



# November 17, 2021 Council Agenda

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## Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:30 am

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**Session Status:** Recessed

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

- Commissioner Carmen Rubio
- Commissioner Dan Ryan
- Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
- Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Wendy Hain, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-5 roll call.

Council recessed at 12:06 p.m.

### Communications

809

[Request of Debbie Aiona to address Council regarding public participation at City Council meetings](#)  
(Communication)

**Document number:** 809-2021

**Disposition:** Placed on File

**810**[Request of Dan Handelman to address Council regarding public testimony on reports](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 810-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File**811**[Request of Marleen Wallingford to address Council regarding public testimony on reports](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 811-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File**812**[Request of Carol Landsman to address Council regarding public testimony on reports](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 812-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File**813**[Request of Emory Mort to address Council regarding public testimony on reports](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 813-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File

## Time Certain

**814**[Proclaim November 2021 to be Native American Heritage Month](#) (Proclamation)**Document number:** 814-2021**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler**Time certain:** 9:45 am**Time requested:** 20 minutes**Disposition:** Placed on File

815

[Appoint Gloria Cruz to the Charter Commission](#) (Resolution)**Document number:** 37556**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler**Bureau:** Chief Administrative Officer; Management and Finance**Time certain:** 10:05 am**Time requested:** 15 minutes

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**Disposition:** Adopted**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Consent Agenda

816

[\\*Pay bodily injury claim of Conchita Carr in the sum of \\$8,999 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)**Document number:** 190599**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler**Bureau:** Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management**Disposition:** Passed**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

817

[\\*Authorize the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Bureau of Transportation to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements to administer private for-hire transportation regulations](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190600

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Regular Agenda

818

[Authorize Letter of Agreement between the Bureau of Emergency Communications and the Portland Police Association to recognize employees who worked overtime in response to the Office of the Governor's Executive Order declaration of emergency due to Coronavirus](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190601

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Emergency Communications (9-1-1)

Second reading agenda item 801.

**Disposition:** Passed As Amended

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Nay  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

819

[Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain temporary property rights necessary for construction of the Stark Trunk Relief Structure Project No. E11009 through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority](#) (Ordinance)

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

820

[Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and approve use of the alternative contracting method of Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Carolina Trunk Work Zones 01 & 03 Rehabilitation Project](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190602

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 802.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

821

[Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the procurement of National Sanitation Foundation 60 certified sodium carbonate for drinking water treatment at an estimated cost of \\$8,500,000](#) (Ordinance)

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

822

[Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Errol Heights Park Development Project for an estimated cost of \\$7,060,000](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190603

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 805.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

823

[Amend Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveways Code and Transportation Administrative Rules to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways \(repeal Code Section 17.28.100 and amend Code Section 17.28.110; replace Administrative Rule TRN-10.40\)](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190604

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

Second reading agenda item 807.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Four-Fifths Agenda

824

[\\*Authorize conveyance of City-owned real property located at 322 SW 11th Ave and financing not to exceed \\$7,152,500 to Community Partners for Affordable Housing or an affiliate for an affordable housing project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190605

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2:00 pm

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**Session Status:** Adjourned

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio  
Commissioner Dan Ryan  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Ryan left at 3:02 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Maja Haium, Deputy City Attorney; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

### Time Certain

825

[Adopt the FY 2021-22 Fall Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190606

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** City Budget

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 90 minutes

Second reading agenda item 808.

**Disposition:** Passed As Amended

**Votes:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

826

[Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to increase funding by \\$1,500,000 and extend the funding period for the Portland Harbor public involvement program to facilitate public involvement \(amend Ordinance No. 189696\)](#) (Ordinance)

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

**Time certain:** 3:30 pm

**Time requested:** 1 hour

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:00 pm**

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**Session Status:** No meeting due to lack of agenda



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**November 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

**Wheeler:** Today, we honor them, friends, family, and community we send our love and I hope their lives are remembered fondly, identities honored and deaths move to action. I ask you now to join me in a moment of silence. Thank you, now, I'll turn it over to Sarah.

**Seraphie Allen:** Good morning, Mayor. My name is Seraphie Allen and I use they, them pronouns and serve as director of jobs housing and economic equity for the Mayor. And thank you for this day and just to help facilitate the conversation. So with that, I'll turn it over to Lex.

**Lex Jakusovszky:** If morning my name Lex Jakusovszky and I serve as the first ever LGBTIQQ plus policy analyst and understand we're short on time. I wanted to ensure he are time to hear from Alexis Woods, so I will be brief. It's an honor to serve in this role inside and outside of the walls of city hall. I'm going to come in front of you at least three times a year and for three important occasions. Pride, transgender day of remembrance and it's a great pleasure to elevate and celebrate our communities during pride month and transgender day of visibility, transgender day of remembrance is a day we have much work ahead of us to prevent violence against trans people and there are many advocates, activists and elected officials working hard to make Portland a safer place for queer and trans people we have a long way to go. I just wanted to say a few words to please remember this next time we come together to vote on important policy changes that affect lives of queer people in our community because for many of us, these are live or death issues. Thank you for your time today and attention.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. And if anyone they'd like to say prior to my reading the proclamation?

**Allen:** Mayor, sorry did Alexis speak yet?

**Wheler:** Sorry. We need to pitch it over. Good morning Alexis. Good to see you. I see you there. Thank you.

**Alexis Robinson Woods:** Hello and thank you for having me my name is Alexis Robinson Woods serving as executive director of Call to Safety, and I am a trans gender woman of color. And I was born and raised had Portland. These events are sort of mixed feelings for me. While they're necessary and need to happen through visibility of what going on, they also come with another year of a higher number than it was a year before and this year two of the 45 are this state and city. Long with message, violence is going on within their community and how much that affects them just grows from there so we need them to bring increased trauma and issues and we need help in the community to make sure these things go.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I remember having an African American woman use communications recently and talk about the unique experiences of both being a black domestic violence victim, and then, adding issues of sexuality on top of that. And I will say that I believe Portland Police bureau's violence unit is a compassionate approach with the little bit that we have there. But there is a huge missing voice at these tables. It's your voice, Alex and the voice of specific communities who experience domestic violence and policing differently. As co-chair of the Gateway Domestic Violence center, I'm investing additional dollars because of the 400%, me and my leagues are proposing to invest had additional resources because of the 400% increase in domestic violence since covid began. I would like to figure out how we make sure we're centering the voices of survivors because they know what they need. And I'm really concerned that we have a one-size approach like we do for many things and we expect black indigenous people to somehow squeeze their way into a system that was not built for them. Owe I don't want to take away from this day. I just want to thank you for being here and thank you for being you. Thank you for doing the work you're doing. I want us to be intentional moving forward because lives are at stake and every day we talk about equity and don't produce equitable outcomes is the day someone else's life in danger. Are you for being here and I hope you'll reach out and stay connected because I didn't know that Bradley had a

new name and I'm the board of the gateway domestic violence center. Talk about disconnect, right? From folks who are supposed to be working together.

**Robinson Woods:** There's no disconnect, I was at Bradley Angle's and have moved, I've been there – now at Call to Safety, formerly Portland Women's Crisis Line.

**Hardesty:** So it's an organization? I thought I heard you say formerly known as Bradley Angle House thank you for the clarification and being here.

**Wheeler:** Thank you Commissioner Hardesty. I want to thank you for joining us briefly this morning to honor those lives this year, it's a very important touch point for us and I want to thank LGBTQ friends affinity inc group for helping me craft the proclamation I'm about to read. We're a better city because of our deep affinity groups and all of the lived experience they're willing to share for us in proclamation. The city of Portland committed to equity, diversity, social justice, and mutual respect of a fundamental aspect a healthy community and whereas, transgender Oregonians face barriers to meet basic needs housing, employment, health care education and accurate documentation and whereas, transgender people with a significant degree of caution and concern due to the lack of public acceptance towards the community. And whereas, this year, in the united states and Puerto Rico the human rights campaign is estimated at least 45 transgender or gender non-conforming people have been fatally shot and killed by other violent means the majority were black or latinx transgender women and these doubts are reflect of the alarming increase of 250 plus anti-trans and anti lgbt-related bills introduced across the united states this year including recent school board efforts to Newport, Oregon. Whereas Trevor project estimates at least one LGBTQ youth between ages of 13-24 attempt suicide every 45 seconds in the united states. Due primarily to a lack of support at home or in school. And whereas, transgender day of remembrance honors not just those who self l'd by as transgender but anyone murdered or passed away because of bias against transgender and fender nonconforming individuals. Now, therefore, I, ted Wheeler, Mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, I of roses do proclaim November 20th to be transgender day of remembrance and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you for our presenters. Appreciate it.

**Allen:** Just wanted to quickly, thank you. Sorry.

**Wheeler:** Sarah good ahead.

**Allen:** I just want to make sure we correct the record it's Alexis Robinson. Not Alex.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate that.

**Ryan:** I just wanted to thank Seraphie for bringing this to our attention and Mayor, the proclamation was beautiful and Alexis, so good to have you level set us this morning and lex, so glad you're here, we are improving because of your leadership. It's so important to have days of remembrance. I'm plaid we have had a moment of silence. There will be time to celebrate when it's due but we are to remember and I now we are a few of these days every year and this one is meaningful to me. I just wanted to say that.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you. My apologies Alexis. I am getting your name wrong, my apologies.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. Thank you, everyone. With that, well, very to call us into order this, Wednesday morning, November 17th, 2021, association of the Portland city council, good morning. Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Morning. Mapps?

**Mapps:** Here.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Here.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Here.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Present.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Here. Under Portland city code city council is holding this meeting electronically. Members attending remotely and the city made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of the meeting. Meetings available to the city, sorry. The meeting available to the public on the city's you tube channel, and channel 30. Public may provide written testimony by e-mailing the learning at [cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov). Council taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic to promote physical distancing. The pandemic an emergency that threatens public health, safety and welfare requiring to us meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you for your patience,

flexibility and understanding as we manage these challenging times to conduct the business city. I believe all give slots are on the aim subject. Why don't you call the first individual please, item 809.

**Clerk:** Sorry. Would you like to have counsel --.

**Wheeler:** Legal counsel? How could I forget. Rules of order and decorum from legal counsel, thank you. Good morning.

**City Attorney:** Good morning Mayor and city council. The following district attorney statement regarding conduct during electronic city council meetings. To participate you may sign up in advance with the counsel clerk's office for communications to speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The publish add agenda at [Portland.oregon.gov/auditor](http://Portland.oregon.gov/auditor) has information about how to sign up for testimony during electronic meeting. Testimony should address the meeting being considered at that time. When testifying state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Disclose if you're a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization please disclose it. Presiding officer determines the length of testimony, individuals are 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 and refusing to conclude testimony or interrupting other testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given and be aware all council meetings are recorded and that all.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Thank you Keelan and thank you for reminding me. Item 809 please.

**Clerk:** Request of Debbie Aiona to actress council regarding public participation at city council meetings.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, Debbie.

**Debbie Aiona:** Hi. Thank you. I'm Debbie Aiona representing league of women voters. League promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Up until a few years ago, Portlanders could participate by testifying on reports presented to council. These reports cover an array of topics and include office of equity, strategic plan and reports on state of housing and north east neighborhood housing strategy. We learned council with the not make oral testimony on the oir prudent person police

shootings record. In our experience that was a change of rode you're, we've shared our concerns in letters and meetings with Commissioners and staff. And pcept meeting this issue came up. A member of the Mayor staff stated oral testimony on reports wasn't taken any time during her years at city hall. And this prompted us to look pack at 2016 records, and Portland cop watch join the league writing to the staffer informing her of our finding that the public indeed was invited to testify every time a report was presented. More recently the concerns increased when we heard the city attorney fail to mention during open be instructions it's up to the presiding officer. Written information fails to mention that fact. And it our fear, over time, mustily elected city Commissioners and public will begin to believe that testimony has never been and asking them to report that testimony is allowed at the discretion of the presiding officer, we hope action will be taken on that recommendation. Ideally, we'll like see the Mayor take oral testimony on reports. We have witnessed valuable discussions take place between the public and elected officials in response to what is said. Further more, reports sometimes include recommendations for future policy making. The public is able to highlight those that seem most promising especially after hearing details in, addition, observers learn from those who testify and are able to identify others with an interest in the issue. This builds network of those that can knowledgeablely engage in future discussions. Thank you for your attention.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I'm sure I'll are comments at the end of this but just will wait until the end. 810 please.

**Clerk:** Request of Dan Handelman to address council regarding public testimony on reports. Dan, we can't hear you.

**Dan Handelman:** Can you hear me now?

**Clerk:** Yes.

**Handelman:** Okay. Sorry. I'm Dan Handelman with Portland cop watch and for four years, Portland cop watch has been urging city council to return to the practice of allowing contemporaneous oral testimony. The response is that we can submit comments in writing. There no guarantee you'll read the testimony. When responding in realtime, the community can ask questions that might not have been obvious until the hearing is under way. We have effectively raised concerns about reports regarding Portland police deadly force, task force

reports, bureau annual reports and analysis about Mrs. Issues and this last item timely. Crc came before department an unable to acknowledge and provide testimony. I believe that was a hearing the Mayor acknowledged everything in our comments but nothing about the substance of them. Portland cop watch wanted to testify when the auditor presented her update on the racially discriminatory gang enforcement team. I asked the auditor to invite public comment and she said you testify before council more than anyone I know. If that were true, it's not justification for not taking testimony. The independent police restated to be replaced it's reports used to come before counsel and testimony taken but hasn't been done for years, hearings date back to 2003, when included public testimony. At that hearing the police assessment resource center acknowledged a few incidents were only brought to their attention by Portland cop watch and bureau reports not as complete as ours. In 019 Mayor Wheeler allowed testimony, limited to three people when donna hays insisted she be allowed to talk about the oir report which addressed the police killing of her grandson. I was gavelled down talking about a contract where a bridge and he thought is addressing the police association contract. Maybe he was right. Council has been taking other measures limiting public input including adding items on agenda the at last minute. Quite a few. It shouldn't be like social media where people are hurling insults but should be a well moderated hearing where community members get to share those in a way people might hear them and maybe agree or disagree. We urge council to return to reports. And the comment did not mention you can testify on reports.

**Wheeler:** Next individual, 811, please.

**Clerk:** Request of Marleen Wallingford to address council regarding public testimony on reports Marleen, you're muted.

**Marleen Wallingford:** Thank you for this opportunity to talk to the city council. I'm a board member of the Portland jcl a civil rights group that has been around since 1928. And we're concern the city council is not allowing public testimony after the report of the Portland police bureau cooperation with joint terrorism task force and in 2021. The report is of a high interest to our community groups to work and Mayor policy also has in the been deliberated upon as or discussed by city council so we're concerned that the FBI guideline as lou investigations, to be started with legal evidence that laws have been broken. FBI can initiate

an investigation without indication of terrorist or criminal activity. It can gather a wide range of information. We have heard reports from the Muslim community the FBI has surveilled individuals attending local mosques and we know the FBI has been investigating people on basis of race or political beliefs, activists, climate change activists and reflected on my community history, Japanese Americans considered potential saboteurs and have been targets of investigations, Oregon has a powerful anti-spying laws in place and it's critical the community deserves to know how our local police officers are being used, only, one of the only ways to do this is to ensure transparency, and activities of the Portland police. When they cooperate with jttf. We have a concern that the reports that have been provided, have given minimal information. The letter referred to by miss Aiona highlights discussions about reports in 2012, 2013, 2014. 2013 report was accepted on a 3-2 vote due to its community and council member concerns its thread bear substance, 2014 report was also not accepted at first. But held over so that the Portland police bureau could answer questions about the next week. We need an opportunity to engage in open discussion and communication only one way when public comments are not allowed. And it is impossible for people to sign up during the meeting to testify. Our democracy is fragile and we deserve to know we should be able to give feedback. And should ensure better communication with our community. Thank you for listening.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Next individual. I think we're on 812.

