to tax resources for cannabis. Any further discussion. Seeing none. Call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The amendment adopted. Amendment 11, a motion to convert an existing limited term position for the boy's strength program to permanent in the police bureau. The engagement of the community transition director and moving the programs in the year. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I'm curious I heard of the girl's strength program, but never the Boy's strength program. Is it new>

Wheeler: There's boys, girls, an women strength. Director Kinard can you give more details?

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Kinard: There's three programs and they all have a little bit of a different flavor to them. They are tailored to build confidence for different groups of individuals.

Wheeler: I'll add some commentary as well. They have struggled to find a home. They are popular programs in the community. I think this is an area where the public safety coordinator could be helpful to further this conversation. It's a good interim solution. Did you call the roll on that?

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Amendment 12, a motion to amend attachment d and withdraw a budget note with the finance districts and returning property tax revenue. Any further discussion on this item.

Hardesty: I thought you pulled that one and I had an amendment that covered that.

Wheeler: That's correct. We don't need to vote on that since it's been withdrawn.

Kinard: Do you want to withdraw that and accept Commissioner Hardesty's?

Wheeler: Yes.

Kinard: Checking with the clerk and attorney, is that all you need for the mayor to say he is with withdrawing this amendment and pulling it from the table?

Rees: Yes that is adequate.

Wheeler: Wheeler item number 13 this is the motion to amend attachment d to strike and replace the existing budget note to street response. Any further discussion on this item?

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: **Amendment 14, a motion to amend attachment d and add note regarding the police bureau unarmed response program. The public safety support specialist evaluation. Any further discussion? Seeing none, call the roll.**

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: It's necessary to ensure programs are working effectively with one another. I vote aye.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I will support this program. Evaluation is always an important step.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Wheeler: Now we are on to commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: I need a 2 minute bio break.

Wheeler: Why don't we take five minutes. We'll reconvene at about five minutes until.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan's first amendment was to add two limited duration positions to support cross-bureau projects. Any discussion? Please call the roll. Is Keelan back?

Hardesty: We can't do anything without Keelan.

Wheeler: Sorry about that. The most important person isn't here. I apologize. Commissioner Ryan's first amendment, please.

Clerk: Ryan

Ryan: Yes, thank you. These proposed positions support all three priorities. Houselessness, community safety, economic stability. These are necessary for the street's taskforce in which all of the Council offices are participating. Engagement from all of our offices as well. Thanks Mapps for coordinating that. There will be cross-bureau decision making. Community organizations have clear targets. It allows us to implement the actions and results we need.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thanks for bringing this forward. It's critical as we address our houseless issues. I spoke with the mayor and I'm looking forward to us having a work session with the county so we have clear lines over who does what. I'm tired of giving money to the joint office with no outcomes. I think this will help us figure out the role the city places and the resources we tap into for those issues. I think it's a good move. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. Adopted. Amendment two is to allocate American rescue act funding to support alternative shelter. Any discussion?

Hardesty: Yes, don't we already fund alternative shelter with the joint office? Why are we giving them more?

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yeah, in our coordinated efforts with the strategy, in collaboration with the chair's office in Multnomah county and director Jolin we thought this was an important step to take to show how we have similar skin in the game. But especially, we want to take really own the c3po as something that we want to see successful. Really, it's in response to covid-19. Maybe I should say

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what I will say in my remarks. To make sure we are protecting the c3po and lands in the right location for a longer term.

Hardesty: I'm really challenged by this amendment. The mayor's proposed budget gets more money for that office. Not sure what that money is for. Your amendment will give even more. And we still don't know what the city does and what the county does as it relates to people on the street today. As we look at the county budget deliberations, it's clear, their focus has been and continues to be on permanent housing that people can afford to live in which supports services. I'm concerned we continue to pour money in the front office and crucified for not cleaning up the streets when we give our money for that purpose to the county and the county is not responsive to that. I just can't keep putting money into an office that is unresponsive and doesn't actually address the critical needs on our street.

Ryan: The good news about this, it is targeted. The city of Portland took a stand, creating consciousness communities for people outside or c3po as its commonly known. And this was created with c.a.r.e.s. Act funds. We want them to play a central and visionary role in response to this crisis. This gives us a chance to make sure we sustain that.

Hardesty: I would say we did it because there was a lack of action by the joint office, right? That was the first that we added during the pandemic. Commissioner, I know I have had this frustration for three years on this council. I'm not seeing anything in this budget process that clearly defines what role the city and the county plays. Again, it's like more, and more, and more. And we have more and more and more people living on our streets. Unless we have a plan to actually have a clearly established protocol for who does what, I'm very concerned that we continue to pour money in and we continue to pour more city resources because the joint office doesn't act to address the crises on our street.

Ryan: We have our own private conversations about this. Now having it in the public, which is great. I agree with you. I thought when we went through the metro housing dialogue, it really showed our alignment and our focus on really building that continuum from the streets to stability. I think we extended the IGA and this is the year we have to rework the intergovernmental agreement with the county. So I know we have some upcoming work sessions on that. And I actually think that's the right place for us to get into the dialogue that we are in at this moment.

Hardesty: You are asking me to support a budget amendment that gives more money to a place I don't think we have any accountability for. I appreciate having a longer conversation. But I'm

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not okay with us funding something that the joint office should have started in the first place. And now we are solidifying we will continue to fund the c3po camps. That's part of the role, I think, of the joint office. And if it isn't, we should be very clear that it is not. So this budget amendment just troubles me, because we are continuing down a path, that in my mind doesn't provide the city with the joint effort that we are supposed to have.

Ryan: My concern is today, if we don't fund it, then it won't run. And so it's -- I hear what you're saying, and at this moment, I want the city to make sure we push hard on making sure we establish these outdoor shelters. And it gives us that ownership, if you will, to guide that.

Wheeler: If I may be so bold, I actually think we are all pretty closely in alignment here on the broader question that commissioner Hardesty raised. Which is real really the question of the general fund resources going towards the joint office. It's not only substantial. We know that it's going to be very hard to sustain those general fund resources over the long term. I forget the exact number that is one-time only but it's large, excess of \$7 million a year is my current recollection. That is very much a conversation we need to continue to champion with our partners at the county about that spectrum of allocations from early emergency intervention, all the way to the longer term commitment to housing, supportive housing and services to keep people successful in housing. So that is still very much a life conversation. I would argue it's heating up. It's an appropriate conversation, commissioner Hardesty, you are right. The reason I will personally support this amendment is this is more of a short-term question about the a.r.p. Allocation. And I think it would be a missed opportunity for us to not allocate toward alternative shelters. I agree with you still, your larger point. It's an important one. I think in the near term this is a good immediate solution to what will be a problem in the very near term, having not reached some sort of an agreement with the county on the longer term question of how do we allocate our resources through the joint office. So I would encourage us maybe to think about those as two separate buckets.

Hardesty: I appreciate that, mayor. And the fact this is one-time money just means that next year they will be coming back for general fund money if we don't resolve this issue now.

Wheeler: Exactly. You are right.

Hardesty: I hope we are very clear; this is their job. This is why we give them all that money. The fact that we set it up, because they failed to provide anything for people who were on the street at the height of the pandemic, is not a reason for the city to continue to foot the bill. I just, I guess, I may vote for this today. But I want you on notice, I'm not excited about putting another

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penny into the joint office, because I'm not sure if they benefit the citizens of the city of Portland with all the dollars we are investing in that office.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty.

Ryan: I appreciate this conversation. I think it will really benefit us when we get into the intergovernmental agreement dialogue.

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor. I actually stopped us from extending it significantly, that m.o.u. last year because of the same concerns.

Ryan: I have you to thank for that. All right. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Just a point of clarification, if we fail to approve this motion today, is there a funding mechanism for making sure they are there as we get into the new fiscal year? Because it's my impression the county is not inclined to support that particular project.

Wheeler: That's probably a budget director question. And I think she will tell us we can always take it out of the general fund contingency, which would not be my preference when we have dollars available for that purpose. Director Kinard?

Kinard: Sure, from a budget standpoint, this is American rescue plan resources, there's actually two bites at the apple. There's right now. And then there's the process going through the e.r.s.c.c. As the mayor mentioned there are always opportunities to reallocate resources through our supplemental budget processes, the next one after we approve the budget won't be until October. I would say that from an operational standpoint, commissioner, I'm not sure if your question is more on the operation side for c3po in terms of what would happen if this funding wasn't approved right now, which I would defer to the commissioner on the operational implications.

Ryan: It's targeted for the c3po, that's correct.

Mapps: Thank you.

Wheeler: Any further discussion on this one? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. In response to covid-19 pandemic, and the need for expanded outdoor shelter to meet the needs of our houseless population, the city of Portland took a stand and established three outdoor shelters for people outside, or c3po, as it's commonly known. They were created using c.a.r.e.s. Act funds and as you know these three sites have played a central and visionary role in our response for the houseless crisis. As is the joint office of homeless services works to

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expand alternative shelter options for our city, c3po serves as a key model. Establishing these outdoor shelters also served as an invaluable learning opportunity as outdoor shelter operators apply themselves in new ways to help create these spaces. These lessons we learned about what works and just as importantly, of course, what doesn't work when building such shelters will inform our future process as we look for ways to expand shelter operations within our community of care. The fact Portland funded this the past year is unusual, as we discussed. They would typically live in the joint office of homeless services. In that way, it's also incredibly special, it's a tangible demonstration of our city's commitment to creating more shelter options for our most vulnerable neighbors. Now that these sites have stood up and have been running for some time, the city is looking for more permanent locations. Additionally, the joint office is planning to take over the contracts and management of the sites. When it comes to the fiscal impacts of the sites, we plan to have meaningful and productive conversations with our partners in the other jurisdictions about sharing the responsibility. However, at this time, we must recognize the importance of avoiding service interruptions for the residents. The city of Portland identified one of top three priorities and council offices have been engaged in ongoing dialogue about the future of outdoor shelter for weeks. While we continue to work to expand options available to our most vulnerable residents we must ensure the continuation of this crucial program. It's for these reasons I brought this amendment forward, and I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I know the importance of the outdoor camps because I worked very hard to help establish them. And we did that, my office and the mayor's office collaboratively because the joint office would not, did not. And continues to put up barriers in supporting these type of alternative shelters. Here is what we know. Our housing crisis is not going to get better any time soon. We know that once the rent moratorium expires we will be exploded with more people living on our street, living in cars, living in vehicles, living in broken down rv's. And what we don't know is what the joint effort will be between the county and the city to address what will be the biggest humanitarian issue that this city has seen in the history of the city of Portland. I am frustrated and I continue to be frustrated that there seems to be a difference in philosophy between city elected leadership and county elected leadership. Our priority is trying to take care of the most vulnerable people on our street. And that's why we invest in the joint office. I will support this one time basis. But I will tell you that I will not support this again. Because it is not the role of the city to continue to double, triple fund the joint office of houseless services and

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then be responsible for providing services for houseless people on the street on top of that. This is unworkable. It's unmanageable. And this is no way to run a partnership. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The motion is adopted. Amendment three is to allocate ongoing general fund resources for the north, northeast preference policy. Further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, I have a couple questions.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: I very much support this program. I do have some questions behind the intent of this amendment. As I understand it's been funded through TIF resources x the proposal is to move it over and fund it through general fund resources. We have a limited amount of general funds. And frankly, I think we have the resources within TIF to pay for this now. So I'm not sure why we are making this road. I understand five years down the road there may be a need to move this from one funding base to another. Director Kinard, or someone from commissioner Ryan's office, can you fill me in on the back story on this, what the motivation behind this particular proposal?

Kinard: So, commissioner, I can tell you what I have heard from the bureau and I will let the commissioner take it from there. So what I've heard from the bureau is really the need for ongoing resources is twofold. So the TIF resources because they do expire within, I think, four years, would lead to a limited term or limited duration position. The oversight board that works with the housing bureau really felt important that these positions be made permanent and ongoing for hiring, recruitment and retention to make sure these folks are retained for a longer term. And the other reason is because the affordable housing development projects are affordable for 99 years. So those were the two pieces of information that I received from the bureau.

Mapps: Okay. Thank you very much.

Ryan: That was comprehensive. The TIF funds are limited in scope.

Mapps: Okay, thanks.

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Wheeler: All right, very good. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll on amendment 3.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Yesterday we heard the state of housing report. Hopefully you all got this. It's great information. And we heard the objective data that there are no neighborhoods in our city that are affordable for black Portlanders. We must improve housing affordability for African American and native American populations including rental stable homeowner opportunities and building the wealth that was will discussed yesterday. The north, northeast preference policy gives priority for affordable housing investment in interstate corridor, the urban renewal area to housing applicants with generational ties to the area who have been displaced, and are at risk of displacement now, and who are descendants of households displaced from north, to northeast Portland. Without this amendment and allocation of general fund resources north and northeast preference policy will only be used for TIF funded projects in interstate corridor area. Meaning other buildings in the area funded with other sources, such as metro housing bond will not be available to use in the north, northeast list. It also means the preference policy will not be able to be used for affordable housing anywhere else in the city. Even when affordable housing developers are asked to as a policy. I think like all of us, we like seeing the objective dispassionate data in the report yesterday. And we were all asking questions what are we going to do about it, what's next. I think this amendment connects the dots between the report and real next steps. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I wasn't aware we were voting at this moment. I was going to ask commissioner Ryan about this initiative. I guess for me, I was intrigued by what commissioner Ryan just said in regard to this would allow the staff person from the northeast preference to be able to identify housing citywide, but they would be assigned to the northeast preference policy -- I'm a little confused by that statement. How they could help African Americans citywide when the northeast policy only provides opportunity within inner northeast Portland.

