



March 16, 2022 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:30 am

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: Adrienne DelCotto, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Item 194 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 12:11 p.m.

Communications

180

[Request of Peter Broberg to address Council regarding supporting the foie gras ban](#) (Communication)

Document number: 180-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Mohammed Attahea to address Council regarding sanctuary city for refugees](#) (Communication)

Document number: 181-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water to address Council regarding lead-reducing water filters](#) (Communication)

Document number: 182-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Edward Lindsey to address Council regarding violence in the city](#) (Communication)

Document number: 183-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Eugénie Ridenour to address Council regarding permanent home for Student Health at Portland State University](#) (Communication)

Document number: 184-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

185

[*Accept a grant in the amount of \\$4,543,700 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the NE 122nd Ave Safety & Access: Beech St – Wasco St Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190740

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes (1 of 4)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

186

[*Accept a grant in the amount of \\$5,332,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the Stark & Washington Safety: SE 92nd Ave - SE 109th Ave Project](#)

(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190741

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes (2 of 4)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

187

[*Accept grant in the amount of \\$2,623,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Safety & Access to Transit Project](#)

(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190742

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes (3 of 4)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

188

[*Accept a grant in the amount of \\$4,456,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the N Willamette Blvd Active Transportation Corridor project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190743

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes (4 of 4)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

189

[Proclaim March 21-25, 2022 to be LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 189-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time certain: 10:00 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

190

[*Authorize grant application in the amount of \\$15 million from the United States Department of Transportation to fund local streets at Broadway Corridor](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190744

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Prosper Portland; Transportation

Time certain: 10:20 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Motion to accept substitute Exhibit C: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. Vote not called.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

191

[Declare one pickup truck surplus property and authorize Chief Administrative Officer to donate the surplus vehicle to Trash for Peace Ground Score Leading Inclusively Together Through Environmental Recovery program](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190735

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Chief Administrative Officer; Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 168.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

192

[*Update salary grade for Community Health Nurse classification](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190736

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

193

[Create two new non-represented classifications of Community Health Worker and Community Health Supervisor and establish compensation ranges for these classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 30, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

194

[*Authorize Director of Parks and Recreation to negotiate and execute one or more lease agreements for an East Zone Maintenance Facility](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190749

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Item 194 was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

195

[Authorize Stewardship Agreement with Halprin Landscape Conservancy for an in-kind donation of repair and maintenance services for the fountains and surrounding park areas in the Portland Open Space Sequence](#)
(Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 30, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

196

[Amend grant funding for seven Teen Collaborative Initiative grants to correct and increase per grant amount from \\$15,000 to \\$55,000 \(amend Ordinance No. 190456; amend Contract Nos. 32001978, 32001979, 32001980, 32001981, 32001982, 32001984, 32001985\)](#)(Ordinance)

Document number: 190737

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 169.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

197

[Authorize the City Attorney to take legal action against TriMet and other construction and design entities to recover costs for necessary remediation and repair that have been and will be expended by the City due to the atypical settling for the Streetcar SE 2nd Approach Structure](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37567

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

198

[*Amend contract with Passport Labs, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed value for procurement, licensing, and maintenance of a hosted Mobile Parking Payment System in the amount of \\$4,521,642 for a total amount of \\$6,661,816 \(amend Contract No. 30005152\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190738

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

199

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State University and provide matching funds in the amount of \\$110,000 to support a research project to evaluate countdown bicycle signals, left-side bicycle facilities, and speed management at signalized intersections](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190739

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

200

[Accept bid of Landis & Landis Construction, LLC for the Stark Trunk Relief Structure for \\$2,867,531 \(Procurement Report 00001800\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 200-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Mapps.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

201

[Accept bid of Paul Brothers, Inc. for the Errol Heights Park Project for \\$6,844,147 \(Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001777\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 201-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

202

[*Authorize contract with Stellar J Corporation for SW Upper Hall St & SW College Landslide Abate for \\$2,034,975 \(Bid No. 00001760\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190745

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

203

[*Pay settlement of Julia Leggett bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \\$12,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190746

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Time requested: 10 minutes

Previous agenda item 148.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

204

[Authorize limited tax revenue refunding bonds through December 31, 2024](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190747

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Debt Management; Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Second reading agenda item 176.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

205

[Authorize permanent bonded lien interest rates for installment payment contracts financed by the Limited Tax Improvement Bonds, 2022 Series B](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190748

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 177.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

206

[Declare intent to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the SE 155th Ave and Main St - Millmain Dr Local Improvement District \(C-10071\)](#)

(Resolution)

Document number: 37568

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Adopted As Amended

Motion to accept substitute Exhibit C: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:00 pm

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 Rubio presided at 3:31 p.m. Mayor Wheeler presided at 4:03 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Ken McGair, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 3:28 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Time Certain

207

[Accept the 2000-2020 Tree Canopy Monitoring report](#) (Report)**Document number:** 207-2022**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio**Bureau:** Parks & Recreation**Time certain:** 2:00 pm**Time requested:** 1 hour**Disposition:** Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio.

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

208

[Authorize agreement with Clean and Safe, Inc. to provide policing services for the Clean and Safe Program](#) (Ordinance)**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler**Bureau:** Chief Administrative Officer; Management and Finance; Police**Time certain:** 3:00 pm**Time requested:** 2 hours**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 30, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. Time Certain.

Executive Order

209

[Reassign City departments, bureaus and liaison responsibilities as stated in Mayor Executive Order dated March 9, 2022](#) (Ordinance)**Document number:** 190750**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler**Disposition:** Executive Order

Thursday, March 17, 2022 2:00 pm**Session Status:** No session scheduled

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

March 16, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: Colleagues we have very important pre-gavel item and that's the royce and support of the ukrainian community. I have remarks on whatever of the city council but right now i'm going to pass this to commissioner rubio for our very special guests. Commissioner rubio. Good morning. This is all pre-gavel. So we can all take a breather for a minute. There she is. Good morning commissioner rubio. You're muted.

Rubio: My apologies mayor. I had troubles.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Rubio: Did you turn it over to me. Thank you. Art for millenia has help humans' grief and heal and as we consider the unfolding situation in ukraine we're still at the grieving stage and this is true for many that live mt. Portland metro area. Two members of that community will be joining us to share some reflects. But first a string quartet to play the ukrainian folk song. And i would like to now turn it over to Marilyn to introduce the piece.

Marilyn: Good morning, everyone we members of the oregon symphony stand with the people of ukraine and we wanted to offer this ukrainian folk song as a moment of solace.

[music]

Wheeler: I want to thank the oregon symphony for demonstrating the power of music especially during this powerful time and to this string quartet for demonstrating your talent. And that was a fantastic way for all of us to start our day thank you so much for being here and now it's my pleasure to introduce two members of our ukrainian community who are going to give some remarks. Tatiana is a community activity and natalia is a public-school

educator. We have very pleased have you both here today. Welcome tatiana and natalia.
Thank you for being here.

Natalia: Thank you for having us.

Wheeler: Are you unmuted?

Tatiana: I think so. Hello. Can you hear me.

Wheeler: Loud and clear, you sound great.

Tatiana: Good morning. Thank you for having us.

Wheeler: Did you is some remarks you'd like to make.

Tatiana: Yes. Thank you for having this part of the pregravel program and for your support for ukraine. I want to remind people that today is the 21st of russia's war on ukraine. In our community we count every day. Many of us now live on -- shall which is ten time zone away. And some cities are bracing for another night of russian bombardment and we check in with our loved ones before the nighttime falls before the heaviest fire starts and then in the morning, we hope they are still alive. It is scary when we don't hear from people for a while and we also have a number of people would are fled to poland and some are actually in ukraine hemming people evacuate. So many Portlanders and people from the Portland metro area are in europe helping ukrainians. Unfortunately a lot of people have already been killed. Many, many people. And unfortunately, it's not just put in. It's tens of thousands of russian soldiers killing civilians. And ukraine as not seen anything like this since the nazi invasion. And it's sad to hear my parents say i was born during the war and i may die during the war. It's a very scary situation. I also want to remind americans that this colonial war started really in 2,014 with russian occupation of -- and this month, march 2,022 is eight years since russia occupied this area. And there is still a very colonial attitude towards ukraine from the russian state and the russian people and unfortunately even here in Portland. From our local government and slavic government. And even the -- it's colonial because everyone who is coming from the former soviet union are called slavic but they're all called by the ethnicity of their former occupier which is a very colonial attitude and. Oid ideology and this is something to reinforced by public grant and funds like but the library funds soviet newspapers and very racist national writers. It's not unusual for panel discussion about events in ukraine not to have any ukrainian voices. Ukrainians a still sometimes referred to as little russians and little

brothers and the war in ukraine is cold unfortunate situation or conflict or crisis in ukraine. So what we want to remind people is that ukraine is a separate and sovereign nation and it has its own culture and we encourage the city of Portland and all the local government to listen to ukrainian voices and ukrainian -- the moto nothing about us without us also applies to our ukrainian community. We really appreciate the city of Portland's support for ukraine and we will work to establish a sister city relationship between Portland and ukraine and we're happy to be heart of the fabric of this city. Thank you very much, Portland.

Wheeler: Thank you very much tatiana. We appreciate it and natalia. Welcome.

Natalia: Hi. Thank you for having us here and my heart bleeds for ukraine for all of these people. All of it's people but especiallies what on my heart right now is mental health support. My heart bleeds for people who have survivor syndrome. I know how this feels and i'm sure that's how my sister feels right now. My family and my husband's family are from different parts of ukraine. And my husband's family is from occupied and three months ago 87 years old grandparents moved to k i e v. Now their second time refugees to when hi sister looked a the my family, she say oh, they didn't get it so bad. You but not near enough. So her oldest son are 419 and 21 and she has to take care of her four younger children. So my big question is how can city help existing community right now and the people from ukraine who are come to go come here because i want my sister and her four younger kids to come here and i also want my husband's family to come here as well. So thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you both for being here so much and we pressure personal perspective. It's important that year here today. We thank you so much for it. On behalf of the city council i would like it read the following remarks. On behalf the Portland city council we offer our support for the brave ukrainian people as they fight for their country. The people of ukraine deserve to live in peace in a sovereign independent nation. We extend our condolences to the families torn apart by this senseless war and the lives are lost. Putin's unprovoked invasion is we denounce all forms aggression. The city of Portland will welcome ukrainian refugees with open arms regardless of race, nationality, or documentation status. We stair in the commitment to welcome anyone fleeing violence and seeking safety. Portland is home to a large and diverse ukrainian and russian community. We extend our support to our local slavic and eastern european community and to our slavic and eastern european employees here in

the city of Portland. We recognize that even within groups there is a diverse of thought and experience. We share in their collective grief and trauma. Regardless of how specific community members feel, the decisions being made on the other side of the world have profound tragic ramifications for friendships and family ties forged here in Oregon and for our local community. We are grateful for all slave radicand east other European community who contribute to our rich fabric of diverse in Portland. We are much better for your presence here. People of Portland can show support for the people of Ukraine this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. At Revolution Hall. There are many other ongoing community events to support refugees. Be sure to visit the website for more information on events here in the city of Portland. Colleagues and friends thank you for being here. Thank you to the wonderful musicians who started us off this mourn withing a Ukrainian folk song. Thank you to Tatiana and Natalia thank you for sharing your personal stories with us. Those are all important for us to here and thank you to my colleagues for making space for this important event. Thank you. Keelan, this is now the beginning of our city council session. This is the March 16, 2022nd morning session of the important land city council, please call the roll.

Clerk: [calling roll]

Wheeler: Here. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference. The city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel [egovpdx](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg0vpx), www.Portlandoregon.gov and channel 30. Public may provide written testimony to our council by emailing the city council clerk at cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov. Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and to promote physical distancing. Pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you, all, for your patience, your flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to conduct the city's business. With that, we'll hear from legal counsel.

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Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. I notice the script haven't been updated to include public testimony on reports.

Wheeler: Maybe that is something that we can work with the council clerk on. Or would that be legal. Maybe we have to go directly to legal. Either way Ness will figure it out. He's a genius. First up is communication first individual Keelan

Clerk: request of Peter Proberg to address council regarding supporting the foie gras ban

Peter Broberg: functionally all birds that are prepared in this way enter great pain and torture throughout their lives and almost all of it are produced in the United States come from a massive factory farm in upstate New York that has more than a decade of constant violations for you know animal treatment laws and finally these facilities are reif with outbreaks of avian flu and we should all be weary of transmitted diseases after the last few years that we've been through. As a conclusion foie gras is too cruel. Portland should follow many jurisdictions from New York City, the entire state of California and many countries who are banned the sale of foie gras. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here this morning. We appreciate. Next item up is 181. Next individual please Keelan.

Clerk: Request of mohamad to address council regarding sanctuary city of refugees.

Mohammed Attahea: Hello mayor ted. The taliban thinks that you're the best mayor. Our experience in cities like new york and los angeles have been reiff with law enforce. But in Portland we are able to distribute our poppy to the people of Portland. Curtly the number one place in america that we export all of our poppy is to Portland as taliban. I promise to give the city of Portland cleanest heroin known to man and we know that by -- so thank you mayor wheeler for letting the taliban to sell heroin to your people without getting in trouble. And -- worse person ever and Portland is the only place where racism no longer exists. You are able to sell your poppy for a small -- broken down car on the street for months at times without any interference.

Wheeler: Keelan. Can we move to the next speaker? I don't think we need to sit here and listen to this racist rhetoric. This is offensive shame on you. Next speaker, please.

Clerk: Request of fort lapped advocates for lead free drinking water to address council regarding lead reducing water filters.

Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water: Whereas agree hence i have water filter program to represent exposure. I'm going to provide the background for this urgent question by quoting from three oregon public broadcasting articles that were published -- and january they have teen of 22 this year. Quote, the oregon health authority to help the city to provide a plan to reduce led and drinking water after test results showed the highest led levels the city has seen in two decades. The city's results were far above the epa action level of 15 parts per billion but experts stress there is no exposure to led and 15 parts for billion is a regulatory and not a public health threshold. Led has been in Portland drinking water for years and they say that Portland stands a loan as the largeet major city who brought the world's attention to the water crisis in footprint recently called the led leveled in Portland worse than flint because of how long the problem has persisted. Portland water bureau leaders say they will speed up the timeline for their new treatment facility and distribute free waiter filters. In quote. So, again. I'd like to ask this very urgent question. Where is the comprehensive prewalter filters program

to prevent lead exposure because of the water bureaus act levels exceed ants that happens four months ago.

Wheeler: Thank you appreciate it. Next item please. Item 183.

Clerk: Request of edward lindsay to address council regarding violence in the city.