**Clerk:** That correct. Request of Carol Landsman to address counsel regarding public testimony on reports.

**Carol Landsman:** Hi. I'm Carol Landsman representing Jewish voice for peace. As a city planner I used to joke when driving into Oregon from another state welcome to Oregon sign should have a home of process. Under neither it. Public involvement has been very important to municipalities and entities in Oregon. We seem to be going backwards since Mayor Wheeler has cutoff public testimony, I think everybody losing out. I know reports can be expensive. And to cut out another dimension of that report valuable. It's not valuable. Diminishes the value of the report. For lots of reasons not the least of which is that citizens, residents should have the sense they're participating. Just the mere fact of giving testimony is good for citizen involvement. Certainly, it's if for you guys. You get to hear what people have



to say. You can ask questions. You don't have to read it. Because god knows have you enough stuff to see. I understand you're worried about time. But in the long run, I think not hearing testimony takes more time. At jvp we wanted to testify about g4s but because of the rule we weren't able to. We were able to sign up for one of these spots. The one I'm talking in. However, not everybody who wants to testify comes from a group that understands it's like putting up road blocks for public involvement. And I think that is so antithetical to the Portland way of life. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Next item, next individual 813.

**Clerk:** Request of Emory Mort to address council regarding public testimony on reports.

**Emory Mort:** Hi I'm Emory Mort. I want to talk about the dynamics we're accepting as city normal. Imagine a counsel session on an annual report that compared it to a report from ten years ago and other reports from the past five years. Imagine comparing the report without a participatory municipality imagine say a police annual report alongside publicly funded audits of the bureau operations. Imagine notable city actors if going on evening news and critiquing reports for knowledgeable moderator given challenges we face and things we must achieve the fact is being locked, exposes a dismissal of potential and city performance. Might offer up what is hot something they were offering there this mention of this and of the absence of any lease offer to the public. Instead pages are talk the challenges for police officers. As about the option of willing policy change was never even considerable. Offering public testimony is a failure of city management but indicative of unacceptable. If the use Military issued reports on Afghanistan bemoaning a lack of troops and money and omitting the situation meant the country could be taken back. A leader's job is to listen to the problems and speak up against the half true reports before severe problems become catastrophes. Instead of the city addressing flaring failures public met with misinformation is I'm someone, somewhat new to governance structures and being led around by professionals from are the top town who seek to impress on us that public comment is not allowed on these reports. My esteemed friends here today tell me no. We've spoken to reports for decades our level of engagement has come to this thank you heartening and had need of reversal. We should be running and hustling in the opposite direction and need to demonstrate to the public that governance and public agencies are crucial to wellbeing and

thriving and my post body needs to be opening and iterating upon let's do this an open reports. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. That concludes communication. I to want to respond to this.

Commissioner Hardesty to you want to go first?

**Hardesty:** I can wait until you're done.

**Wheeler:** This is not a hill I'm needing to die on. I want to be clear first of all. I want to correct a few things that I want the broader public to understand. Reports are only one mechanism the city council uses to receive information. Public testimony is always allowed on either ordinances for resolutions, resolutions often include implementation of recommendation and that is why resolution also public testimony ordinances and always allow public testimony because additions are made in the context of the deliberation of an ordinance. The same not true for reports. And per city website, a report provides information transmits documents and or makes recommendations. Reports are commonly used to approve bids in the completion of contracts make appointments boards or commissions, and make recommendations. However, to be clear when a decision is made it often with the exception of those appointments, the solution of the contract the city council has publicly deliberated and taken testimony on, no decisions are made through those reports except the receipt of the information the city council requested in receiving the report. I am always leaved that the language we use inaccurate. We should be voting on the receipt of the report rather than the agreement to anything that is in the report. And Commissioner Hardesty you'll remember we wanted to make that clear and there was much we disagreed with. We've voted we levied a report we did not report to agree to the contents there in. We wanted to seek to implement strategy or make an investment or implement a policy it would always have to come back to the city council had the form of an ordinance and there would be that public deliberation and owe, that is the reason that I made a decision when I came in, as Mayor, and I think all of you here, none of your newbies, you're very aware of what circumstances were like in early weeks of the tenure presiding over the Portland city council. I didn't wish to prolong what taking place at that time. However, this has been my policy the reasons I just said. Decisions aren't made. Already opportunities to be able to testify. You mentioned gbtr. There is public testimony around the issue of gbtr had it come forward as a budget item. Marlene mentioned

joint terrorism task force. You made the argument to why I wanted to stay in to join terrorism task force. Very no idea what the joint terrorism task force doing or who they're investigating or surveilling. I don't know. We're no longer part of the joint terrorism task force. Part of getting out of the task force there are exceptions we did ask for a report back on situations they might have had communications with or some interactions with the joint terrorism task force. That is what that all about. Like I ed, this the, agree with you. More public information is not the answer. This not a hill i'm prepared to die on f a majority of colleagues would like to open up public policy on reports I have no objections and those are my comments.

**Hardesty:** Good evening there. And let me just thank every person who testified today. I remember my early days, January, 2019, and council meetings would go like this. They'd be gaveled in. Someone would stand up and create a disruption and they'd be gaveled out. Public wasn't allowed to sit inside city hall because there fear of the public being out of control. And I wanted the public and needed the public to come in to city hall. They did. We started having people in. And was everybody well behaved all the time? No. But I thrive on making sure the public should be able to be in their house. City hall is the public's house. And I will say the reason I'm on this side of the table is because of years I spent testifying on the other side of the table. I know, that we weren't able to make changes on a settlement agreement when it came out from behind closed doors the public input into what in that settlement agreement and should have been is vital. To us moving forward. The fact I found out the police bureau and auditor went to the doj without any interaction with the city council, I was appalled by that. I read in the paper about the response. To what happened last summer. As presented to the doj. I'm in awe of the public. The Mayor and I held meetings on how we're going to impact the next police contract, there was a lot of smart people in the room who spent a lot of time thinking about how that could happen. It vital to me. I'm disappointed. Any time the public wants to weigh in and don't get an opportunity to because I learned something and I'm in awe. The fact the public had a budget last week, and people are making very specific recommendations. I'm in awe the public observed information so quickly. So I've been disappointed when I get communications from the public and I am told it's just a decision. And I agree with you. When we changed the language of how we start the meeting to imply that it's not a discretionary decision just a fact. It does undermine our

democracy. And at a time we need to be healing as a community and where we have to bring down rhetoric and have to see each other as humans, more community engagement is better. Then people being outside, feeling like they have to be on the extreme edges. I believe in Portlanders and I think Portlanders have an opportunity to weigh in, we, as the counsel make better decisions. I want people who believe in Portland to testify at city council. I want the public to know that we're in this together so have supported the league of women voters. Portland cop watch. And others who say why are we cutting off people who have invested so much energy and helping us do better. I, and I can say from my personal experience, as an activist and community organizer we made a difference when we received and there have, there would have been poor decisions made sometimes. Had the public in the been able to testify. So I'm in 100% agreement of what has been said and colleagues agree, and Mayor says he's not going to stand in the way we can immediately start taking testimony on a report have interest. And we're vested for people on the street.

**Wheeler:** Just to be clear and I'll get to Commissioner Rubio, for me it's an all or nothing. And we're not going to choose.

**Hardesty:** I think we get reports on stuff that make me want to put toothpicks in had my eyes.

**Wheeler:** I'm glad you said that. Commissioner Rubio?

**Rubio:** Yes. It's nearing my first year and, too, agree that we should be hearing how community feels about reports as well. I want to acknowledge what you said about how it was when you started and that was a real thing and I just appreciate the opportunity to revisit that and be responsive to what community asking for. I do see it as a role we're accepting the report. It's helpful to hear qualitative experience connected to that report. That is also informative for me as a Commissioner. I he'll like it's a part of what we're getting. And how community is engaging as well. And I appreciate the testimony and onward.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** I hope we'll use this as a training bit of how you track communication slots and also, created an opportunity for dialogue. Very well done, wonderful people.

**Wheeler:** So, I'm hearing a majority of my council say they'd like reports to be open for public testimony. So I'm making a decision here and now based on a majority of that city council

saying we'll now take public testimony on reports. Colleagues and also, I'll encourage some of you who are regular testifiers in front of the city council. Please be aware we require city employees to make these reports back to counsel as a condition of their employment. I'll do everything we can to make sure the space is a safe and whole some and honorable space for them to do their work. As always, thank you for your testimony today. Next is the consent agenda. Do we have items pulled off consent agenda?

**Clerk:** We have had no requests.

**Wheeler:** Very good.

**Wheeler:** Can you please call roll on the consent agenda?

**Clerk:** [roll call]

**Wheeler:** Consent agenda adopted. First time certain item 814.

**Clerk:** Proclaim November 2021 Native American heritage month.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I'm going to turn this over to Brie Fraley, director of the office of government relations to introduce our guest speakers.

**Brie Fraley:** Good morning Commissioners my name is Brie Fraley and I am the director of the office of government relations. [speaking indigenous language]. It fills my heart with happiness to be here to celebrate and recognize national Native American heritage month. I'm honored to be here as co-founders of a group indigenous PDX seeking to facilitate a connection and professional advancement of self-identified city of Portland employees. As November will be proclaimed national Native American heritage month, indigenous PDX presentation to city council rooted in honoring and centering those who have called Portland home while sell diversity and resilience of the indigenous community members. We'll up lift the city core values engaging in systems change and city policy development that supports staff at the city of Portland as well as community as a whole thank you to tribal relations program bringing forward past proclamations and usher the way to come together to present on national Native American heritage month. Today we have two special guests. Bryan Mercer and Yakima tribal citizen Aja DeCouteau, first female executive director of the intertribal fish commission as well as Laura John reflecting on the work of the tribal relations program at the city of Portland. Bryan, I'll turn it over to you. Thank you.

**Bryan Mercer:** Thank you, Brie. Hopefully folks can hear me. Good morning my name Bryan Mercer, I'm regional director of the bureau of Indian affairs thank you for giving me moments to talk about why this is important. Many may in the know we have quite a brain trust of professional natives here in the Portland area. Not only do we have the regional office but my colleague have itc, and health board the list goes on. I can go on. And for a lot longer about natives we have here. Having the city and Mayor valuing and welcoming immediate professionals is critical for our success with these professional organizations we have in Portland. And thank you for that. Portland is on the big wrest lands of what are today. So other tribes recognized tribes that argued we have connections to Portland and we respect that as well. I just want to thank you for the opportunity and thank you for recognizing this. And I'm excited to hear from my colleague. Thank you.

**Aja DeCouteau:** Thank you for inviting me here today an thank you, Bryan for words. My name is Aja DeCouteau, a citizen of the Yakima nation call the city of Portland home for 12 years and also a mom of three children, citizens of the band of Chippewa Indians and it makes me happy and proud to be part of proclaiming Native American heritage month an celebrate rich and diverse communities and cultures that makeup Indian country. Of course, you must acknowledge the history of genocide and assimilation that impact communities today. This is also an opportunity to recognize Native American resilience and to lift up the contributions of tribal people to the shared story of the country. And renew our commitment to values we in common. We care for our environment and live on land and do all we can to be good stew wards of the gifts. For native people our resources are our cultural resources. So all of our great grand children will are a rich and moisture touring place that supports their cultures and ways of life. A healthy place to have abundant salmon to catch and this is a hope for those who come after us is uncertain because climate change occurring around us and we see those effects today. The decisions we make today, are not for us. And we must be bold and our vision for the future. Again, I am thrilled to be part of the proclamation for the city of Portland and look forward to partnership and opportunities to engage in a tribal community member and as advocate for Columbia basin. Thank you.

**Laura John:** Thank you. I'm so glad I'm glad to make it today. Just wanted to congratulate Aja for becoming the first ever native woman to run the Columbia intertribal fish commission if

we were together I'd say clap. Even though we don't clap in council, it's a huge deal and you're up for that job. We're perfect match and lucky to have you here in the Portland area. I wanted to take a few minutes today, originally I had invited an elder to come. There is technical difficulties so he wasn't able to reach us through the zoom today and did send his reports. I'd invited Mr. Buzzy Nelson who is Joyce Nelson's husband to come. He's not able to make it here this morning. So in lieu of that, I wanted to talk about the summit this week. As you know we held our employee relations and those 500 were majority from the city of Portland but there was a great number of individuals that represented 15 local governments and just amazing. People love summit training and feel like it prepares them. This week we'll be hosting seven tribe delegations in a virtual summit. Between our city and tribal nations. Where they will be introduced to the city here from directors and we'll be able to engage in a long list of discussions we're able to see. And as part of our program we've created a video. I'd like to have a video played and I'll pass it back. Thank you.

**[Video]:** Still here. Our songs float in this river, our hands built streets you roam. Some of us come from far away, and some of us have ancestors that were born in your backyard. We're the people. The ones tending the fire and weaving dreams. Do you see us? Our voices are strong. Our spirits, high. And take courage to respect us just the way we are. Together, we can all thrive. Your commitment is needed to the land and the people. So if we're healing together can you make a stand? We are still here.

**John:** Go ahead and pass it over, back to Brie thank you.

**Fraley:** That gave me goose bumps and I appreciate the preview of what is to come tomorrow. As we celebrate Native American history month this November I urge us to think about how our celebrations can turn into meaningful actions that will improve the well being of our peoples. It's an honor to represent the city as first Native American woman director of the office of government relations and new infinity group indigenous PDX. Back over to counsel and Mayor, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Right. Thank you Director Fraley, Laura, Bryan, and Aja. Thanks for joining us today we sure appreciate it. I appreciate everyone being here to speak today. National Native American heritage month provides yet another opportunity for the city council to celebrate first peoples of our country. Activating the city's core value of antiracism national Native

American history month provides time to analyze the narrative of America. Native American heritage month gives recognition to first peoples of the land that creates an opportunity to educate and inform our city on the continued contributions to our society. We celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who enrich quality and character of our city as well as our nation over all. In our commitment to being an ally to Indian country, the city is committed to invest something our partnerships with tribal nations. A little over a month ago, the city hosted our third tribal relations employee training which focused on continuing to build foundational knowledge of tribal governments, sovereignty, treaty rights and serving the needs of indigenous Portlanders. Participation in training reached 500 jurisdictions employees. Many gained new perspectives on how to approach their work from spacial planning inclusive of tribal communities to approaches on how to collaborate with sovereign nations. Tomorrow, we'll welcome tribal government leaders to from across the region to our third tribal nation summit to engage with city, nurture diplomatic relationships and identify opportunities for partnerships we're working with our new chief procurement officer to identify ways to attract native owned businesses to provide services to the city as well as reviewing barriers. I like to think of this as just the beginning of our firm commitment to honor and celebrate Indian country and tribal communities that makeup the foundational makeup of our community. I would like to open it up to any comments from my colleagues before I read the proclamation. Commissioner Mapps, go ahead.

**Mapps:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor and colleagues. I'd like to also thank Brie, Bryan, Laura, and Aja this morning. I am delighted to join you and declaring November, 2021 to be national Native American history month. We come together to celebrate our city Native American history, culture and community. Every Portlander should be invested in the history of the relationship between the city of Portland and Portland Native American community. Because history of native's story and this plan we know has been occupied by Native Americans for 11,000 years. Names of the peoples when first lived on these lands are still part to us. There were Clackamas, Klamath and those people lived, loved and thrived on the lands that we now called Portland to about 8,000bc to early 1800s when the first white people arrived in the Willamette valley. Arriving in 1805. You might have heard of them. Lewis & Clark. We should remember that the members of Lewis and Clark's expedition included a young Native



American woman. And a black man whose name was York. Shortly after expedition visited Pacific Northwest more white explorers, fur trappers and settlers arrived in the Willamette valley. That wave of immigrants brought American civilization to Pacific Northwest including local governments we serve in today. White settlers brought diseases like smallpox, and measles which devastated the indigenous populations here in Portland. Between early 1800s and 1850s those plagues killed between 50% and 90% of the Native Americans. Then in, 1815 Congress passed Oregon Donation Land Law which granted every white settler, 160 acres of Oregon public lands. And these public lands were ceded to indigenous peoples of the Willamette valley and it no coincidence. The city was incorporated one year after the Oregon donation land law was signed into law. 60,000 Native Americans live in the Portland area, making it the ninth largest urban Native American population in the United States. The indigenous communities are thriving today, they're still peeling for more than two centuries of discrimination. Today poverty rates are three times higher than poverty rates in white communities. Today in Portland, unemployment rates among Native Americans are 70% higher than unemployment rates amongst white Portlanders, today, 20% of Native Americans experience hunger on a monthly basis. Colleagues, the uncomfortable truth is that the economic disadvantages Native American Portlanders face today are a direct product of the practices and policies of the past and present. Colleagues? We cannot undo wrongs of the past. But we can commit to do better in this present and future. That is why Native American heritage month important. This council reaffirms its commitment to preserving cultures and places and history. During Native American history month this council reaffirms their commitment to honoring tribal treaties. During Native American heritage month this council reaffirms commitment to economic opportunity to today's generations of native peoples. And during Native American heritage month recognizes our partners who are helping to write the next chapter in the history of the relationship between the city of Portland and our native neighbors. That is why I want to recognize the great work done and I'd like to congratulate Laura John and her team for pulling together a wildly successful summit and I'd like to thank the city of Portland's PDX affinity group for their advocacy on behalf of Portland Native American public servants and I would also like to recognize the amazing work done by the Native American youth and family center and I would like to take a moment to share how

proud I am of the good folks at jim pepper native arts council. Jim pepper native arts council is a group that provides music education to Native American students, many years ago, I sat on their board and I am in awe of what that organization is doing these days. Colleagues from I wrap up my comments today, I want to share one last bit of Native American history with you. That I think about a lot. And I hope it gives you something to think about. Too. Now, very a question. Have you ever wondered why some major streets in Portland are on a diagonal? You know why does that come from? Our dying national boulevards follow to paths established prior to white people. In other words, are an example of how the past cut by ancient Native Americans shaped the past Portlanders walk today. And revisiting memories like that is what Native American history month is all about. Native American history month is an invitation to learn more about the influence our Native American ancestors had on Portland we know and love today. That is why I am delighted to join you. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Rubio? Did your hand go down? Did something happen there?