Ryan: The focus is north and northeast.

Hardesty: Oh, and -- okay. And so what we did learn from the report yesterday is how significantly, how significantly African Americans are continuing to move out, or be displaced out of inner northeast and how unaffordable it is for African Americans everywhere in the city of

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Portland. If this position will help, stabilizing African American households, I don't know that it will, but I'm willing to support it at this time. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. And then commissioner Ryan's fourth amendment motion to allocate one-time resources for an inclusionary housing study. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, funding for an inclusionary housing market study was originally approved in the fiscal year '19-'20 budget but quickly reallocated as part of the covid-19 response to stabilize families and households, this provides what is needed to complete this much-needed study. It seems almost every time an inclusionary item comes to the dais we have had the same conversation. It's an important conversation. Now it's time to take real steps to improve our partnerships with developers and make sure we are building the affordable housing and especially affordable housing for families that our city needs. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I am so grateful to the housing bureau director Callahan and her staff for really attempting to address this issue ongoing. You are absolutely right; we were on path to get this study done and then the pandemic hit and we were taking money from any place we could find it. This is the right thing, a good thing to do, and I look forward to the results to inform any future changes in any inclusionary housing program. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Now commissioner Hardesty's amendment number one to allocate ongoing funding available in policy reserves, limited duration position authority

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in support of the Portland street response. Is there any discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. I want to be clear, first of all. The one consistent truth here today is that all five councilmembers are passionate and in full support of a successful expansion of the Portland street response program. And to start talking about what we all agree on. And that we are in a dire need of a better approach, especially in the state that is last in the nation when it comes to mental health systems. We all agreed that Portland street response, first responder program that does essential work to address the needs of those experiencing behavioral health crisis. We also agree the p.s.r., Portland street response employees must be paid a good living wage that represents the incredibly difficult work they do. We also all agree it's time to be bold. I think we need to talk about what being bold means. In my mind being bold means we have to have the courage to consider all the potential ways in which we can address this crisis. When we get together as a council later this year, to evaluate the first batch of data from this much-needed pilot I think we need to explore all the ways in which we can innovate. We look at operating hours. Potentially adding other geographic areas for expansion. Exploring entities that would potentially do the work or other relevant details of the program. When we look at the cahoots model this is inspired upon it's a successful program Portland street response has been modeled on. We see a program contracted out to a community-based non-profit. The Whiteford clinic. Their budget allows them to serve 156,000 residents across 44 square miles. In 2020, cahoots responded to 15,879 crisis incidents. Our pilot, which is just getting under way, has proposed an operating budget of approximately \$1 million annually and it covers three square miles, serves 20,000 residents, and is on track to respond to about 600 calls this year. Our current pilot covers 6% of cahoots land mass. 13% of the population and almost about half the cost. The simple math does say a lot. I don't cite these facts to despair raj the amazing work the city Portland street response employees are doing in the neighborhood. I really want to be clear. I am beyond grateful for what they do every day and for their pioneering work. However, I cannot help pushing behind the binary that says we either pay Portland street response employees in the living wage within the Portland fire and rescue, or we take unfair advantage of p.s.r. Employees in any other configuration. I just think there's some creativity that we need to explore here. And it's possible that housing p.s.r. Employees in Portland fire rescue ends up being the best approach. And if so, I will wholeheartedly support that approach. However, I believe it is too

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soon for us to make that determination. I also think there are more options before us. That either scaling up this program citywide within Portland fire rescue or waiting a year before we take action. Our city's behavioral health situation is nothing short of an emergency and we have to respond to this emergency accordingly. I propose we make adjustments to ensure that we scale up, in a timeline that is in line with what the pilot currently is in place. I really think we can build this. I also think it's so important that we build on a really strong foundation. Because when you do that, it's really amazing when you scale up and reach population results. I look forward to the nimbleness and to this efficiency and effectiveness reaching the urgency that our city needs at this time. I vote no.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I agree with everything that my colleague dan Ryan said. When I take a look at where we are as a council and a city, I hear a vigorous agreement about where we want to go. Everyone is excited about the Portland street response model. We are very proud of the work, of the work done by the people making this project happen. And that includes both Portland street response teams and you know, all the other agencies that are somehow touched by this exciting program. I'm the commissioner of bureau of emergency communications and of course we play an important role here too. You know, the Portland street response calls begin with that 9-1-1 call to our emergency call center. We spend a lot of time and a lot of energy trying to figure out how to make this program work, right? We are completely committed to extending this program as soon as possible. But also as the commissioner in charge of 9-1-1, I can tell you that there are pieces of this program, especially the expansion of the program that we have not figured out yet. I'm deeply concerned about rolling this program out before we have figured out the details. It is possible for government programs to fail, especially programs that you try to expand from one neighborhood to 95 neighborhoods overnight. If we do something like that and it does fail, I think we will have lost one of the most exciting policy opportunities of a generation. As long as I sit in this seat I will assure you we will work to make this program work and we will work to make this program roll out as fast as possible. But from the very beginning, this evaluation element was part of the plan and I encourage us to stick with this plan. I think there's also a misconception here. Many, many people have testified before this council that we have not fully funded this program. That is false. We have funded this program. We set aside dollars until the moment we feel comfortable and confident we can expand this program and actually help people. We are gathering data every day. We look forward to a program evaluation in six months

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and another program evaluation in 12 months. But even still within that, you know, I look at the data every Monday morning and take a look at how it's going and talk to my director and other staff members how we can do this better, what other problems we need to fix. Deeply committed to making this work. As we get new information, both tweak the program, I will tell you, because we have set aside the dollars to expand this program, we can expand it any given Wednesday. This is not about stalling. This is about trying to get this program right. Which is why today, I vote no.

Clerk: My apologies, I skipped commissioner Hardesty in the voting order. I will come back to you, I'm sorry.

Hardesty: Curious why that was. Thought we changed seats in middle of the program. The staff at Portland street response asked me to read a letter from them. And if that's okay I would like to read that from them before I provide my own comments.

Wheeler: Without objection?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. The Portland street response team would like to address you directly. We want you to know that when you say methodical, what we actually hear is that you want the status quo. We hear that you want to do things as they have always been done. And that you don't want systemic change. We also hear you say that you don't trust that we are helping buildup this program in a strategic way on our own and that we need your guidance. Equally disheartening, we hear that you don't value the work done in a female-dominated field. As you must already know social work and other service work is primarily comprised of women. Most of us in this field are vastly under paid for the difficult and emotionally draining work we do. We often start out working for non-profit organizations because we care about other people. And especially the most vulnerable in our society. And we're not driven by money or status. But often, when reality sets in that non-profit pay is not a livable wage, many of us must abandon that community-based work and move onto find higher paid salaries. But often -- yes, I'm sorry. Many of us must abandon community-based work and move onto find higher based salaries in order to survive. When we were all hired by Portland street response it was for most of us the first time we have felt valued and respected as vital workers to our community because we were finally offered a wage that felt adequate and livable. For one member of our team, this position meant being lifted out of poverty and making a living wage for the first time in her life. Despite her more than 20 years of experience in social services. She grew up in extreme poverty. So financial stability has never been something she has known. This position has allowed her to

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become financial independent after a recent divorce. It has allowed her to keep making her house payments on her own. She no longer feels pressure to leave the work she loves. Serving those in need because of the low wages. Another member of our team, it's meant not having to have multiple jobs at once to survive. All of us feel so proud and excited to be part of this team. It feels like we have been given a chance of change of broken systems that exist and build something better. But already, with only a few months of launch, there's already talk of slowing down the citywide roll out of this program. We can't help but think there's more at play here than just being more methodical. What we hear you really say is you want to stall the roll out and have more flexibility later on potentially outsourcing our jobs to a non-profit that would pay us significantly less. We hear you saying that the less the city commits to institutionalizing Portland street response within the fire bureau now, the less backtracking you will have to do later. If you decide to outsource us. We also hear you saying that you don't prioritize crisis response to those most in need. There's been suggestions by the mayor and others in the city government that outsourcing our jobs with Portland street response to a non-profit is the best route in making the program a success. The rationale we heard is that because non-profit mental health agencies are already experts and efficient to use this already existing system. But the underlying message would be significantly cheaper because at the end of the day, a non-profit would pay us less. The police and fire bureau are institutions within our city government, most would agree we should pay them well for the challenging and risky work they do. But these are male-dominated professions. Your lack of commitment to building our own program, as previously planned, shows us that you do not want to similarly institutionalize Portland street response program within the fire bureau. And by not fully funding, and it was not fully funded, based on the vote last year, and committed to the rapid citywide roll out previously agreed to and voted on, I will say with a 5-0 vote, we are hearing you say that female-dominated professions like crisis and social work are not as valuable to the community as firefighters and police. It tells us you are not committed to systemic level change that our community is demanding. Last summer, after the murder of George Floyd, there was both a national and local outcry for change. Portland has the potential to be a leader in that change and changing our systems. We can be innovative and build on their cahoots model. We can make it even better by saying we value this service so much; it must remain within the fire bureau and we must pay people adequately. If we resort to doing things as they have always been done, we are part of the problem. If you want to build p.s.r. Out you will end up with the high staff turnover rates and not attract the most qualified and

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experienced people. The mental health agency in crisis work, workers may begin their careers there because they want to gain experience and are willing to accept a low-wage position. They move onto find jobs that pay livable wage. Cahoots itself has talked about its own funding problems and inability to retain staff for these reasons. Following in those footsteps is not a way building a sustainable innovative and effective program. Beyond the question of gender and pay equity, an equally important factor to consider in your vote today we are providing our services to the most marginalized and vulnerable in our community. Think about a moment in your life where you were in crisis. The place where you felt the lowest in your life. You may have felt alone or overwhelmed. Maybe you have struggled with depression or anxiety. And it has taken over your world at some point. Maybe you have sunk into substance abuse and it has felt impossible to overcome. Now imagine you are in that situation but also alone on a street corner in Portland with no roof over your head and no support system in place. Your struggles are visible to the whole world to see. This is the type of situation we on Portland street response team are responding to. And we are the more appropriate response than police, medical or fire. Having Portland street response is a fourth option built into our emergency responder system, is the way Portland can make systemic change and lead other communities to do the same. The current team collectively has decades of experience in mental health, crisis and social work. And working with the most vulnerable. They have the skills to compassionately approach people, talk to them gently, let them feel heard, maybe for the first time. They have the knowledge skills and access to resources to help people overcome their current crisis. It may not always be an immediate fix and building trust with the community takes time. But it is the alternative response that has never been offered through our emergency respond system. And it is what the community is overwhelmingly asking for. But our fears that p.s.r. Is moving back toward the status quo and is at risk of having the same old problems we have had in social services. High turnover, lack of funding and inadequate care for those most in need. Not funding this program to expand citywide on the timeline already established is a disservice to the city of Portland residents, and more importantly, to the people, the communities that our team serves. This is what people in the community want. And we should prioritize that. It is our hope that you will listen to us and to community members and fund the full citywide expansion, within the existing timeline. Thank you for listening, Heather Haiki, Brit and Germain. Staff. And thank you all for your patience, I didn't realize it was going to be that long, but it was. Now my comments for this section. So as we vote today on the mayor's proposed budget, a citywide expansion of Portland

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street response hangs in the balance. Today we have three choices. We can either run a pilot for 12 months and then stop. And after further analysis, city council could decide how and if it wants to roll out citywide. Delaying citywide expansion until '23-'24 or possibly longer. Most troubling is a budget note that considers outsourcing the program. For the city of Portland can run a 12-month pilot and simultaneously adapt and ready the program for citywide launch beginning march '22. As has been carefully, methodically and smartly planned all along. Portland street response began working on developing a citywide model in 2019. With a process that included deep community engagement, and unanimous support from my council colleagues. Mayor Wheeler sent me a memo in January asking me to speed up citywide expansion of Portland street response. So what's changed? Based on the program's smart and methodical roll out, we had a good idea of what the expanded program might cost. Where my council colleagues were told the projected budget to fully fund Portland street response citywide was \$14.5 million, discussions about slowing down and outsourcing the program began. Let's put \$14.5 million into perspective. The adopted budgets for the police and fire and fiscal year '20-'21 totaled \$392.8 million. Portland's street response is a fraction of that. In addition, federal and state funding sources exist to help offset the cost of Portland street response. So once we are up and running, the total impact to the general fund will be minimal. Note in the mayor's proposed implies, after it's taken two years to get it to this point. Discussion to outsource Portland street response is part of a nationwide issue of devaluing and under paying mental health professionals. During a discussion of funding Portland street response I have heard many colleagues routinely cite cahoots, the Eugene crisis response program that we were inspired by and consulted with in our development of Portland street response. Thankfully, street went to the source and had an interview with coordinator Emily Morgan. I want to share a few quotes. If people are modeling out of us and their amount of funding versus output is going to be compared to ours, it is unethical for me to not say something about where we are. She said describing how difficult it is to retain workers who leave cahoots for better paying jobs. If you are trying to find a way to keep it as cheap as possible, priceless responders will not be able to find room for growth and advancement and financial security within their role. And will forever cycle throughout it. Trying to do it on the cheap, she explains, does a disservice to crisis responders and people they serve. Who observe the better-funded first responders? With the fancy equipment and the new things. They get what they need. The people who are finally being offered a response that they may trust for that to be held back by funding really just further