Edward Lindsey: Can you hear me.

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Lindsey: I just want to say that Portland is the most beautiful city i have ever lived in. And i want to commend you and i know it's stressful. These right wingers are trying to infiltrate Portland and i always think of Portland and seattle as a city of art and people are saying that these spray-painting stuff and burning cars up and i look at it as art and that's not something to be ashamed of. It's a beautiful city and the only way to end this ukraine thing and i just want to speak on that because we've been talking about this is if we can all do our part and get vaccinated because there is so many people that are still not vaccinated. My grandmother was 95 years old, and she died because those around her refused to get vaccinated because their science deniers and conspiracy theory. They believe it's some deep population goal by bill gates. Why would someone spend so much money? Bill get is a doctor and he's a medical professional. So why would somebody say something like that. So guys if you are watching this you need to go do your part and get the vaccine and i don't know why dr. Fauci isn't getting any media cover andage because we should be praying for -- it is your social responsibility city of Portland united states of america the entire world to do that. And you know what, my only regret -- my only regret that i could not stop brianna taylors killers and you know what, i have seen so much police brutality in these last two years and it sickens me. Every single bit -- mayor wheeler you have done such a good job of cracking down on this. I cried myself to sleep when i realizes that i could have stopped brianna taylor's killers but i was shopping at target. I work at target after i get off, i go spend my check there and it's a direct deposit and then i go home. And i cry myself to clean every night because i couldn't stop brianna taylor's killers. And another positive note is that gorge floyd that's been sober for two years now.

Hardesty: Time is up.

Wheeler: We need to rethink communications colleagues; it's really becoming a forum for no apparent reason. It's really unfortunate what's going on here.

Hardesty: I think we need some parameters may yeah. Not today but i think as a council i we need to talk about this. This is no longer productive.

Mapps: I agree.

Wheeler: Number 184, please.

Clerk: Request of eugen ie ridenour to address council regarding permanent home for student health and Portland state university.

Eugénie Ridenour: Good morning -- and as a member of the student health advisory board. The university center building serves as the head quarter for the center of student health and counseling and sits in the middle of university district. A private family owns the land that the building is on. The family is now trying to strong arm the university into paying an increased amount by 2028. Student enrollment rates and the university cannot take this financial hit. So the university administration decided without consulting the student health advisory board to a new building with one quarter of the space available. Between 7,000 and 8,000 students a year utilize these services and it's basically a small hospital and the -- this is a tremendous injustice of this family using predatory and exploit i have policing practices at the expense of a public university and it's students and i urge you to consider utilizing eminent domain to offer just compensation to the family for the lands and giving the land to the university to address the needs of it's students.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here and sorry you had to follow what came before you. We appreciate you being here and giving thoughtful remarks. All right to the consent agenda keelan has any item been pulls.

Clerk: One item has been pulled 194.

Wheeler: Thank you please call the roll.

Clerk: [calling roll] pay may i understand the first four time certain item are to be read to go. All right keelan can you 185, 186, and 187 please. 185 accept a grant in the amount of \$4,543,000 from the oregon department of transportation authorize intergovernmental agreement 186 accept a grant in the amount of 5.3 million from the oregon department of transportation and authorize interventional agreement for the star and washington sieve day

187 accept a grant for the amount of 2.6 million from the Oregon Department of Transportation and.

Wheeler: These are all emergency ordinances Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you Mayor. The focus of this funding opportunity are projects that have strong community support and provide multimodal safety and access to transit improvements. I don't want to steal the staff's thunder so I'm going to have staff walk through the funding process and the specific project but suffice it to say that these are all great improvements to our infrastructure that community members have been begging for a long time. I'm going to turn this over Steve -- Steve if I screwed up your last name my apologies. Take it away.

Mauricio Leclerc: That was just perfect.

Hardesty: Thank you, thank you.

Hardesty: And I was just going to say I appreciate you being in a tie. It's so weird to see people in a tie because we've been in these boxes for so long. So you look good at the council today. So take it away.

Leclerc: I think I'll start Commissioner. I'm session manager in the planning division of Pbot. These are capital delivery managers. I have a few slides to introduce the topic and thank you Commissioner Hardesty for your introduction. We have just a few slides basically I'll take over the first two in which we're going to summarize how we got this. This started in 2019. This is discretionary. That means that's the region can decide how to spend the money. We have focus on active transportation and safety. There is a grant process in which we have to quickly assemble ideas and talk to the community and get cost estimates and make sure that the ideas match the criteria and find local match and all of that happening in 2019 and the work has continued as we received the funds today. So we're excited to be here. We work closely with the community to identify low range needs [indiscernible] plans. So we're ready when the moment strikes to come up with plans still a lot of work because we have to match the idea to the funding and all that but we have done that and actually this year we just applied for the next cycle. We had a consent agenda a month ago. So we have done that and, again, to get us to this point there is more work to be done. That means to take this idea to really good do engineering and get consultants onboard and work with more folks internally and in the community that they understand what's going on as we deliver these projects. This is a

team effort. It includes the planner and -- plus metro and all that staff. The funding is 17 million out of a total of \$35 million and we captured about 38 percent of the total. And the next slide summarizes the projects and we have willamette boulevard and then we have mlk boulevard and the same with the northeast 100 twenty-second second and washington. And steve will provide more detail. Thank you that's all for me.

Steve Szigethy: Okay. Thank you, mauricio, and thank you commissioner hardesty and mayor and commissioners. Sorry for my earlier silence and i was surprised by my screen settings. So i apologize for that. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear. You sound good. And you look good. Look at you.

Hardesty: Checking out this suit and tie.

Wheeler: You're setting a high bar for the rest of us.

Szigethy: You're too kind. Thank you to mauricio forgetting these grants we have the four projects going into stein. Northeast 100 twenty-second corridor improvements these will be new enhanced pedestrian crossings. Locations here shown on the map beach sacramento broadway hancock and wasco and multinoma. And this project aims to fix this situation and you can see that a person try to cross the street with a car coming out of a shopping center in the opposing direction and we'll be providing new signals at these four locations. Pbot is currently competing a comprehensive corridor plan and these situations were bases on both public feedback and staff analysis as part of that effort. And this one is just over a \$4.5 million grant and just under a -- the next project southeast stark washington corridor improvements this is the part of stark and washington that and east west cup let. This project will provide transit islands and bus lanes and two new pedestrian crossings at 105th avenue. You can see here we have a \$5.3 million grant and a sizable 4.11 million projects total and the reason we have such a large over match of that because there is a pavement repair scope that pavement repair will be upon washington street. The third project northeast doctor martin luther king boulevard safety to access and transits as well as safety improvements at two existing signals and hillings worth and fremont. This was selled with the business association and this was a \$4.000000 project cost.

Wheeler: Can i ask a question while it's fresh in my mind. Sorry to interrupt it's a good presentation. What's in the middle of the intersection in that depiction.

Szigethy: In this image this is an example of what a cross could look like at northeast mason street where people walking and on bicycles and mobility devices could cross the street. Cars would be needed to take a right turn. So these are concrete.

Wheeler: Okay. So those are barriers except to bikes I would assume and then that's a directional sign in the middle.

Szigethy: That's exactly right. Conceptual but that's right. These are concrete barriers forcing right turns for vehicles but through movements for peds and bikes.

Wheeler: Thank you I appreciate that.

Szigethy: Of course mayor. This will provide 3 miles of protected bike lanes for all ages and abilities. Along the bluff through university park and university of Portland here all the way to richmond street and saint johns. Along with new crossings and better bus stops. This one is \$4,456,000 and just over 6 million in total project cost. And here you can see the financial totals as mauricio mentions we're bringing in just under \$17 million of federal grant money in the city of portland and we're matching that with just under \$12 million for a total investment of nearly \$30 million of transportation improvements here in this neighborhood. And these projects are typically on a three-year cycle and these will be joined by this council that will be authorized by this -- so just showing this combined map to show our continued question to seek grant funds to solve transportation problems in our city. Schedule moving ahead after these grant authorizations will iron out some of the final scope details. We do intend to issue a request for proposals. There will be public involvement to inform some of the final design decisions on these projects. There will be public involvement touch points throughout the project and then moving into about two and a half years of design and engineering. Right of way acquisition which was previously limited to construction easements and then go into bid for construction in 25. That sounds very far away but time flies and this is, kind of, a typical timeline for a large capital project. Which these four are. So with that thank you for your time and happy to take any questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions. Seeing none at the moment keelan how many -- commissioner hardisty and then commissioner ryan and can you let me know how many people are signed up for public testimony on these items.

Hardesty: I just wanted to appreciate the very thorough presentation as a transportation commissioner for the last 15 months now i realize how much work goes into the front end long before we move any dirt at all and i have to tell you that this is an awesome team that we have leading these efforts. And i just wanted to say thank you. Thank you impressive and appreciate the hard work.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner hardesty commissioner ryan.

Ryan: I just want to know what did that look like when engages the neighbors about the update. Just curious.

Szigethy: Yes. Thank you, commissioner. That will involve a significant amount of outreach because there are trade after that we need to discuss regarding the allocation space and the roadway regarding on street parking and this one will have major outreach efforts early in the project so that people are not surprised when we're getting towards the end of the project let alone construction. So yes, that will take the -- we've not designed the outreach process yet but it will be significant for this project.

Leclerc: And if i may add commissioner we have and active project and we have already engaged the community to let them know this is coming and we have already started conversations in the area.

Ryan: All right. Thank you it's quite a tight fit on willamette boulevard and we keep adding. So i'm glad you're look agent the nuances of that particular rout.

Wheeler: Keelan how many people do we have signed up for public testimony.

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner ryan, i think you just left your hand up correct. Got it. Okay. 185, please emergency ordinance call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank commissioner hardesty and pbob and mauricio for bringing this forward. These improvements are highly needed and also adds to the multimodal options within our infrastructure that moves us toward our safety and climate goals. So i look forward to seeing this move across the ford and i provide aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you for the presentation. You got to get it while you ask. So there is a lot of money on the table. This is big. It's like nearly 17 million. If i did any numbers right when i was looking at this. And it's important to seize the moment. So i'm glad we're looking at multiple options and having safety as a concern we have to keep moving. So again it's an opportunity and i'm glad that's pbot has been at the table to be a big player in leveraging these funds from the federal government and maxing them locally i vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I just want to take a moment to appreciate what it takes to get to this point. To bring five projects that's the mayor has been bigging for decades. I know federal grants are very competitive and i just want to tip my hat to pbot that you got almost half the dollars that were on the table. So that says something about the effectiveness of your evaluators and what i noticed that you work deeply with community and you will on all these projects and i'm excited about seeing these projects through to completion and i am happy to vote aye and i want to thank steve and march reece oh for the presentation and the great work that we'll continue to do once we get this approved i vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I want to congratulate pbot for moving these forward. I'm glad to see these long overdue improvements move closer to completion. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I want to thank commissioner hardesty and the team at pbot. These are significant traffic and safety improvements for the community and it will lead to more activation in these particular areas in a positive sense. I want to thank mauricio and steve for great presentations and their hard work on this. I love to see people come in front of the city council who are well prepared thoughtful presentation and easy to understand and a compelling face. Please call the roll -- the motion is adopted please call the roll also and emergency ordinance.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye. [calling roll. All vote aye]

Wheeler: Adoption of ordinance 187 please call the roll.

Clerk: [calling roll. All vote aye]

Wheeler: Let ordinance is adopted item number 187. Colleagues today we are bringing to your a tension the importance of the health our lgbtq community and march 2020 kicks off health awareness week with a theme lives out loud for lgbtq health. The last few years have been like any other in our history. Including our lgbtq plus community. The pandemic exacerbated the already steep inequities within our healthcare system. To help address these issues in a person and at an institutional level. Today we focus our attention on wellness of our lgbtq plus community. We have and a steamed panel of guests with us today to talk about the amazing organizations and hard work being done to support the lgbtq plus community in our city. I'm going to turn this over to lex -- the city's first lgbtq plus analyst and i know lex has been working hard on these and many other issues and i appreciate the great work. Welcome lex.

Lex Jakusovsky: Thank you so much mayor wheeler council good morning, everyone. My name is lex. I use they them pronouns and as the mayor said i am the first -- lgbtq plus awareness week and for the presence of some really great community advocates in joining us today. Particularly i'd like to thank jonathan fox white from casket aids project. This week is recognized across the country as a time for communities to learn about and renew their commitment to the well being of the lgbtq community asserted your commitment to creating a healthier Portland for the folks in our community and my colleagues here at the city employee, he's. With your support i've been able to advocate for a design of a new culturally position to partner with me to improve the experience of our lgbtq plus applicants and furthering the goal of becoming and employ ere of choice for our community. With our support i've also been able to work alongside the benefits team to design a gender affirming care to make it easier for employees to navigate and learn about gender affirming healthcare coverage that they are able to receive through the city. With your support i've also been able to support the police bureaus launch of directive 64-38 which guides interactions with the lgbtq community and with your -- educational opportunities for city staff. That will make the city a healthier place to work for lgbtq employees and also create a better experience for community members when they interact with different public facing bureaus that the city runs and of course our work is not going to end here but i wanted to take a moment this morning so just uplift some of the ways in the last nine intos that we have been able to move

the dial in making Portland a safer healthier place. With this position being the first of the city to focus on lgbtq equity there has been and continues to be a huge need for internal support and this body of work develops i plan to work with all of you to increase opportunities and resources to push for better health out office manager comes within the lgbtq commune ate large in Portland. At this point i would like to introduce jonathan fox white would are assist with the rest of our proclamation today.

Jonathan Frochtzwaig: Thank you, lex, good morning mayor wheeler commissioners. My name is jonathan and i'm the public policy and grants manager for cascade aids project and i want to start with a quick plug for the meaningful care conference which is a day long training conference. This conference which is organized by a coalition of lgbtq soleitions will take place virtually on march twenty-ninth. Is for anyone out there on the internet watching this meeting can you learn more at care.org. As and -- i often find myself educating members of the public about the health disparities that our community continues to experience. We know longer face systemic homophobia and transphobia but research findings tell a different story. For example lesbian like smoking commercial tobacco and almost twice as many gays report frequent mental distress. At the same time lgbtq plus people are less likely than straight people to have a regular healthcare provider. In a national survey more than half respondents and 70 percent of transgender and gender nonconforming respondents reported having at least one type of discrimination to receiving neither care nor being blamed for their health status. Our on the front lines of addressing these inequities in Portland. Today represents and opportunity to hear from us about our communities need and how the city can help meet hem. Owe that endly note that present health is requested funding from the city in 2023 to support the expansion of our health center to our second location in the historic albino district and i want to thank you for your consideration of that request and i want to thank you so much for taking time this morning to raise a rareness of lgbtq health. So with that i'll hand it over any colleague lindsay see post the gender care coordinator at.