**Rubio:** It was up. I just took it down. Thank you to our team for the work you do for our city and for the region indigenous communities and tribes and Aja congratulations for your new leadership role. We recognize tremendous contributions to our city and region and often they have been lost or invisible within our city and states and have left unacknowledged the I loved is home to indigenous communities before pioneers arrived. It's important to state the truth is that we haven't begun to reconcile our state flourished and prospered at the expense of the communities and erasure here and due to the pride of their indigeneity and pride of their family and community. The city is a better for economic, cultural, educational, political an artistic contributions of Portland indigenous community leaders, businesses and nonprofit organizations and our city made better for numerous groups to ensure we a more responsive government to whom Portland today. And this follow up to last month's people's day today and tribal nation summit this week provides us with another opportunity to recommit to engaging, to learning and participating in the long term work necessary to dismantle systemic racism in our city. So thank you, again, to all of the community leaders to government relations and tribal relations team for the work on this, today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you Commissioner, Commissioner Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you for bringing this forward. This important proclamation celebrating contributions of native people. Thank you for launching for our employees and thank you, Bryan, congratulations on the new appointment and Laura, it's to see you. Your collective leadership says much about what good about the city. Like most people my identities are multiple. And recognize that both our nation and state of Oregon has sordid histories with tribes at the request of white supremacy and we don't bring this truth out and acknowledge it we'll never heal nor move forward with more intentionality. I have learned this requires supporting leadership and wisdom of Native American indigenous people for the well being of the land that have been towards of since time. Indigenous communities are facing housing disparities in Oregon and we immediate to do more. In fact this week during a tour, of three of four housing developments are in motion by Native American youth and family center I was thrilled to learn more and I was reminded Native American community is significantly over represented had Oregon's houseless population and accounting for more than 50% of unhoused people of color and it's the least likely to be sheltered of any community counted this, is a startling disparity. Now we need to turn to and up lift Native American communities to help steer our practices and policies for better. My office is committed to this belief. And personally I'll reach out in ally ship on any issue connected to climate. Your community is the wisdom of climate. Before I close I want to share my thanks to the director for the work she's done any in a short period of time and strengthen diplomacy so the region, again, thank you. And finally, like my colleague said I look forward to joining you all this week in 2021 tribal nation summit. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you spokes people today. A special thanks to Laura John. A one woman tsunami. There nothing she cannot do there no one she cannot connect. And we have done a lot but are more to do. To center indigenous voices, as we continue to address climate devastation and for our most vulnerable community members. And Laura John is an excellent teacher an connector and I'm looking forward to deepen our relationship and independent governance and I just want to stop by saying I was struck by someone saying we get to come before city council I hope November not the only month we center indigenous voices and this something we to do in every policy decision that we make. And it's just a reminder today that we cannot afford to allow people to continue to try to divide communities and we

survive covid and native communities have taught us that we know, they now how to value land more than we do. And we can learn a lot moving forward and real partnership and value in ways of respecting the earth and work today will benefit seven generations into the future. Thank you, Laura John I'm appreciative of you, thank you for your leadership as well and I look forward to the work ahead.

**Wheeler:** Thank you Commissioner Hardesty, before I read this I just want to thank our guests for being here once more. And want to acknowledge Native American group for their work in drafting this proclamation I'm reading today. With that I'll read proclamation. Whereas the city of Portland rests on lands at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers a major cross roads for economic social and distinguishing themselves as scholars and teachers, artists and leaders. And the Portland acknowledges our country and state, and city history of colonialization, oppression, genocide, forced assimilation, mistreatment and murder through government boarding schools and cultural erasure but celebrates ongoing Native American resilience and survival and the area is over 50,000 people. Descended more than 380 tribes for bands from across the nation representing a diverse and intersectional community that deserves to be celebrated year round. And whereas the city of Portland supports in concert with it's partners efforts to preserve for members and descendants rights secured under orders and committed to moving forwards reconciliation. And strives to educate community and youth towards a better understanding of the American Indian and Alaska natives people authentic stories past, and present to preserve values and otherwise to promote the future welfare of Native American people. And whereas, stereo types of oppressed groups used as sports mascots has been recognized locally and nationally as harmful and representation of Native Americans of leadership is the highest levels of government. Provides a source of pride for youth and community and continues to contribute and found ways provide support to build an by allowing for an annual budget, paid time, support resources, an relationship to a network of other city diverse employee affinity groups. And was whereas, the tribal relations program hosted October 7th relations employee training for government employees attended by over 500 people from 15 local jurisdictions and will host third annual tribal summit on November 18th and 19th as a place for regional tribes to engage with each other an with the city of Portland. Now, I, ted Wheeler Mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon do here

by proclaim November 2021 to be Native American heritage month in Portland and encourage residents to observe this month.

**Wheeler:** One moment. Next up is time certain for item 815, please.

**Clerk:** Appoint Gloria Cruz to the charter commission.

**Wheeler:** Sorry. I thought someone was saying. Colleagues this resolution fills a vacancy on charter commission create by Commissioner Angela Jones and using the pool in the brief usually agreed upon shared criteria. I'm pleased to share Gloria Cruz was selected to fill the vacancy. The pack ground human resources working in organizations varying industries. Gloria passion mitt about community and embraces idea that excellence lies in carrying out details that if advice. They strive to create an environment of belonging by building trust and treating people with compassion and respect. Gloria serves on the board of a mall nonprofit and is here with us today, and we invited them to share a few words about themselves and why they would lick to serve on the charter commission. Gloria. Thank you for being here today.

**Gloria Cruz:** They, my name Gloria Cruz and serve as senior advisor to human resources for education northwest. And prior to that, I served in human resources for David Douglas school district and east Portland and have had involvements in EPAP. And I also as Mayor noted, I'm honored to be chosen and excited to dive in and look forward owe working with other members to do this work. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Before I ask if there is public testimony did anyone have questions for Gloria? Seeing none. Do we have public testimony?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I'd like to thank gloria for volunteering to serve on the charter review commission. I believe the work is some of the most important and transformational work hatching in the city of Portland today. I believe that group has a potential to fundamentally modernize our city and make it work better for all Portlanders i'm glad to have gloria on board and I am glad to vote yes.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you. Again. For bringing this forward. Thank you for your willingness and for your interest in serving in this role. And the city is at a pivotal moment examining how we learned from community voices to determine what the right course for the city and form of government. I'm excited to hear your experience and passion you bring from the community. And I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you for bringing this forward it's nice to learn about you and I heard education with west. And I look forward to seeing your work and how you influence the work in the commission and excited to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Mayor, thank you for moving Gloria Cruz forward as an employee, but thank you for continuing the vision we have that we'd are the most diverse commission to ensure we are the most voices to weigh in an challenges pacing the city of Portland I believe in rids we've appointed and gloria, I am thrilled that we're out of your voice to that mix. I will say, I can't wait to see what they come up with. I say over and over it's not our job to tell them what to do. That is why we appoint an independent commission and I believe in that. I know we've got strong voices and good representation. And glower why will add to the wealth of knowledge the community has and I can't wait to say what they send to voters for their deliberation.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Thank you, Gloria this is going to be a terrific opportunity for you and for other members of the commission. I agree the work fundamentally important to the future of the city of Portland. And will be excited to see what the charter review commission includes. I vote aye. And resolution adopted. Approved and thank you. For sharing with this. Colleagues with that moving to regular agenda. Item 818 first up.

**Clerk:** Authorize letter of agreement between bureau of emergency communications and Portland police association to recognize employees would worked overtime in response to office of the governor's executive order declaration of emergency due to coronavirus.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues this second reading any further discussion? Commissioner Mapps?

**Mapps:** Yes. Mr. Mayor and colleagues I want to remind you of the ordinance origin story coming are the bureau of emergency communications, purpose of the ordinance to recognize amazing work done by the call takers at our 911 call center and covid has been tough on Portland and tough on Portland's call takers and dispatchers. Over the past year, 911 calls have been increased over 20% and a development which may be related during this past year has lost over a dozen employees and during this past year, many staff have taken administrative leave to recover physically and mentally from this work. Had laced strains on our call takers and dispatchers remain in employment with the city. And I want to reassure Portlanders that there are big changes making band width back into balance with it's work road for example, bureau ramping up efforts and on track to have a larger staff next year. Director cozi and team supporting transfer of calls to the cities of the 311%. And now in other words colleagues better days lie ahead. That is the root of both unacceptable belong long wait times and it the root cause of the burn out which has taken root in the bureau of emergency communities. That the reason why management at BOEC and I recommend this council reimplement over time recognition pay for this year. The purpose of the program to recognize and reward efforts of city's first responders who have kept Portlanders safe during challenging moments in the city's 170 year long history and I hope had will help retain staff as we rebill the bureau over the coming year. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty? You're muted.

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**Hardesty:** My cursor was stuck. My apologies or the delay. I just want to speak to the matter 818. I have respect for 911 call takers. Having them two years, I know that dedication and hard work that they always do. And covid being no exception. You know, I used to be a little annoyed when Commissioner fish and Commissioner fritz would start saying as a senior member of counsel and I would be allowed because I would think what are they employ something because I'm new I don't know what I'm talking about? Here is a moment where being a senior member matters. All of us agree 911 operators have been overwhelmed for many reasons since covid and very a Portland fire and rescue has been on a front line of every single disaster that happened in the city of Portland since covid touched down in March of 2020 last year I was unable to allow personnel to carry vacation over because of the

unintended consequences of other collective bargaining units who would have wanted to do the same thing for the same reason. They weren't able to take off. What do I say to maintenance workers required to a second hist because covid required us distance people. There are many employees who stepped up in ways that have been phenomenal since covid began. And I am concerned we're setting a precedent that will make every other contract impossible moving forward. What we're able to do is reinstitute somethings not negotiated in the last contract 911 operators signed because it was a new tract. We didn't ask today to vote something not in a contract. Next year this will be something we'll have to implement. I'm worried about consequences for people that work for the city of Portland who pulled extraordinary hours with no recognition. What are we going to say to them? They're coming. And this is again, if we'd taken one time money and created a pool of onetime bonus payment that I can get behind tox single out a segment of the force and say they're overwhelmed, can you imagine fighting wildfires? From day one, firefighters said we're in the taking calls. I understand value of what we're building towards you vote yes this will be more difficult. What do I tell my firefighters and crew? They deserve a bonus, too. And so, I'm going to stop. And clearly, can I not vote for this. Was unintended consequences we'll be pacing every contract that comes up from here into the future.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Mapps, I don't mean to put you on the spot. I do have a follow up question. I understand that. I am still trying to figure out the genesis of this ordinance. There has been tremendous amount of stress and resources during highest call volume that the city has seen in history that same stress applies to our firefighters and police bureau and bureau of emergency management that has been near perpetual emergency status and stand up for two years. I'm trying to figure out why this is coming to the council as a one off for one bureau. Was there a consideration in making this more broadly applicable to first responders?.

**Mapps:** This comes from management and leadership over at BOEC. We're very much in the process of rebuilding and reinventing the bureau. And we're on a fast truck to do that. A year from now have more staff and take advantage of technology and have folks who are deeply burned out and we have an attrition problem over at BOEC. Once balance the band width we have I want to recognize the staff there and frankly I want to stem attrition we can see over at



BOEC. A year from now we'll have more people on board. And as we lose people, wait times we have are likely to continue to go up. So this.

**Wheeler:** A follow up question was, is labor relations involved in this discussion?

**Mapps:** Frankly they helped put this piece together, and I don't know if we have Jamal on the call today. And it's like we might not. There you are. Tell us about your involvement in this discussion.

**Wheeler:** I can just frame my question and thank you Commissioner Mapps and Jamaal.

Thank you for that. This is a tiny has being. It's like 20,000.

**Hardesty:** It's small.

**Wheeler:** 20,000. This is concern that I have is if this is also going to apply to the firefighters and to the police bureau, then, the numbers start getting a lot of zeros added to them. My question is from a labor relations perspective, and labor negotiations perspective is this something you're advising us to support?

**Jamaal Anthony:** I find that in short. Yes this is something that has support of the labor office and they've confirmed there is no desire to seek anything smaller for sworn officers. And bureau had access to him before they'd like to apply again. So I interface with EPA I'm not assigned on the fire side of things but I'd point out if we're afraid of the press tent this is language in 2016 to 19 contract and in those contracts ask does not come from the fire or safety bureaus. The same language existed that is verbatim. And without having extensive knowledge I don't want to speak into this area. The new contract begins in 2023.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate that. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Mayor? I just want to add may we--this a brand new contract with 911 operators. They changed who represented them and they start ready scratch. My fear is because we have a historic memory that we're pulling it out of a contract that does not exist today and again, Jamaal doing his job. He's representing who he is supposed to represent well, Commissioner Mapps doing his job. History tells me that this going to have unintended consequences that if we had a poll where many city employees who have, are facing conditions, that call stake takers are facing had do I say? I can't give you a bonus? Anything we do for one and should be how do we treat one group of employees from all city

employees? In that making me crazy. My people overperformed over and over again. The cost of me giving him a bonus cost prohibitive.

**Anthony:** I would also comment or mindful to say our risk of loss is not even in the bureau of emergency communications should we lose an employee there. There are no other precincts where dispatchers are housed. There are no other dispatchers we can bring in. So that loss creates a hit.