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divides and hones the message that their needs are not as important. It is offensive to community members in need to tell people that are going to respond to them with trauma-informed client-centered care, that they need to do it as cheaply as possible or they will be shut down. Imagine how well it would work if the city and the people who made decisions stood behind it and supported it to work instead of treating it as though it may fail. I hope my colleagues have had a chance to read the interview before today's vote. Since 2019, I have held strong that I wanted to keep this program internal to the city for three reasons. One, institutionalize Portland street response so that it is another first responder in our system of first responders. This works to ensure that the program couldn't disappear on a political whim. Second, to create living wage positions, with solid benefits. Number three, to ensure that the jobs would be stable so turnover would be minimal, which is often tied to pay, leading to better outcomes for all involved. I agree with all my colleagues who have said we need to do this right. We plan to do it right. We have a plan to do it right. And that plan that was approved by the last city council approved six vans to go citywide starting March 22nd. We do have a lot to prove to Portlanders. Portlanders have been loud and clear. They want an alternative to armed individuals showing up for people suffering mental health issues. We have also been clear that we have values of anti-racism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration and fiscal responsibility. If we want to stand by those values when investing in our workforce, how do we change the game halfway in to the process? How do we change the rules halfway in? The public safety industry is largely white. And largely male-dominated. We wanted to ensure that as we continue to bring equity into first responders, that there would be pay equity and that we would be building out first responders that were reflective of the racial and gender diversity that's in the city of Portland. In addition to those three important reasons, we need this funding now. We need it now to ensure a timely citywide launch in March of '22. Pay equity, livability issues, these are reasons to stay the course. And to keep Portland street response embedded in Portland fire and rescue. The p.s.r. Team meets every other week with close to 50 cities across the united states and Canada, who are all building alternative mobile crisis teams. About 99% of the other cities at that meeting are focused on solely reforming police response. To mental health calls. But from where I sit as fire commissioner, I see an opportunity for Portland street response to impact the larger public safety system. Generational poverty, chronic health, undiagnosed and untreated mental health, substance use, addiction, homelessness, these are the public health issues that both police and fire come across every day. Portland street response has an insider

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advantage point to the first responder system that is invaluable. Let's try a new and better way. And most importantly, during a time of emergency, when it comes to mental health crises on our streets, a faster way. I want to thank the following elected leaders that have expressed support for my budget amendment, including senator Ron Wyden, congressman, -- and other speakers. I also want to thank street routes business better way Portland, the mental health alliance for expressing their support. And I also have to add the Portland business alliance who has been a strong, strong supporter of a street response from its inception. I feel incredibly proud and fortunate to lead this program and initiative. I have invested the last two years in this pilot and developing it into a methodical citywide launch. I believe in this program. I believe in each and every member of this team. Every commissioner said to me at one point or another that they support this program. I'm asking you today, show your support for this program by voting to let us do the pilot in a way that we agreed to, that we funded, and that we voted on last budget cycle. The only thing that's changed since last budget cycle is with less city resources and more houseless people living on our street. That's what's changed. Nothing's changed about the vision or the mission of Portland street response and therefore, I vote aye for my amendment.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: When the council redirected this money to street response last June, it correctly saw the need to act with urgency to combat the same three overlapping crises that our council said we prioritize, houselessness, stabilization and community safety reform. In my experience as an executive director for a full service -- for a drug service, community based organization, has given me a decade of work this program development for front line communities. These were projects that more times than not had to be executed immediately to meet the community needs where we did not have time to lose. And this reinforces why I believe fully funding Portland's street response is very critical at this point. I also want to say something about the idea of outsourcing the program. I want to caution us about unintentionally creating a frame that normalizes that non-profits should perform quality work they do inexpensively. Non-profits are professional organizations often forced to operate at a loss when working with some government contracts. And I speak from experience. It literally would cost us more to do some of the important work we needed to do but we did it because otherwise the community loses. So I would just offer that we, when we discuss cost, we recognize that cost is cost, regardless where this program operates. And also let's talk about the model that works and what the community

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needs to ensure maximum effectiveness, support and consistency. For some things, sometimes it means that it needs to be led by community, in community-based organizations in order to be effective and trusted but for other things it means it's a government responsibility and that's where it should be. Let's trust the wisdom from the p.s.r. Team, houseless providers and community and even the cahoots program team that has spoken about this, the experts. To guide us on the design plan and the timeline. I also understand and I hear the need for data and evaluation of this program. And at the same time my years in responsive program development have taught me when it matters we can do both things simultaneously, we do it all the time. Many community based organizations respond this way precisely because we don't have the ability to get it wrong. I see my responsibility on this council to bring my experience to bear here. We are in a humanitarian crisis and the financial risk is worth the lives we will impact as we refine the program along the way. Our unhoused neighbors in crisis don't have the luxury of time, because they do not, we do not. We still have to be good stewards of public dollars but we can be good stewards and supportive of innovative programs. They aren't mutually exclusive. Though I'm disappointed we weren't able to find common ground on this, I know all on council share a desire to make lasting change on all our priorities and agree Portland street response is signaling the direction we all need to go and all invested in its success. I'm really ready to continue working together with all my colleagues to do that. And finally, I just want to thank robin and the Portland street response team for their great planning and their work and also holding this vision for us all. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I'm going to surprise you all and have very brief remarks. I'm just going to say this. I want to thank commissioner Rubio for taking the high ground and acknowledging what should be self-evident based on the record. Which is that all five members of this city council strongly support alternatives to police intervention when it comes to people in crisis on our streets. I want to thank her for acknowledging that we all want a citywide program that's effective. And that's why we have already supported the Portland street response while we have already pre-allocated funding for the Portland street response and why we as a council agreed to a pilot program. I have heard in some of the testimony what I would describe as false assertions and false assumptions. We can sort that out later. That's what the pilot program was intended to do. But there's one piece here that I've got to come back to. And it is this false binary choice of either we roll it out and we support it. Or we take the time to do the pilot, which we agreed to do,

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because it is a new program. It's a brand new first responder program for the city of Portland. And we are somehow slow-tracking or we don't care about the individuals who this program is intended to serve. That is a false choice. What is a council consensus has been turned into a wedge? And I regret that. Because this is actually something we all agree on. We may disagree on the steps to get there. I did, in my budget, no, suggest we look at alternative means of delivery, of service delivery. Why? Because there's already alternative service delivery that exists in our community. We have project respond, we have programs through the county. We have other efforts through healthcare. And we should look at all of those alternatives. Just because we look at those alternatives or non-profit partnership, that doesn't mean we are doing it because we are cheap. I'm not trying to be cheap. I'm trying to get it right. My primary concern here, and I will be really clear, there's, I've heard lots of different concerns and issues raised, all valid. I have one priority. It's only one. That's outcomes. There are far too many people on the streets of this city who struggle under the burden of a wholly inadequate mental health delivery system. And they bear the burden of it. My number one priority above everything else is the outcomes for those individuals who are living on our streets. When did methodical become a bad word? I want to make sure we get this right. Another binary choice that we heard today. We are either going to go all in, citywide. Which, by the way, we could not do quickly. There's a lot -- it's a long road between here and there. But we heard this binary choice between we are going to do it all and support the full implementation of the program. Or it will take at least a year before we get all the information all the data and we start compiling that data. And I want to be very clear. That's not what we have agreed to. We have agreed to the first check in six months from now. And we just hired Portland state university to do a thoughtful analysis and they agreed. They would come back in six months. Even if we voted today to roll out the entire program, here it is, go for it, it's not going to be rolled out in six months. So we have that opportunity to hear the report, take into account what is said, learn what works, what doesn't work, where we can improve things, how we can get this right and we have pre-allocated dollars for the expansion of the program. The city council can still take that opportunity. I heard one of my colleagues say right up front. We will look at this in the full -- that's a matter of months away. We agreed to the pilot. I fully funded what we agreed to. In this pilot. And yet, it's now being pitched as some sort of a slow walking or capitulation or going backwards. The commissioner is right, I did send her a memo, asking her to speed up implementation of the program. Not citywide. I was trying to get the pilot going. The pilot was delayed. We've only had this program up and running a little more

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than two months. I don't blame anybody for it. Honestly, the covid crisis, dislocation, other prioritization, it was nobody's fault. I think we implemented the pilot absolutely as quickly as the team possibly could. They have done a great job. But that's what that was in reference to. Last I want to say this. The letter. That was provided to commissioner Hardesty by our team, I support you. I support the work you do. The work that you are asked to do, which is to come in and establish a pilot at the behest of the city council is the most important work taking place. I wish you nothing but the best. I wish you every success. But I hope you don't go into this with a preconceived notion about what all the answers are. Because I don't think we have all the answers right now. Mere weeks into the implementation of this program. I'll be there to support you. This is one of the things we have pre-funded. We are putting faith in you because we believe in you. But let's make sure we do this right. And let's put, again at the top of the hierarchy, it will be all about outcomes. Whatever works the best and we are trusting you to test different ideas and make changes, as changes are necessary, we are going to trust you on that. We are going to support you as a council. This council is unified in supporting you. We will get there. And what I hope happens is we get there together. I hope we don't continue this unnecessary false binary choice and what frankly is a manufactured division. On this city council. I vote no, the amendment fails. Commissioner Hardesty, amendment #2. Motion to allocate ongoing funding available in policy reserve to support the Portlander street response pilot roll out citywide to a program realignment. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: No.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: When the mayor's proposed budget did not include what was agreed to, just last year's budget, the mayor cannot then say he has fully funded a program. A fully funded Portland street response program would have 18 additional f.t.e., it would have five additional vans and it would be working in different parts of the city. The plan was always, from the inception to start inland and spread out to different areas of the city so that we can test what worked in different areas of the city. I think mayor, you created the division, when you publicly said you would fully funded Portland street response, because you did not. You funded only a limited pilot in Lentz neighborhood. That's what the community is hearing. So the disconnect is from the council, not

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from the public. The public know what we voted on last year and what they expected the pilot to look like. What we have is not what we voted on last year. I vote yes on the amendment.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Well, you know, I've been following this topic for years at this point, quite closely. And ever since I've been on council, which has been about four and a half months now, obviously it's been part of my day-to-day as the commissioner in charge, essentially 9-1-1, we have to work closely with Portland street response in order to figure out how we make this program work. Not only in the future but also just literally on a day-to-day. I can just tell you from my position what my understanding of what my mission is and what I heard. My mission is clear to make both our emergency responder system work and our public safety system work. It's been my responsibility to help stand up this Portland street response program. And evaluate it. And as we evaluate the program, we expand it. And the sort of new development for me, has been this notion that, is frankly the piece where we sort of ignore the evaluation piece of this. Which, I always understood as being the engine which drove the expansion. So, and as a program development guy and a person who tries to be a responsible public servant, I'm concerned about skipping that important step. I will also tell you; you know what, I'm at these tables where we talk about the expansion of the Portland street response. How do we get from where we are to where we want to go? And none of the leaders who are in charge of trying to figure out how to make this work tell me, boss, we're ready to go citywide tomorrow. That's just not what I'm hearing. I heard more information today; I want to express my thanks to all of the good people who helped run the street response program on the day-to-day. I also want to thank you for sharing that letter. I also want to share with you that letter really broke my heart. You know, I feel like we are not hearing each other. As we do something as important as trying to serve our most vulnerable neighbors and build what is literally a new branch of our public safety system, I think it's really important we hear each other. This sort of dysfunctional dynamic I see today is one of the reasons we need to be really mindful as we go about expanding this program from one neighborhood to 95 neighborhoods. Also heartbroken and a little stunned to hear about the concerns about wages here. Literally the first time I heard this, never my intent. I'm going to make two pledges to you tonight. One is, it's my job to expand this program. And no matter what the final form of this program is, I will demand it pays a living, honorable wage. And I see some of my colleague's nod. And I kind of know each and every one of these people who sit on council and I respect them and never want to speak for them. But I know each and every one of

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them believes the work should come with family wages. When we go about expanding this program, I will personally put in an amendment to make sure that it pays family wages. I also am deeply concerned and sad that the members of Portland street response somehow feel maybe disrespected. And you know, I want you to know that not only do we respect you, we generally, and genuinely love you. Like you know, I have been out here shaking hands for about two years now. I'll tell ya, Portland street response folks you are Portland heroes. I have never seen Portlanders invest so much hope into a group of people as I've seen them invest hope in you. And I tell you, I'm no different from every other Portlander out there who is rooting for you, hoping this program works. I'm excited to see this program come to my neighborhood. But I'll tell you, also as a person who has responsibility for making this program work, and helping this program grow, I just must do everything I can to make this work out right. And I have been around Portland long enough and ran for office because I have seen program after program after program in this city fail. Because we did things like skipped program evaluation or fail to hold our managers accountable. I'm here to help us get better. Portland used to be really good making public policy. I would say something that motivated me to launch my political career, I want to see our city be good at public policy again. And basing our decisions on evidence and evaluation and being a wise steward of the public dollar is part of that program. And part of that process. And that is why I vote no on this amendment.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I know that we are aligned around the goals. I think that's where we can focus on what do we do moving forward. And I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I appreciate the sentiment of what my colleagues are saying here. This has to be a program we succeed at. Everybody needs to feel they are being heard and respected. In the development of this program, including our employees. The council needs to come together and find a way to work productively to make this happen. Because there's plenty of work for everyone here, it requires multiple bureaus to work together and collaborate. I'm appreciative commissioner Hardesty the work we have done around the joint public safety coordinator position. That's critically important. For the various coordination that have to take place here and the work we will have to do with our colleagues at the county and elsewhere to make this work. Let's pull together. And make this work together. That's the only way I want to do it. Commissioner Mapps you almost sounded like you were proposing an amendment, or at least a

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budget note that would suggest that we would support this program with a working wage, a living wage?