Lindsey Sipos : Hi mayor and commissioners is my volume okay for folks. And i'm the rn gender care coordinator at prism health and all our services are open to all members of the community and we are largely another for the affirming care that we provide. I want to thank

the city for your support of prism in the past and i also wanted to take a moment to share what the impact of that support means for our community. In my nursing role i provide direct patient care. As they navigate primary care services for the first time as they access gender affirming services and connect with social supports. More than a 30 and almost 23rds of patients in our behavioral health program identify as trans or nonbinary specifically even in a city as friendly as Portland many of our patients have received unaffirming and traumatizing care and that has caused not only the individual but our community as a whole. Even if they have found a provider somewhere that doesn't mean that they don't experience gender discrimination. So for example front desk staff a medical assistant or that provider clinical skills and knowledge base were up to date on the unevening recommendations of surveys like present tiff care for that individual. What i think makes prism special is that our clinic provides -- gender care is fully integrated as opposed to a specialty that one of our providers has. In part because there has been support for my position, we are able to spend more time with patients than a typical medical model allows for. For example more capacity to support folks while providing teaching around injecting hormones and helping people -- it also just helps to have a little more space to breakdown some of those barriers for folks who haven't every had affirming access to care. Many of the folks that i work with came to Portland specifically because of it's stature of an accepting and friendly city. Some had known that they want to medically transition for years but were unable to do that because it was unsafe and i think what is going on in texas is a really good example of that. As a nurse i'm there with folks during their exciting time and also their darkest time. One of the biggest joys in my role is when i'm able to share -- being there for someone as the relief and pure excitement that they feel know that they're in a city where we can explore themselves is something special. I hope we can do everything we can to make Portland -- thank you for sharing some of your time with me today.

Frochtzwaig: Thank you, lindsay. Next up we have scott more.

Scott Moore: Good morning mayor and commissioners my name is scott more. For over 30 years quest center has been a leader in Portland by providing services to people living with hiv and the lgbtq plus population. Today i'd like to highlight the ongoing affordable housing crisis in Portland and its impacts on marginalized communities. Specifically for individuals

seeking addiction services we know that folks can't create changes they desire without appropriate housing during treatment. More so photograph at quest we have found that real change can occur which individuals are supported by culturally responsive service that's include housing. More so we know it can be done cost effectively. Approximately \$175,000 a year [speaking too fast] and the region with a focus on transgender and nonbinary people. The home houses ten to 12 people and -- today over 50 percent of the clients who pleaded treatment that lived in a house have since moved on to permanent housing. Next month question will open a second home providing transitional housing for clients continuing services and seek permanent living situation. I ask the city of Portland to work with community bases clinic such as quest center to provide more houses. For more culturally appropriate sober recovery homes. These homes need to be in the neighborhoods where they have grown up or where they have established community ties additionally funding -- to organizations working to increase access and capacity. This here request center was after many years able to move into our first owned building to house all of our services under one roof and we'll be moving into the old plants parent hood health. So we have a proposal before the Portland clean energy fund to -- and we hope that you will take it with serious consideration. On behalf of my clients the board and staff at quest center thank you for your time [indiscernible] commitment today.

Frochtzwajg: Appreciate it scott and finally we have katie cox executive director of the equity institute.

Katie Cox: Hello. My name is katie i use they and she pronouns. Good morning mayor, wheeler commissioners. I serve as the executive director of the he can by institute and i'm also a member of the pdz transhousing collation. Bipock and disabled people experiencing houselessness. The housing collation is dedicated to as part of the creating conscious communities with people outside collation other wide known as c3po the equity institute and pdx transhousing institute that has been establish and the c3po queer affinity village. I appreciate the council's recognition of lgbtq awareness week today as someone who has been working in the intersection of health and housing for the last seven years i hope that you all take this opportunity to connect the ways in which the city's housing and houselessness policies can promote. We know that stable supportive housing serves as a

foundation for good health. I have seen firsthand in the queer affinity village how access to basic needs such as a roof over their head safety peer and health support food and hygiene give residents the bandwidth to address more complex needs like obtaining insurance coverage. We also know that they're overrepresented -- the national transgender discrimination survey reports that of the transrespondents living in Oregon 23 percent reported the coming homeless because of their gender identity or expression. Transgender adults experiencing houselessness -- and transgender adults experiencing unsheltered -- has increased 130 percent in the same period. I expect these numbers will continue to rise as trans and queer folks flee Idaho Texas and -- the city's houselessness policies do not take into account the people experiencing houselessness. It's the core adult queer and transpeople and it's weightless is six to eight months long. Furthermore many city's funded shelter are genders making them inaccessible to nonbinary people. Transfolks are often placed into the gendered unit according to their sex assigned at birth. For example a transwoman I know who was sitting at a women's shelter was harassed by other residents so badly that had he felt she returned to living outdoors. We need dedicated and diverse housing options for our community members. To truly support the health of community the city must consider the -- when making housing and other policy. To that end I urge you to continue listening to community members and empowering us to make our own change beyond this one week. Thank you.

Frochtzwajg: thank you katie and I believe the mayor will read the proclamation.

Wheeler: I will. But I want to thank you all for being here. And before I read it my colleagues would probably like to chime in. We'll start with commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: First thank you to Lex for putting together this incredible panel of folks. I really appreciate the very specific information each of you shared. Katie, I want to address you directly because I have to say the affinity villages are near and dear to my heart because Mayor Wheeler I and many of you may not know the C3PO beds were the first that were added at the height of COVID and when it was very intentional to have a place where our gay and lesbian folks could go and just be and deal with the issues of being houseless rather than all the other discriminatory issues. I hope that as we continue to unpack the issues around fragile housing for folks in our community that we will continue to use models like the C3PO as

someone who has been on the board for over a decade i can tell that you many of our houseless folks work every single day. Working is not the issue. The issue is they can't afford to live in the city with the median family income at 96,900 for a family of four. It is absolutely almost impossible for someone working \$15 an hour to have the resources to move into a place without public support. And so i am grateful for each of you today for being here and it occurred to me that i have a question. What can the city do, i mean i feel the weight of the solace of this council around all this anti- stuff that's happening all over the country whether it's anti- -- you know what i'm talking about. We have craziness happening and i feel like a council we have a role but what i'm seeing across the country is the silence of progressives and i would like your vice and with a we as the council supportive of either the anti- race training or anti- anybody else. So any help you can give us any vice, i would greatly appreciate it thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner rubio.

Rubio: Thank you mayor and thank you mayor wheeler for bringing this important proclamation forward and i also want to appreciate lex, jonathan, and katie and also for the work on the proclamation. I also want to acknowledge cascade eight project and all the other agencies here that have been leaders in this work and you truly are serving our most vulnerable communities and doing it so well and with care and love and integrity and so we appreciate you for the work that you do. Lgbtq plus ia have made progress over the years to breakdown the stigmas around the lgbtq plus communities. It's the work of everyone to do this work. And we acknowledge this every year that we still have work to do but the work still remains for taos truly tackle these disparities and these stigmas with action. And these disparities should alarm us all and we need to do our part to open up dialog around them. And it starts by moving into action as i was remind earlier this week by a very strong and committed week of transidentified leaders that we need to submit to exploring opportunities throughout the city to elevate this focus work at the city of Portland and we have a roll to play and we represent everyone in the community and that includes this particular -- these particular communities. I also want to acknowledge the critical role that lex and their leadership plays here at the city as well. They're role is vitally important to creating a workplace and policy culture full of inclusion of the lgbtqia communities in government

and i look forward to supporting their work in the year ahead and i also just want to appreciate everybody's work here today. We honor and thank each one of you and also remember those who have dedicated their lives or lost them in search of lgbtq health justice. So thank you for being here.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner rubio. Commissioner mapps.

Mapps: I'm glad to join you. This year marks the between anniversary of the lgbtq plus health awareness week. The purpose of this week is to bring attention to the lgbtq plus communities' unique health need and challenges. For example compared to their straight neighbors members of the lgbtq plus community are more likely to be uninsured or underinsured and they're more likely to suffer from alcohol and drug abuse and they're less likely to receive preventive healthcare services. Equity. For example in 2017 the cascade age project opens oregon's first primary healthcare clinic specifically focused on the needs of the lgbtq plus community and in 2020 osu was recognized as an lgbtq leader equity leader by the human rights campaign. And in 2021 this very city council unanimously passed an ordinance that allows employees to access fertility and we make it easier for lgbtq staff to have access to our briefment program. Lgbtq plus healthcare awareness week reminds us that much work is left to be done. Colleagues that's why i'm glad to join us in declaring this as lgbtq plus awareness week here in Portland.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner ryan.

Ryan: To make our city a safe place to thrive for lgbtqi community. Thank you, jonathan, for calling out the disparities. Thank you, lindsay, always good to hear directly from a nurse. Our outreach and direct services to the transnonbinary community is so inspiring and clearly so needed i'm grateful that any home down is a refuge for many. Thank you, scott, for your leadership at the quest center and katie your leadership at the equity institute i'm very proud of the work our office is currently doing to improve the services and the outcomes for those living at the queer affinity village. As many of you know i'm grateful to be alive myself i took and hiv test myself and it came out positive and it happened in 1982. So i'm a long term survivor. We have to remember we live on shoulders. There's been many people doing this fight for decades. So i'll use my time to talk about someone who has retired this week. After being on the front lines serving our community. Her name is maria. Her family came to

the united states from greece and their one daughter went on to study at ucla. She moved up north to take a roll as and hiv nurse at ohsu which is where i first met her in the 90s and then she pivoted in multinoma county. And often severe mental health and substance abuse challenges. For those 27 years she opened her head and heart. Maria 37 years of service to our community did not stop here locally. She led the effort to put action behind our sister city relationship to set up a clinic in the 90s and it's still thriving today. So i dedicate today's to a Portland treasure, a global healer a deer friend maria. And i want to end by saying yes, we all have a role to play. It was very encouraging to hear all of the colleagues say that.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner ryan and thank you colleagues and i want to thank lexes katie scott and jonathan for being here to help draft this proclamation and i also want to acknowledge sarah v ellen and joe blare from my office for diligent work on this proclamation. Now it's my honor to read it. Whereas our societies marginalize people who identify as gay lesbian queer nonbinary. And whereas for many lgbtq plus people this results in trauma social isolation and other negative social determinance of health and whereas many lgbtq plus people lack access to safe welcoming and knowledgeable healthcare and whereas as a result lgbtq plus people experience a broad away of health disparities including disproportionately high rights of hiv cancer and mental health issues and whereas these disparities have the deepest impact on transgender and nonbinary people and lgbtq plus people of color and whereas Portland has the second largest percentage of lgbtq plus people and whereas we drive to make a community where the people are driving and whereas the city can positive impact lgbtq plus through it's housing public safety economic development and other policies and whereas march 21st 320 sieve 2,022nd is recognized across the country as national lgbtq plus health awareness week and is a time for community to learn about and renew their commitment to the well being of the lgbtq plus community. I do hear by proclaim march 21st through 25th 2022 to be lgbtq plus awareness week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this time. Thank you all for being here today. Next, keelan item 190 is and emergency ordinance.

Clerk: Authorize grants in the amount of \$15 million from the united states department of transportation to find r fund local streets a the broadway corridor.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. I need to make a motion to accept this substitute exhibit c.

Wheeler: I'll second your motion. Any discussion on the substitute. Seeing none please call the roll.

Hardesty: Commissioner mapps. Did you have a question? You should is a gotten in your council packet and exhibit c substitute.

Mapps: Okay.

Hardesty: Do you see that.

Mapps: I do. I appreciate looking out for me.

Ryan: I'm going with the flow i know that i'm supposed to say something to get this started correct.

Wheeler: Yeah, we'll get to you in a minute commissioner ryan. So please call the roll first on the substitute, keelan.

Clerk: [calling roll. All vote aye] may the substitute is now on the table. Comissioner hardesty did you want to complete your remarks.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Let me just say that there is no change to this boundary. This is a lid that is being created by people who want it. I have steve here to answer any questions that folks might have.

Wheeler: All right. Very good and i'd like to make some opening remarks and then i will turn it over to commissioner ryan for opening remarks as well. First, i'd like to say thank you commissioner hardesty for your hard work on this. That's a priority for me and my administration. Redevelopment of the 14-acre us postal service property represents with a i brief is one of Portlands most significant prospects to further and equitable economy. Something we talked about a lot here around the city council die us. This is done by advancing wealth, creation opportunities through construction development and tenanting. Creating a vibrant and welcoming neighborhood and supporting living wage jobs. Given that this effort will lead to a considerable amount of affordable housing i would also like to turn it this over to commissioner ryan to say a few words commissioner ryan.

Ryan: Sure thank you mayor wheeler as my colleague are aware of the Portland housing bureau is the kao owner of the us poetal service site at the broadway corridor. And it will

leverage metro's affording housing bond. I will now turn this back to commissioner hardesty and her staff to present it's a wonderful multibureau effort.

Hardesty: Thank you very much. I may need the council's direction, legal council direction on what i did because the motion that i made is not for what we're discussing at this moment. I was premature. It is for another agenda item which may explain why commissioner ryan and commissioner mapps were looking at my strangely. What's your vice city attorney about how i correct my error.

Adrienne DelCotto: Just give me one second commissioner hardesty. I was trying to catch up.

Wheeler: Let's table that and just remake the motion on the appropriate item and then we don't have to mess with it. Consider that an address rehearsal and now we're good at it why don't you just tee up the presentation.

Hardesty: I will. Let me just say steve is back again with another great presentation. And i'm very excited about us exploring this potential as we explore other opportunities around housing people can afford to live in. I will turn it over to steve now for his presentation. Thank you.

Szigethy: Thank you, commissioner. Good to be with you again. Difational manager at pbot. I hope that my screen share is more successful this time. It sounds like my audio is good and thank you for solving the mystery of exhibit c. I was feeling under prepares for that. So thank you. Okay. Let me just make this larger. Is everything looking okay.

Hardesty: Looks perfect. Thank you.