**Hardesty:** I disagree. Okay if we have had 20 people leave, we would have options of transferring call taking opportunities. It's not if we'd be just shut down. That is not true. But if my firefighters quit, because you know, they're being treated differently, they need to have a follow. Back to you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** That, there, you have it. My other comments or questions in please call roll.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you for the discussion I had a lot of questions about this. And thank you for those of me that met with our team. I want to state I recognize importance of city employees that worked hard. And either voluntary manner and so, the truth is that we're facing these shortages and that being said, I will be supporting this request for a temporary bonus that is within the current fiscal year budget but I want to up lift what Commissioner Hardesty expressed during this conversation. I agree there needs to be a way of moving forward to address these situations and extensive conversations but moving forward, I really do believe we need more time at the front end before it comes to council to talk about these impacts and also, I believe these needs are better and more rarely addressed in negotiations moving forward. So. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** I want to acknowledge Jamaal and Ann Marie, Lisa and Shannon for meeting I had with you yesterday to talk more in depth about this unique circumstance and I appreciate hearing management bringing this forward and at this moment and time in the crisis we're in and unique circumstances of the labor challenges I am comfortable and I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I have a great deal of respect for hard working people at BOEC. Very a responsibility for all of the employees at the City of Portland and I see us developing policy short sighted, and not taken into account the long term and short term impact I cannot in good consciousness support it. I wish Commissioner Mapps had taken time to have a conversation with all of us prior to it just popping up on agenda we could have created an opportunity to really honor and value so many city employees that have put it on the line since March of 2020. I can't blame colleagues who weren't here when covid hit. They'll never know how much city employees put on the line to make sure that our most vulnerable members had their basic needs met. You'll never know how many reports you read. And I do. I saw our city employees, working their hearts out to make sure the most vulnerable people could live through the worst of covid. I cannot in good conscious pick out a small group of city employees and say you deserve more because of the job that you do. I vote no.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** A significant portion of the work we're trying to do in this Fall BuMP process we're talking about today focuses on strengthening the 311 system and improving 911 triage system and bringing in relief to that area and like Commissioner Hardesty I was in charge of both as well and I understand staffing continues to be a significant issue, there, I understand with our other bureaus moral continues to be an issue. And I appreciate strength of the recommendation from both bureau and Commissioner in charge as well as our labor negotiations team - Jamaal, thank you for being here today to answer the question. I'm going to split hairs differently here. I'm going to support this. Because I believe core problems that exist are real and they are urgent, and they need a resolution quickly. That said, I don't think we can discount what Commissioner Hardesty just said. I agree with her. This will have implications for our other labor relations, in this case I disagree with you Jamaal. I would be shocked if this does not come up like that. Is a risk I'm willing to take today that I'm not going to be naive enough to assume it doesn't exist. It exists. I believe short term urgency within bureau of emergency communications justifies taking that risk and we need to acknowledge the risk real. And I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted/ Next up is 819 first reading of a an emergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Authorize the bureau of environmental services to acquire certainly temporary report rights necessary for the construction of the stark trunk relief structure project number e11009 through exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

**Wheeler:** I assume this has nothing to do with elephants?

**Mapps:** It does not but it does have to do with protecting property and through street inner southeast Portland. Mr. Mayor, colleagues, environmental services provides sewage and storm water collection services to meet the city current and future needs and to protect public health, water quality and the environment. This project will alleviate flooding in inner-southeast Portland and protect the community providing infrastructure necessary to convey sewer releases through underground infrastructure. And this project will not increase the frequency or volume of combined sewer overflows and major storm any amount of overflow reaching would have gone to the river anyway. However, because of this project overflows will no longer flood streets and buildings and enter southeast Portland. Had will provide authorization to acquire temporary property rights for construction of a sewer relief structure and outlet conduit. Here with a brief presentation Amy Dunning project manager with environmental services. Amy, welcome.

**Amy Dunning:** Thank you Commissioner. I share my presentation. Good morning my name is Amy Dunning and I am the project manager for bes. I am here today with Kevin Bp-dot's right of way agent. The project located in southeast Portland, at the intersection of southeast stark street and southeast third avenue. This area experienced flooding during large storm events in 2015 when east side cso tunnel levels were high. Our project objective is to alleviate the surface flooding. To accomplish this goal, we'll construct a structure and outlet pipe here in yellow during large storm events and storms will be directed shown in red.

**Mapps:** Just so you know, I haven't been seeing this presentation until just now. Let's see. Now we're looking at a picture of intersection. Okay.

**Dunning:** Yes. Southeast third is here. And then, this southeast stark sorry for the delay. I'll go back a little to accomplish the goal we're building the relief structure and pipe shown in yellow. During large storm events flows will be directed from the stark trunk shown in red to 37 shown in purple and to the Willamette River rather than discharging to the street. And new relieve structure will be located over top of the trunk a large diameter in southeast third

avenue. Improvements will be located within the public right of way. A temporary easement will be required for construction activities including shoring and access. Shown in this area image the adjacent property serves as material storage area. And we have conducted storage outreach throughout process. Including meetings at the project site more to minimize impacts to the business we have come back with two different pcbs that will be activated sequentially shown in red and green areas on this image. Here we have the platts for the proposed tce. These will be active during different phases the construction.

**Mapps:** I think your slide show might be a little bit behind where should we be now?

**Dunning:** Temporary construction easement? There we go.

**Mapps:** There is a black block over your header.

**Dunning:** Sorry about that. It looks there on my end. Apologies.

**Mapps:** Technology.

**Dunning:** Yes so this agenda item gives p got authority to compensate the property owner for temporary construction easements associated with this project and necessary, the owner has been inform of the project and immediate for these property rights. Market value will be determined by an independent appraiser p got will make a written offer of just compensation and negotiation with the property owner on the city behalf. And is providing relocation assistance to the owner. Project team formulated a plan to relocate owner material during construction and reconfigure access and circulation through the site to reduce impacts to the business. Easements will need to be secured and time to issue notice to proceed to the contractor. In may of 2022. That concludes my presentation. I will open it up to questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues any questions? I am in the seeing any. Is there any public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** No.

**Wheeler:** Presentation is first reading of nonemergency ordinance moves to second reading. Next item, 820.

**Clerk:** Approve findings to authorize an exemption to competitive bidding requirements and approve use of the contracting method of construction manager general contractor for the carolina trunk work zones 01 and 01 project.

**Wheeler:** Second reading and also nothing to do with elephants and we have taken public testimony and hear presentation. Any business on this item? Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** [roll call]

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Continue to be concerned when exempt contracts from the lowest responsible bid and have no plan to increase the outcomes for minorities and women-owned firms. We have several projects and bureau of environmental services will be giving them that opportunity and each time they come in front of the council they don't have a solid plan on how they're going to achieve outcomes they say they want to achieve. And, it clear to me, that without a plan, we'll continue to get the same outcomes we've gotten. And this will pass. I will vote no. Because I don't have confidence there is a plan to give us outcomes that were presented to us in his presentation. I vote no.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. Ordinance is adopted. Next item, 821 which is a nonemergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for procurement of national foundation 60 carbonate for drinking water treatment and estimated cost of 8,500,000s Commissioner Mapps?.

**Mapps:** Mr. Mayor, colleagues ordinance before us today sponsored by the water bureau which supplies some of the best water in the world to nearly 1 million Oregonians. This comes to council because water bureau is in the process of completing its corrosion control improvement project. Which adjusts chemistry of Portland water in order to comply with new clean water standards mandated by the federal government. Our new water treatment protocols will be two naturally occurring substances, sodium carbonate, and carbon dioxide to increase ph and alkalinity of the water. This ordinance to procure one of the substances, sodium carbonate is known as soda ash. You may be familiar with soda ash because sometimes, if you have made ramen noodles, moon cakes or pretzels you may have used soda ash in our home kitchen. Today we have staff from water bureau here to provide more details on this project. Kimberly?

**Kimberly Gupta:** Thank you very much. I want to double check you can see my presentation. Not numbers but presentation. Thank you. Terrific. Thank you. Good morning Mayor. Council members my name Kimberly Gupta, I'm engineering manager in charge of the supply and treatment section. As mentioned I'm here today to discuss requests for council authorization to procure sodium carbonate. We provide using chlorine and ph adjustment using sodium hydroxide. The treatment project is scheduled to be online, by April, 2022. This will allow to us further adjust chemistry of Portland water to reduce potential levels of lead at the tap making our water less corrosive to sources of lead found in home and building plumbing. Just a reminder of key drivers behind the project. It required or us to remain in compliance with lead and water bureau and Oregon health authority our regulator agreed to have icct online by April, 2022 and protects public health for everyone reducing lead exposure at customer paths. We'll use are two substances to control the water and these substances are naturally occurring and commonly used in the drinking water, food, and beverage industries they're must to water bureau. We're in the process of procuring a vendor and immediate to do so for authorization of soda ash. This why I'm here today to enter into a contract to procure soda ash for corrosion control treatment. And in case you wanted to know more about this science behind how this will work, that is always the most exciting to me, this will be accomplished by increasing the alkalinity to the water and this will not only allow us to increase ph but importantly stabilize it in the system. Carbon dioxide will adjust ph to the desired level which we anticipate to be around 8.5. So associate this will result this less lead leeching into drink water. I'm excited to report icct project on schedule to be online this coming April. As we speak, literally, we're wrapping up the new construction and preparing for a start up in commissioning.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me, Mayor, if I may?

**Wheeler:** You bet.

**Hardesty:** Kimberly go back one slide, please?

**Gupta:** Sure. This one?

**Hardesty:** Yes. Thank you. Sure so for nine scientists among us, when I hear our water naturally is the best, greatest water on the planet as a nonscientist why do we add stuff to our water? If it's already so darn good?

**Gupta:** There nothing in it, no buffering capacity and in alkalinity. We need to add some minerals to be able to decrease corrosive city of our water, water with nothing in it is often quite corrosive. Adding soda ash and co2 that will provide us a little increase in ph to get water all the way through to our customers' taps and in terms of the chlorine, something you have had many years that for water borne disease outbreaks and why we we need to add additional items to the water.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. One last question. Kimberly. Every once in a while we get lots of people coming and saying we're killing people. With lead had our drinking water here. Do we have lead in the drinking water here?

**Gupta:** We do not. There some homes and businesses have lead containing components in their residential or building plumbing and in our drinking water we do not have lead.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. There is nothing like having a certified person to answer questions the average nonscientist can understand.

**Gupta:** I love science questions. Thank you. So, moving on, I'm excited to report that icct on schedule to be online and wrapping up construction, preparing for commissioning, and this contract really the last critical step necessary to bring this online by our deadline. Since this will require a large new contract, water bureau evaluated objective to increase dollars for business inclusion and diversity firms. Ultimately the recommendation is to go with goods and services contract. Here are the factors considered and why we've elected low bid for the contract. There are very limited vendors, lee to four had this region that are potentially have capacity to ply the quality compound any time they're going to come into contact with our drinking water so they need to be of the highest quality. And the amount of soda ash needed and none of the vendors are covid certified. The vendors purchase from one of three manufacturers, this is where it's produced and none are covid certified in further attempts to ensure we're trying to build up our supply chain we research any covid like certifications in Wyoming, and unfortunately, Wyoming doesn't seem to appear to have state and a woman owned small business certification. However, suppliers of soda ash are large soda ash companies. The scope of the contract under a delivery of the soda ash to remain msf65 certified meet and minimize risks, vendors must use their own trucks or specific subcontractors. There are limited trucking subcontractors what can meet because of the



volume of soda ash that will be required and that special type of trucks that will be necessary for delivery. So do not prepare to be other parts of the scope that could be contracted out. The value could be of the of savings initially and over the life of the contract. Hoping to keep operating costs down. And water bureau seeking approval to authorize solicitation for soda ash. Projected impact is 1.7 million annually and this actual request approval for a five-year contract with an estimated to a cost of 8.5 million.

**Hardesty:** If I may, Mayor?

**Wheeler:** Please. Go ahead, jump in.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Thank you I was an excellent presentation. I want to go back to the fact there are no covid certified firms anywhere, if we're going to have a five-year contract what is the path to help minority or women owned firms obtain certification? How are we going to create opportunities for folks to get certification? I'm sure it works well for large firms there are no people of color or women. Who have access is to these resources. If we're signing a contract what is going to be different the next time we need soda ash? We are going to go to the same white firms that don't have a need to diversify staff or subcontractors?.

**Gupta:** We'll continue, water bureau continues to seek out opportunities to increase equity in our contracting.

**Hardesty:** So put it in the contract Kimberly. Why does the contract not say? That we have an expectation they're going to identify mentor, blah, blah, blah. I mean, we can ask nicely and aspire. Why is it not in the contract we sent out? Knowing what we knew about who provided these services.

**Gupta:** There are few people that provide compound and --.

**Hardesty:** I did hear that. I didn't hear is what is going to happen five years from now?

**Gupta:** We can look into that and try to figure out, I would imagine there will be better things in place for us to utilize to increase our equity and contracting with chemical contracts. So, we'd continue with every future contract will continue to look into how can we continue to include --.

**Hardesty:** Then we did that at the last contract and before that and that? And --.

**Gupta:** We've never had a contract for soda ash. This is the first time. Yeah. So this is the first time and so we're kind of learning about the soda ash market. It's very limited. And yeah. You heard. Yes.

**Hardesty:** So, okay. What helps me Kimberly. I just assume this is something we've done in the past. So it helps me to know this is new. I guess what I'm still disappointed in knowing what you know about who provides service, if we're going to do it for the first time, I would have preferred we're intentional and how we contracted because I personally would like to know there is a woman on firm or minority owned firm that is learning this business and going through certification over the next five years so that when we do another contract we have more options but, the city tends to there are not any so here we go. We have an opportunity at the beginning so set a standard if we're going to change what outcomes are. So again, it's good to know that we've never done this before. I hope when we're being innovative we're innovative about who benefits from the public dollars.

**Gupta:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Does that complete the presentation?

**Gupta:** It did. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer questions.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Thank you, Kimberly. Call us with any questions. Do we are public testimony on this ordinance?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. This is the first reading. It moves to second reading. Thank you, Kimberly.

**Gupta:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Next up, 822.

**Clerk:** Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with lowest responsible bidder for construct of the Errol heights development project for estimating cost of \$7,060,000 any further destruction? Seeing none, please call roll.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Yes.

**Clerk:** Thank you. Rubio?

**Rubio:** I'd like to thank, again, parks staff for their work on this project and especially recognize product manager ross swanson this, is an exciting moment for the neighborhood when has been looking forward to this park since 2005. And now, highlighted previous whether I these park improvements coincide with the lid road, curves, storm water project will provide safe access to parks. So excited to see this project move forward. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan

**Ryan:** This is an important project to develop usable park space. Improvements enhance natural areas with new trails and amenities for playing and support ensure all have a place to enjoy the environment that our beautiful city offers. I'm excited to support the ordinance and I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, so much, Commissioner Rubio. Yes. Valley over to the finish line. Me, I will say pea body looking forward to working with the parks bureau to make sure that each Portlander who long had been neglected have the best part street improvements possible. Happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Thank you Commissioner Rubio. This is awesome. I am supportive. I vote aye. Ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next up. Is item 823. Second reading.

**Clerk:** Amend sidewalks, curbs and driveways, code and transportation administrative rules up to date and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways.

**Wheeler:** Second reading any further business? Seeing none call roll.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty and p-got for bringing this forward and align the code with policy changes including residential infill happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Commissioner thank you for bringing this forward this, is an important ordinance to amendment sidewalks, curbs and driveways by codify refinements and clear and objective

requirements in that code. Last week staff made a compelling argument why we as city council should support this, I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Colleagues. Thank you PBOT staff for hard work to bring this to the finish line. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** This had just about the most boring title of any ordinance I've ever seen in five years, so I want to applaud you Commissioner Hardesty and the staff for putting the PBOT staff for putting together what I thought was a solid presentation and clarified questions I had and kept me engaged. Thank you. I vote aye. Last morning is a four fifths item. 824, please.

**Clerk:** Authorize conveyance of city owned real property at 322 southwest 11th avenue and financing not to exceed \$7,152,000. Today community partners for affordable housing or affiliate for affordable housing project.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you. That combines funding for services from joint office for homeless services to provide housing for our most vulnerable residents. We'll be moving forward. And moving towards construction. This development will seismically up braid and rehabilitate at 112 unreinforced masonry building and choice provides 66 supports exiting homelessness while the ground floor of the Joyce hotel could not fully accommodate, nor had the funding we received sources for both space for residents support services and commercial space, both Portland housing bureau and prosper Portland have allocated the necessary funding to provide commercial retail space for the Fairfield apartments ground floor, which is located across the street from the Joyce. This project is planned to begin construction in 2023. I very much appreciate a meeting and hearing from stakeholders and property owners of the west end security district last month. Their concerns were deeply aligned with my values for economic development and housing, which is why I advocated for the partnership between the housing bureau and prosper Portland to consider ground floor commercial space and the necessary funding to support this is retail space at the Fairfield. I was glad, I was happy with the way we listened and work together with community and business leaders to advocate for more retail and hospitality spaces in our downtown core. On a personal note, this is the

historic district for the LGBTQ, hence the name of the main street going through, which is Harvey Milk. As a queer elder who was once young, I frequented the block, I was on the block frequently let's say in the 80s, and always impressed with the pedestrian scale of the area at all hours of day or night as it became gentrified over the last 20 years, I was pleased to notice the active pedestrian flow of the area persisted. As such, it was personal for me to advocate for retail space in one of the buildings as well as provide assistance to the Roxy café to be taken care of while we had the opportunity to build much-needed affordable housing in the core of our city. So again, I want to thank the housing bureau and prosper Portland for taking a breath with me and casting this development to add retail to the Fairfield to sustain flow for pedestrian traffic in this very special part of downtown. We thank the community partners for affordable housing, for the value of partnership in our efforts to house chronically homeless neighbors with dignity, stability and for developing this project in support of housing is needed now more than ever. I will now hand it off to director Callahan from the housing bureau to share a brief presentation. Director Callahan, I see you are here, please take it away.