Mapps: Absolutely.

Wheeler: If you wish to propose one at the end of this hearing, I will support it, I will second it. I want people to hear loud and clearly, my goal here isn't too cheap out. It's merely about getting it right. On this amendment, I vote no. The amendment fails. Commissioner Hardesty motion #3. Any further discussion? Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor. Point of order. Before we go to this, I need to correct the public record. Commissioner Mapps assumed there was no evaluation built into Portland street response. He may be unaware that Portland state university's housing collaborative have been a partner with us on this project from day one. And they have been evaluating everything from day one. So I did not want the public record to reflect that somehow, what I wasn't smart enough to put a program together without an evaluation component attached to it. I want it to be clear. It started with an evaluation. It always planned to come to the council after six months. The mayor's amendment does nothing to change what was originally planned.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, that is correct. Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Commissioner Hardesty, thank you for that clarification. If that's the impression I left on the public record I apologize. That's not what I intended to say or suggest. It's always been my observation that program evaluation is key to this program. Both in terms of how it evolves and how it expands. From my point of view, the way I think of it is, a program evaluation is the engine and fuel that drives the expansion. As we learn more and figure out how to do this, that's when we take the next step. Whether it means expanding the hours or the geographic area.

Hardesty: I appreciate that --

Mapps: One concern -- may I? May I, please? Finish my comment?

Wheeler: Please.

Mapps: And so, that program design strikes me as being wise. It's tried and true. It's important we not abandon that principle as we move forward. In other words I want to keep the smart parts of this program integral to this program as we expand this program into new neighborhoods and into the future.

Hardesty: Let me also correct for the public record we currently pay Portland street response employees a living wage. So no motion is necessary to make that happen. Moving onto number three?

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Wheeler: Number three, commissioner Hardesty. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: I'm sorry, could you read the motion again?

Wheeler: Yeah, I'm sorry, this is commissioner Hardesty's motion 3. To retain resources for the public safety support specialist ps3's in the contingency pending evaluation.

Ryan: Yes. This is very consistent with the methodical approach we have been talking with Portland street response. It's important to stay consistent and focused on our long-term objectives to do what we want to analyze with our programs and before we expand. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Um, no. I am concerned that maybe our colleagues don't understand, at least my understanding what this proposal does. It basically holds the ps3's until we do some sort of evaluation. I tell you; I think one of the sleeper hits of this -- sleeper innovations of recent years in this particular budget is the investment in ps3's. Our public safety support specialists. Now what I have heard for years, and I hear, I even heard today, is Portlanders want a new approach to police. Specifically we want to demilitarize police. They can do a lot of the work, but they don't have guns. That's the kind of innovation I am really excited about. I would support doing an evaluation in parallel with this program. But I do not support the specific language in this amendment. No.

Clerk: Rubio? Mayor, I know commissioner Rubio was having issues with her zoom. **Hardesty:** Did we lose her? Should I call her?

Wheeler: Stand by. Let me go ahead and call her. Give us one sec here. Hang on. Oh she is back on.

Rubio: I'm back on. Sorry, I'm having problems.

Wheeler: Understood.

Rubio: Is it my turn?

Wheeler: Your turn, go ahead.

Hardesty: Do you know where we are commissioner?

Rubio: No, I don't.

Hardesty: We are on my third amendment that is on retaining the resources for the ps3's and contingency.

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Rubio: Oh, aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: The motion is going to carry because I count three yes's. I'm going to vote no and I want to explain why. This is not a new program. This is a program that was originally approved back in the '17-'18 time frame. This is a program I worked really hard to build from scratch. It was a new innovation for the police bureau to have unarmed officers on the street responding to non-emergency calls. There were a variety of reasons people wanted that ranging from reform. People wanting to see more people in polo shirts out there working with people in the community to resolve issues related to public safety. Additionally, there were duties that sworn officers were not able to respond to as quickly as they could. Things like going out and taking reports. Break-ins. Stolen vehicles and the like. As well as doing the administrative work. The program has been relatively modest in scale up to this point. There has been analysis and is ongoing analysis, cbo provided us with a relatively extensive write-up as part of their budget analysis. What that showed was that initial program data demonstrates clear efficiencies. These positions are less expensive than police officer positions at the time of hire. And the cost savings actually grow over time. The majority of dispatches are for stolen or recovered property and vehicles. And these types of calls are likely to require the completion of time-consuming and required offense reports. Qualitative analysis also shows these employees save patrol officer's time. Allowing officers to focus on emergency calls. They also provide customer service to community members who may otherwise have been directed to online reporting if a patrol officer was not available. Additionally, the program has been an effective recruitment pipeline for the bureau's sworn ranks. And very supportive of the bureau's goal to increase diversity amongst its ranks. As of July 2020, four members of the initial class had been promoted to police officer positions. It's noteworthy that all four were either bilingual or people of color. What I proposed in this budget is to triple the size of the program. I think it's ready to go. That said, I see the majority of the council has decided that we will wait and do the evaluation. I can live with that. Let's do the evaluation and I think it will prove it's ready for a broader expansion. And I look forward to that. I vote aye. And the amendment is approved.

Hardesty: So you vote no first and then aye.

Wheeler: Sorry, I vote no. Thank you, commissioner Hardesty for keeping me on track. I vote no, but the majority of the council voted yes, so the amendment is approved. Next up is commissioner Hardesty amendment #4, one time from general fund to support a truth and

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reconciliation process between the Portland police bureau and members of the city of Portland. Any discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Mapps: Actually, I have a couple of questions about this. Commissioner Hardesty, could you remind us what the purpose of this particular program is?

Hardesty: Yes, thank you for that question, commissioner Mapps. The truth and reconciliation is a process that we will go through as a city. I've had conversations with chief Lovell. We need to be a broader community conversation. I think what the last year showed us is every institution that we have has racially disparate outcomes and none of them were built for black and brown people. The truth and reconciliation process, the way it's happened all over the world is a way for people to address their -- the institutional harm, the generational pain that people carry with them. And more importantly, for me, it's an opportunity for the community to decide on two items that we will work on collectively for the next couple of years. As far as the police part, the police need to do some work behind closed doors among themselves with former black and brown police officers. I'm happy chief Lovell has agreed to do this work and have his officers participate. Before the police are ready to have a real truth and reconciliation process they need that behind-door work. My goal is not to embarrass or make life difficult for Portland police officers. I want them ready to have real dialogue with community members when they finally come out for the part of the truth and reconciliation that will include the police. It's really a three-part process. One part is community. One part is police. And one part is community and police together.

Mapps: And how does this relate to the citizens oversight committee that we are standing up to basically replace i.p.r. Many ways it feels they are covering some similar territory.

Hardesty: No, one is about healing our community and having real dialogue about the trauma that our community has experienced. And honestly, having the police be a part of helping us determine, what are we building as we move forward? So you know, we hope the police will be informing us as we have that conversation with the police. But the process itself is bigger than that. I just wanted to make people understand that, as I see it, it's a three-part process. But who knows what we will get once we send the r.f.i. out and get information back. I believe we need professionals to lead this effort because it is not something you get a second chance to do.

Wheeler: Any further questions or discussion? If not, Keelan, please call the roll.

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Ryan: Yes, as I was running for office last summer, I consistently called for the Portland police bureau to own their own mistakes in the form of a peace summit and truth and reconciliation process. I'm grateful commissioner Hardesty you brought this forward today and I'm thrilled to vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: This is an absolutely essential component of improving our policing here in the city of Portland. Commissioner Hardesty, you and I have had many conversations about this, I strongly applaud it being brought forward and I'm particularly grateful to chief Lovell for being open minded and embracing this concept. I don't see how we build trust with the community until we really have a meaningful process like this. And the word vulnerable was just used. We need an honest conversation amongst ourselves in this community about what has happened. Not just recently, but historically. And how that history, whether it's long ago history or more contemporary history, how it bleeds into the present. And how it impacts the way that people view policing in this city. I think we want the community to be safe and community safety means different things for different people. We have different opinions about the role of the police bureau in that overall picture of community safety that I'm confident that the only way we can build trust between the police bureau and the community that it serves is to have an honest transparent process like this. And I don't want to, in any way imply this is easy. And commissioner Hardesty knows it's not. This is a big lift. And anybody who studied some of the truth and reconciliation efforts around the world knows it takes a tremendous amount of planning and preparation and honest and clear process. And this helps us get on the road. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Commissioner Hardesty's motion #5. This is related to c.a.n. Further discussion?

Hardesty: I was going to ask would you like me to read while you were choking?

Wheeler: Would you mind?

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Hardesty: Not at all. The motion is to allocate one time funding to fund the African American network from public policy fund set-aside and it's the \$50,000 one-time general fund allocation to support their ongoing work.

Wheeler: Thank you. Is there any further discussion on this item? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Did you hear me, I said aye.

Hardesty: I saw you shake your head. It must be getting late for us all. I really appreciated the testimony we heard from c.a.n. It's clear they don't feel respected by leadership at the city of Portland. And it's my hope that in partnership with commissioner Mapps we are going to help them feel better about the level of support they have from the leadership at the city of Portland. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I truly appreciate this amendment, it's a good one. I support it, the motion is adopted. Amendment #6 for the accelerated hiring for 30 more police officers. Any further discussion on this item?

Hardesty: Yes, mayor. I would like to make the point for why I put this one in. What I knew was last year Portland police bureau hired 31 officers that were not able to go through training because of covid-19. My understanding is that this month, those officers will be going through advanced training. So there are 31 officers who have not been able to take calls, who have not been dispatched to scenes of incidents that will be available shortly. My concern, you and I know how long it takes to hire Portland police officers. There's just no way they are going to hire 30 people in one year. My other concern is adding people into a toxic culture. We haven't changed Portland police bureau enough to bring people at the bottom. You can't get off probation without actually taking on the behavior and the culture of the bureau as it currently exists. So I am very concerned that this authorization will not be utilized to hire officers but be utilized as a slush fund.

Wheeler: I'll respond to that. I appreciate the discussion on this. I might have director Kinard chime in as well. The process I saw, with the hiring we have and retirees both stated and

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anticipated, should this motion pass, it will actually lead to a substantial decrease in the number of officers that are available on our streets. Director Kinard, can you give us a little more information on that?

Kinard: Sure. So the intent behind the inclusion of \$5.2 million of one-time resources to begin, allow the police bureau to begin essentially double filling 30 positions and begin hiring them as soon as, you know, July 1 so they can double fill those positions. The expectation it will still take 18 months for those individuals to roll off probation, such that they won't actually become available until midway through fiscal '22-'23. While current people are filling those positions but anticipated to attrit out or retire in that time frame.

Hardesty: If I may, mayor, ask director Kinard. You said \$2.5. Did you mean the \$5.2? You said \$2.5 million.

Kinard: Yes, I meant \$5.2. \$5.2 million spread over two years. So it's to fund these positions over two years. So it's \$2.6 million for each year.

Hardesty: Oh, that helps. Do you know, on the average how long it takes for Portland police officers to hire a police officer?

Kinard: I believe it is 18 months. And I might ask my staff member to tell me if I'm wrong.

Hardesty: 18 months to train them after they have been hired? I'm talking about how long it takes to actually hire a police officer.

Kinard: I would have to get back to you on that. We have folks on the call that can ping p.b.b. And we will get back to you as soon as we can with the answer to that question.

Hardesty: It takes a long time. I don't know how long it took to hire the 30 we had that didn't go through training a whole year. Were they paid as police officers or paid as something else? Because now they are going to be police. Now they are going through training. I'm just curious as to what their -- that's not germane to this conversation but it just made it come up as we were having this conversation.

Kinard: So, I am sorry, commissioner, I don't know the exact pay scale when they are first entering. We believe they are paid as officers but we're not 100% positive. We can try to ping somebody from the bureau quickly and get you an answer.