Szigethy: Thank you, commissioner. Okay. We're here before you in a partnership with cross port lapped and we have others with cross bear Portland in the meeting with us as well to authors our grant application in the amount of \$15 million to the department of transportation to fund local streets development catalyzing structure at the corridor. The grant we're going after is called raise. It called -- it is a us department of transportation grant. This round in federal fiscal 2020 there is 1.5 million dollars in discretionary funding available. This round was authorized by president biden's infrastructure and jobs act. Previous versions were called tiger and build. The city has been pretty successful we had tiger grants for the moody avenue and multinoma county had a \$17 million tiger grant to fix the sell wood

bridge and we had a grant for the north river gate crossing in the river gate cross s area with the port of Portland and this time we're going after grants as large as 5 million and we're going after 15 million. The project is associated with the usps site you are very likely familiar with. The site bounded hereby southwest hoyt and love joy. Former home to the usps distribution center and still home a small retail site. The grant would fund the phase one street infrastructure across the site in particular northwest johnson street and another west kearney street and through the site as well as some intersection improvements at love joy and ninth. With a does this project do. Well it's very much an economic development focus project that we believe will score well with those metrics for the grant. These two streets would unlock about 70 percent of the development potential of the site. Site as a whole could accommodate up to 2300 job and including 60.

Hardesty: Excuse me if i may interrupt before you leave this site. So today we own this site, right.

Szigethy: That's correct.

Hardesty: If we are successful in getting this grant, will the city of Portland continue to own this site?

Szigethy: In the short term, yes. Maybe i'll defer this one over to lisa and sarah.

Hardesty: All right. I can wait for later but that's an important question for me. Thank you.

Szigethy: I don't know lisa or sarah did you want to talk with the disposition of the site.

Sarah Harpole: Certainly. As steve as noting the extension of the these two streets through the post office site is a critical path for development. So proper Portland and the Portland housing bureau currently own the site today and then we'll be selling individual parcels for individual development but these streets are necessary to create those future sales.

Hardesty: Thank you and this is going to be a longer conversation but i -- we are not -- i guess my question for you today as we apply because we don't know if we're going to get the money my question today is we're not tying ourselves into any scheme by applying for this grant are we.

Harpole: So in september of 2020 the city council approved the funding and finance plan.

Hardesty: So again i just want to be clear we having conversation and process tear the housing bureau and what's what it's going to look like in the future. I just want to make sure

that any decisions that we make today is actually forcing the city into a permanent solution in the future. This will not impact the conversation that we've been having about the future of prosper and housing is that correct.

Harpole: That's correct. It's the master plan or the approval of the finance plan are -- it would reduce that financial burden.

Hardesty: Not sure you answered my question but i'll let this go on.

Harpole: There will be no future obligation.

Hardesty: Please continue. I got sidetrack. I just had to ask that question on the public record. Not that i got the answer i'm looking for but i'm close, thank you.

Szigethy: This grant will offset our fundings sources for this project and help reduce some of those liabilities and that may get addressed here in a few slides. Thank you, sarah. Just some more additional details on the street designs themselves. Kearney street will be a more typical urban street that you would see in old town chinatown or the pearl district. Johnson treat will be a wider more special street with a two-way bike way and wider sidewalks. In particular johnson street will be a bit of a special street connecting union station with points west that will feature a two-way cycle track that extends to the northwest johnson neighborhood greenway to the west and also serve as a potential retail train r main street for the usps site at least in the development as envisioned in the master plan. So what are the benefit to sit. So the grants would reduce our shared financial burden pbot's transportation system development charge liability would be reduced by with two and a half million dollars. The local improvement district had a has already adopted on site, you know, that will be part of the liability for the future private owners as well as the housing bureau. This grant would offset much of that. For the housing bureau that would reabuse their -- the lid burden on private development would be reduced further and that's not just a private benefit that's also increasing the capacity for the private development to deliver on community benefits regarding for example labor and participation in the project. And then the overall for the entire city general fund that reduces general fund rick for offsetting a large lid that leads short-term up-front borrowing in order to move forward. So it reduces that risk for the entire city. It's also a benefit to pbot. Old town chinatown pearl and another west Portland and it will leverage -- this will support the mode chair goals and that encourages more walking and

biking and transit use and affordable housing with connectivity and proximity to housing and public spaces. So we think there are benefits for both the project as well as getting to grant. If we do not get the grants, we still be able to pay for the project and as sarah mentioned we have a local improvement on the site that has a total capacity up to 23 million and we have transportation charges up to 5 million. The phase one straw structure is less than that it's about \$22 million. So we have the funding mechanisms for that. The grants would offset those and significantly reduce those liabilities. It would reduce our lid down to 6 million and our contribution charges down to \$1 million. If we got the grant and finally this is just a timeline the grant application are due next month. Relatedly we'll be before this council in may with a series of intergovernmental agreements between cross Portland and the bureaus. We should hear from the federal government as early as august though previous rounds it's been more like september october. And also around that time we intend to issue a request for proposals for contractor services for the street projects. Complete our design. Complete preconstruction and start construction in the summer of 23 with completion at the end of 2024. Of course subject to change. The grand would add a little bit of time and any unknown site conditions could extend the program but Portland and pbot are aware of the schedule risks and are moving forward with your authorization to complete the grant application. At this point thanks for your time and sarah and i can take any questions.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. I'm curious about why the igas are being rushed to be completed by may when we won't know if we have the grants yet.

Szigethy: Yeah, the iga covers a much larger topics than just the grant. They cover item he's related to our funding grant and we did think about that if the grant came in it could change our funding lens between the two during ohs. There are other topics though and perhaps sarah can summarize what some of the other igas are proposes.

Hardesty: Sarah would hold just a sec. The council has not had and opportunity to have a fuller conversation that we will be in a position where we within forced to do things that we as a council have not made a decision to. So i'm concerned about the timing and just on the surface i think may is too soon for and iga if the council has not had that deeper conversation because i don't want to be put in a position as a councilmember that we've bid for a grant

and i'm forced to do something for a decade that we have had no conversation on: I just want to be clear about that. And i'm excited about applying for the grant because it gives us an opportunity to think thoroughly on how to build the last lands that the city owns and i just want to be cautiously optimistic. So i'm not worrying about applying for the grant because applying for is just applying for it and if we don't get it we have to have another conversation but i don't want to be put in this position where i have to vote on something and decisions have to be made because we applied for a grant. Thank you.

Szigethy: Thank you, commissioner. We'll make sure that our respective directors are engaging with council's office on the topic.

Harpole: And can i speak to the topic as to why we're bringing them in may. So in september of 2020 city council approved what we called the omnibus ordinance. And at that time within that ordinance you directed staff to come back to you with a set of igas that were consistent with those financial commitments that were approved at that time. So the igas that we're bringing back to you are consistent with the pre-approvals that have been made. They are simply spelling out those investment commitments that were confirmed by council as well as the roles and responsibilities of moving the project forward. For example -- and coordinating with the design receive efforts that pbob is working on currently. So those projects are continuing to move forward consistent with your authors and we just need to codify those. We would be successful in the raised grant we could come back and reduce the financial obligations carried by the bureau.

Hardesty: Thank you for that sarah. Let me just say that a lot has changed since that agreement was reached in 2020. The number of private investments that have taken place that had no outcomes that aren't actually helping us actually build a city that we want to build. We have not looked since that federal tax give away happened about what's different now and how do we need to adjust to that, right. Again, it's like the world has changed and i don't like us operating as if the world hasn't changed that we're operating in. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner. Keelan, do we have any individual signed up to test on this.

Clerk: No mayor, no one signed up.

Wheeler: All right. Very good, please call the role.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I just want to say this is an exciting opportunity. I want to say thank you to Steve and Sarah and Commissioner Hardesty and the Mayor and also Commissioner Ryan for bringing this forward. I will keep my fingers crossed. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Steve and Sarah. That was a great presentation. This will start the first phase of affordable housing development. This 15 million in savings that you spelled out on phase one infrastructure work will be a big win for the city and a big win for housing Portlanders. Good work. I'm crossing my fingers. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I remember that the housing bureau has no money to build the affordable housing that is required with the USPS site. When we asked them at council? They don't have 1 dollar yet. So again, I don't want to assume that what we thought was going to happen will happen. I'm very excited about us applying for this grant but I think that we need to have a deeper conversation about if we get the grant then what. And what has changed since 2020 since there is so much private investment taking place downtown. So what we do in this project will matter for a generation to come and if we don't -- I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Ayes.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

Hardesty: Excuse me Mayor. So there was that accidental amendment that I made is that just gone.

Wheeler: Why don't we assume it is just so we have our legal eyes dotted and ties crossed.

Hardesty: Excellent.

Wheeler: Is this the item.

Hardesty: Yes, Mayor. This is the item that I actually needed to make a motion to replace exhibit C.

Wheeler: Okay. Good.

Adrienne DelCotto: Sorry to jump in. That's 206 that is the item.

Wheeler: Okay. We're on 200. I may vote against it just for the heck of it. It won't come by any prize by the time it gets here.

Hardesty: It's a long day mayor.

Wheeler: They all are. At least we are still smiling. Item number 992. At the intersection of southeast third avenue and southeast stark street. This report authorizes the sue he relief of a structure. Which will provide flood protection and prevent surface flood anything this area. Once again chief procurement officer Biko Taylor is here to present the report.

Biko Taylor: Good morning mayor and city council. I'll start with item 200 on december 16 council approved ordinance the bureau's overall project on this was \$2.4 million. We were issued and invitation to bid with a due date of february 22, 2022, received two bids in total. Lapped us and land us construction was the low bidder. This was bid under a low bid methodology. And their bid was \$2.87 million. This is not necessarily the exact number and that was 19 percent over budgets. Let's get to the an aspirational goals in this project. So out of 2.7 million land us decided to self-perform 68.3 percent of that work which left 32 percent for subcontractors. On this project we have 22 percent certified subcontractors with -- identifying as n be. So that's 16.46 percent nbe i think where we can get better is our continuing to build capacity for those that would service subcontractors on these projects and it's at land us and land us at their disposele how much their going to self-perform. Their completing a significant amount of work that could be completed by nbes. Any questions on item 200.

Wheeler: Colleagues any questions on this item. Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this report.

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good and Biko does that complete the report i'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: Any seconded.

Mapps: Seconded.

Wheeler: That sounded like commission he maps.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I just want to say thank you director taylor and with that i vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you director taylor. That was a great report and you have and act to speak in language that anyone can understand if they tune in and i appreciate that i vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you director taylor i look forward to you continues transformation of procurement i'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I want to thank director taylor or his work on this important project. Whether we get this done. That is one of the money reasons i am glad to see this move forward and one of the many reasons i vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. Thank you, director taylor, for that presentition. Item 201 is also a report.

Clerk: Accept bid of paul brothers inc. For the errol heights park project for \$6,800,000.

Wheeler: This is located in the -- it's also adjacent to the wood stock and the arrested enal johnson neighborhoods. This will provide amenities foreplay and sport as well as picnic and lawn spacement in short it sounds fantastic. It's also going to provide a Portland lieu as well as environmental observation areas procurement office taylor is still here to present this item as well welcome back.

Taylor: Thank you, mayor wheeler. So city council approved this ordinance. On november 17,2021st. The engineering estimate on this project was right over seven -- say over seven managerial. Procurement services issued and invitation to bid with a due date of january 25, 2022. We received five bids. This was also bid under the low bidder methodology. Paul brothers incorporates was the low bid on this project. Their bid came over at a legal over \$6.8 million. We have a 20 percent an aspiration goal on this project as well and i'll give you a brief breakdown of the numbers on this projects. 64% of that project will be performed by paul brothers meaning that they subcontracted 36% of this out to contractors we did not perform under nbe. All.22 percent of this contract at the time was awarded to nbcs but since we've added 3.67 since bid opening and that's a collaboration between paul brothers and the procurement services division to increase participation in this projects. Overall 24 percent of

the subcontractors were noncovid certified. That concluded my report and i open up for questions.

Wheeler: Colleagues any questions on this report. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor and thank you Biko. I appreciate you pointing out what was obvious to me what i looked at this contract. It's almost \$7 million contract with almost 2 million of it being a contracted out and very little dollars actually getting in the hands of community of color. This is the kind of -- this is the, kind of, project that i've seen traditionally come through the city council with the aspirational goals and i just want you to know that i see with a you see. And as far as i'm concerned this is woefully inadequate but this is clearly where we are at this moment. These are the, kind of, changes i know you will be making director taylor and so i look forward to whether we don't see anymore \$7 million contract that just barely puts any money in the hands of minority and women owned firms. So i appreciate you and i appreciate your attention to this issue but i'm not impressed with this contract at all. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner ryan.

Ryan: Yes thank you mayor and thank you director taylor. I want to give you a chance to complain the work that you did to give and additional three about the 67 in additional collaboration that you did with the paul brothers can you explain what that looks like because that's the type of effort that we appreciate here at the council and i just want to here what that's like.

Taylor: Well paul brothers has been working with our office to increase the percentage of nbe participation: We have to give credit to the paul brothers for being open minds even post award. So we give credit to paul brothers and also internally staff for bringing paul brothers solutions that can increase the participation on this project.

Ryan: I just want to give you a chance to explain that further because that's the type of effort that i haven't heard before you got here as much so i just want you to explain further what you and your team about to work with the general contractor.

Taylor: And it's ongoing.

Ryan: I can tell. It's about relationship and i appreciate that you're reaching out and having those conversations.

Hardesty: Biko i'm sorry director taylor one thing that would help me is when contractors have contractors that are not nwbe i would also like to have it lists the ethnicity of the firm who owns that firm because i think we will see something very different in in fact that form tells who is getting the contract that actually had that data for the ones that is not covid certifies. Can we is a that happen on these records.

Taylor: Absolutely. I can provide you with the granular details on that. We'll make a note of it and proadvise that information. Thank.

Hardesty: Thank you director.

Wheeler: Very good i'll entertain a motion.

Rubio: So moved.

Hardesty: Second

Wheeler: Please call the roll key rubio.

Rubio: We appreciate all the hours that you have working with our team and we'll be monitoring this but again are grateful for this collaboration and that we have your eyes on this director. Regarding the part this is and exciting project that is a loaning time coming for the air or heights neighbors and community. Soy am voting aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes it's a good opportunity to vote aye for the neighbors of arrow heights and i vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I want to thank commissioner rubio this has been a project long in the work and the community is desperately waiting for this to be done. After and so i'm very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: This is a good project that i would like to see move forward. I would like to thank director taylor for all his hoard work on this. For these reasons and more i vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote i item you can number two -- colleagues this is and emergency ordinance that authorizes construction to replace a significantly damages retaining wall on southwest college street and to stabilize on hall street which has failed due to a land slide. It -- as it

continue to dislodge structural stones and bulge out word at it's tallest point. The slope is only temporarily stablized and i'll hand this off to director taylor to present this ordinance.