**Shannon Callahan:** Thank you, Commissioner Ryan. Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. Shannon Callahan of the Portland housing bureau. Keelan, would you mind putting up the powerpoint presentation for us? And I will be joined momentarily by Rachel Duke, the executive director of community partners for affordable housing to talk with you about the renovated and reborn Joyce hotel. Next slide, please. As the Commissioner mentioned, the Joyce is the final Portland housing bond project moving into construction. This does mean that all bond projects will be open or under construction very soon. And next year, we expect that six of our Portland housing bond buildings will open and welcome new residents. I'm pleased to also let you know that although we have exceeded the goals promised to Portland voters through careful fiscal management of our resources, we will be able to bring new units into our Portland housing bond pipeline at the beginning of 2022, focused on further increasing our supply of permanent supportive housing for those living on our streets or in our shelters and work towards achieving geographic diversity with an additional development in the southwest neighborhood area. Next slide, please. As the Commissioner indicated, this project is located on the corner of southwest 11th and Harvey Milk in downtown Portland. The Joyce has long served as a single-room occupancy hotel or

sro, and it's more than one hundred year history. With your support today, it will be completely renovated, restored, seismically upgraded and preserved for the next one hundred years to provide permanent housing for those who have experienced chronic homelessness. Providing both housing and wrap-around support services. Next slide, please. With your supported it will be completely renovated, restored, seismically updated and preserved to provide -- providing both housing and wrap-around support services. Next slide, please. As the Commissioner indicated, the joist is actually a grouping of historically significant buildings on the city's historic resource inventory. The development plan by community partners for affordable housing will include a complete upgrade, as I mentioned, a seismic upgrade. It will open to new residents in early 2023. I would like to note this project is expected to meet and exceed the housing bureau's hard construction cost mwesb goals of 30%. We appreciate the development team at community partners for affordable housing for working so diligently to ensure they were meeting those critical goals. Next slide, please. The joist itself will provide 66 homes to those experiencing homelessness. The Native American community and people affected by hiv. Next slide, please. All units at the joist will serve those with little or no incomes, pairing federal rent support from home forward, supportive services will be provided by Nara and Cascadia and cascade aids project, funding coming from the city and counties joint office of homeless services. Next slide, please. The support services are being carefully tailored to each resident with the service teams, ensuring culturally supportive indicates management, behavioral health, wellness support and crisis intervention services, next slide, please. A combination of resources are being blended to bring this project to fruition, including resources from both tax increment financing and Portland housing bond funds, leveraged with funds from emqua, red stone capital partners and community partners for affordable housing itself. City funding is leveraged three times to make this project possible. Next slide, please. In addition to the financial support, we will also be transferring ownership of the joist hotel to allow the development to proceed. Before I turn it over to Rachel Duke, I would like to thank the team at community partners for affordable housing for their dedication to this project. And to those who will soon call the joist home. I would like to thank and acknowledge the team at the housing bureau who have overcome many hurdles

related to this projects. And notably, Jill Chen, Via Sud, and Lindsay Brown. It's my pleasure to introduce Rachel Duke. And Keelan, you can take the slide deck down at this point. Thank you.

**Rachael Duke:** Good morning, everyone. I'm Rachael Duke, executive director at community partners for affordable housing. I would like to start my comments this morning by thanking Commissioner Ryan and Mayor Wheeler and city council for the investment you made in supportive housing overall. Permanent supportive housing is a powerful tool that will end homelessness for those who are vulnerable and outside for a long time. Providing housing, rent subsidies and deep services. As I mention, I'm the executive director at community partners for affordable housing. We're a community housing development organization that started close to three decades ago in Tigard. And serve much of Washington county, and southwest and downtown Portland. I cannot express to you how pleased we are to have the opportunity to be part of the solution to ending homelessness in this region. One of the many highlights of this particular projects is the partnerships we have. Working closely with Cascadia behavioral health care, cascade aids project, the American rehabilitation association to the ensure the residents will be successful and to change the myriad of the Joyce hotel. We are excited we get to make the joist into a different kind of place. We will also be providing resident services onsite. And doing resident services coordination to support the whole community to keep all of the partnerships strong. As I mentioned, we're honored to have the opportunity to bring the joist back to life in a way that will impact people's lives in very positively creating got change for the community as well as person by person, which is also cannot be understated how important that is. We are also dedicated to maintaining this incredible asset over time. As we do with the rest of our portfolio. And I just wanted to take a second also to thank Shannon Callahan and the rest of the team at Portland housing bureau. They have been true partners. Thank you, all of you, for, again, making this investment. We're really, really excited to be doing this work.

**Callahan:** Commissioner, that concludes our presentation this morning. And with that, we would ask for your support of the ordinance to move the joist hotel forward.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Keelan is there any public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** I'll let Commissioner Hardesty have a question and I have a quick one.

Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. First let me say I needed this this week. I needed a project like this, that is going to actually help people at the very lowest income levels in our community. I want to really highlight that we're taking a historic building and a historic area that is a URM, a unreinforced masonry building. Learned a lot about that my first year at city hall. We're going to not object bring it up to seismic code, we're going to update it and it's going to be a new home to some of the most vulnerable people on our streets today. And I'm thrilled by that. But I'm even more thrilled the cost of this project is not out of line with many of the projects that have come in front of us before. So I wanted to ask Rachael, how is that you can check so many of the boxes for us that we desperately need to do and still have a cost-effective project that will serve folks who have not been served for so long in our community? I'm fascinating you are able to do this. And as someone who is on a board of a nonprofit that provides housing for extremely low-income community members, I know that toothpicks and paste and all it takes to paste together a project. So Rachael, how did this come about?

**Duke:** I would say a couple of things. One, I would like to say that definitely the staff at Portland housing bureau keeps us honest. They have been great to work with and really helping ensure that we're doing everything the best way we can. But also I would want to introduce our housing development director Jilian who is the master mind, not me.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Because I hear developers whine all the time, this is not cost effective for us actually, we build buildings that actually exist. We have to tear them down and start over.

**Jilian Saurage-Felton:** Thank you for the opportunity to answer that question. You know, it really starts with the donation of the building itself. If they had to acquire the Joyce hotel on its own, this project would not come to fruition. There is no way for a small nonprofit to make that kind of investment up front, these projects take years to get to completion. Affordable housing just moves at a different pace than for-profit development. My background is in banking and finance, on the other side of the table for the deals and they take a long time. I will say first and foremost. The acquisition of the project makes it possible. If somebody else had to acquire the building for market price, it wouldn't be possible. It would be cost



prohibitive, the carrying cost would be too high. I have to give kudos to our very efficient team. We brought our some subcontractors on from our hard cost, our construction contract to actually work with our architects early on in the process to go back and forth about the architect might have this idea but the subcontractor can say it's more expensive, what if we did this way or tried this? That collaboration of our team of bremik and architecture really helped us keep costs down. I will be honest, the cost are much lower pre-covid. Everyone is experiencing these extremely volatile markets and I'm so grateful to council, to Commissioner Ryan, to director Callahan for helping us balance the budget in these uncertain times and bring this to closing. I'm also from Portland. And used to hang out on what is now Harvey Milk near the Joyce and at the Roxy. It's a personal projected for me. And I'm thrilled to be here so thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I'm sure glad I asked the question. Otherwise we would not have had your passion on the public record today. Thank you for what you do. Director Callahan, you continue to impress, every once in a while you impress me even more. This project is something that we should be proud of that we're going to be able to make happen in the city of Portland. And Commissioner Ryan, this is the kind that brings joy to my heart. So thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. Director Callahan, I had sort of a question about the building itself. It currently has retail located on the first floor or no? Is it vacated? The building is vacated. It has had retail in the very did not past, before we and the beginning of our purchase it had a small, small convenient store.

**Wheeler:** That's right. I remember.

**Callahan:** It's been a long time since I think the last time it had anything was the fish grotto. For those of you who lived in Portland for 20 years or more may remember that. But no active retail.

**Wheeler:** That was one of my favorite places when I was a kid. And I think it made my parents very unhappy. There you have it. Congratulations. I think this is great. Any further discussion? All right. This is a nonemergency ordinance, isn't it? Yeah, it's a nonemergency ordinance. No it's an emergency ordinance. We get a vote right here and now. Let's call the role.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** I would like to thank Commissioner Ryan for bringing the project forward. I'm happy to see this important project move closer to completion. And for these reasons, I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio.

**Rubio:** Thank you, Commissioner Ryan, for bringing this item forward. It's clear this is a very special project for you. And I want to thank Rachael and Jilian and community partners for affordable housing for continuing the work to ensure we prioritize affordable housing development in our community. I love the fact this partnership will ensure that all 66 residential units are affordable. And I'm heartened to see all the partners that have been listed coming together to wrap around the future residents. I look forward to seeing the project unfold. I voted aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Yes, thank you, first of all, director Callahan and Jilian and Rachael. You made a dynamic team in your presentation. Colleagues, this project is one of the many steps we're taking as a city to provide deeply affordable housing and reduce chronic homelessness, particularly in downtown in an area hit so hard. The rehab of the Joyce and the rehabilitation, will town and advance, this historic building legacy of providing safe and affordable housing to some of the city's most vulnerable residents, and one who lived with HIV since the early 80s, the cascades project will be included as part of the dynamic service team on site. The product comes as a result of significant collaboration demonstrated today, including the joint office, the Oregon services, um Umpqua bank. Thank you to the housing bureau and your leadership, director Callahan, to bring the project to fruition. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Commissioner Ryan, thank you, director Callahan. Rachael, Jilian, you rock. The fact this project is serving populations at 30% of the medium family income is exactly where we need a lot of housing units. And I am grateful that we have preserved the historic building. I'm grateful it will with stand the earthquake when it comes, and I'm grateful we have such committed community partners that absolutely are committed to the most vulnerable people in our community. I'm honored to vote yes.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** This has been a long time coming. I believe the Joyce hotel was last vacated about five or six years ago. The city's been working feverishly to find the appropriate partners, address some of the issues that Commissioner Ryan mentioned around seismic issues as well as other structural issues. The partnership that's been put together here is really a fantastic one and it's going to provide a great opportunity for the city to show what director Callahan once referred to as the next generation of sro housing in our city. Which will really help the most vulnerable. So I'm really happy to see it get to this point, Commissioner Ryan, thank you for your leadership on this project. Thank you, director Callahan, you've been there since the very early days of this project. And I know a lot of other people have been engaged too. And I'm glad to see it come to this way points. I vote aye. The project is approved and we're looking forward to seeing the result. Thank you, all. So colleagues, that concludes our meeting for this morning. We are adjourned until 2: 00 p.m. Thank you, all.

**At 12:06 pm, Council recessed.**

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**November 17, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

**Clerk:** Good Afternoon. [Calls Roll]

**Wheeler:** Under Portland city code, the city council for this meeting is being done electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video teleconference and the city made numerous avenues available for the public to listen to audio broadcast of this meeting. Meeting is available to the public on the city YouTube channel. Public may provide written testimony to council by e-mailing our amazing council clerk. Council is taking these steps as a result of the covid19 pandemic. And the need to limit in person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience your flexibility and your understanding as we manage through these challenging circumstances to conduct this city's business. We hear from legal counsel. Good afternoon.

**Lory Kraut:** Good afternoon. You may sign up in advance with the clerk's office for communications to speak and you may sign up for expert testimony on resolutions, reports or the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at [ww.Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://ww.Portland.gov/council/agenda) contains information about how to sign up for testimony regarding how the city is funding electronic meetings. When testifying, please state your name for the record. And your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're representing an organization and please identify. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals have three minutes to testify. When you're finished the officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct and refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are

disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the electronic meeting.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Our first item today, the fall item. 825. Second reading. **Clerk:** Adopt the FY 21-2022 supplemental fall budget.

**Wheeler:** This is a second reading. We have taken extensive public testimony. This is the time for any council discussion. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** One moment, please, Mr. Mayor colleagues we have been brought together today by some very good news. Our business -- our business license tax revenues came in much higher than predicted which is a sign that the economy is on the road to recovery. Ours task to decide how to invest those dollars. I like to take a moment to share with you the length to which I evaluated budget proposals. I'm interested in investments that help our city affect goals. I want to it reduce homicides by the end of 2022. And second, a year in now, I want-to-a reduction in the absolute number of people living on Portland's sidewalks. By July 1, I want Portland to clean up the trash and graffiti that accumulated during the covid era. Fourth, I think this city should provide aid for those struggling to recover from the economic effects of the covid recession. The budget is not perfect. It moves us closer to achieving these goals. This makes important investment toward rank sizing and reforming our public safety system. We all know that Portland is in a public safety crisis. So far this year, Portland has seen 75 homicides which makes 2021, the deadliest in our history. Thefts have been called. And calls have increased by 70 percent and that's why I support the mayor's plan to add 200 officers and 100 unarmed officers to the police. Even as we rank size the bureau, we must not lose track of public safety. It is poor funding in the budget for body cams for every police officer. I share this budget proposal to expand Portland's street response. I would also point out that this budget makes important progress on homelessness issues. Again my goal here is, not to be sleeping on the street a year from now. This moves us closer to that goal. And the city and county spent additional 6.5 million dollars for cleaning up unsanctioned camps and 1.3 on refuge and unsanctioned accounts and additional 500,000 dollars cleaning up the trash on the side of the highways. Finally a goal is to provide direct aid to those struggling from the recession. I'm glad to see this. Portlanders are struggling to pay their utility bills. We want this

to be different. It is not perfect, it represents progress on Portland goals. Significantly, the investments we make today will make Portland safer and will help house the homeless. The investments we make today will help clean up the crash and graffiti that accumulated during the covid era and the investments we make today will provide direct aid to Portlanders that struggling to pay their bills, for those reasons and more I vote aye on the proposed budget.