Hardesty: So yeah. What I know in my three years here, it takes a long time to hire a Portland police officer. I would support this amendment if we could revise it a bit and make sure this money can't be spent on anything other than hiring officers. Because again, I have the

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experience of knowing if it's in the police bureau's budget they will spend it and we will never see it again.

Wheeler: I would be willing to support that.

Hardesty: Then I will end this conversation. I will support it with the budget note this can only be used for that purpose.

Wheeler: How should we integrate this, director Kinard into that?

Kinard: This is my suggestion and attorney Linly, please chime in if this is incorrect. I believe commissioner Hardesty can withdraw this amendment she has put forward. I believe we have to continue with the remainder of the amendments that have already been put on the table, voting on those, once we have completed our voting we can enter any further amendments, second them and vote on them.

Wheeler: Okay, I would support that, commissioner Hardesty, contingent with withdrawal of amendment #6.

Hardesty: I will withdraw amendment #6 with the expectation it will come back at the end.

Wheeler: #teamwork.

Kinard: If your staff can communicate on budget note and email them to me and to Christy Owen, we can make sure that gets read into the record when we finish our voting.

Wheeler: Looks like Kristen Johnson will connect with Sonia, so we will have them work on it right now.

Hardesty: They were on it before you said that.

Wheeler: They probably already have it written. Okay, good. So now we are on amendment #7, commissioner Hardesty's motion to increase one time funding \$250,000 for district coalition office small grants to neighborhood associations and other place-based community organizations. And this sounded like it was also sort of a partner to an amendment that commissioner Mapps, that we are voting on later. Is there any further discussion on this particular amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, I appreciate the dialogue earlier between commissioner Hardesty and Mapps, it made this much clearer.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment #8 motion to increase ongoing funding to the gateway center for domestic violence services in the amount of \$30,000 for the city's share of legal services provision. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Um, I'm going to vote yes on this and I want to tell you why. As the commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications I get weekly updates on the 9-1-1 calls that come in. I'm sure most of my colleagues have heard me say, since the pandemic started the number of 9-1-1 calls we see are up about 100%. That's deeply concerning to me. I'm glad that we can I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Very happy to support this, I vote aye, the amendment is adopted. Amendment #9 one time American rescue plan act funding to support the Portland bureau of transportation in the amount of \$3,509,000 in order to begin the program in early summer. That's \$3,509,000. Commissioner Ryan and then commissioner Mapps?

Ryan: Commissioner Hardesty, you know that wonderful session about Café Nell. So I'm not saying that every instance like that. However, what I have, I have come across a few emails and phone calls from people about some issues that could use some mediation. It's exciting to offer the outdoor spaces but it might encroach on the space in front of another merchant. And the other merchant is like really? This is affecting my business. And they have all reported they don't know where to go when they are having these conflicts. So I'm asking a question about, are we

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going to work in some mediation to these conflicts that can be negotiated, I'm sure, with some good dialogue?

Hardesty: Well, let me just say, I'm certainly open to having that conversation. I will say that p-bot did the healthy business program for free. We didn't charge restaurants to help them stay open. We permitted them without charging for permits. And so, as we move forward with this program, of course, huge budget reduction that p-bot is facing. We will not be able to do it for free. I think it will be more standardized. And I suspect there will be a built-in process. I don't know what it is today. Honestly I can't tell you what you would do today if you didn't like something, I don't know who you would call. But I can certainly get p-bot to answer the question what an appeals process would be and make it available to all of my colleagues.

Ryan: That's actually my point. I have had people say they don't know who to call and we can't have Paul, the Noise guru run around town. It's a real thing. It's just like in the last two weeks I have had several calls about it. Thanks for answering that question. We need to figure out how we can be of service to those calls.

Hardesty: I agree. Maybe, it's your committee, your city wide committee?

Ryan: That's a little bit of a mission creek, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Perfect.

Ryan: We are focused.

Wheeler: Well-played.

Hardesty: [laughter] I'm paying attention.

Ryan: Nice try.

Wheeler: Got to give her credit, that was smooth. Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Like most Portlanders I completely love this program. But I am struck by the price tag. Commissioner Hardesty said she has been administering this program for free. I think we issued 1200 permits through this program. Do you know how much that costs the bureau?

Hardesty: I couldn't tell you that right offhand. But I could certainly find out for you.

Mapps: Great. That would be helpful. It's my understanding that one of the reasons why this program comes in at about \$3 million dollars is there's \$1.3 million in there to back-fill for past parking revenue that you didn't receive.

Hardesty: It was actually back-fill of staffing. Some is covering previous staffing that's been utilized to do this work. Because of course, we have not received anything, we have been cutting our budget rather than adding our budget in p-bot.

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Mapps: Well, I'm excited to pay for this program moving forward. I'm less enthusiastic about sort of back-filling what happens, you know. In the last fiscal year. If I could make a suggestion? I'm not happy about paying for the \$1.3 million to backfill lost parking revenue. So I would be much happier voting for this if we could just reduce it by that. Say, we will pay for the program moving forward, but we're not going to back-fill for lost revenue.

Hardesty: I would make the case that \$1.3 million will help us as we stand up these non-automobile spaces all over the city. It's not, so just like we have done with the healthy business plan, we are looking at car-free zones throughout the city. We will also utilize some of this money to actually make those spots permanent. The difference between what we are doing temporarily to help businesses survive and what we will be moving forward doing permanently, those resources would be important to that effort. So I would not entertain myself personally a motion to reduce the amount asked for, it was asked for the needs that the bureau has.

Mapps: Well, I think what you just said, it was asked to back fill for parking revenue I didn't get. And you laid out a vision for what this program will look like for the future and I'm excited about that vision. I just wish this budget amendment was based on that forward-facing vision, as opposed to you know, accommodating for the sort of drop in parking revenue during covid.

Hardesty: I hear you.

Mapps: Those are my comments.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Mapps: Sure.

Wheeler: Very good. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: I just want to thank the bureau of transportation for their agility and responsiveness. It's really one of the better stories I have seen in terms of adapting to covid to keep the currency flowing, if you will. And also the joy in Portlanders. So I enthusiastically vote aye. I do appreciate the dialogue we had earlier. We need to look into those conflicts. Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye. And I very much also appreciate the conversation. The reality is, this is probably one of the best programs that we did in response to covid. I did not know a bureau like the bureau of transportation could be so nimble and so creative in thinking about how they could be of more support to small businesses. So I'm very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

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Mapps: As my colleagues have heard, I have some concerns about how we reached the \$3 million number. That seems awfully expensive. On the other hand, I recognize that the healthy business program is something Portlanders love and should be part of our future. I will vote aye this. I hope as we move forward we can maybe do a little bit better. But with that, I will vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I also just want to echo what my colleagues have said. I really appreciate the conversation on this today. And I also want to just commend p-bot for their ability to be nimble. And to be flexible and adapt to the challenges that we had over the last year. So with that I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. Adopted. The next is to standardize and formalize the city's community engagement process. Any further discussion on this item? Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Um, well, I see the concept here. I'm also deeply concerned. I think we are all aware the office of civic life is a bureau undergoing some transformation. The proposal before us today hands some crucial new responsibilities to the office of civic life. And frankly, I can't get behind that proposal until I see the audit of civic life and see what the plan for reforming that bureau is going to be.

Hardesty: Thank you for that. You may have heard the d.a. Will make that report public. And I will make sure those named in the report will see it before it's public. By next Wednesday, I will give a copy to you and the d.a. I can assure you the core mission of civic life is still the same. And that is the engagement of community members, whether that's BIPOC or neighborhood associations or business groups. It's still the mission. And they are experts at it. And this will help us actually have a much more intentional approach to community engagement. There is no bureau in the city that does community outreach better. And it's reflected by both the charter review commission we seated recently and the commission on police accountability. When we work with the office of civic life we get a much more diverse candidate pool and they have the relationships to reach out to those communities. And so, I did not want to see 11 individual community engagement processes that wanted to go out and talk to black folks because that would be a nightmare for the black folks who live in the city of Portland. This is a more efficient, thoughtful, and manageable approach to having that civic engagement happen. Regardless of what your perspective is of the office, there's some excellent city employees who do excellent work every single day there. It's going through transition but it's absolutely prepared for this work.

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Mapps: And thank you, for those comments, commissioner Hardesty. And I agree. I think the office of civic life is really filled with some amazing public servants and I appreciate the work they have done over the years. Just so I'm clear on, I think my colleagues are clear on the scope of this proposal. Is this proposal basically saying each of our bureaus would hand over the community outreach process, specifically for the black community to the office of civic life? So like the housing bureau, essentially contract with the office of civic life for its outreach to African Americans?

Hardesty: I am muted, sorry. I was talking while muted. I'm acting like the mayor. Yes, that is an accurate statement. The office of civic and community life would work with the bureaus that want to do outreach and help them develop a calendar and a system with doing the outreach to those specific communities. Because of course, again, they have relationships with those communities. And it will be a process that we will collectively develop. So as you know, I'm not a big fan of mandates. We aren't going to come in and say you have to do it like this. But we must create a system that works for the public we are trying to engage, and not necessarily for the individual bureaus that are trying to do civic engagement with the same people.

Mapps: Sure. I will just say, if I may, you know, I applaud anybody who has like a vision and there's some vision behind this. I'll just say that in the absence of seeing the audit and absence of knowing what future reforms for this thing look like, I'm going to vote no. But I think I could get to a yes one day. One of the ways I could get to a you yes is if bureau said p-bot did this as a pilot project and showed us how p-bot could work with the office of civic life to do community engagement with African Americans. It's particularly important for me, I have a couple infrastructure bureaus which is different from the work that the office of civic work traditionally does. So I would love to see them sort of succeed and show us how it's done. But before I sign off on this, there's more information I need. The audit, reform plan and I love --

Hardesty: You're not going to get all that today.

Mapps: I know. That explains my no vote.

Hardesty: Okay.

Wheeler: Commissioner, could I ask a question? I think there's more than the kernel of a good idea here. So what we could do is potentially have this conversation on the record. And Jessica, correct me if I'm wrong, director Kinard, we could bring back a budget note or amendment when we do the adopted?

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Kinard: Yes, you can bring budget notes as part of the adopted. You can bring additional amendments, there's a threshold for certain level of financial amendments we have to stay under. But for budget notes you can definitely bring them in the adopted.

Wheeler: You might -- I'm interested in the conversation that commissioner Mapps and commissioner Hardesty just had. I see some real value in what is being proposed here. Particularly the part about some sort of a master calendar and a master strategy. I would want the bureaus to retain most and/or all, I really haven't thought of it, but most and/or all the scoping and the determination. But I also agree wholeheartedly with the value that commissioner Hardesty put on the table. That we seem to be mining the same lived experience on a relatively small population. And at some point, that's got to be both complex and exhausting. And so, I'm not sure I'm completely baked into this specific idea. But I'm really interested in it. So maybe there's some middle ground here commissioner Hardesty, where we can keep this conversation going, because I think it's one worth having.

Hardesty: I'm curious, so we know where commissioner Mapps concerns are. Does anyone else have any concerns about this motion?

Wheeler: Yeah, I would love to hear the sentiment of the rest of the council on this too.

Ryan: Are we going to vote? I'm confused.

Hardesty: We are talking about how you feel at the moment. I would like to vote, but.

Ryan: Yeah. Well I'm voting no at the moment. For me, it's why we are focused on outreach and support of BIPOC communities may be new type of community engagement for some bureaus many of our bureaus have been doing that work for decades. I know my own staff has experienced effective and efficient outreach and programmatic work with previous city bureaus. Keeping it in one bureau impacts our capacity. Our office is experiencing this now. We struggle to get board and committee recruitments moving because of some of the bottlenecks in civic life. So community engagement across all bureaus, I think will slow down, if we have to wait on one bureau. So from an operational standpoint, I vote no.

Hardesty: Let me just say, from an African American's perspective, having 11 city bureaus call me saying they want my opinion is not a positive thing. And after the third call I would be yelling at the city people calling me. So if this isn't it, I'm open to changes. But I don't think having 11 separate invitations for black people to comment to the city is an appropriate use of those people's time. And quite frankly, or the time of the bureaus who are going to individually be putting together engagement processes for black folks. So I'm fine if we would like to hold off on

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this particular amendment. But I would also hold off on all the 11 community engagement processes that we plan to do, until we have a more effective plan. I mean, what we heard from c.a.n. Today is how disrespectful it is when we are not being intentional about engaging with specific communities. So this was my attempt to put some kind of structure around it. But I'm open to other ideas.

Wheeler: I think this is, we should keep talking. My thinking is let's bring it back. Let's talk about this. Let's make an affirmative decision to highlight this and talk about it between now and the adopted. That gives us a little bit of time, but not a lot of time to see if we can iron out some of these issues, that will give people a chance to read the audit. If there's any concerns there.

Hardesty: It's not an audit. It's an assessment.

Wheeler: Okay. Would that work with people?

Hardesty: I'm fine with that. I just don't want this adopted with 11 different outreach efforts geared towards black folks.

Wheeler: Yeah, that's fair.

Hardesty: So are we going to table this one? Or withdraw it?