Taylor: Thank you mayor wheeler. Another pbot project we issued the invitation to bid on this project november 192021 with a due date of january 20 fuehrer 22 and we received two bids the award went to stellar j corporation under the low bid methodology and the bid came in at over \$2 million. The bids came in a little high due to stellar j and other bidders site hi high labor demand for why this bid came in high. 2060 percent aspirational goals stellar j self-performs 53 percent and right under 45 percent of the project was subcontracted to covid certified firm and this was awarded to and nbe firm specifically a hispanic male for drilling and piling. So -- that concluded my report. Any questions.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you director taylor 132 percent over estimate is not what i would consider a little over the estimate. Can you go into -- i mean this is significantly higher why would we do this. I know it's and emergency. I know it's something that we have to repair because the slide is still leading but that is not a little over in my view.

Taylor: Commissioner hardesty if you a low i can get more granular numbers. I agree that 132 percent is eye opening but i believe it's the schedule on this project with lesser except to the labor market and that's just me giving you my opinion there but i can provide you with a more granular analysis on why the estimate and the actual cost were -- the delta was so substantial between the two.

Hardesty: And i have a pbot here that would be happy to weigh in on this question is that right.

Geren Shankar: Yeah i'm not sure if you want me to step in now. And i do appreciate starting off with the string quartette. So i'm voting for that next i'm i show up. So yes this project was very concerning that we were almost twice what we estimated. I have the presentation that i can run quickly through with you but just a couple of things. This is and extremely specialized operation. There are very few drillers on the west coast who can perform this time of work. The location it's a very difficult location we're on a steep, steep residential area on southwest college and southwest upper hall. It's a difficult terrain steep slopes. There is limit the access for equipment there is no staging.

Hardesty: You made my point i don't need the powerpoint but i think those were important keys because i know just as and elected leader when i see something that's 132 percent over estimate that catches my attention. But you just made a compelling argument if you have this information feel free to share it with the offices. But you made the case for me. So thank you appreciate you being here. Thank you, thank you all.

Mapps: I had the same question as commissioner hardesty. The cost over runs here are remarkable. I also want to give you and opportunity to unpack that a little bit. Well, first i look forward to a briefing if you could come to our offices and give us some more detail on this that would be great and what went wrong here. Was the original engineers estimate just bad or has covid changed the word in such a way that we might expect projects to come in at twice the original estimated cost.

Shankar: Technically speaking this engineer's estimate was done two years ago. So obviously before covid hit and yes covid it a large reason why we're at this cost over run. But i wouldn't say it's the whole reason, right. The list that i just gave you. That's a compelling list as to where this project is expensive. And there is a lot of risk. You couldn't forget about the risk that contractor are willing to take on to perform this work and again there are only two bidder that's bid this project and that's a clear signal to us that look there is a labor shortage. This is difficult work. And, yeah, that's, you know, this is the time we're in. It's very difficult time that we're in right now with contractors across the country.

Mapps: Thank you very much and should you have any other background information it would be great if you could send it over to our offices. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Do we have any public testimony on this item.

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: All rights -- emergency ordinance please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Want to thank pbot for bringing all this information forward i vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you so many for the assist on this presentation and thank you director taylor i'm very happy to vote aye and i appreciate all the information that we were able to obtain through this agenda item. I look forward to seeing us patch up this slide. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: This was a miss critical project i am concerned about the cost over runs here not necessarily because i question this project but i do wonder if it is if it and us pates future cost over runs [indiscernible] despite those concerns i vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. The project is obviously critical and urgent and even though there is a cost over run here i accept the reasons that were given i vote aye next item. Deputy city attorney ryan bailey and senior claims analyst rosa lea readish are here to present the ordinance.

Ryan Bailey: Good morning everyone on june 5 2020 at approximately seven people ms. Julia leggett was participating in a -- ms. Leggett alleged that an officer with the Portland bureau of police fired a flash bang into her leg. The case as initially set for trial. However after postponements due to the covid-19 pandemic the city attorney's office and city man alignment in consultation with the police determined that it was in the best interest of the community to attempt mediation. Things parties attempted mediation in 2021 and were able to reach the compromised settlement that is before you know. The settlement has the support of ms. Leggett and the city's attorney's office.

Wheeler: Very good. Key land do we have any public testimony on this item.

Clerk: Yes we have two people signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. First name for the record please.

Clerk: First up we have dan handle man.

Dan Handelman: Dan handle man i'm with the Portland cop watch. This is another incident from the went 20 protest there is that -- shall there as was and encounter with the Portland police which is a very vague description of what looks like a very painful wound that was shown on the news story about this incident with ms. Leggett where there is a very serious wound to her leg and we belief that flash bangs were stopped being used in crowd control in i think it was 2018 when chief outlaw said they were not going to be used anymore so it

might be another type of projectile. In reading review reported there have been several where there was a bunch of misconduct of officers who fired less lethal weapons into people of crowds who weren't actively resisting and it's not clear whether this is one of those cases and it's also not clear whether this officer got held accountable for the damage that was done here and that's one of the conversations that we would like to hear when these settlements come to city council you and we're not opposed to this settlement. But on that by the city for these innocents and instead the city went to Salem to try to make it easier for police to use weapons in crowd control situations and it was people were confused about with the rules were supposed to be. And it makes it clear that there were going to be more incidents like this in the future. And the city okays this. It becomes a thing where people don't want to come to protest because they're afraid of being hurt by the police and this is called prior restraint and the city needs to think about that and you also had this horrible incident last month where a vigilante shot people at a protest and you get the idea where they think it's okay dark both here in Portland with the Portland police and internationally by governments who use militaries to use violence against populations and I think especially with the presentation that you had earlier today about what's happening in Ukraine we need to think about what the United States drops bombs like they did in -- and other countries and it's really incumbent upon the council to think about the victims of police violence and the victims of war violence in the same breath when you're thinking about all the damage that's done by violence by the state. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you next individual please.

Clerk: Next up we have Mark Pours.

Mark Poris: Thank you I'm testified today in support of the settlement for Ms. Leggett. This item was originally on the consent agenda two weeks ago and I asked to have it pulled to the community could learn more about this. So I'm grateful that they were here though we didn't learn too much more about what actually happened. I continue to believe that every settlement should default to be on the agenda at least until they get back in the DOJ agreement. I know they said they would talk about changing the parameters and there is never a bad time to -- so I want to thank Keelan and the people in the council clerk's office. Last month Stacy Cowan, a city of Portland government relations employee, submitted testimony to the

oregon house judiciary committee and league of oregon cities, oregon association of chiefs of police and the city of Portland to make it easier for p.p.b. To use tear gas and impact munitions on future peaceful demonstrators, instead of banning the weapons, the city received permission to use them more frequently. I remember, and i'm sure you do too, watching the presentation to council on the settlement, where p.p.b. Officer fired a flash bang grenade that launched into the skull and would have killed him had he not been wearing a helmet. He was walking with from police like miss leggett. Hb4008, is going to make it easier for there to be another julia leggett and potentially being killed by police and makes it likely p.p.b. Will use tear gas on community members. So since the city seems determined to allow police to use tear gas and less lethal munition on community members, error on the side of transparency. Stop making us ask us to pull these from the agenda. The cops are not already here to protect us. Sometimes they shoot us. Thanks.

Hardesty: I just want you to know, this city council made a decision, a consensus around anything over 50000 were automatically be on the regular agenda. And not because they are on all equally important. But you know, agendas get really, really long sometimes. So you know and you can share with folks, any time there is a settlement over 50,000, it will automatically be on the regular agenda.

Poris: Thanks, i appreciate that.

Hardesty: You're welcome.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the role, keelan.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: City government, we need to learn from these incidents and not repeat practices that do not serve the community. I appreciate the parties came together to agree upon a resolution to this matter. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I appreciate dana handelman and our other guests for being here today. And i want to thank you as someone was harmed by a public servants and that should never be.

And i am also very committed to supporting this settlement and i'm glad the parties came together and all the parties agreed this is the right outcome from this situation. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. The settlement is approved. Item 204. A second reading.

Clerk: Authorize limited tax revenue refunding bonds through december 31st, 2024.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is the second reading. You've already heard a presentation and public testimony. Any further business? Seeing none, call the role, keelan.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you for bringing this forward. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yeah, it was a great presentation last week, that distinguished between municipal and other bonds. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Wheeler: Item 205, a second reading.

Clerk: Authorize permanent bond interest rates for installing payment contracts, financed by the limited tax improvement bonds 2022 series b.

Wheeler: Any further discussion, colleagues? Seeing none, please call the role.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. 206. A resolution.

Clerk: Declare intent to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the southeast 155th avenue and main street drive local improvement district.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I've been wanting to do this all day long. I have a motion to substitute exhibit c. Can I get a second?

Rubio: Second.

Hardesty: It's been moved and seconded, mayor. Thank you.

Wheeler: Any further discussion on the substitute? Seeing none, please call the role.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Hardesty: Aye.

Mapps: Aye.

Wheeler: I have eagerly been waiting my opportunity to vote for this substitute amendment. And I am very happy to vote aye.

Hardesty: I thought you were going to vote no to make me crazy.

Wheeler: I thought about it. But at the end of the day I voted on the straight and narrow. The substitute is on the table. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. This is a l.i.d. That is being created by people who want it. I have Andrew here from Portland bureau of transportation to provide additional information on this particular l.i.d. And let me just, Andrew, do you want to give a brief overview for my colleagues on this? A report?

Andrew Aebi: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Andrew Abbey, local improvement district administrator. I don't have a presentation today. I think I'll be fairly brief. Maybe just to inform the council what you voted on with the amendment, we had a mapping error on the map. And it simply overstated the length of the street improvements that we're planning on main street and drive. There is no change to the financial aspect of the l.i.d. This is simply correcting the map to align with what the original scope of the project was. I want to thank council for

not amending the third ordinance on the Broadway corridor ordinance to insert my map into the other ordinances. That would have gotten messy this morning. So thank you.

Hardesty: You could have thanked your commissioner for that. Luckily, I figured it out while we were still at the right place. And see commissioner Mapps may have a question.

Mapps: Yeah. Andrew, actually would be helpful for me to unpack this a little bit. I think it's unusual or unlike anything I've seen so far in that parks would be paying the entire amount of the I.I.D., is that correct?

Aebi: It is, commissioner. I think I anticipated your questions. And I was fully prepared to walk through council what we're doing today. We'll have a more detailed presentation when we bring back an ordinance on April 20th. Let me on a high-level state for you the unusual nature of this I.I.D. You are entirely correct, commissioner Mapps. This is not a normal and customary I.I.D. Every I.I.D. that we do is unique in its own way. So the business objective of this I.I.D. Really two-fold. Number one, we wanted to partner, we meaning p.b.o.t., wanted to partner with parks. Because parks for many years has had a diligent effort to build new parks in east Portland, historically under served with parks. This particular park is a crown jewel. It's going to be a wonderful park that attracts people from all over east Portland, not just the Centennial neighborhood. I have Sandra here on the council session if you want more information from her. But to put it succinctly, commissioner Mapps, the park development is going through the land use process. And Title 33 for better or worse is the best inflexible, I'm not saying bad, but inflexibility. You have to follow the land use code, and a special dispensation in code that allows when a local improvement district is formed that it can expedite the permitting approval. That front and center, commissioner Mapps is why we are doing this with an I.I.D., rather than what we call the public works permitting. The secondary business reason for doing this I.I.D. is p.b.o.t. Also had two capital improvement projects in this area, one with the 4m project and the other was the 150 greenway project that again didn't necessarily integrate that well with the land use process. And we saw the I.I.D. as an opportunity to tweak the scope a little bit so that the park frontage improvements that are required of the condition of the land use would also interact better with the two p.b.o.t. CIP projects. We didn't want parks to spend money to build something that would be throw away and wouldn't work well with what we have planned for this particular park improvement. And a third point, after we

already had started the I.i.d. Discussion to achieve those two objectives, we also heard a fair amount of community feedback and commissioner Hardesty, I'm sure you are aware of this. But the original plan along Marka, or excuse me, Main and Millmain Drive was to remove a fair amount of on-street parking. This allows us to tweak the scope so we don't have to do that and we can address some community concerns. I'll kind of pause there and see if Council has more questions. I have Sandra with me if you have any questions about the park.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps has a question.

Mapps: Have we used this technique before?

Aebi: We have, Commissioner. The most recent example we did a I.i.d. for K'unamokwst Park at Northeast 52nd and Alberta. Again, it was a nice opportunity to coordinate the park improvements with the I.i.d. Improvements and also freed up, this project like the other one helped free up the bandwidth of park staff and worry less about designing and building the frontage improvement. We saw this as a comparative advantage for both of our bureaus.

Mapps: Okay. You learn something new every day. I appreciate the explanation. It would be helpful at some point in the future, my staff could get a briefing on this. I think this is a space we haven't seen before. And trying to figure it out. Thank you.

Wheeler: [multiple speakers]

Hardesty: Coming back in April as Andrew said. I certainly look forward to us continuing this conversation.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this resolution?

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. Call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty and Andrew, for this presentation. I'm looking forward to this. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you, Andrew, a great conversation. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, Andrew, and thank you Sandra Raw for being here, even though we didn't tap into your expertise today, we will in the near future. This is a good multi-bureau project. And I'm excited about the potential that it will bring forward. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: As always, I appreciate Andrew's presentations and projects. I look forward to learning more about this unique approach to building this important park. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you, Andrew. We'll go back to the item on the consent agenda which was pulled. And that was item number 194.

Clerk: Authorize director of parks and recreation to negotiate and execute one or more lease agreements from east zone maintenance facility.

Wheeler: And who pulled it?

Hardesty: It was me, Mayor. Commissioner Hardesty pulled it because we just had a very detailed work session around the infrastructure needs of the city of Portland. And I understand that this is very specific for parks, maintenance needs but we have other bureaus that also have maintenance needs. I wanted to have a conversation about why a 10-year contract and how this leads into the bigger city needs around maintenance, you know, facilities, when the earthquake happens, we're going to lose most city vehicles. So I didn't want this to just slide by on consent without having a conversation about how we connect the dots.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Rubio, this is your item. I don't know if you want to respond to that or if there is somebody to present.

Rubio: Yeah, I'll introduce someone who can say a little more about this. So as you all know, in November of 2020, we passed a local parks and recreation -- a local levy option that enabled us to create more access and hire more staff aimed at serving the community betterment in order to provide adequate resources for these services, the levy also provided funding for additional parks and recreation vehicles, equipment, and operational-related facilities to be procured. I'm also happy to turn it over to Dillon Paul from Portland Parks and Recreation Property Group who will provide more context about this request for an east maintenance facility that will specifically benefit northeast Portland. Dillon?