**Clerk:** Rubio.

**Rubio:** 20 months ago, covid set off a series of hard choices that each of us had to take to make varying degrees in our individual and family work lives. As most of us retreated to our homes, many did not have the privilege of that choice. Hard realities played out and continue to play out. We'll likely see the impact sometime. I'm glad that we're taking steps on the investments today. I want to be clear that Portland was facing a housing crisis well before the pandemic hit and what covid did is to exacerbate the multiple racial and economic disparities beyond what anyone could have imagined. Fast forward. We have additional resources. We have an opportunity to respond to a greater degree to multiple crises and needs. I'm voting in support of the investments because we're responding to these by taking action today to do more. For me, I guess both means more coordination from the county and the joint office on multiple investments for the houseless neighbors and more housing and social service navigators. More resources for behavior health and service provider workers that have been staffing this critical work. I appreciate the work of mayor and Commissioner Ryan and their staff members and the city staff and county leaders that came together to leverage these investments. I want to thank the community groups and the neighborhood groups and profits and advocacy groups that help our vulnerable. We thank you. On that note, my office and I recognize that we could do and be better the most impacted community members better in the processes. I'm committed to finding more ways to include those that could not participate under traditional advocacy circumstances. We move in alignment with the DOJ settlement demands and a staffing study by director Myers and also sets the stage to -- to build out our ps3 officer program, the community safety personnel that are unarmed and can help respond to lowest duty calls. This program has much development to go under. It is one forcing change in the bureau. This bill means that we will seek funds to expand Portland's street response. Something we've been waiting for. I want to commend Hardesty for her

leadership on this issue. It also means more investment in the service area and the infrastructure. Starts beginning investments in the critical work we have been calling for. This leads us to responsible safety system that doesn't rely on -- on centrally armed officers, but this budget doesn't solve everything. We need to focus on systematic equities and problems. There's so much more work to be done. My goal and every vote, this serves us in the Portland we're today. And despite the pictures where our city is, the truth is while we have work to do we're a resilient and thriving community that will overcome and evolve. This council is committed to that and won't shove this responsibility alive. I want to appreciate all of the work of the budget staff and my council colleagues and their staff and the team and hundreds of community members that met with us. Your voice helps this budget. Thank you for caring so much about our city. I stand with my colleagues today and all who love the city of Portland and investing in the future in voting rights.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Keyland. I want to start by acknowledging where Portland is as a city right now. Put it simply, we're hurting. Every day I hear stories that paint a picture of our collective struggle. Small business owner has had to close their it doors multiple times because our stores weren't burglarized and four people were injured on the property as a result of gun violence and two workers quit. Due to staffing shortages, the police were unable to help. I heard from mothers that are impacted by the cycles of community gun violence. Want to see more community based organizations respond. Recently I went on a ride along for those that do gun violence production work. The experience was deeply impactful and eye opening and incredibly inspiring to see this crucial work take place first hand. The number one issue, houselessness all you need to do is walk down the street. This challenge is unlike anything Portland experienced before. Not only has houseless population reached all-time high and our streets are funded with a new enemy, as incredibly cheap, and highly addictive and highly dangerous. Thankfully both the city and the county have done hard wind falls to give us unexpected opportunity to make a significant impact on the pressing crises we face. Amid all of this Illinois, and in every conversation I have, one key message at the forefront. Act with urgency. I was sworn in a year ago. If there's one thing that I focused on it is to break down silos and increase collaboration within the city and between the city and our jurisdictional

partners. This spirit of collaboration coupled with the urgency, demanded by the dire situation has led us to this vote today. Urgency and collaboration are the central pillars of a houseless intervention funded in this package. Before we reached out to the city and suggested we pool our resources we wasted no time. After two straight weeks of engagement, we developed a joint package that will have an immediate impact on the streets. One of the keys to our initiatives for success is role clarity. Using the infrastructure and first responder networks and the county and social services and our combined funds we can leverage our efforts in an unprecedented way. These funds build on our navigation team framework to add more workers to focus on high need unsanctioned encampments and build relationships with those on the grounds and we have the tools necessary to make these difficult jobs and clear path for talented pillar which is anyone' organization success. They give the resources it needs to build on services and clean up our streets including the area around the sun crest villages. We will provide hygiene solutions for hundreds of camps. You know how much I believe in alignment. This coordination will create the lineup. It will increase shelter beds city wide. As we begin to roll out, we will through the street services coordinator we will insure that partners can easily engage with the services that they need. I want to address Portlanders that believe we focus more resources on housing. First, I agree that housing is the primary solution to houselessness. At the same time we're in the middle of a global pandemic which means we're working with significant capacity. We're entering the coldest rainiest months of the year and thousands living unsheltered on the streets. To balance, the city and county have found a middle ground by focusing the 38 million in capital investments and allow 400 shelter beds to the system now. The cannon will be converted into housing. In concert with the Portland housing bond and 2.5 billion, services measure, I'm confident that we're taking concrete steps for this crisis. This is not either or, we must build all term infrastructure while we address the needs of the Portlanders that are suffering. Those paying their rent receive services. We're working. Thank you, moratorium lifted in July with a Safe harbor ordinance. We have seen nonpayment of rent compared to those recorded pre-pandemic. As we look to the months ahead we will work to discontinue evictions. We provide legal assistance for the county and the housing bureaus eviction legal defense program in partnership with the Reagan law center. Right now one rent assistance is being distributed



every week between the partnership and the city and the county and collaboration with 40 different community-based organizations. We provided 70 percent of the 24 million in rent assistance to renters at the risk of displacement and they're on track to have the rest of the funds out the door on time. These funds will be followed by 30 million of rent assistance which is included in the fall package. The other significant component of this funding package that I want to speak to has to do with public safety. Ensuring safety for all Portlanders is a shared responsibility across the city council. We recognize the growing need for collaboration across our bureaus to ensure the city has adequate staffing for public safety officers and properly address violence and crime. This is precisely the reason why it is so important in the package to provide increased staffing for the police bureau and the expansion of Portland street response across the city. There's some things that this does not do. I have met with advocacy groups representing the Portland and the soul district and central city and more. All calling for funds to spur economic growth and recovery. I want you to know I hear you and see you. This council has agreed between health and community safety -- sorry. Went blank. After -- after -- economic recovery is one of top three priorities. However, the reality is in order to support economic recovery, investment in houselessness and community safety are essential. Our investments in community safety will pave the way for Portland's economic recovery. We must use a second tranch of dollars to respond to the needs of small businesses in Portland. I'll advocate for that allocation. I like to end my remarks by calling on certain groups. Behavioral health crisis is disinvestment and failure of our state. Earlier this year, the legislature moved hundreds of millions of dollars out of the door to expand clinical behavioral health infrastructure around the state. Now they must absolutely focus on workforce issues as the two are linked. Right now local service providers can only use a fraction of the behavioral beds available. They don't have the staff. The state could spend more money on more facilities. We don't have the personnel and the point is moot. The city and county are working hand in hand to make a step in the right direction by providing concrete recruitment and retention incentives. The state legislature and governor would follow forward in this it crisis. If we don't invest in solution, we won't be able to address extreme levels of severe psychosis caused by the methamphetamines on the street and the scores of other issues. I'm concerned that the state's massive investment will lead to another

failure. I also call on Portlanders to welcome safe villages in their communities. Now we allocate these funds which includes resources to insure the areas are clean and safe for villagers and also the residents alike, we must move forward and begin the process of acceptance. Acceptance of the fact that we're all in this crisis as a unified community and that we must all work together to do our part so we can pave a path forward. My fellow Portlanders, I know compassion fatigue is real. So much hardship every day. Fatigue is natural. I know you are calling on us to act. I ask that you accept this package as the concrete urgent action that you called for. Your city council is here and we're doing what we can. Please lean in with us. Help us reestablish the connection between the head and the heart and then together let's remember what the soul of the city is about. Love. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** First, I want to thank the employees of the city of Portland. March 2020 changed life as we knew it forever. City of Portland employees suffered all of the crises that everyone else suffered but they also showed up. They worked hard. They were intentional about making sure that we found the most vulnerable people in the community to provide support to. Never been prouder in my life to be part of an effort. Ironically getting ready for the vote today and it was late last night to figure out where I would land. I decided to walk over to the food carts because I'm fortunate to have sidewalks in my neighborhood and I'm fortunate to have good food carts close to me. It came back twice. Each time my coat wasn't heavy enough for the encounter that I took on the walk. It is real to me that -- that in March of 2020, there were many Oregonians that woke up, lost two or three minimum wage jobs and faced housing insecurity. Their kids were already behind in school. Now they're two more years behind. What I realized is just like I realized then, I was so proud to partner with mayor Wheeler along with parkland and made great decisions. We prioritized black and indigenous and other people of color. We knew they were hit hardest and would -- were just the slowest to recover. When I was taking that walk to get my food, I reflected that what people are saying as trash and disarray were people that had plans for their children. There were people that were working two or three-jobs, just cost too much money to live in the city of Portland. When I decided to support the budget, the primary reason I'm going to vote yes, is this is one-time money that we're voting on. Nothing we're voting on today funds 200 officer

positions. In fact we have 130 funded -- I'm sorry 100 funded, 30 unfunded to date in the budget. We agree to 30 more. June's budget process. So again, 130 funded positions. If we started to hire police officers today, it would be three years before the first one hit the streets. It is dishonest us to vote for 300 police officers. That's dishonest. It is also dishonest to say that we're putting money in the hands of the most vulnerable people. What we're doing is paying our own bills with that money that is being allocated for utilities. I do have a written statement. There's one more thing I wanted to say before I get to the written statement. There's no such thing as a sanctioned or unsanctioned camp. There are government funded camps that provide resources and clean-up and support and there's nongovernment funded camps. When you don't have enough places for people to live, you can't just push people as if they're trash. If the leaders are talking about sanctioned and unsanctioned, no wonder the community is echoing that. Until we can have housing that people can afford to live in we'll have people on our streets, the question is who will we be? I calmed myself for this conversation. I can count to three. But what I heard so far, I don't want to mislead the public. Nothing we do will change conditions on the street overnight. We allocated over 100 million dollars that has not yet hit the street. So tag lines and you know, sound bites, those are fine and dandy. What we're talking about is suffering and people who are housed and people unhoused are suffering. We get to decide the kind of Portland that reemerges from the pandemic. Before we had two Portlands, one who was focused on making money. Today we have a population of people who -- who are economically devastated. We have 62 million more dollars because, guess what? Corporations made bucket loads of money. We know they don't like to pay taxes. We had that money. Can you imagine the profit that was made? That's what we're talking about. We're one-time money to invest in our values. Today I'm going to make difficult decision about yes on this project. It has a lot that I like and a lot that I'm concerned about. I want to make it clear to the voters where I stand on this budget and what I support because I've never done anything else but be honest and transparent about that. I'm going to recognize that Portland is dealing with a lot of challenges as we recover from an ongoing pandemic. Heat waves and racial justice uprising, increase in traffic fatalities all part of a devilish year with automobiles. I share the concern I hear from the community. I get it up. People want to feel safe. They want a compassionate response to our houseless crisis and

they want to see an expansion of community safety programs like Portland street response. This year's bump is unique in that we have unexpected revenue available for one-time funding, meaning these funds are unlikely to exist next year and therefore are likely available to funds and therefore unlikely to be available to funds ongoing budget or staffing commitments. This revenue has largely come from taxes on our largest corporations and biggest businesses who saw significant increase in profits while small businesses and regular Portlanders continue to suffer. This urgency has to be balanced. We should be ensuring that these investments will produce outcomes that improve safety and provide relief to Portlanders in need. My primary concern during this fall bump has been the lack of process, transparency, public engagement, and measurable outcomes around some of the spending proposals in the budget. This was a budget that involved a lot of behind doors deal making to those connected to power and elected officials. If that's your concern, all of us who serve on the council and continue to write and testify at the council, who continue to advocate and speak for justice and transformation. We have made some progress. It is only because of you. I hear you and I'm still with you. There are elements of this budget I do not support. And I will continue to advocate for us redirecting those dollars. To those frustrated at the lack of progress as we recover from an ongoing pandemic who are not feeling safe in Portland right now, I hear you as well. And I'm committed to creating a system of community safety that serves everyone equitably, effectively and fairly. I do not believe that jamming two-minute testimony from hundreds of Portlanders into a single rant is significant public engagement for 14 million dollars of unanticipated revenue. Portlanders of all opinions have shown that they're desperate for many in engagement and the future of community safety.

Unfortunately, we have failed to create a genuine and equitable community engagement process around our stated goal of rethinking policing and community safety. Since the murder of George Floyd this is continuing to divide our community and threatens to lead us back to a status quo that leaves out blacks, and indigenous and latinx and all communities of color once again. I'm also concerned that some aspects of this budget are attempting to connect this council to financial irresponsibility. Long-term policy decisions that defy budget protocol. And procedures. I did election in the past by some colleagues here today around last fall that we don't make policy decisions during this process. But there's several policy

commitments being made today that have long-term implications and create new service level expectations that have not been studied by the people elected to serve the city of Portland. This transparency and committing to policies and practices during a rush to allocate millions of dollars that have barely been discussed as a council. I'm concerned that millions of dollars in this fall bump are funding items that also receive millions of dollars in combined federal and adopted measure funds that have yet to be put to work and have yet gone out the door. I believe we could have put this funding for duplicative investment so we could have a robust community engagement process as well as to see what are the outcomes of the 100 million dollars we approved to go out the door. When I advocated for more rent assistance in the first round, I was told over and over, there's too much money funding. It is too much money in the system already to get it out efficiently. And then adding more would not be helpful. Even though the data showed us that we were not fully funding the real me that joined this. Yet today I see others doing the exact same thing and this fall bump for several proposals. Over and over I'm told I cannot do something only to have my colleagues decide that yes, they can behind closed doors. I also want to be clear that when I criticize the process and transparency around our budget those are criticisms of elected leadership, overseeing this process, not the -- the incredible hard working employees that make up our budget office and our fearless budget director, Jessica Kinard. Jessica Kinard always gives us good advice and for two budget cycles in a row we totally disregarded it. There's a reason that I have a billion dollar maintenance backlog. Elected leaders like to do the shiny thing, rather than taking care of what we have. I'm concerned about the 1.35 million dollars this budget investors in to prosper Portland to fund four different feature focused studies and strategies to inform future work that we do not know, a, if we want and b, if we will be able to fund it. At this time, on that, and prosper, are providing, actually, in the budget office are working on -- are working on where is phosphorus plan given tax finance districts are now in completion which would result in the increased resources returning to their assessment roles and to the city's general fund. There are reinvestment and prosper is not a foregone conclusion. Anyone been here in the three years I've been here, I asked this question over and over and over again. Prosper has not prospered. Communities and most small businesses in the city of Portland. The council must have that conversation. 1.3 million dollars to figure out how they do the feature is not a

good investment of one-time help. This year, two community members experiencing mental health crises were killed by Portland police bureau. That's why we are expanding mental health resources that are unarmed. For this council to vote to increase the number of behavioral health unit officers at a time when we're investing in nonlaw enforcement responses to -- to people suffering mental health issues on our streets is moving us backwards not forward. Especially when the liaison tells us they're concerned with the rise and use of force by behavioral health unit officers and they tell it us that the more officers that show up the more use of force goes up. This is a bad time to be adding people with weapons to -- to first responders who are suffering to respond to people suffering from mental health issues. I agree with Commissioner Rubio that the focus of the council right now should be filling the positions that we have open. 100 -- 100 vacancies that are paid for. Long-term, we must change the culture of Portland police bureau to attract the police officers that will be proud to have [indiscernible]. Historically our government put money in fleet bureau budgets without many questions. I'm for holding all cities council for their budgets and we're using the resources appropriately. I believe that attempting to mitigate crime through adding police is one of the most expensive and least effective and the least urgent responses that council could have taken. Chief la bow confirmed himself that it will take years for any new officers hired by Portland police bureau to be able to be deployed and therefore again, nice sound bite but no reality on the streets. A recent article in the "new york times" and separate local analysis published showed little coalition between crime and the size of the police department. I believe the police have an important role in the community but we also have to expand our entire community safety system. I know police will go back to basics of solving crimes. Investigations and reducing gun violence. PPD remains out of compliance with the tempt of justice civil rights division because when asked about last summer, Portland police bureau response was we don't know why they were mad next to us. We don't know why people were upset. We have a police bureau that over to this day has not acknowledged or apologized for -- for -- for over 6,000 documented uses of force. How do we expect a public to trust? What is that? If the DOJ can't get data and others can't get data, we're waiting for the report from august 8th where 400-plus police officers on duty and 150,000 dollars in overtime and we're asking how to not defend Portland and other white supremacists terrorized my

neighborhood. That was August 8th. Still waiting for the outcome. We have lots of data that we need on how to reform the police department. Any budget conditions related to positions, we have to acknowledge the police department had a structural deficit in their budget for a long time. We hear it was -- it was 30 unfunded positions in their budget. We want -- we need to make sure that we're investing these one-time resources in ways that make sense. We're in the early stages of a truth and reconciliation process. I hope this produces for us a way for the community and the police to collectively decide how we want to be [indiscernible]. What I'm clear is the Portland street response. This was voted on over a year ago, it was in a policy set aside and when three of my colleagues in June did not support us taking that money and actually continuing the expansion that money sits this. I don't want the public to assume that because we have one-time money we're -- we're continuing to expand an additional first responder which is Portland street response. I want to thank my colleagues for coming around and understanding how critical Portland street response is to the post responder system. I want to be clear. We had money for it and we'll ask for more. I do not want that to be tied to the one-time money. We already know that we can take at least five percent of Portland police bureau's calls. The thing we don't talk about when we talk about the 911 calls is over 40 percent are for unwanted people. What if unwanted people didn't call to 911? We would have capacity to deal with emergencies. One investment we're making is 311 response system, that's a good investment. We must reduce the calls. We mistaught the public how to use 911. I want the community to know that I'm grateful for their collaboration and the chair Foye and Wheeler and Ryan. We must pool our resources in a more efficient and effective manner. I've been saying since I showed up that we actually should be buying things. I'm showing at the beginning of COVID, if we don't end things at the end we have failed. I hope we invest dollars in long-term solutions rather than temporary shelter beds. This is a rocket year. This is a record year in community investments that actually do the upstream work. We still need to determine whether or not the city should have an office of violence prevention or at the county. I hope to have that conversation before another budget is presented. It is vital that the city fund what it funds and funds it well as compared to -- to what we're doing now which is really unclear to me and many members of the public. I'm also proud of the investment of 250,000 dollars to the gateway center. What we know from COVID, domestic