Wheeler: Director Kinard, she could withdraw it now and bring it back, correct? At the adopted. That would not prolong the process. We could bring it back that day since we have already taken public testimony, correct?

Kinard: Yes, there's an additional opportunity for public testimony regardless at the adopted. But yes, the commissioner could withdraw this and bring it back. Or you could have further conversations and bring back a slightly modified version, etc.. Any of those options work.

Wheeler: It doesn't slow us down in any way?

Kinard: No, as long as it's included in the adopted budget everything will be effective on July 1.

Wheeler: Does that work for people? I don't want to sit here and tell us how it's going to be. But sounds like --

Hardesty: It sounds like without doing that, there may not be three votes to move it forward. So happy to prepare for June.

Wheeler: All right, good. It's a good conversation to have. I appreciate it. Commissioner Hardesty then withdraws, for now, budget amendment #10. Without objection. Budget -- now I can't even speak any more.

Hardesty: I got it, mayor.

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Wheeler: Motion to amend attachment d, add a budget note for protocols pertaining to the d.o.j. Reporting.

Hardesty: Yes. You may remember when we had our executive meetings, how we realize there was not a process whereby we were getting regular updates an opportunity to weigh in prior to this information going to the d.o.j. And this amendment actually addresses that issue.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps, I don't know if you have a new question.

Mapps: It's a new question.

Wheeler: Okay, good. Thank you.

Mapps: I support the principle. But I don't understand why this is a budget note. Can't we just order the city attorneys to --

Hardesty: It's a budget note because that's the vehicle that I have available to make this happen.

Mapps: Well, to me this feels a little extraneous for a budget document. I think I will vote no for that reason. Although I would completely support us as a council taking a vote and directing the city attorney to follow through with the substance of this amendment. But this does not feel like an appropriate amendment for a budget document.

Wheeler: Any further comments or questions on this? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yeah, I appreciate that it was adjusted from 14 days to 7 days. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: As I mentioned before, I support the sort of substance of this proposal. I think this is an inappropriate way to make it an ordinance or make it law. For those reasons, I'm voting no.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I appreciate this and the intention it was brought forward, as a new commissioner, I think this is helpful for me in ensuring I'm at the table and understanding and growing my capacity to understand these kinds of processes. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I vote aye. The amendment passes. #12, motion to amend attachment d and add a budget note for citywide anti-white supremacy training. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

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Ryan: Yeah, happy to see that western state center is in this amendment. And I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: So this is training the city council has already taken. I thought it was outstanding and this gives us an opportunity to roll it out citywide for all of our employees. Time very well spent. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. #13 amend attachment d and add a budget note for the office of violence prevention in align amount with ordinance number 130355. Any discussion on this? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I vote aye. And the mend passes. #14 motion to amend attachment d and at budget note for Portland department of transportation to develop new revenue sources. Any further discussion on this? Please call the roll. Oh, sorry, commissioner Mapps, sorry.

Mapps: I have no problem at all. This is like work that p-bot should be doing. But I don't know why it's a budget note. If p-bot wants to explore new revenue sources which they should, I support that. But I don't know why we are writing this into this particular budget. This could either, director Kinard or commissioner Hardesty place this into context for me?

Hardesty: Yes. This is a priority and making a budget note makes it a priority all around the city. It is critical that we do this work. And it is critical that p-bot has a time line under which they are

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prepared to have an impact on the next budget deliberation. And in fact, the bureau asked me to write that note. And as a good director of that bureau, I did.

Wheeler: If I could add a little commentary as well. These budget notes do sometimes seem, you know, extraneous. But they also institutionalize a specific action within a bureau, under our form of the government, the commission in charge could change at any time. Therefore priorities could change. And the budget note also, to extent gives the bureau some consistency regardless of who the commissioner in charge is. I have no plans to make any changes. But I just want you to know that is sometimes one of the reasons that people choose to put a policy note like this where it's going to take in considerable amount of time and energy on the part of the bureau to see it through to the end.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That was helpful.

Wheeler: Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. #15, by the way, after I get to the end of commissioner Hardesty's amendments we will take another 5-minute break. #15 is motion to amend attachment d to amend existing budget note for equitable recruitment, retention, and promotion of African American and black employees, this is related to c.a.n. Any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: I was fortunate enough to spend 45 minutes in the noon hour with the leadership of c.a.n. Today. So it was very timely and helpful. There's a lot of goodwill in this amendment, so thank you for bringing this forward. I think the genuine attempt to institutionalize city's equity value have an impact on our black employees, this is a step. They have worked tirelessly for years to provide a safe space for employees and advocate on their behalf all while carrying out their

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duties with their day jobs for the city with no additional compensation. That was realist for me today, just like when others have been meeting with c.a.n. We can't ask c.a.n. Take on labor work without more compensation or reassurance the day job will not be affected. The proposed amendment and objectives merit a full-time person in the office of human resource, the bureau of human resource, who can work within the systems and operations of the bureau in consultation with c.a.n. Leadership. External resource partners with black city employees we trust. We cannot ask c.a.n. Leadership or employees with full-time jobs to do this lift alone. I really appreciate and value c.a.n.'s leadership for their time in engaging with my office again today. I will vote yes on this. And my staff and I will continue engaging with c.a.n. Leadership and the bureau of human resources following this vote. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I really appreciate hearing from some of the c.a.n. Leadership today. And what is a consistent message is the lack of feeling valued by the city that they work for. This is a start in the right direction to make sure they no longer feel they are not being heard. And the city is not being responsive. This is one thing we can do. But we can also, as directors of bureaus make sure that black employees are able to leave their job to participate in c.a.n. Activities. We can also as directors make sure that no one is questioning an employee involved in c.a.n., asking them why they are going to the meeting, what they are doing, how long they are gone. And also, as directors as bureaus you can allow people to go to affinity groups without questioning whether or not they are getting their work done. There are ways to be supportive of employees when they are participating in affinity groups. And there are ways to imply that they will suffer repercussions for being engaged with those groups. I evaluate each of my directors annually. I have equity goals for each of my directors. And every year they also evaluate me. If you are not putting those objectives in your evaluations, I would encourage you to do so. Because it is our responsibility to make all employees at the city of Portland feel valued and welcomed and appreciated. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye. I just want to echo what my colleagues have said. I really appreciate the conversation. And I'm definitely hearing, when Marvin was speaking, I really was understanding what he said. When I was here at the city, many years ago, that's when deep first started and

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some of the groups started forming. And I remember that, exactly what Marvin and what commissioner Hardesty were talking about. Staff are doing a lot, all this work on their off-time. Or the in-between time or small allotments of time. And this work is actually what gives the city at least some of the ability to recruit, you know, diverse staff at all in a lot of cases. So these are the folks that are actually creating that some environment for some employees to want to work here. So for that reason, I strongly support having this conversation. I am very open to hearing more about the needs for staff for these activities to support our staff here at the city. And I'm very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Happy to vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment #16. Motion to add budget note for expiring tax increment financial districts and returning property revenue. Any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll. Wait, sorry.

Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Yeah. Could the sponsors of this amendment explain to me how this proposal is different from the timeline that staff laid out for bringing TIF proposals before council. Again, this is one where I think, last week they laid out their plans for getting their proposals before us.

Hardesty: I will try to take that on, commissioner. The mayor's proposed budget had a motion that would have put together a committee, including prosper Portland, the housing bureau and the budget office to come back with a proposal on how to address the t.i.f. Cliff, right? My proposal says that the economists working with the budget office director and the c.a.o. Would all together collectively, because the economists five years out actually counts that revenue as anticipated new revenue coming in. I did not like a process where the people who are most desperate for new revenue were in charge of coming back and telling us what to do with the new revenue that was coming in. I think it's a more fair and equitable process to have the economists and budget office be the ones that are having that conversation. Because I just don't imagine prosper and housing bureau coming back and saying someone else should have the money, don't give it to us. That never happens. It's important to have it be a process that is not dependent on the people who are in desperate need of new funding streams.

Mapps: Hm. Okay, thank you.

Wheeler: And director Kinard, you had a clarification?

Kinard: Yeah, I just wanted to make sure that it's clear, in that our attorney agrees, this is going to replace the existing budget note for expiring tax increment financing. It's not just adding, it's

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replacing the decision to withdraw the mayor's amendment eliminating that budget note in the past. Is there anything else, Linly that we need to do around that?

Rees: No, as long as everyone is clear that it is replacing the mayor's proposed budget note. And it's replacing it, that's fine. As long as are you comfortable its consistent, Jessica?

Kinard: Yes, in the written version we have the strike-out language. It's just we aren't reading the strike-out language.

Wheeler: I should be clear with my colleagues; I support this revision. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, I'm happy to support having the city budget office and office of management finance help guide this conversation exploring options to help address the decrease in t.i.f. Resources and how to best invest returns to the general fund. There are a handful of bureaus impacted by the decrease. And increase, if so, it's in our best interest to have a full analysis exactly how we are going to proceed in the next five years. And actually, commissioner Hardesty, I think this has parallel construct with what you brought up with transportation. When we have business models, if you will, that will be extinct, we need to be honest about that. And decide if we still value that they are a part of the fabric of the city that works and make sure we figure out how to fund them. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: And for me, it's making sure that any decisions about that is made by the city council, and not made by other boards, like Prosper's board or others. I'm always troubled by these other auxiliary boards that are making promises to communities. And they are making it outside of a city council process. And I don't want to be put in a position where we are forced to invest money into an entity that it may not be the priority of the city. The housing bureau and prosper Portland will have to be different. And they will not be able to rely on the general fund. Just like Portland street response can't rely on the general fund. I don't think housing and prosper should assume that any t.i.f. Money coming back in would belong to them automatically. Because our economist has, over the last five years been including it in budget projections that money would go back to the general fund. So it's vital that we have a path laid out early, rather than later. Because the later we wait, the less opportunities we will have. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

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Mapps: Um, I have some process questions about, ultimately I'm going to vote aye on this. I'm not sure what problem this fixes. But in the situation I will defer to the judgment of my colleagues and vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Colleagues we are not far from done, but could we take a 5-minute break here? Why don't we take a break and I think we will be done not too long thereafter? So we are in recess for five minutes. Now we are going to go to commissioner Mapps amendments. Oh I have to say we are back in session. His first motion is one time general fund resources in Proposer Portland to support the Portland film office. Any discussion? Please call the roll. [5-minute break] [roll call]

Wheeler: The amendment passes. Amendment 2, motion to increase one-time funding for the office of community and civic life. This was the subject of conversation earlier. Any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. #3 motion to amend attachment d and add a budget note to provide recommendations for expansion of employee benefits in fiscal year '21-'22. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: I have questions on this one. What are we doing? We don't tend to extend benefits outside a collective bargaining process. What is this for?

Mapps: Let me try. I think the intent here was to communicate to staff, or actually h.r. To explore options of rewarding employees and recognizing employees even at a time of fiscal austerity where we can't afford to do colas or steps. That's the only. Look at the benefits package and see

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if there's anything we can do. I don't know what the answer will be, or there may not be an answer.

Hardesty: Well we talked earlier about why things are budget notes. I think this is one of those, why is this a budget note because this is the normal work the human resource department does. I'm just not understanding why the need for this.

Mapps: Sure. Well, I think the need for it, or the benefit of it is to communicate to the employees who do the public work this council recognizes and honors their work. It recognizes that they have served Portlanders extremely well under extraordinary circumstances. And certainly, I think, I know each and every one of us is probably pained that we can't give everyone a cola or a step. But if there's a way to recognize our staff through some sort of benefit options and I don't know what that might be at all.

Hardesty: If I could. We actually did that at the beginning of the pandemic. We have given people flex time. Given people the opportunity, especially if they are taking care of kids. So again, I think this is not needed. Because it is something that we do on a regular basis without budget notes.

Mapps: Okay. Well, I totally honor your position here. I do want you to know that we ran this by h.r. And they were fine with it. But everyone should vote their conscious, or I encourage everyone to vote their conscious on this as with every amendment.

Hardesty: I just want to say council took extra care last year trying to figure out how to remove barriers. As you know, none of us were used it teleworking. Or working from home non-stop. I want you to know this council is really committed to providing the best benefit package available. But I don't want to raise expectation that somehow we are looking to raise benefit packages across-the-board. Because the unique thing about benefits packages if you do it in one place, you have to do it everywhere. And there's always a fiscal impact to that. I think the human resources and the council has been very thoughtful about how we provided additional opportunities and support for employees during this crisis. So that's kind of where I am on this.

Mapps: Okay.

Ryan: Mayor, as commissioner of h.r., what is your thinking on this?

Wheeler: Um, I'm going to support it. And the reason I'm going to support it is -- well, first of all, I know I sound like I'm splitting hairs here. Commissioner Hardesty is technically accurate. That this is, in fact, the work the bureau of h.r. Is what they do. This will not substantively make a huge difference. But from a messaging perspective, since we have asked a lot of our employees over

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the course of the last plus year, they made significant concessions. Some not voluntarily. During last year's budget. Similarly, that has happened this year. I think it does send a good message. By the way, just to clarify something else. The bureau of human resources does technically fall in the mayor's portfolio, but one of the weird hybrid bureaus that in fact all commissioners have equal say in.