Dylan Paul: Good morning, mayor and members of council. I'm joined here by parks leadership staff, also a member of my property team Donna Wilder and [indiscernible] questions, I'm going to go ahead and share my presentation I put together with brief talking points. Let me see if I can get this to work here. Can everybody see that? Excellent. So I'm going to talk about -- today about a maintenance facility, parks and recreation local option levy allowed for the hiring of staff and ability for parks and recreation to provide services across the city. To provide commitments, parks and recreation needs a yard and operation space in northeast Portland. My presentation today will provide a brief overview and summary of our request. One or more lease agreements. The subject property is under current discussions with the property owner. With that, I will go to the next slide here. With the support and guidance from city policy, we've confirmed there are bureaus that can support parks with this space need. In line with city policies, we looked at existing properties, existing buildings that we have. Often times the city's open space destination limits park ability to make use of existing facilities and that's a lease determined the most viable path forward and also the only vehicle that was able to be funded by the levy. So the space needs of this must growth timeline, which is very aggressive. The hiring of over 50 new positions, located in this area of 60 seasonal staff with vehicles and equipment. Primarily operation space, office is available but [indiscernible] function of this lease and it must be turn key and ready to use. If you look at the map, it shows all those little flags are parks maintenance facilities in the upper right-hand side corner the outlined box is the location of the new proposed northeast maintenance facility. As you can see, there are no other maintenance facilities in existence already in that area. This is a quick spatial map of rough drive times, the red dots indicate that most surface levels require 15-17 minutes drive, some are 25 minutes. When staff are in the areas, those areas are maintained at a higher level. We try to spread the maintenance facilities across the city to have regional hubs to make sure our service levels, it has -- a shop, vacant lot for fleet storage. And existing office building. The office building is multi-tenant. Only using a portion as our lead primary office. It is located right next to the four corners, very important part of our portfolio, collaboration across multiple bureaus up in this area. There is a few photos here, the shop space is already really set up for our needs, very little change other than the vacant site across the street needs to have some other details

worked out in order to provide for fencing and vehicle use within the existing zoning code. With that, i'm here for questions and comments.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty. [multiple speakers]

Hardesty: Yes, i know, we've been having a little challenge today. Dillon, a great presentation. I thank you. And it was interesting because the site you are looking at is on airport way. And i asked this question, again, you know, i know you have a need and trying to address the need. My question has absolutely nothing to do with parks directly. But it has to do with the conversation the council is continuing to have about deferred maintenance needs and one of the big needs we have is storage. Storage of vehicles for a whole host of different bureaus. Ironically, we own property on airport way, we're only using a small percentage of this. I don't know where the conversation happens in the city when we talk about the need to coordinate. This is a 10-year lease is why this concerns me. If we're really talking about doing things differently, are we planning to lock ourself into a 10-year lease just to store property for workplace? I find it problematic. That's why i wanted to pull this and have this conversation. Because it's not just about the parks bureau and levy. It's if we as a council are looking at these holistically or one office. 10 years is a long time to be tied into a lease when we're supposedly thinking differently.

Paul: Thank you, commissioner. For parks currently, the levy is driving the urgency, we have been looking at a permanent facility for quite some time. It takes 5 to 10 years in our experience for something like that to be developed on our own land. There are several sites that could be viable. But the 10-year timeframe was in line with our expectations to acquire or plan or fund something more permanent and across the levy -- zoning -- across the city, we have a healthy mix of leased, owned and city bureau space, and so, i think that it's a great opportunity for us to look at all of those different costs and really hone in on what that best solution is. I would say it's definitely our intent to consider more permanent facility. But the thought it would be 10 years for us to get that funded and in place.

Hardesty: When does the levy expire?

Paul: I don't know the exact dates. But it was a five-year levy.

Hardesty: 2025 is when we would expect to expire unless we do something different or maybe 2026 because it was passed in november of 2020. Went into affect in 2021. Right? Somewhere between '25 and '26. You will have a lot of years left on the lease when the levy expires. What's the plan?

Paul: Our finance manager reviewed that and factored into the term on this. I believe if there is more detail, we'll get back to you on it.

Hardesty: I'm not excited about signing a 10-year lease and knowing we have these needs all over the city. This is a great conversation for me to have. I look forward to continuing this conversation with commissioner rubio when we get an opportunity to meet.

Paul: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner rubio.

Rubio: I wanted to take a minute just to kind of, commissioner hardesty, i totally hear the point you are raising about we need better cross-bureau planning around our facilities and capital projects to take care of our infrastructure and better planning. And we're running up against the urgency of the levy. There is no reason we can't keep talking and get what we need done. So we'll keep the conversation open, commissioner hardesty. And we care about the same things too. Thanks for your question. And thank you, dillon for being here and for the presentation.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: One quick question. Do we have to sign a 10-year lease? What's the magic of a 10-year versus a five-year lease.

Paul: We entertained many options. For a lease of this size with the required improvements it's unlikely we would finds an owner willing to do a term shorter than 10 years. [indiscernible] as we're in active negotiations, we received indication from the seller they would not accept anything under that term [indiscernible]. Cast a pretty wide net across Portland. We've been very few sites that would accommodate the need, the alternative to break up and have multiple facilities requiring additional staff supervision and cost benefit analysis that we did indicated it would be best to negotiate at this site. And see if we can't come to terms that were acceptable.

Wheeler: Very good. Is there any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up.

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

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to again, thank, dillon for the presentation and thanks to my colleagues for the good conversation. And we will be monitoring this project as it moves forward. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you, dillon for the presentation. You had me when you showed the map with the red dots. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner rubio, and thank you so much, dillon, for the information you provided today. And again, this was not about parks and the parks levy. But it's about reminding us that we're all inner connected at the city of Portland. And if we have shared needs we should look for how we fix it collectively. I appreciate dillon being here and thank you for your grace, commissioner rubio. Happy to vote aye.

Mapps: For a cross bureau approach to asset management. That's a top priority for me too. I look forward to working with this council to pursuing that important work. At the same time, i support this project because i think it represents an important step forward for equity in east Portland. For that reason, i vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. And the ordinance is approved. Keelan, that completes our business for this morning?

Clerk: Yes, it does.

Wheeler: Very good. Thanks, everybody. We'll see you at 2:00 p.m. We're adjourned.

Council recessed at 12:11 p.m.

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March 16, 2022 **2:00 p.m.**

Mayor: Portland city council on March 16th, 2022. Good afternoon, please call the roll. [Roll called]

Mayor: Here. The city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available for the public. It's available on the city's YouTube channel www.Portlandoregon.gov and channel 30. The public may provide written testimony by e-mailing at cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov. Now we'll hear from legal counsel.

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

Mayor: Thank you. The first item this afternoon is item number 207.

Clerk: Accept the 2002 to 2020 tree canopy monitoring report.

Mayor: This is a report. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you, Mayor. Trees are good for the world. Urban trees specifically improve air quality, manage stormwater, capture carbon and provide well-established physical and mental health benefits. And here in Portland we pride ourselves for the love of the natural environment and our trees are such a key part of that shared identity. There have been a lot of recent attention to the role that trees play in the climate resilience and we have to consider today's report in that climate context. Roughly a week ago during the ice and cold weather we lost over 600 trees. And then last summer as a heat emergency bore down on our region, treeless parts of town recorded temperatures up to 15 degrees hotter than in more well-treed areas. Climate change brings the role of trees into sharp contrast. Trees strengthen our resilience to climate change but they're vulnerable to climate-changed weather. And Portland's tree canopy makes this an equity issue. Research by Portland parks and recreation urban forestry shown that the tree density is most closely associated with income and race and that east Portland with disproportionate concentrations of Portlanders of color, low-income Portlanders and refugee communities have far less tree canopy. The urban forestry division charged with managing the tree's infrastructure is working to equitably protect, preserve and expand the urban forest. What this report is telling us is they're swimming upstream in this work. Urban forestry planted over 700 trees this winter. But as stated earlier, we lost over 600 in a single weekend ice storm last year. And these newly-planted trees will take years to provide the benefits of the trees we lost. This report is a warning. Telling us that we need to take concrete actions to replace the trees we're losing and create an equitable tree canopy in east Portland for our resilience to climate change. To present on this we have Jenn Cairo and Jeff Ramsey here today and they're joined by a professor at Portland state's college and urban affairs and the chair of the urban forestry commission. We'll now turn it over to them.

Jeff Ramsey: I will attempt to share my screen. Thanks for having us, by the way. And just give me a moment.

Hardesty: And I know the Commissioner introduced you, but for the record will you say your name again.

Ramsey: Yes, my name is Jeff Ramsey, I'm a science and policy specialist with Portland parks and recreation urban forestry. Hopefully you can see the slides up here. My job at Portland parks and recreation is to basically keep track of what's going on with Portland's tree canopy and do program evaluation and some of the community science efforts that we lead around tree survival, inventorying trees around town making sure that trees are doing well. One of the projects that we recently finished was to update our city's estimate of tree canopy cover for Portland and just so we're all on the same page, that is the amount of the city's total area that is under trees and their leaves and branches. Basically everything green that you see in that picture there. And so tree canopy is made up of trees and they do a lot of work in the city cleaning our air, cooling summer heat, improving our health, providing habitat and so much more. Taken together the trees that make up our urban forest are some of the most valuable infrastructure in the city providing essential services. So why do we track tree canopy cover? We track it because, well, city council told us to and it's one of the only metrics for health that we have with city-wide goals attached and named in numerous city-wide plans. It's Portland parks and recreation responsibility to make progress towards these goals. And if you didn't already know the goal for tree canopy in the city is to cover one-third of the city by 2035. And a note on our goal, it was set over 15 years ago and it was not based on how much space we have for trees that's a different question. It was basically as a realistic goal that they thought they could meet by 2035. Portland parks and recreation did ask the question, how much space is there for trees. Is this goal even realistic. And a few years ago we finished a different report on canopy potential, the space for trees in Portland, and we found that even after taking into account future development, taking into account the fact that we can't plant trees between the runways at PDX, we need to have soccer fields and baseball fields, taking all of those spaces into account, Portland could still realistically sustain over 50% canopy cover. So if we find that tree canopy is decreasing today, I want to make really clear that it's not because Portland doesn't have any more room for trees. And just some comparisons to underline this point, while we may like to compare ourselves and maybe we think we're turning into San Francisco, we're really closer to about a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which actually has higher population density than our city. And in Pittsburgh, which fits more people into the same amount of space than Portland does, they have over 40% tree canopy cover right now. And

they have a goal of 60%. New York City, I think we can all agree the most population-dense city in the United States. They have the same rate of canopy cover, 21%, that Portland does east of the river. So they fit a lot more people into the same amount of space and get the same amount of tree canopy that we have in Portland. So there's definitely room to improve. So now I'll get into quickly just tell you about how, how we measure tree canopy cover. And there are basically two ways. We're going to talk about both of them today. The first way is to draw a map. So you can literally draw out all of the outlines of all of the tree canopy in the city and that's a method that Metro used and various researchers at PSU, one that the doctor here with us today as used. And the benefit of these maps are that they allow you to see where and why canopy is being gained and loss. You can see in that picture on the left, that's a picture of Metro's last map of tree canopy from 2014. And you can see all of the tree canopy outline downtown. So it's great. And you can cut up this map any way you want. You can ask how much tree canopy is in Hazelwood versus Arbor Lodge. You can ask how much tree canopy cover we have on public spaces versus private and all of those questions. But the drawback with these maps are that they're generated using technology that changes underneath their feet very quickly. So anyone who makes these maps of canopy will tell you that it's really hard to find to do an apples-to-apples comparison when they make a map and come back five years later to make the map again of tree canopy cover. But like I said, Metro and various researchers have been making canopy maps of Portland back all the way to 1972. So we have a pretty long, long range when we look at tree canopy cover over time and change over time, we can look back pretty far in Portland. The report we're submitting to you today that Parks and Rec does is a little different. It's a little more simple but it's also very accurate. The way we do it is that we set down points across the city. We overlay them on an aerial image that is very high resolution. We zoom way in there and we say does that point land on a tree or not. It's a very simple process. Because we want to be accurate, we have lots of points across the city. We have over 4,000 that we look at. And we go back every five years. We've been running this study since the year 2000. This method is the gold standard for measuring canopy change over time. And it was developed in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service. They helped us develop this study. This is the method they use in cities across the country and also nationwide. And our study is set up to give us a city-wide estimate as well as estimate

for each of the four general zoning types we have in Portland. We have a canopy estimate for residential, commercial, industrial and open space zones, in addition to a city-wide number. But because it's a sample, based on a sample, it means we can't say why canopy is being lost or gain or where it is being lost or gained because it is a sample. These two methods together can paint a useful picture. So like I said, people have been doing this work, looking all the way back to 1972. So over the last 50 years. And we've found that -- not just we, everyone that's done it has found up to 2015 gains in Portland's canopy cover were widespread and unique, especially this century. Few cities have established this. We were really in rare company there for a while, the canopy gains that we were seeing especially in the first 15 years of this century. Our latest report finds that these gains seem to be over and while there is some uncertainty of the exact number due to the nature of the study, it's based on a random sample. After looking at 4,000 points across the city our report estimates that we've lost a net loss of over 800 acres of canopy between 2015 and 2020. The losses that we found occurred in all zoning types. So we lost in residential zones, industrial zones, commercial zones and in open space zones. And to put it in perspective, losing over 800 acres is like losing mt. Tabor park, a chunk of the city every year for five years. So it's considerable. And I just have one more slide before i'm going to hand it off to the doctor. I wanted to leave you with a few thoughts. This study period, 2015 to 2020, lines up perfectly with when Portland adopted its new tree code title 11. That went into effect on January 1st, 2015. And title 11 has -- we know that it has led to the preservation of thousands of trees and caused the planting of thousands more trees during that time period. And canopy losses have been despite those new regulations. In canopy gains, in the short term, just looking at where we were finding gains in our study, they almost never come from tree planting. Commissioner Rubio talked about this. It takes years after you plant a tree to really realize the benefits of that tree and add to canopy cover. So the gains we find, where we find them, are coming from mature trees. And you're probably already there. This can lead to an acceleration in existing inequality that we have. If you live in a neighborhood with a lot of mature trees, you are insulated from the impacts of tree removals because the large trees can make up for a good deal of that. If you live in a low canopy area, which, as I mentioned, 80% of our population east of the willamette river does, they're going to have trouble making up for those canopy losses and they're going to be

particularly vulnerable to the impacts of increased heat were air quality and all of the amenities that we get from trees, not having those. So now i'm going to hand it off to the doctor who will walk you through his labs' findings.

Hardesty: Can I ask you a question before you leave this slide?

Ramsey: Sure, yeah.