violence has been up 400 percent up and down through the covid pandemic. In closing, I'm a child of the civil rights movement. I'm committed to the modern rights movement that started last year when George Floyd and Breonna Taylor were murdered. I watched Portland brutalize the community as they march for racial justice. I consoled the devastated families that lost loved ones to police violence. I read the e-mails. So much at a time when -- when all bureau cuts and whining they don't have the people to do the job they're hired to do. I read the e-mails about how it makes no sense that the bureau had every officer on duty on august 8th and yet my community was terrorized and they still have no answers. I have been in the battle for 30 years. I'll focus on developing systematic community safety that is less reliant on firearms and more reliant on a diversity of how communities identify with safety looks like. When I make decisions, I don't pull numbers out of the air. I'm data driven. Many community conversations that I had and -- and I love most -- most the conversations and spaces where I don't traditionally agree with the people I'm speaking to. Not a big thing. A trip advisor or fox news or doc money consultants telling me what I already know. I won't play into their conservative forces trying to lead us back to a status quo through campaign of fear. The solution to poverty and houselessness is not criminalization and sweeping people. I'm fighting every day to make sure that the most vulnerable Portlanders, those suffering before the pandemic and those that it has been exacerbated by the pandemic that I know those inequities exist and they're growing. We're at the forefront of policy decisions. I'm fighting for people. I'm not fighting for appearances or to look pretty. Because I know, and this is what I learned most through the pandemic that is in hard times, Portlanders will roll up that sleeves and they will show us the best of who they are. We had less people die on the street, not because of government programs but because of regular Portlanders who just weren't next door, checked on their elderly neighbors, took through to houseless parents and organized for free community it clean-ups. That's the Portlanders that I know. That's the Portlanders that we will need to tap into, as we reemerge. I want all Portlanders to reemerge economically. Not just those with money. That's what I want. Finally, I want to give a special shout out to my chief of staff collie Edwards. My financial policy advisor and my policy director for all of their work trying to understand this very moving process that happened very quickly with very little input and very little collaboration. They put everything in to try to follow this



multi-million dollar freight train and it was headed by and I want to appreciate them greatly. My team and I have been engaged and listening deeply and will continue to do so and what I know is that -- is that once we pass this budget, the next budget process will begin. I'm asking you mayor Wheeler, I asked you every other budget time. I want to be involved at the beginning and not at the end. And I want my office and all offices to be involved. We could get behind a collaboration. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I want to begin by thanking the hundreds of Portlanders who share their voices over the last several weeks on this fall budget process. In recent weeks, my office and I hosted ten virtual forums meeting with over 500 Portlanders including employers both large and small. Service providers for houseless people, neighborhood leaders, community advocates, houseless individuals, and many others. Council have the opportunity to hear from -- from nearly 100 Portlanders that testified over the course of about four hours during Wednesday's council session. Another 521 Portlanders provided online testimony. I want to thank you for your time, your heartfelt feedback, and your thoughtful suggestions. Perhaps most importantly, thank you for continuing to show up and speak out for our community. As is expected, we heard about issues deeply affecting our city today. We heard you concern for houseless Portlanders in need. Resources and shelter, your fear and the reality of being harassed or harmed as you move about the city. Your rightful demand for investment in police reform. Not just restaffing. Your accounts of businesses, sidewalks, and natural air force overcome by trash and graffiti. There are plain paths to improvement but the united sentiment throughout all of these issues was testimonials that called for immediate action. This is an action on the budget built to address Portlanders greatest concerns. Houselessness. Community safety. Ability and shared prosperity. These are my priorities. They're the key areas that we agreed to prioritize in the spring. Each is clearly reflective on the proposal we're voting on today. We have 62 million dollars to allocate as our process. Sometimes called the fall buff. This provides us with a crucial opportunity to address the most urgent needs. Assist our most vulnerable community members and upstream investments we made earlier this year and will continue to make in the next fiscal year take shape. 62 million dollars can help make the hope from Portlanders in the last few weeks to turn into a reality. As a council, we

begin to realize that hope today by committing to do good work with the immediate resources that we have at hand. I hear the need for the core value of fiscal responsibility. As a council we're equally bound to deploy funds and resources that helps the urgent needs of Portlanders today. Fiscal responsibility I believe is rooted in clarity and commitment and sustainability. The issues we're facing are -- are evidence and Portlanders have been clear in their call for urgent action and improved results. Our houseless community needs resources and access to -- to sanitary and stable shelter. Portlanders in crisis need someone to show up and assist them in a reasonable time frame. Small businesses need to know that sidewalks and forwarded windows won't be the norm as we strive to support our local economy. This funding package is other opportunity to make an immediate financial commitment to creating greater sustainable change for the long-term. Here's a quick review of what the council is voting on today. Over 18 million dollars to create a cleaner and more compassionate houselessness response. More than 7 million dollars to refocus and restaff it our public safety system that works toward prevention and intervention. 2.2 million dollars to strengthen our shared prosperity that moves us to a carbon neutral economy. This it represents the good work that we can do right now with the resources at hand to address are our most urgent, housing, safety and economic needs. This budget funds action to help provide more humane and impactful assistance to houseless Portlanders. In partnership with debra and Commissioner dan Ryan the city has agreed to invest 18.4 million dollars into a cleaner and more compassionate response to houselessness. This invests in every aspect of our response effort. Adding more outreach and clean-up workers and enhancing service coordination among agencies and increasing the availability of transitional shelter spaces. These investments will enable houseless Portlanders to effectively access resources and receive treatment and connect with sustainable shelter actions. This helps to expand our response network. Like -- like 7 million dollars to improve and expand the public safety system that works towards both prevention and intervention. These funds will better equip first responders with the tools, the training, the resources and the personnel to be effective in their roles. Pieces of the funding package address in a more transparent and accountable Portland police bureau. We need to it invest in reform like modernizing training and providing cameras and improving response times. This package includes robust investments

in unarmed response alternatives like the public safety support specialists and the Portland street response. Investments to -- to refocus and reform and restaff our public safety system can and do support the valuable role, community-based organizations play in our violence reduction efforts. In both approach is the heart of comprehensive and sustainable change. This invests in actions that help address the income inequality and increased competition and ever-changing work models challenging our workforce and local businesses. This proposal puts 2.2 million dollars to support a more equitable and sustainable means of reaching economic prosperity. While smaller in scale than other aspects of this package, these investments will provide a road map to focus future investments and prepare the city for economic success. In conclusion, Portlanders want meaningful and immediate action on our greatest challenges. This works to accomplish just that. I like to extend my thanks to my council colleagues and to your staffs and to bureau directors and your staff's and to the incredible city budget office and weeks of collaboration that went into crafting this proposal. Thank you for supporting this bump package and invest in a resilient and compassionate and forward-thinking community. I vote aye. Ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you. Next up, second item, 826.

**Clerk:** That is scheduled to start at 3: 30.

**Wheeler:** Oh. We're in recess for about 29 minutes and reconvene at 3: 30.

**At 3:02 pm, Council recessed. At 3:30 pm, Council reconvened.**

**Wheeler:** Item 826.

**Clerk:** 826. Authorize the director of environmental services to increase funding by one million 500,000 dollars and extend to the public involvement program to facilitate public involvement.

**Wheeler:** This is nonemergency ordinance. Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** Thank you, colleagues, this comes from the bureau of environmental services and was managed by super fund clean-up of the river. We're moving toxic chemicals and the river that runs through the heart of our city will be cleaner than generations. In 2019 this council dedicated 300,000 dollars to support grants and other community involvement activities of

the super clean up. The bureau makes this request because it is critical that communities, particularly Portland BIPOC communities receive the support they need to clean up the river. The Portland harbor community program and this ordinance to exactly that. They have developed a program that would increase public involvement through the clean-up process with a special focus on impacted communities especially bipoc communities. The purpose of Portland harbor community grants is to support meaningful involvement of communities in the Portland harbor superfund process. This does three things. They support leadership in helping shape the clean-up. Second these grant filled community capacity to engage in scientific it and technology and process discussions related to the clean-up of the river. And third, these grants foster collaboration between Portland's communities and the city's Portland harbor program. With that I hand it over to the program staff. Today we have Annie and Jessica. Annie, Jessica, welcome. Please tell us more.

**Annie Von Burg:** Hello. I manage the superfund program. And Portland super fund is a federal clean-up site located at the river. The city is one of those responsible for paying the 2 billion dollar clean-up. EPA oversees this. This is where designs are being developed for the clean-up construction. It is an important stage of the process that will ultimately determine how the work gets done and -- and we're happy to report out that there's a lot of great progress being made through the ten-mile stretch. We're here to request ordinance. Council authorized this in 2019 for the activities which has gone to a lot of great work in elevating community voices in the process. As of the cycle, all those funds have been extended. The new authorization is needed to continue this program. Jessica is here with me today. She manages the involvement program and will present to you the grant program, the process and this year's awardees. You'll also hear from several community members today and this afternoon. We have great reviewers, community grantees and also we're happy to have the co-chair of the Portland utility board is able to join with a presentation. With that I hand it over to Jessica.

**Jessica Terlikowski:** I'm excited to talk to you all today. Advance to the next slide, please. I'm here to share with about how -- working with the community and listening to the community enables to practice the core values of anti-racism and transparency and fiscal responsibility. Next slide, I like to start off by just telling us a little bit about the background related to this

program. The city launched the community involvement program -- for the Portland super fund because of community. We wouldn't -- we wouldn't have this program without them and we're so grateful for all the city has done to make sure that community voices are -- are particularly those that are disproportionately affected by the clean-up process are a part of the effort as we move to clean up forward. When we talk about the community and impacted we're talking about black indigenous and people of color. We're talking about the site and individuals and communities with historical connections to the area and immigrants and refugees and those who resident fish. One of the groups that urged us to create the program is here today. The Portland community coalition and you'll hear from them a little bit later. What I want to highlight, when we worked to develop the program and the priorities for this program, we worked closely with community members to do so. We engage both Portlanders that having involved in the clean-up for a long time as well as those knowledge with the super fund site were new. The values that were articulated resulted in the development of the four program goals that you could see on this slide. This prioritized increasing awareness and understanding of the Portland harbor clean-up and public participation and as well as transparency and collaboration to those that are affected by the super fund. Next slide. One key component was community grants. This was focused of a lot of community led efforts including education with bipoc about the super fund site, as well as providing solutions for a more transparent clean-up process. We used -- we used a covert model to support collaboration and to learn opportunities among the grantees. You could see the list here in the supplemental material included in the ordinance package. Next slide. I like to speak about how community involvement are the ability to serve the public and not just through the Portland program but other city programs and policies as well. When community members shared their knowledge and experience with us, they helped us improve policies and programs. They spotlight burdens that result from the procedures we have in place and they can help us understand what program and system improvements are needed. And the involvement program intentionally has opportunities to better serve Portlanders by elevating community it articulated perspectives and priorities and needs. With city colleagues and sharing that from our program. To support such learning and improvements, we add last year grantees as well as community members to share what aspects they thought was challenging

and what we could do better. Their feedback resulted in our revising the approach to this year's funding cycle. Next slide. This funded leadership in the clean-up brought. Bipoc communities are impacted by environmental contamination. We made several program changes. These changes included revising our application process to be shorter and simpler and in handling community members as grant reviewers and adding a conversational component to the review process so they could share their vision with the review panel. We also extended range of activities. This was as a result of community input. Next slide. And so, the goal of the program is to support community involvement in the clean-up in the process. And that continued to -- to -- continues forward. What we've done, we -- we have -- we have the three -- three program objectives and -- and -- and asked for community groups to submit applications that -- that spoke to how they would support bipoc leadership in the process and forward how they could continue to build in community capacity so community members could effectively engage in efforts related to the scientific and the technical and the policy and the process topics related to the clean-up and also to support relationship building between -- between community members and the city of Portland. Next slide. We talk about involvement in this effort and how we're working to advance the goals and objectives outlined in the previous slide, these are efforts that we're referring to. What are these boxes? These boxes indicate the different categories of fundable activities which were directly informed by past grantees as well as community members. This year's grants are supporting capacity building and storytelling related to the harbor, community education as well as preparing bipoc news for employment opportunities or career pathways and then the community benefits. Next slide. The grant review committee evaluated applications on several criteria. These included the alignment of the applications with the overall program goal objective, demonstrated support of -- of leadership in -- in involvement of bipoc communities. And also the creation of new or existing community relationships and partnerships. After much deliberation, the review panel selected the nine groups on the slide. You'll hear from one of the grant review community members and the process shortly. At this moment, I'm very excited to share that the following groups were selected as this year's grantees and that grant period runs from January 1 to December 31st. This movement and the foundation, coalition of communities of color can also, and the partnership with the

northeast coalition neighborhood and people of color outdoors and Portland harbor community coalition and bear day. Next slide. I'm very happy -- to have the chance to introduce three of this year's awardees to share their perspective. I like to pass the mic to Noni Causey and then others. Can I toss it to you?

**Noni Causey:** Thank you, so much, Jessica. Good afternoon council members and mayor. And I'm an old-timer. Thank you for having us. I'm here not only as executive director of beam which stands for black educational achievement unit. I've been in business seven years to help our students matriculate and everyone knows our system is failing our black students miserably. We're a small nonprofit that worked as a collective with other members to provide additional education to our young people to make sure that they have the same opportunities as -- as other folks. This is -- I'm not just here as beam, but I'm here because I'm a native of Oregon. My family has been here since 1902. We have always lived by the Fremont bridge, by Williams and the coliseum. We've been displaced four times before -- before settling here in lower Albina. So this river is very important to me. I watched my grandfather fish out there and my dad and uncles and all of my brothers. It makes me really sad and makes me honored we get to be a part of cleaning it up. It makes me sad that it has taken this it long. Receiving this grant will allow us to repair some of this harm that has been done to the community. And as a matter of fact, this is our second round. The one thing I always tell the students that I work with, I'm not going to be here in 30 years. Whether I'm not here in Portland or not here. They will be here. And they are the ones that need to know this information so they can learn how to sit at the table and stay and fight for their community. If we don't do it and educate our city and how to talk to council, no one else is going to do it for them. Although I'm super excited, I really hope that -- that -- this is only the beginning to invest in our community. I think that's my three minutes. I'm passing it to Cassie Cohen.

**Cassie Cohen:** Thank you. Greetings, mayor and Commissioners, my name is Cassie Cohen. I was born in the valley. The director of the community collision founded in 2012, pcp is a directive of groups and individuals, elevating the most impacted, both historically and clinically of the defense site in what is also known as the Portland harbor. We at the harbor coalition are very grateful to the services in the city. This is the Portland harbor grant program. It focuses on peer-to-peer in communities that rely on subsistence fishing and important

element of our grant will include working with coalition partners living islands and nonprofit focused on serving the islander community and the hook foundation, and focus -- and establish to -- to introduced youth and family the joy of outdoors and fishing. We will create culture and language. And the materials and video as well to increase awareness around fishing and the impact of the superfund site on the communities and also on the environment. Information and health impacts on people. This has led to many newcomers and other communities becoming enmeshed in the criminal justice system due to an inadequate site practicing their traditions. Mr. Harold, survivor and historian, some set of the severing safe healthy access. And he would rather be quote fishing instead of wishes unquote. What is impacted by Portland harbor. They have grant requests from a small number of organizations over funding, what could be a larger number of organizations slightly lower level. We appreciate the commitment for exists grantees. We also feel it is critical for the programs to include funding for additional groups that are committed to doing Portland harbor work in the long run that has been doing that work as well. And to you know, may not work exclusively with bipoc folks, working with people that live there look the river. They're impacted. Grants provide some community benefits and there also must be more. Phc members hope to see an increase of city transparency and accountability with Portland harbor community it groups and putting values into action when it comes to designing a clean-up to community standards that are often higher than the minimum standard required. We ask to listen to those that have cleanup and restoration and development around the river will only be carried out once the city commits to co creating. Quiet. Quiet. The community benefit tools including community benefits agreement, proven to generate positive outcomes for impacted communities. Examples of community benefits priorities, to be included in these tools include high standards for workforce and contracting, protection of community health, robust environmental measures, community oversight and increased river access and recreation and cultural use. We look forward to continuing the dialogue with the city leadership and staff to get us to these broader community benefits. Again, we're grateful. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Hardesty has a comment.