Hardesty: Mayor, I was going to say, we are aware that our economist says that next year's budget will look worse than this year's budget did. And again, I don't want to falsely raise expectations that something different will happen next year. We are anticipating actually staff layoffs next year unless something radically different happens. And so I appreciate messaging. But also appreciate the message leading to real outcomes and if we don't anticipate next year will be better financially, why would we set ourselves up for this battle?

Wheeler: Um, that's not necessarily a question I can answer right now. But the first part of your statement, I want to agree with. This budget, well, let's go back to last year's budget.

Commissioner Hardesty, you and I were there and we worked together to try to close a \$90 million budget shortfall. Director Kinard helped us ably through that process. And it was agonizing. And both our collective bargaining units and non-represented employees made significant concessions in order to help us balance the budget. That is not forgotten. That has happened this year. But we have benefited from the existence of both the c.a.r.e.s. Act and now especially the a.r.p., the American rescue plan act. We should have no assumption that we will get the same thing next year. In fact, I think it's pretty much a certain thing we will not get another jolt a year from now for the following fiscal year. And so, what we are really hoping is the economy recovers quickly. But I think all of us are smart enough to read the tea leaves and realize it's not going to cover the full gap. I'm agreeing with your read of the dynamics. On balance, I support this. I don't think there's any harm in supporting it. Any further discussion? Otherwise, Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Um, aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Yes. The amendment passes. The last of commissioner Mapps is #4, motion to amend attachment d for budget note for program evaluation of the Portland street response budget note as follows: And then lots of language. Any further discussion on this. -- do not eat please, you are going to have dinner soon. Any further discussion on this one? She thinks I'm not watching her.

Hardesty: That's her job. Her job is to make quick grabs while you're not paying attention.

Wheeler: I don't see any further questions, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan.

Hardesty: I'm sorry mayor, I have a question. How is this amendment different than the previous amendments that we passed around accountability with Portland street response?

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps, my understanding this is more comprehensive. It starts with the same two paragraphs in the proposed budget note and you go onto add more specificity to the evaluation. Do you want to describe briefly?

Mapps: That's correct. It just basically spells out that the evaluation will include a six-month check in, a twelve-month check in. I think this is standard language that's been part of our plan from the beginning.

Hardesty: From the beginning, yes. So again, I'm just curious, it looks like it's a duplicate motion. And I'm just trying to figure out what's different. What are you asking for that we haven't already asked for?

Mapps: I think the original intent and the current intent of this is to just make it clear through a budget note that we will be conducting an evaluation of this program. Which will be conducted by Portland state university. We expect a check in at six months and twelve months. I think the new piece here is that it specifically points to something which is important to me over at boeg, the language around expanding call criteria. That's the really new thing. The evaluation will include looking at the call criteria.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: No.

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Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: No.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment passes. To commissioner Rubio's amendments. Last, but never least. Commissioner Rubio's first amendment is to allocate \$50 in one-time general fund resources to special appropriations to provide financial grants supporting the implementation of community events and space activation. Is there any further discussion on this amendment? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Yes. Happy to support. I vote aye. The amendment carries. Item #2 is a motion to allocate additional resources in support of a second creative laureate in the community arts program within special appropriations. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I just want to thank commissioner Rubio for bringing this one forward. I had no idea we paid out laureate so tiny amount of money. I was a little embarrassed when I found out. I'm appreciative and happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: The laureate, creative laureate has become a higher profile position in the city of Portland. Especially recently. I love this proposal. This, to me, is one of the most interesting proposals in the budget. And it's probably the most cost-effective. It's \$5 thousand dollars. For something that I think really makes an important statement about the arts which is critically important to people. So I'm very happy to support this. I vote aye. And the amendment is adopted. Amendment #3 is a motion to amendment attachment d to include the following budget note applicable to the office of management and finance. Portland police --

Kinard: Mayor? I don't know that one was put, I don't think that was put on the table for consideration.

Wheeler: Okay, got it. Good. Forget it. So that brings us then to the end of our amendments. Colleagues, next I will seek --

Rees: Mayor? You got it, Jessica?

Kinard: I think commissioner Hardesty now would like to introduce a new amendment. And ask for a second and we can have discussion and vote.

Wheeler: Okay, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: If I'm remembering correct, director Kinard, I pulled -- I pulled my -- no. This is the one on the police, right?

Kinard: Yep. It's amending the attachment d to add a budget note for the Portland police bureau accelerated hiring.

Hardesty: Yes. So the budget note would include that this monies could not be released, except for the purpose of hiring this new staff.

Kinard: Yes. Would you like for me to read the language for everyone to hear it?

Wheeler: Please.

Kinard: Motion to amend attachment d and add budget note for Portland police bureau for accelerated hiring. One time funding in the amount of \$5,264,000 across two fiscal years for accelerated hiring of 30 police officers. The Portland police bureau is directed only for the personnel costs related to 30 new hires and no other expenses. At the end, any unused funds will be returned to the general fund.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, is that your motion?

Hardesty: That's my motion.

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Wheeler: Then I will second it. Any further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Thank you, commissioner Hardesty for that. I appreciate it. So colleagues, now I'm seeking a motion to approve these updates to the change memo. Commissioner Mapps has a question.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, I would like to propose an amendment. This goes back to the living wage for Portland street response. If I may, Mr. Mayor, colleagues, I would like to introduce the following amendment. Motion to amend attachment d to amend existing budget note for livable wage of Portland street response budget note. Livable wages for Portland street response. The city of Portland, Portland street response program staff are on the front lines of delivering an exciting and critical new service to better address Portlanders in mental health crisis. The program is currently in a pilot phase with an independent evaluation due from Portland state university's homelessness and research action collaborative, at the six month and twelve month mark. Council has also asked the city's community safety transition director, and the chief administrative officer to perform a cost-benefits analysis of the program. That includes an assessment of alternative models. Options may include non-profit providers such as project response to work in partnership with the city. Similar to the way that the cahoots program operates in the city of Eugene. Should one of these alternative models for service delivery ultimately be selected for part or all of the city's Portland street response program is implemented, council wishes to ensure that the employees delivering these services are paid a living wage. This budget note directs the community safety transition director to consult with the city economist to ensure that this standard is retained for any alternative models of service delivery for Portland street response.

Wheeler: And you are offering this as a motion? An amendment, commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Yes.

Wheeler: Is there a second? I'll second for discussion purposes.

Mapps: If I may jump in here. I think like everyone else on council, I both really appreciated hearing the letter from our staff that do the Portland street response work. I was also moved and educated. I think, I have never heard anyone on this council suggest we pay folks not a living wage to do some of the most important work in the city. But it appears that those concerns out there in the community, and I think that today we could reassure both the people who work for the city and provide us with vital services and we can take an important statement about the way we honor labor by passing this amendment.

Kinard: Commissioner, I just have one point, a small technical clarification I want to put on the record. This will be adding a new budget note. We don't currently have a budget note for livable wage. Just to be clear, we will have the record reflect this is adding a new budget note.

Mapps: Thank you for that clarification.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: So, again, today Portland street response is paid a living wage. It says we don't know what the future of Portland street response is. I think this is a very disingenuous proposal. It doesn't make sense if it's not the city we will be contracting out. Until we get ready to do that, I think, again, this says -- this doesn't say anything. And it doesn't do anything different than what we are doing right now.

Mapps: Um, well -- if I may respond to that. I think what this does, it goes on the record and makes clear to everyone who hears this amendment that the city of Portland is committed to making sure that the women and men who do our street response work are paid a living wage, no matter what the future form of this program looks like. I think we all know this program will evolve from what it looks like today. I don't know if it will be the fire bureau or someplace else. But where ever, I'm deeply committed to make sure the people who do this work can afford a roof over their heads, feed their families, and retire.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio?

Hardesty: Oh, I was just going to respond to that. Today they make a living wage, and the decisions we make in the future will determine whether that living wage continues. This seems performative to say as our policy. As a policy last budget cycle that would have six vans and would have given us more vans across the city. So just putting in a budget so, doesn't make it so

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clearly. What we changed last year we changed this year. I'm not feeling it. And maybe it's just me. Maybe because I'm tired. It just doesn't change anything by putting that in the budget.

Wheeler: Well, yeah. I've been sitting in a chair for five and a half hours; I don't feel anything. I don't know about you. Commissioner Rubio and then commissioner Ryan?

Rubio: Thank you. I have a question. So I fully support commissioner Mapps' intent of this. To address the concern out there. For me, it's not that part of your, of this amendment, it's the part about exploring or considering other alternative models, that part. Can you talk a little about that part? For me, I thought this particular pilot is to continue with this model. And those conversations will be happening in the evaluation of this model.

Mapps: Sure, that's my expectation too. But listening to the letter read to us by Kahoot staff they clearly have some concern about, I think their particular jobs changing somehow. I don't think that's going to happen at all. I haven't heard anyone suggest that. And I want to make it clear to the public service community that, you know, whether or not a future iteration or a future pilot is run on a different, you know, sponsored by a different agency, that it's our expectation as a council that the people who do that work will be paid a living wage.

Rubio: But the model part you talked about. You're not exploring other models of Portland street response, are you?

Mapps: I'm very much focused -- I'm a 9-1-1 guy. I'm very much focused on getting our call carrier right, make sure we have the staff to distribute our street response teams in an effective manner. So those are the kinds of implementation concerns I'm talking about. I'm not pushing for an alternative model.

Rubio: Would you be willing to strike that language from your amendment then? Or is that integral to your amendment?

Mapps: Um, sure. I would be willing to strike that language from this. That's a good compromise. A worthy improvement, I will say that.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yeah. I think that we are going to have some exciting creative dialogue about how we keep building this. I think this is getting kind of hypothetical. I think we should pay living wages, generous living wages no matter what. But I don't understand -- I don't understand why this would be voted on at this moment. I think, you know, I think we wait until we are in this situation where we are actually faced with the moment of truth on what the contract is. If it's a contract. Or, since we are looking at a pilot, we keep expanding it via the mechanisms, via the system we

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have now. At this moment in time, I'm uncomfortable weighing in on this. So I think we should pay a living wage, no matter what. I don't know if this is necessary. I'm confused.

Mapps: I would still like a vote. Can I have a vote?

Wheeler: Very good. Further discussion? If not, call the roll.

Rees: Mayor, this is Linly. Can we confirm that Jessica and team are clear on whether the language commissioner Rubio asked to strike is now removed from the motion, please?

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio raises her hand. Commissioner Rubio?

Rubio: Before you answer that, I just want to say I agree with what commissioner Ryan proposed. I want to withdraw that. Commissioner Mapps you are free to phrase it how you need.

Mapps: Okay. Well, I don't think I have the votes to win here. Or maybe I do. I would like the broad inclusive language that ensures everybody that this work will be done, whether this work will be done at a family-wage rate. Whether it's sponsored by the fire department or sponsored by the bureau of environmental services. Or some non-profit group. The principle I'm trying to communicate to our social service workers is that, as long as we are sponsoring the work, or at least as long as when I have a say in it we will pay a fair family wage.

Wheeler: All right. Call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: No.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: No.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Yes.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: No.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: You put on the record, commissioner Mapps, a very clear intention. And I think that was a good thing to put on the record. It's a good value. I support it. But I agree with my colleagues that this particular amendment, I think, is extraneous. And I agree, I was persuaded by commissioner Ryan. Let's wait until we get to the bridge before we cross it. I vote aye -- I mean -- five and a half hours. I vote no. It doesn't matter what I vote, it's not going to pass. [laughter] so I vote no. The amendment does not pass. But I appreciate the value behind it. Thank you, commissioner, for bringing it forward.

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Mapps: Sure, mayor, if I may jump in here. I want to express my gratitude to my colleagues for at least considering the proposal. That was classy, thanks.

Wheeler: Right on. Thank you. So, are there any other amendments? No. Good. So now I'm seeking a motion to approve these updates, amendments, these updates to the change memo. Can I get a motion and a second?

Hardesty: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Motion from commissioner Hardesty, second from commissioner Ryan. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Hardesty: Muted, commissioner.

Ryan: Thought I unmuted, sorry. Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. And related to that, colleagues, we will now vote to approve the changes, our individual floor amendments have made to the various exhibits, specifically b, c and d of the memos associated with bump et. This has the effect of incorporated our changes, reflects our amendments.

Rees: So mayor, I'm going to say I thought that's what the last vote you did was, but let's go forward with this since you made a clear motion.

Wheeler: I believe this is a different...

Rees: I think when you voted on each of the individual amendments.

Wheeler: We already included b.c. And d.. We included the updates in the amendments.

Rees: I'm fine with you clarifying the motion and going ahead and voting on this. I just thought that's what we had just done. Go for it.

Wheeler: It's not necessary. It's extraneous. So forget it. So with that, colleagues, I'm now seeking a motion to approve the budget, as amended.

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Hardesty: So moved.

Kinard: Go ahead and move the motion.

Wheeler: What, sorry?

Kinard: I was going to say that this part of the process confuses me every year, it feels like we vote one too many times. So since you made the motion, mayor, let's go ahead and vote.