Hardesty: Thank you. My question is, it strikes me that after we passed a measure to improve tree protection and planting is when we started going downhill as far as the percentage of canopy that exists. Any analysis about -- the timing seems really hard to me that we would pass something with the intent of protecting trees and have the reverse impact.

Ramsey: Yeah. I think I would put it -- thanks for that question, Commissioner Hardesty. I would put it more in the we lost despite having those new regulations. I think those new regulations, there is no question that they protect more trees than were protected prior, prior to being implemented. But even despite those increased protections we were not able to continue to expand canopy in Portland.

Hardesty: So the protections weren't sufficient for us to achieve our goal by 2035?

Ramsey: Well we're headed in the wrong direction now is all I can tell you.

Hardesty: Okay. Thank you. Point taken. Thank you.

Ramsey: All right. Well, Dr. Shandas, if you're here, I'll advance to your slide.

Vivek Shandas: Sounds good. Thank you, jeff. Thank you for the opportunity. I'm a professor at Portland state university and I've been thinking, dreaming, eating and feels like living trees the last decade and a half here in Portland and have the privilege of presenting to you as a faculty member at the university. And in my spare time I serve as chair of the urban forestry commission for the city of Portland. I'm presenting to you as a citizen of northeast Portland and as a professor. And I think we have additional testimony from the commission that's going to come today. I want to start by recognizing that this is a phenomenon that jeff and the urban forestry team and parks and rec more generally have been monitoring for a long time. I am thrilled to live in a city that actually takes its trees seriously and thinks about urban forest and has systemic ways to measure and evaluate the changes that happen over time. We're looking at the metro region where we're looking at a metro-wide analysis. This time I'm

going to be focusing on the city of Portland given the audience. Jeff, if you would go to the next slide. The way we tend to look at our tree analysis is we take a very exhaustive picture of what satellites look down on the city and capture pictures and we're able to discern what are trees and what aren't trees and we're able to look from, as Jeff was mentioning, from 2014 to 2020, and next slide. I wish I hadn't animated this. But we're able to take that and essentially go from the gains to losses from one year to the next. And so this allows us to get at a one-meter resolution. So this is essentially three feet by three feet for those metrics challenged to be able to get at what are changes, gains and losses from one year to the other. It's a physical description of changes. We can get into a lot of the social dynamics which I hope to in this conversation. Though I want to keep this as a physical description of changes in the landscape for the minute. If you go to the next slide. One of the things we're trying to characterize from this gain and loss is which of the neighborhoods that have gained and which are the ones that have lost across the city. And though the way our commissions aren't set up by districts but I would want to point to the fact that the areas that have gained and the areas that have lost almost make kind of a u-shaped curve. The bend of a hemlock branch, if you will. It's kind of like that shape where you would see areas that had very little canopy we saw actually marked increases, almost 4% increases in some of the neighborhoods that had 10% canopy in 2014. We saw a prioritization of those neighborhoods. That's really interesting, telling about the potential growth of canopy that's happening in those areas. At the other end of the spectrum, those neighborhoods that had a lot of trees, 60 to 70% of the trees saw some of the biggest gains in canopy in those areas as well. Think about the neighbors that you walk around in the city that have a lush canopy and how they may vary. In 2014 to 2015 the areas with 20 to 40% of canopy, the majority of the city it turns out, had the greatest loss of canopy. The ones very low canopy seem to be getting more and those with the high canopy. We're seeing the greatest losses right around the middle portion, which in some ways weren't entirely surprising partly because the urban canopy does reside in that 20 to 40% range. Just to enrich the picture a little bit. One map and one chart. The first one is distributing those gains and losses by neighborhood, a very clear pattern emerged as we're looking from the 2014 to 2020 analysis where the neighborhoods on the west side of the city by and large west of the river by and large saw the largest gains in canopy. Whereas those in

the far east parts of the city really saw the greatest losses. The darker the purple, the greater the loss on this slide. The darker the green, the greater the gain on this slide. We're seeing some places where we're seeing 6% or 5.7% of overall canopy loss. In this graph it might be hard to see but I tried to array those according to neighborhood names, things that people may be familiar with. If you squint your eyes and look at the graph with the tiny letters on it, I think I shared this with the council clerk as well. The ones with the purple where the losses are occurring are neighborhoods in east Portland, hazelwood, centennial, Powellhurst, gilbert, Brentwood, Darlington. We're seeing them on the far right of the graph. And on the left is northeast heights, pleasant valley, south Portland, Madison south. These neighborhoods have historically had a lot of canopy as well. This pattern was telling to us of where we're seeing the gains and where we're seeing the losses. You may ask why is this important. Another part of the work we're doing is looking at the implications of canopy on air pollution and temperature. In this slide we've been mapping air temperatures around the city for a while and this heat dome really centered that work in terms of what the distributional effects are in high heat 37 and in the Oregon medical examiner's assessment, this is likely a conservative estimate. But we're seeing the places where people have died as a result of this heat dome event that happened in June, late June of 2021 were the same places where we're seeing the greatest loss of canopy. And so I can't help in my mind work in this world of heat, temperature, flooding, climate impacts and tree canopy that can't help but think about these spatial coincidences that may not be necessarily coincidences because the places with the least canopy are seeing the greatest loss of life in the city. If you go to the next slide, what we wanted to do -- this is probably the most intense graph I have for you. But it really tries to array, at least in a semi coherent way, the temperatures that we recorded in neighborhoods in 2024, that's up and down here on the left side, neighborhood temperatures 2024 in Celsius and then the amount of tree canopy gained or lost that happened between 2014 and 2020. So the idea here is to see which neighborhoods are -- what are the temperatures in the neighborhoods where the trees are being gained and trees are being lost. And what we found pretty consistently, at least in this preliminary set of analysis, that neighborhoods that had the highest temperatures in 2014 saw the greatest amount of tree loss between 2014 and 2020. So let me pause there for a second. Because that's basically saying that we have

neighborhoods that are really hot, trees provide shade. There's a great deal of service that these trees provide in the form of shade, in the form of cooling in the neighborhoods, and yet the neighborhoods that were the hottest in 2014 were also seeing the greatest loss of that tree canopy that they had. And so this really adds a bit of salt to the wound when we came to this conclusion where we're seeing that the distributional effects are equitable and the shades of equity that show up in our city are very measurable and are a very telltale sign that we need to be thinking about where we are advancing tree planting programs, engaging communities and really moving forward in a stewardship and tree maintenance program that allows us to care for the communities that live in places where temperatures are going up really fast. So I just want to conclude by saying, you know, these are preliminary analyses. We just finished these. We're working with metro to further refine these and with Jeff and his team to further refine these. We're going to be publishing these soon. I wanted to put the data in front of you so you can have a first sense of where we're heading with this. I imagine there's going to be interest in this more broadly across the metro region as well and groups that we're talking to around the region. Let me pause there and open it up for any questions or comments or reactions. I yield the floor.

Mayor: Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: A couple of technical questions. Professor, I really appreciate the data you presented to us today, but I'm a little confused. Now the data that you showed us included in and part of the report that we're receiving today?

Shandas: A short answer is --

Mapps: Or is it a different data set in.

Shandas: The short answer is no. Jeff, you could probably answer this as well. I'll quickly say the short answer is no. We used a different method where we can look at every single part of the city. Whereas the approach Jeff was describing is a sampling method where you're sampling different locations of the city in five-year increments. They're essentially coming to the same conclusion but through different techniques. We're able to provide information on distributional inequity and I think there's a different technique that the city uses.

Mapps: Thank you. I'm going to have more questions but I'll let my colleagues go.

Mayor: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, hello. Thank you for these great visuals. I didn't see anytime the report so I hope you're sending all of your slides to us in the office. I have a question I asked a year ago and not getting a specific answer. But clearly there are trees not surviving our current reality that are plentiful in Portland. And I want to hear what some suggests -- maybe you'll get to this later. What are some suggested trees that you're wanting us to plant going forward that take less water and still provide great canopy.

Shandas: Oh, boy. You get to a very challenging question, Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Well that's good. Glad I asked.

Shandas: This is a big question that a lot of us are asking in the research community. And I'll quickly say what we saw in the heat dome, we're able to actually quantify -- a colleague of mine conducted an assessment of before and after the heat dome to see which trees were -- where the effects were occurring. And we were seeing clear indication of scorch, of mortality, of large, well-established trees after the heat dome. And I'm sure Jenn Cairo, the urban forester could speak to that as well. Many of the trees that we're looking at, the Doug firs, the big leaf maples, the red cedars, they have been really hit pretty hard and those are evolutionarily adapted tree to this region. So questions about whether different blue oaks and different kinds of species, whether they would survive well given the turning up of temperatures in the region is a question that I think we're all asking. And groups like friends of trees and other research projects are actually planting trees in various parts of the northwest to evaluate over time whether these trees are hardy and able to with stand some of the more intense temperatures that we're experiencing. That's an ongoing -- those are ongoing projects and I think the questions and the results are going to be forthcoming as we get more and more empirical evidence. That's about all I got. You. Sorry.

Ryan: The fact that there's ongoing studies current and we'll get feedback soon and ramp it up once we know the answer. Appreciate it.

Ramsey: I would like to add before we get into solutions, we have a few more slides, city forester Jenn Cairo is going to give us some more --

Ryan: I realize I got ahead of my skis.

Mayor: Commissioner Hardesty, are you good or can you wait?

Hardesty: Can wait.

Mayor: Jenn, did you have something?

Jenn Cairo: I think it's important to know that we in urban forestry and the specifications we're implementing are encouraging people to plant species and giving information on species more climate resilient and species that are higher service trees. Trees that for example are evergreen, they give services year-round. Large trees are better than the smaller ones because they give us the shade, air quality improvement and all of those other things. I wanted to wrap that question up and now I'll come back and complete our joint presentation. Thank you, Jeff and Doctor. I am Jenn Cairo, the city forester, I use she/her/hers pronouns. And urban forestry, the program in Portland has acted to preserve and expand the urban forest and many have partnered with us and advocated on their own. With our partnerships with national researchers and local researchers. Title 11 had a positive impact putting stronger protections on trees across the city and we account to find ways to improve the regulations and how we implement them. Portland parks and recreation's tree planting program has expanded from planting 200 trees in 2015 when funding first became available to over 3,000 in year and, according to an equity-centered strategy that we plant with, identifying priority areas for the plantings. We plant further increased plant in the coming years. We've identified gaps in title 11, the city's tree code and council responded by increasing protections for large trees and on industrial sites. And council also approved a plan for making further improvements in coming months and years. Several actions to protect and grow the urban forest are currently under way thanks to Portland voters. Approval of the park's operation levy. These include improving tree regulation implementation and compliance, increasing strategic tree planting, creating for the first time ever a proactive park tree maintenance program and also updating Portland's urban forest management plan and improving the tree code title 11 trees. Policies led by other cities bureaus potentially have important long-term urban forest impacts and can be opportunities to preserve trees and expand the forest. Just a few examples here are streets 2035, the pedestrian design guide update, the employment opportunities analysis and climate resilience planning led by the bureau of planning and sustainability. Portland parks and recreation sustainable future project provides more opportunity. It include identifying funds for city maintenance of tree to change the long-standing policy that requires adjacent property owners to maintain street trees which

are a city-owned asset. And this would help the essential services that trees provide to all Portlanders. So some recommendations. Trees in the urban forest as a whole represent some of the most valuable infrastructure in a city, however, unfortunately are not always treated as much. There are substantial opportunities to align the city's work and policies in ways that maximize tree preservation where possible and create space for tree planting and for tree to grow while meeting other city goals. Portland parks and recreation looks forward to redoubling our efforts to work with the other city bureaus and community stakeholder to meet our shared city goals in regards to tree and environmental quality and public health. Thanks for your consideration and we'd be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time. And that's for all three of us, if you have any questions.

Mayor: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Let's see. I will come back with my question. I need a minute to remember what it was.

Mayor: No problem. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Hi. I'm going to have a couple of questions for Jeff and if we still have the good professor on the line too I may ask him to jump in here too. Let me preface these comments by saying I very much appreciated this tree canopy report. I thought it was very helpful. I learned a bunch. At the same time I'm a little confused by the presentation today. I feel like what I heard in the presentation is a little bit different from what I read in the report and I wanted to explore that a little bit, Jeff. So, Jeff, what -- I thought the take-home message from your report today was that it shows that Portland has lost 23 acres of trees. Is that the claim you're trying to make?

Ramsey: I wish. 823 acres.

Mapps: Oh, 823. That's the claim. This data shows that Portland has lost 823 acres of trees. Okay. So help me understand this. I think if you look on the report, I think it's on page 5, there's a sentence that says the tree canopy losses found across all zoning classes and city-wide during this study period are within the margin of error and not statistically significant. Can you explain to me how to interpret that sentence, especially in the context of the 823-acre claim?

Ramsey: Yeah, of course. Thanks for asking that question. So statistical significance, I'm not a statistician but I know some good ones at the US Forest service that help us make the study and develop the method. Statistical significance is something that scientists use to say we are 95% certain of this, of this number that we estimate. So whenever you do a random sample you -- especially if it's across such a large area and we're trying to measure change over a, just a blink of an eye, really, five years, there's always going to be some uncertainty. And so our study, because we're trying to get the most updated information we can, we do it every five years. And so we didn't reach that 95% threshold. But the estimate still stands that the canopy was lost and it was a considerable amount of canopy that we're estimating was lost. And because there is some uncertainty and that's why -- that's why we work with other researchers who are doing similar projects such as the doctor. So since we can't say for certain that this is happening, we look to see if a researcher, smart people at metro, if they're finding the same numbers. And over the past, through the lifetime of this study from 2000 to now 2020, we're finding we're all on the same page in terms of the estimate of canopy. There's no indication that our study has any kind of inherent bias, right, that it was -- that there's something wrong with our study that might be giving us a result that isn't correct. Everything that we've done -- I showed you that graph where everybody's work is following each other's. We've. Right in there with them and working closely with them. And I think that's why it's important that the doctor is here to tell you about what they found and with a little more granularity than we're able to with our report.

Mapps: Great. It is actually -- is professor Shandas still on the line?

Shandas: Yeah, I'm here.

Mapps: The reason why I asked the question earlier as to whether or not the data you presented is the same data that's in the report -- well, let me ask you your opinion on the report. So when this report -- we just heard staff say the report shows that Portland lost 823 acres of trees. But the report also says that these results are within the margin of error and not statistically significant. Can you tell me how you interpret that number or that information?