**Hardesty:** Thank you for the presentation. Jessica. Cassie, I've known, you've been involved in this work for a long time. What I know is that the -- that the coalition has not been -- been -- well, let me say less than successful in getting policy makers and decision makers to really pay attention to what happens during a clean-up. Who benefits during a clean-up, who gets the jobs and where do we build? How do we make sure that lower income people aren't displaced and not a part of the entire process. So grants are fine, but that -- that -- that's to decide how the clean-up happens. I'm concerned that -- that we're investing every dollar we have in community engagement and actually, the -- the how question and we got other questions that actually must be answered. Where do these funds come from? I'm concerned if we give you 30, to spend 1.5 million. At the end how is the community going to make sure that the community's voice is what is driving decision-making rather than those with resources driving the decision-making.

**Cohen:** Great question Commissioner Hardesty. End points. I don't know if I'm allowed to respond.

**Hardesty:** I was asking you. If you have an answer please. I know you and I know -- the grass roots community work that the Portland harbor community coalition has been involved in for years.

**Cohen:** Yes.

**Hardesty:** And actually to money. So I just -- because I know you, I want -- I want you to answer that question.

**Cohen:** Really appreciate it. Yeah. We -- that -- that need to be coming from the ground up, you know, the solutions around how to do an equitable clean-up and those solutions are there and it is not for lack of -- of trying. So we -- we -- we need to get on that conversation in a very you know fast paced way. We have one year, one year to get it right around community it benefits and the specific tools and mechanisms to make that happen. There's been you know, lots of you know, barriers presented or concerns presented by city -- city leadership and the attorney's office and others. You know, we're going to be having simultaneous conversations, one with grants, one with community benefits agreement and -- and eventually it will lead to negotiations, we hope, with the city. And -- and you know, we're also in conversations with the other public agencies as well that are liable for clean-up. There's

unknowns. It doesn't mean that we can't make meaningful progress and that the city should be stepping up as a champion, you know, to make a commitment as soon as possible around what -- what that agreement would look like. You know, with community leader. We have -- we have the outlying, we have the template and ready to get to work.

**Hardesty:** Jessica, I guesses in more of a question for you. What are the outcomes that you hope to achieve if in fact that this is approved by council?

**Terlikowski:** Thank you for your question Commissioner Hardesty, I think there's a few things and one is that community will feed -- their input and feedback is resulted back in the design and some of the ways they're offering to contribute their time and effort. Also people to be informed and engaged and actively it contribute in those related to the design which is a current phase that we're in.

**Hardesty:** And are we prioritizing lower income communities that are surrounding the area. Who did we send the application out to?

**Terlikowski:** It went far and wide. We had the networks that we have through the connections and relationships with the community and also ones that we built up within our respective programs as well as connecting with our colleagues that run other programs and other grants as well.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that. I guess my concern is, it doesn't seem that -- that -- that -- that -- it doesn't seem to be a process whereby all that public engagement is actually going to be fed into policy makers who need to have the -- the info so that they can -- we can make the right policy decisions as we move forward. How does, I understand how prioritizing voices and that is always a good thing but I'm confused about -- there's a lot of constituents around this clean-up. Some have more responsibility than others. Some are low-income community members or will be -- easily impacted by whatever we do. So I want informed voices but I want the people most impacted to actually have a voice in this process that -- that -- that -- so again, I'm not sure who you're outreaching to or how connected you are to what is happening and the decisions that will have to be made. That's my big concern. Two big concerns, one is how does all of the feedback gets to the council to weigh in on. And if you spend the money now, what happens next?

**Terlikowski:** On the policy question, I would like to pass that off to Annie to answer. If you don't mind.

**Von Burg:** Thank you Commissioner Hardesty, I understand the concern. I think that's part of what we're trying to adjust exactly. I mentioned the environmental protection agency is a federal agency that is in charge of establishing the infrastructure and the process for the design and implementation. They have co-created with community members and those here today including Cassie Cohen. A process called community collaborative. That is the process to have -- to have voices at a table that can engage in multiple layers. We see a deficit. It is hard for communities to get involved and have an official voice in the policy and decision-making process. We believe these funds really help prop up that in building capacity, building partnerships and coordinated effort for those voices to participate in the process. We're somewhat limited in controlling in terms of -- because there's so many parties involved. We're not the regulator that makes the decisions, but we believe as representatives of Portlanders can build the capacity and the space to elevate them into that process. I absolutely hear the concern and that's an attempt to try to address it.

**Terlikowski:** One of the things that just in terms of work we've done thus far and co-creating work shops and with organizations. Including being -- being -- being funded again this year. We worked together to engage communities to ensure their voices are a part of this. One is to understand the efforts. And I think that piece is really -- is really important one and is -- and is something that we can't do without having the connections in the relationships with the community.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Any other additional questions anybody has at this point. Does that complete it?

**Cohen:** I know Derron Coles was hoping to share his piece if there's time.

**Wheeler:** Sure, of course. Hey.

**Derron Coles:** No worries. Thank you for the downtown speak. I'm the executive director and I'm excited the city is committed to this and other engagement programs that go beyond public awareness campaigns to include activity that are culturally meaningful. It is a significant step to tackle justice challenges and the super fund site. We need the people from the most vulnerable communities to northern become knowledgeable about the solutions

but also develop a connection to nature. Something that we have informed advocacy and lifelong stewardship. Including stewardship from the green sector. I'm excited to hard wire into their region of their brains, that the environment is much of extension of themselves and as much as eating and breathing and meditating because it is. This is not a new notion. It is not you new for my community. It is rather the history of rep processed. And this is communication about what they're seeing and empowerment to take a role in environmentalism. Once we have these connections made in our brain, we'll have the urge to advocate for and stay with the environment just as we advocate for and protect ourselves. But it starts with for us by us program like those supporting funding. So thanks for listening and thanks for considering further investment and -- and thanks. That's all I say. I'll pass it back to you Jessica.

**Terlikowski:** A question?

**Wheeler:** No. Just -- does that complete the presentation?

**Terlikowski:** We have a couple of other voices.

**Wheeler:** I'm -- what I'm going to do is not interrupt. I'll stop, ping me at the end of the presentation.

**Terlikowski:** I did want to take a moment just to -- to -- to -- as I was passing this along and thank you Cassie and Noni and Derron for your comments. And she's going to share her experience on behalf of the community review panelists as far as this process. I want to acknowledge all of the time and effort and energy that these community members put in to be thoughtful about what the -- what the -- what -- about the criteria, about advancing the clean-outs and serving equity and being thoughtful about how we would clean it forward. So we -- i'll pass it to you.

**Lynny Brown:** Thanks, Jessica. Good afternoon, all. I'm Lynny Brown. I'm a north Portland community member and I got to sit on the one side. Three other community members. See you're here and also, also city staff as well. I know there's a lot of testimony today but I'm glad that we're able to share from their perspectives too because being under d panel that's what moved us. We got to hear applicant's stories and what they were trying to advance. It was a really personal experience. From those conversations, the community applicants we heard really powerful personal stories of lived experience, sometimes over generations like

referenced earlier today. They were treated and community led and community censored programming that involved communities in the Portland harbor clean-up. Many cbos and community organizations were in relationship with one another. They had strong partnerships. In other areas and in the clean-up work as well. We also learned that applicants requested lower funding amounts up needed. Oftentimes completed after putting in it extra time. We saw that applicants that are proposing really needy creative and important programming related to superfund clean-up. And specifically things with new voices into this process. Especially black indigenous and communities of color and other frontline community members. It became evident that we were asking community groups especially those led by justice work, we're asking them once again to make to with insufficient resources. The community groups are inadequately funded and too many people are altering their time, because they care and they have to care. The clean-up in the -- in the support fund directly impacts their lives. We need to fund these appropriately. This is a step in the right direction, however grant making is inequitable if we ask members for an amount that is insufficient in number. We don't want to be complicit in a system that is inequitable for bipoc and we can't divide up the money while also trying to uplift justice and anti-racism. On behalf of the panel we let the commitment to racism. If the city is committed to racial justice and past harm and those leading justice work as they say they are, we need to put more money in this grant, not only this year but four years to come. Our panel recommends and requests the council recommend the ordinance and authorize 5,000 dollars per year over the next three years. We're also requesting a creation of more venues to share their experiences to city council and implement policies and build more equitable systems within the city. We shared some back to the public utility board and the board supports or request. I like to pass this to Karen Williams and -- that will conclude the testimony. Thank you for your time.

**Karen Williams:** Thank you. Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Mapps and commissions. I was on the Portland utility board. They endorse 189696 for the Portland harbor program. Pub members were impressed and moved by the experience that the community members that the harbor grant community including Lynny shared with us at our September meeting. It was clear to us at that time that -- that the value of the community engagement work that these grants support far exceeded the funds budgeted. Pub believes that the restoration of

the ecosystem is impossible without the deep involvement of the communities that are most geographically and culturally attached. Increase the funding by the grant program by 1.5 million dollars to demonstrate how valuable community member expertise and lived experience are to Portland, harbor restoration. Thank you.

**Terlikowski:** If we could go to the next slide and I'll talk about what we're seeking in the ordinance, that would be fantastic. Thank you. This is what led up to our request today. As of the grant cycle all funds have been fully expended and the funding request aligns with the trajectory of the growth of the program and the conversations with grantees anticipated needs for future funding. So the bureau of environmental services requests council approve the ordinance to authorize increased funding for the public involvement program up to 1.5 million dollars for community grants and support through the design phase which is expected to go through the first fiscal year 24-25. Authorization of those funds would enable the program to continue to conduct application and review giving organizations an opportunity to submit their community led project proposals through grant funding fiscal year 24-25. That would support Portlanders, particularly those affected by the superfund site and the clean-up to -- to -- -- to be involved. That's all. That concludes our presentation. We thank you for your time and consideration today.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Where did the original fund come from?

**Von Burg:** The original funds of 300,000 dollars, that comes from the city wide obligation fund that has been established for funds from five areas.

**Hardesty:** So is this an ongoing fund with the money we just set aside for this particular activity?

**Von Burg:** That fund has been established to do all of the city of Portland's work related to the remedy design phase of the project. We have other projects. Information management plan that we're working on with the state of Oregon and EPA to help make information more transparent for everyone to track progress.

**Hardesty:** When the 1.5 million is expended the fund is expended?

**Von Burg:** That's correct. What we're seeking here is the limited 1.5 million. All of the same funds would contribute to the citywide obligation fund. They would do that starting next fiscal year and then continue for two additional fiscal years for a total of three years.

**Von Burg:** What are the outcomes we hope to get -- to get up -- up from 300,000 to 500,000 per year and why should the council not just -- just report that every year like we do normal budget processes to determine if we're going to continue to invest because we're getting a return on our investment.

**Von Burg:** Hand that over to Jessica to go over those outcomes that we have established. Jessica, do you want to take that? Before you go, I will say that the reason why we're using this opportunity to bring the decision to you today is because of the timing. We just concluded the process and we have awardees and we're approaching a budget process where we're preparing budgets for next year. What we heard strongly from the community is this is not enough money. So this is in response to that request, how do we need to -- not only hear that feedback from the community groups but act on it. This is part of us acting on that for your consideration. We also include a specific report out from these individual grants and we understand what we're getting for that investment and if this is working and is we would be happy to provide that to council members as well. Jessica, if you want to go over outcomes that you established?

**Hardesty:** That would have been helpful to know what outcomes we receive from the funds we expended and how we expended it and who was missing. Who else did we bring in? That would have been helpful.

**Von Burg:** There's supplemental information that shows previous winners the amount allotted. We would be happy to circle back with more detailed information.

**Hardesty:** That's what I was referring to. I read everything included. Nothing you said is included in the packet. I was confused about the ask compared to what was in my packet. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Further questions? Do we have public testimony on this? Oh sorry, Commissioner Mapps?

**Mapps:** Jessica, do you have something to add about the outcomes.

**Terlikowski:** I wanted to make sure to respond to that. I think there's a couple of these. Both speaking to what investment has gotten us thus far. There's a few different things. One is we have had community voices be in part -- be part of and inform the remedy design work that is happening at Atlantic cove and that's a project we're partnering with both the state and city of Portland on and having community voices be a part of that helped the form of design in that area which we're excited about. We're also excited to have community voices that included in that project that annie mentioned the information management plan, this effort where we're working to -- make sure that -- that -- that it clean-up information and the ability to track the progress of the clean-up is going to be in one place. The funds last year were hyper focused in supportive community involvement both in the faux context and the information management plan context. Both efforts resulted in -- in community feedback being -- being -- the information plan effort, community feedback being integrated into documents that are going to the environmental protection agency and how it could become public and support the transparency piece.

**Hardesty:** Are you looking for a consensus among community-based organizations or just a hodge-podge of dreams and aspirations?

**Terlikowski:** I guess with regards to the question related to -- to -- to how information is being provided, we had -- -- the feedback was useful and our team understood more about priorities and those to be thoughtful about how information related to funds and complex and long-term could be made available publicly for the duration for monitoring that clean-up as well. I think community is -- is -- is -- is -- their voice enables to do that, an identify those needs. The other piece, thinking about the outcomes for this cycle and also thinking about you know, deepening and -- and -- and deepens and finding the bench of community members that are engaged in the effort is really important. It is a long-time effort. It has been going on for a long time as you know. The clean-up is anticipated not to go on for much longer. I think what is exciting about there cohort of grantees is there's an effort -- there's effort in attention and intentionality dedicated to young people.

**Hardesty:** I'm also excited about the potential for partnerships with the Portland clean energy fund. When we talk about the clean-up and the opportunity to have climate resilience. How do we connect the dots where we're not wasting people's time? We have so many



volunteers on so many committees and providing so much advice. Most of the time it is one-way consideration. We're setting a community up for failure. I just want to make sure that we got a plan and an intentionality and we're centering the folks most impacted. I look forward to meeting with you before we vote on this and getting information. Thank you. I see Lorraine has put her head up. She may have something to add.

**Wheeler:** Go ahead.

**Lorraine Wilson:** I've -- I'm an outreach practitioner. I want to say a member of the review committee, when we want -- when we want to get involved, we must provide communities that have not been given the opportunity and been excluded and intimidated by -- by -- by city government in many forms. They have been harmed. That we can adjust and say, we want your input. We have to provide them with the funding and the resources for them to learn the system so that they know how to work the system. I think that's important when we take into consideration when we have community groups that have not had the air of the politician or the city government and provide them with the resources. Some instances we'll see that is what is happening. When we talk about outcomes, we want to be clear what outcomes. Providing resources. The communities who have not been engaged. Outcome is that they understand how to come to council and advocate and how to ask, how to push. How to demand. I wanted to share that with you. Also to isolate the fact that we need to ask the community to not rely so much on the volunteerism because they had no choice. We ask the community to give the most and in other cases where we -- we are quite comfortable funding those communities who have always gotten what they needed to do what they need to do. I wanted to share that when we talk about outcome, we got to be clear to understand what -- what is the same, if we're going to be centering outcomes and that white perspective and that majority perspective or centering outcomes based on the communities needs and what they have not been afforded in the past. Thank you

**Mapps:** We may be at point for calling for public testimony or additional public testimony. Staff, is that right?

**Wheeler:** Anybody signed up?

**Clerk:** Nobody signed up.

**Wheeler:** I guess at this point, this is it a nonemergency ordinance and move it to second reading. Anything else anybody like to add for the good of the order?

**Wilson:** I want to thank the staff who has -- who has staffed our -- our review committee, Jessica, Annie and also the Commissioner max office for the support they had. Whether we came to you and said this is not enough money. It was like, let's see what we can do. I want to appreciate that and I hope that this process is not a one-off process and that it is -- it is taking these examples and -- and use it in other spaces that you get to outcomes that we look for. I want to thank Commissioner Mapps and his office and how you're supported in this process.

**Wheeler:** I like to add my opinion. I appreciate Hardesty questions. I thank you all for being here. Commissioner Mapps, I want to thank you and your team. You also had a long day and city staff, I will be very happy to work on this going forward and I appreciate first reading today. So well done. This is -- this is a first reading on emergency ordinance and moves to second reading and Keelan, I believe that finishes our business, does it not?

**Clerk:** It does.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Keelan and your team, you did a great job of keeping us focused and on track. Thank you all.

**At 4:25 PM, Council adjourned**