Wheeler: It's in the cheat sheet you guys gave me. [laughter] so yes, let's seek a motion and approve the budget, as amended. I know we have to do that. We haven't done that yet.

Hardesty: It sounds like wants us to vote on the first motion, or the second motion you put on the table?

Rees: I think we should. Because the problem is, mayor, I had thought you had already done the motion to vote to approve changes to the proposed budget as in the memo as amended. But that's not what you thought you were doing, so let's do that.

Wheeler: We made a motion and voted to approve the updates to the change memo. We will now vote to approve the changes our individual floor amendments made to exhibits b, c and d of the memo as associated with the budget.

Hardesty: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Any further discussion in call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: This is definitely a groundhogs day moment. Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. Now, unless there's any objections I'm seeking a motion to approve the budget, as amended.

Hardesty: So moved.

Ryan: Second

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Wheeler: Motion from commissioner Hardesty, second from commissioner Ryan. This is the last vote of the day --

Kinard: No. There's tax levies after this.

Wheeler: Okay. This is the last one on the part of the budget that everybody actually cares about. So if you want to say something about that, this is your time to do it. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: I am just really grateful I serve with the four of you. We have had some really good dialogue today. It's been a lot of examples of great government. And I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: A value, I hold dearest is an elected official is our budget is a moral dock m. When I first received the mayor's proposed budget a couple weeks ago, I let Portlanders know I would be analyzing it. So I have been analyzing the budget through a lens of ensuring that the primary focus is on people and stabilizing our most vulnerable community members. To build a moral budget takes time and care. So I want to begin my closing remarks by being honest. I wish mayor Wheeler had given the most diverse council in Portland's history more of an opportunity to shape this proposed budget. This has been a rushed process. Council was not brought in early. And it's not just right for the public and elected leaders to have only two weeks to weigh in on an almost \$6 billion dollar budget. This is my third budget process with mayor Wheeler. And this process seemed to be the one that had the least engagement early on. I sincerely hope we will make it truly collaborative and provide real community engagement going forward. As disappointed as I am in the process that has unfolded and that my amendment to fully fund and expand the Portland street response pilot project, it was voted down, this budget has been significantly improved by amendments proposed by myself and other council colleagues. I do appreciate that the mayor did not propose cutting any Portland fire and rescue stations in his budget. I also appreciate that this budget does not add ongoing funds back into Portland police bureau's budget. After council reallocated money from the bureau, just last year, into the Portland street response and other community investments. I also want to especially appreciate my new colleagues. I know that my three new colleagues, if I felt like this was insane time, I know they must have been losing their minds. These last couple weeks have, in fact, been a marathon. But what I have found, in some cases, is an openness to have dialogue and conversation. An openness to find common ground. And in many cases, an opportunity to add amendments that were fully supported by the entire council. And for this, I say thank you to my newest colleagues.

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Because mayor Wheeler and I have been at this for a while and we know how crazy this process is. I am happy to see this budget does include some really good work. Including funding for staff support for the voter approved police oversight board. Funding support for alternative shelter program. To allow safe sleeping options for those currently sleeping on the street. Data and transparency requirements for the expansion of the unarmed public safety support specialists, which I understand primarily do paperwork and are not seen by the public. Allocates funding to support a truth and reconciliation process between Portland police bureau and community members. Increases resources to the city's African American network. Increases funding for the gateway center for domestic violence. And directs p-bot to develop new revenue sources that reflect Portland's climate goals and address the structural deficits. In addition continues to fund the department of transportation healthy business program. Allowing creative use of space to provide outdoor dining, drinking and more. And providing a life line to small businesses that have been operating during the pandemic. We have increased money to neighborhood district coalitions and reinstated the small grant program to neighborhood associations. We also funded a citywide anti-white supremacy training for city staff. This was the best compromise we could get in this short period of time we had. There are aspects of this budget I support 100%. And there are some serious disappointments. Any budget that five people are voting on is going to include things that we each like and we don't like. But this is the beginning and not the end. I will continue to push forward for what -- I will continue to push forward and I a with what I agree with and push back things I disagree with you. I will hold my colleagues to their word they all support Portland street response and look forward to our continued work together to make this program the best it could possibly be. I am so proud of this program and the incredible team we have assembled. While I'm disappointed p.s.r. Expansion has been slowed down, I'm confident that as we continue the Lentz area phase of this pilot, we will prove beyond any reasonable doubt that we have the right model in place. And the program is ready to expand citywide with the appropriate funding. And I will say again, this program will not be totally reliant on the general fund. Because we believe that we will be reimbursed both at the federal level and possibly with state funding. And we have been looking at all of this from the very beginning. As a city, we are working our way back from four crises. We are still in the middle of negotiating ourselves through a worldwide pandemic. I believe that we can build back a better and more equitable Portland. And I am committed to working with all Portlanders and my colleagues to do that. I still believe that we can build one Portland where everyone has access to the same level of

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services, and all are treated with respect. You can count on me to continue to work toward that vision every day. I accept the improvements my council colleagues have made to this budget and the many amendments I introduced that were passed. And while this is a hard vote for me, due to my Portland street response amendment, I am ultimately voting aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, colleagues, I want to thank you for your participation and contribution to this extraordinary budget. I also want to thank everyone who turned out over the last several months to testify on behalf of items that should or should not be in the budget. Everyone who turned up helped make this budget better and ultimately will help us build a better city. I know we are all tired so I won't talk long today. I want to highlight four aspects of this budget that mean a lot to me. As the commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications, water, and environmental services, I am just over the moon and so proud of the work that my bureaus will do based on the budget we have pulled together. Boeg 9-1-1, we managed to add five new dispatchers to our bureau without reducing our draw on the general fund. And part of the work of the new dispatchers will be to help implement and expand the Portland street response. Thanks to my boeg team for the great work they do. Also very proud, not many people noticed this one, but the water bureau is making a new investments to make our hydro parks more accessible to people who have disabilities we are proud of that, thanks to the water bureau for advocating on behalf of folks with mobility problems. And environmental services will continue its important work keeping pollutants out of the river. I will also point out this budget this council came together to make sure that the cuts at b.d.s. Were relatively minimal. Because of the leadership that commissioner Ryan is bringing to an effort to streamline and speed up the permit process. One of my personal favorites in this project, or in this budget, food carts. I think we were all moved by the testimony we heard from vendors who used to be, used to operate food carts downtown. The city council has come together to figure out a place for these food carts to convene and create a new section of our city's culinary corridor. Very exciting. It's also an equity project. Because so many of these businesses are operated by recent immigrants. We are very proud of that. I personally want to thank everyone on council for supporting the important work done by the Portland film office, I can't wait to get film crews back in Portland showing the world what a wonderful, amazing city we have. Also excited about the minority chamber of commerce and other investments we made around small businesses and small business districts. Big shout out to the Portland parks foundation. We are making an investment of about \$100,000

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in that group. They have consistently shown over decades they can take a small investment and expand it many, many fold. And I want to thank them for their work because if there's one thing I have learned from my time in Portland and on this council, Portlanders love their parks. And I also want to thank and recognize the investments this budget makes to shrink the digital divide. If there's any lesson we have learned during covid, access to technology is the key differential whether you can succeed and prosper in the new world we live in and no one is left behind. This ensures no one is left behind in Portland. Finally, I want to recognize the innovative creative work this council has done around public safety reforms. Of course we have all had some contentious discussions and vigorous agreements in many ways about the Portland street response program. But still, I think the good news here is that each and every member of this council is 100% dedicated to getting this program rolled out as quickly as possible. And committed to making sure this program works. As the commissioner in charge of bureau of emergency communications, I'm deeply aware the number of domestic violence calls my 9-1-1 operators receive have doubled in the past year. So I also very much appreciate commissioner Hardesty's proposal to increase the amount of funding that we provide to domestic violence programs. I want to thank commissioner Ryan and mayor Wheeler for their leadership in bringing an extraordinary amount of new investments in affordable housing and the cause of ending homelessness. It's for all these reasons that I'm proud of the budget we put together today. Which is why I'm glad now to vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I would like to begin by thanking all of the thousands of community members and staff who have helped us to get to this point, where we are, over this last year. Many people have met with us, written, called, and attended all of our listening sessions and shared their expertise and perspectives. And I really appreciate the time that they took to engage to make the city better. Even if the final budget may not be reflective of everything everyone wants or has expressed in the community, please know we heard you and your engagement and participation have really made our city better. I also want to acknowledge Jessica and everyone in the city budget office for their countless hours helping to build this budget. To explain the budget. And also to answer the many questions that my staff and I had even right up to this council meeting. I truly don't know where I would have been without the city budget office team. So thank you so much for that. I also want to appreciate my colleagues' efforts to really thoughtfully budget and prioritize our council priorities during another incredibly challenging budget year. These priorities really

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helped keep my team and me focused on what we should be focused on during this process. And I also appreciated the engagement and dialogue amongst all of us as colleagues and our perspectives will ultimately make good policy. And I also just want to thank my team who has been with me for four months. They work very collaboratively. They learned the bureaus; they engage with stakeholders and community and they were trying to find a path forward during this budget. I'm just really appreciative of all their hard work. We accomplished a lot of work even if we didn't get 100% what we wanted. This keeps our city moving forward. And I appreciated hearing several of the amendments and the testimony we heard today. Our work doesn't really end after today. I commit to working with my colleagues addressing many outstanding issues that came up today in the course of discussion. And I also want to thank them for their willingness to work together on behalf of our city. Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Well, first of all, let me just say how much I appreciate the collaboration on this budget. Nobody gets everything they want in the budget. This is a large effort. I appreciate the fact that whether we agreed or disagreed on the details we stayed focused on our shared priorities and the communities we serve. I believe, as you have heard from a number of my colleagues that we are protecting progress that's made in the past as well as pushing forward in new areas that I think are important. I think we are laying the foundation for both a strong and an equitable recovery as we come out of the economic consequences of covid. And we've stayed true to the north star that we established months ago in our work session, when we really started to talk about what are our core priorities. And we stated that our core priorities were community safety, they were related to homelessness, and they were related to economic recovery and stability. This budget dove tails neatly with those core priorities, that we collaboratively established as a council. And the work that we've done isn't just consistent, it's transparent and it's what our community deserves. I want to thank my colleagues. We had some spirited disagreements. We should. I think we owe it to the public to have disagreements that we vet publicly and discuss all sides of an issue and let people come to their own conclusions about whether we served their best interest or not. And I feel that we did so today. We have done so previously. And I want to thank all of you. And I want to thank your staffs. We rely, the five of us, on collaboration amongst our staffs. And they do an excellent job. So let's give them a little credit here for the incredible work that they have been doing right up until a couple minutes ago drafting amendments and what not on our behalf. And on behalf of the people of

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our city. So I want to thank them. And I want to thank of course our budget city director Jessica Kinard and your team and expertise in helping guide us through this process over a period of many, many months. This has been a particularly difficult budget. Because the foundation upon which our original estimates were created collapsed. In the midst of a global pandemic. And all the resulting economic chaos that ensued. We had to integrate the federal government, state government and county government's responses not only to the public health consequences of the pandemic, but the household support and the employer support that went with it. So we actually had to weave those strategies into our overall strategy as a city. And it was complex. It was bumpy. But I think it was made less so by the phenomenal work of our city budget director and her team. And our council office staffs who worked so collaboratively on this. Tomorrow is a new day. And we will begin the process of implementing many of the changes that are new. We will continue the work that's already under way. And whether we like it or not, the next budget here has already begun. And the budget office is already thinking of strategies to get us moving on that. So, I am happy at this point to vote aye. The budget is approved, as amended. Now, as the budget committee, we also approve tax levies. The city shall levy full permanent rate of \$4.5770 per \$1,000 of assessed value and \$27,763,868 for the payment of voter-approved general obligation bond principle and interest. And \$209,860,034 for the obligations for fire and police disability and retirement fund. And \$0.4 62 per \$1,000 to the children's levy. Furthermore the city shall levy the amounts listed in attachment e for urban renewal collections. I'm seeking a motion to approve the tax levies.

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty moves. Can I get a second, please?

Rubio: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio seconds. Any further discussion on the tax levies? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

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Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I want to thank the people of this community. Their compassionate and they are generous. And they support many things that other communities do not support. They support housing -- they support levies like the children's levy. At a regional level. Critical support services like mental health and substance abuse treatment services for our vulnerable populations living on our streets. You are a generous and caring and giving community. And that's what's behind these tax levies. I want to thank you, personally, for that. I vote aye. The tax levies are approved. Director Kinard, you get the last word. The next steps.

Kinard: All right. So now that the budget has been approved by the council, the approved budget will be sent to the tax supervising conservation commission for review, they have 20 days to review the budget and conduct a hearing on the city's approved budget Tuesday, June 8, 9: 30 in the morning. This will be a virtual meeting. The final budget adoption is set for Wednesday, June 9 at 2: 00 p.m. Public testimony could be received at the June 8th t.s.c.c. Hearing or June 9th budget adoption hearing. With that I will turn it back over to the mayor to adjourn the budget committee meeting.

Wheeler: Thank you, this meeting is now adjourned. Everybody have a great night. Good night.

At 8:11 p.m., Council adjourned.