Shandas: Yeah. Another way to look at this is the idea that when you're sampling -- any form of sampling, which is the technique that's used for characterizing the gains and loss

which is what the forest service has put forward as the means to be able to do this, any kind of sampling inherently will bring with it some level of confidence and lack of confidence thereof. Because you're just sampling as opposed to exhaustively kind of reviewing. And so I think that it's language that I tend to think of as kind of, excuse the phrase, but cover-your-butt language. The language that says we have a sample here. We haven't looked at every square inch of the city and therefore we're not able to say exhaustively that this is going to be the exact number of gain or loss. So in terms of the robustness of the sample is what I tend to look at. And jeff, correct me if I'm wrong, like it's several hundred points that are being sampled, right? I forget the exact number.

Ramsey: It's close to 4500 points.

Shandas: Okay. Sorry. 4500 points. So the larger the number -- right. That's right. The larger the number the greater the confidence of what it is that you're sampling is generally how it works. And so that 4500 number is these points around the city that you can then sub divide them into different land uses which then gives you further like discreet descriptions. So my interpretation is simply that with that large 45 hundred number level of sampling we rarely see that level of sampling in a mid-size city. We're in the ballpark right there. I would say, you know, the cover-your-butt language is really something that is necessary just to ensure that that technique is accounted for as opposed to anything that's really far off. I think it's a very suitable technique and relevant in this case, if you're only looking at trends.

Mapps: Well, I'm confused by that. I agree this is a robust sample. I'm not sure why we would throw out measures of confidence in these estimates. It strikes me -- because this is such a large sample which, you know, the confidence errors strike me as being kind of important. But here's another way to put it. Based on what I think the report is saying, I think the report is saying that this is a very small change that's not statistically significant which means that we, in practice, there's in reason for us to be more confident that we've lost 823 acres of trees versus we lost no trees. Would that be correct?

Shandas: That's a hard question to pose. The language would suggest as much. And when you're talking about 1% change that's the other factor I may have overlooked. When you're talking about 1% change, that percentage in and of itself falls within the margin of error itself. So maybe one way of characterizing this is a margin of error that this particular analysis could

also provide. For example, the census we have margins of error particularly for specific demographics that are lower, that often tend to be smaller proportioned. There are these larger margins of error. I guess within that 1% range it still falls within -- it still falls within a margin of error. It's hard to say whether that exact number is going to be defensible. At least legally I don't think that would hold -- it would necessarily stand. But statistically I think that's kind of where Jeff and the team are looking.

Ramsey: Commissioner Mapps, we're not trying to publish in the journal of science with this. We're trying to give you the best information that we have and to give it to you in a timely manner. Like I said, yeah, 1% from going down from about 31% to 30% does seem small. But in certain areas of the city that are seeing those losses and when you look at the doctor's work, the concentration of the losses in relation to where vulnerable populations exist, it is very concerning and that's why we're here today.

Mapps: Well, I hear you. And I look forward to reading the doctor's work. Because I think it's important -- I'll just say this and leave it here. I'm a little mystified. We're ignoring what the data is actually showing us. There are reasons why social scientists, and I'm one myself, use statistics and use margin of errors. I feel like this is a fundamental misread of what your report is telling us. I don't know what to say about that but I look forward to having further conversations with staff maybe offline.

Mayor: Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Hardesty, back to you.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. And thank you very much for this report. Let me see if there's -- I drew a conclusion. Let me see if it's correct. One conclusion I drew is even though as a council we've made a commitment to invest in east Portland with parks and green infrastructure, even with the investments that we've made there are still loss of that kind of canopy, tree canopy within the east Portland neighborhoods based on the maps that we saw. Is that accurate, Jeff? Is that an accurate analysis of what I have seen today?

Ramsey: Yeah. And Dr. Shandas's work, I showed you the map where east Portland is really purple.

Hardesty: I was shocked honestly by the dark purple because I know how many investments we've been making into creating more parks in east Portland than it's ever had. I guess so based on the reinforcement saying yes, what I heard was correct, even though we've

made this commitment it is not fast enough to address the climate change that we are experiencing every year now. Is that an accurate statement, jeff? Or anybody. I'm not trying to put you on the spot, jeff. I'm trying to get a more comprehensive understanding of what I've heard so far. Anybody that wants to answer is fine. I'm not trying to put anybody on the pot.

Cairo: I can speak to that, Commissioner Hardesty. It's Jenn again.

Hardesty: Hi, Jenn.

Cairo: There have been significant investments made in the recent past for the most part. That being in a tree's life, maybe the past ten, 20 years. And however, in spite of that good effort, that effort has been enough to continue the trend we saw prior to this report, which was an upward trend increasing canopy. And within certainly the last few years if not several, parks urban forestry has focused specifically on the low canopy, low income areas of town where the more diverse Portlander populations are with that intent. It takes a long time, though, for a tree to become something big enough that we track as canopy, as jeff was saying, about how we measure and use the points. And even more importantly it takes a long time for a tree to get to the size where it's giving us significant services. Like shade and cooling and cleaner air and traffic buffering. The list is quite long.

Hardesty: That's my point. My point is though we've planted a lot of trees, created new parks, at the rate we're going, we're not going to be able to mitigate the climate disaster -- I live in east Portland. So I know. Last summer was an anomaly. But every summer it is 10 to 15-degree hotter than it is in other parts of Portland. That's not new. What's new is the severe weather that folks are being impacted by. I also notice that your report says there were no climate goals set. And all of the time that we've been getting these reports back to the city council, how is this tied into the climate justice work that we the city are involved in and just how do those pieces connect, anybody.

Cairo: Go ahead, Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: I'll start off and then Jenn you can talk too. We are in that work now. These are both in the portfolio. We're starting the crosswalk of that and how can we do some joint planning about that moving forward. So we're in talks right now, Commissioner. And I think we have some really promising ideas.

Hardesty: Wonderful. Yeah. I think there's such a -- I was shocked to see that the report said there had never been any goals set which is crazy when you're getting a report every five years. But be that as it may, I think it's -- especially with the rapid change in the climate, it's really vital that we are -- we're using this information not just waiting for the next five years for the next report to tell us we've lost another percent of trees and that east Portland is still burning up. Thank you very much. Great presentation, by the way. I really appreciate it. Good information.

Mayor: Director Long.

Adena Long: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, council. I just want to clarify, Commissioner Hardesty, where you said that there's in goals. The goals are not specific to maybe climate mitigation, but there are goals related to percentage of urban canopy. So I believe that Jeff had said it was 50-something percent -- I'm sorry, one-third of the city by 2026? Too many numbers in my head. Sorry. So there with goals there, it's just not specific to climate. Although we know if that preserving and growing the urban canopy be a mitigation to climate. I wanted to clarify that. I think we were thinking the same thing, just using different words.

Hardesty: I appreciate that. Thank you, Director Long. It begs the question, are there other places. It appears that we are reliant on residential development to create tree canopy. And are there other opportunities. Because, again, we can't wait. We got a lot of stuff. And that's why I was wondering about the connection with the climate agenda. Thank you.

Long: There's a lot of opportunity, public, private, you know, right-of-way, quite frankly, state right-of-way. There's a lot of opportunities and we are working very closely with bps climate initiatives and particular by there's a lot of opportunity around workforce development and tree planting. But as Jenn noted in her portion of the presentation, we as the city, big city, city of Portland, not little city, city of Portland, have a lot of work we can do together. All of the bureaus sort of have their portfolio and have projects where we can be having discussions of how we can increase preservation of trees and increase tree planting within those projects. That's what we're hopeful is the next step in terms of our recommendation. Thank you.

Mayor: Very good. Do we have any public testimony on this item, Keelan?

Clerk: We do, Mayor.

Mayor: All right. How many people?

Clerk: We have five people on the call.

Mayor: Three minutes each. Name for the record. I will turn this over to you, Keelan.

Clerk: Thank you. First up we have Diane Meisenhelter.

Diane Meisenhelter: Hi. As a 32-year resident of upper northeast Portland -- here, I'm going to turn my video. Sorry. There we go -- a net responder who worked the cooler shelters and the phone banks to the residents during the heat dome and the climate activist, I come here concerned about the city's tree presentation program. I support the recommendations that others will be testifying on and the critical need to ensure shade equity, sequestration, air filtering, cooling, habitat and other things that trees provide. I want to speak about the destruction of the remaining giant old trees on private property. Our neighborhood is tree and shade deficient and the rights of ways were designed smaller prohibiting the planting of larger-formed trees. While I'm thrilled that Portland is budgets for new tree planting, time and time again we witnessed and tried to stop the reduction of the few remaining giants left. It takes 50 to 60 of the new tree to come close to the sequestration capacity of one old giant. And decades for the full shade, cooling and filtration effects to come into play. Preservation should be the norm. And the burden of proof should be on those trying to remove trees and not on others who do not have the time and resource to pursue protection for the valuable community resources. Portland needs a much stronger focus on as well as funding for tree preservation. I can say from experience it's no easy. Across the street a couple of years ago a landlord decided to take down a confer. He had already topped the tree and it couldn't be saved. Right now next door to that developers have a demolition permit and I'm told by urban forestry there's nothing can be done to save the 42-inch giant Sequoia in the middle of the lot. They tell me to watch and take pictures which is what I was told about the tree next door. By then the tree roots of this old giant may have been too damaged to survive or worse. The Everett custom homes developer will not talk with myself or the neighborhood association to avoid the slap on the wrist, 60-day delay that could cost us \$1,584 in fee to request in an appeal. This system is broken. In addition to the recommendations made for street trees, we need stronger overall tree presentation policies for shade equity and the long-term health and sequestration benefits for our communities. We need to all in our power to preserve and care for them. This is an opportunity to create agree jobs for local residents

but the tree code policies themselves need to be improved and funds devoted to full presentation and plantings. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Brenna Bell.

Brenna Bell: My name is Brenna Bell and I'm a forest climate manager. I couldn't agree more with Commissioner Rubio's introduction statement. There is an urgent action and it's needed to be taken to maintain our urban canopy. Luckily I want to talk to you about a straight-forward action that the city of Portland to take to rapidly remedy the problem. It's not just planting for trees. It's not just improving the tree code. It is removing the private economic burden for maintaining trees that is currently held by adjacent landowners by having the city value street trees as a public asset and funding their long-term maintenance. This approach which is followed by other cities in Oregon and across the country was suggested to council in 2009 and again in 2017. Each time resulted in a study but no further action. The cost of the city's inaction are significant and will continue to grow. In 2009 when this council first commissioned the assessment. The cost of managing street trees as a public asset, the impacts of climate change were more theoretical or at least something that happened in other places. Not in Portland. In 2017 we could keep up pretenses that Portland's temperate climate and location would shield us. We know better now. After more than 50 people died during last year's heat dome, the county health division released a report acknowledging that these deaths show that the devastating effects have arrived much quicker than expected. These devastating effects are happening in some parts of Portland than others, unsurprisingly, the neighborhoods least neglected with the ones with the least canopy and the hottest temperatures. Simply planting more trees is not enough. Portland's requirement that adjacent property owners bear the costs of maintaining street trees creates a disincentive for low-income residents and small business owners to plant new trees. And it creates barrier to providing existing trees, those that provide the most canopy with the professional care to ensure their health and longevity. And the change in climate is exacerbating this. You will receive a letter from 17 local organizations requesting to meet and talk about the next steps needed to be sure that this time the city acts quickly to start valuing street trees as a public asset and funding their long-term maintenance. We cannot wait to

address this issue. Each year's loss has a cost. We look forward to work with you to become more healthier and equitable. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Kyna Rubin.

Kyna Rubim: Hi, I'm with trees for life oregon. Our group educates and advocates to preserve existing, healthy, large-form trees and space to plant new ones. I want to thank jeff for carrying the very important research showing recent canopy loss in Portland. Large-form trees aren't a luxury but a necessity. They're our cost-effective life-saving environmental soldiers that help protect against the worst impacts of climate change. If current codes and bureau practices remain unchanged, continued canopy loss is our future. Homeowners and developers typically replace the trees they remove with smaller ones or none at all. Healthy mature trees are exponentially more beneficial to human and environmental health than smaller trees are. Here are the urgent actions we implore city leaders to take now to protect Portlanders from what we know are the lethal impacts of increasingly scorching summer heat. Ensure the bureaus are on the same page about if equity agendas in a meaningful way. Make sure that urban forestry has an equal early voice on any private development or public improvement projects involving large. Form trees. Currently trees are an after-thought in the permitting process for new construction. Treat large trees as the essential infrastructure they are. Put them on the same footing as roads and utilities. Prevent administrative rules that threaten space for large trees. [indiscernible] design guide update leaves insufficient space for large trees. As written it will lock in low canopy for generations of low-income, minority and immigrant communities in east Portland. This would create environmental red-lining. Actively enforce tree-related codes. Relying on a complaint-based system pits neighbor against neighbor and contribute to the ill will that many residents have toward the city for not enforcing its own laws. Last, ensure that when the tree code is overhauled in two years it will no longer enable scenarios like this one. A few years ago one homeowner removed eight large healthy Douglas fir trees that for decades had provided shade, bird song and stormwater management for multiple neighbors. He did it to build an ADU. Neighbors only learned about the plan through casual inquiry after sighting stakes in his yard. Because the ADU site plan revealed how easy it would be to design and place the ADU without disturbing the trees, neighbors pleaded with him to redesign. But current code allowed him to remove

the trees, ignoring the public impact of his actions. The type of thing happens all of the time across the city and creates inter-neighbor bitterness and ecological loss for years to come. Stemming canopy loss is possible but will require urgent, coordinated city-led action. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Ted Labbe.

Ted Labbe: I'm executive director of the urban agree spaces institute, one of the groups that signed on to the joint letter that Brenna and Kyna also signed on to. I'm here to talk a little more about the idea of the city taking on street tree management. And I want to expand on a couple of ideas that Kyna and Brenna touched on. Tree planting is necessary but is alone insufficient to deal with the challenges we have around urban tree canopy. We would like to see the city not delay further action on this and wait until further along in the sustainable futures. But actually dig into this challenge right now. We've been kicking this can down the road since the 2000s, 2009 and subsequently the 2019 tree report about what it would take for the city to take on active management of street trees. The property owner's responsibility for street tree care is why many choose not to plant trees or they choose to plant smaller trees. The early report underscored that the canopy gains that we have seen has not come from tree planting but it's been from expansion of existing canopy which really, I think, underscores the idea for the city to actively manage the trees that we have in the street rights-of-way that are existing, medium and large-form trees. This report is a prelude to a proposal from parks and recreation to spend \$3 million over two years to plant 6,000 trees in east Portland using American rescue plan act funds. I support that proposal. A lot of the advocates here today absolutely support that proposal. But like we've said, tree planting is not going to get us there. I would ask that you consider setting aside just \$50,000 of the \$3 million too look at developing financing alternatives for developing this idea of the city taking over street tree management. I actually reached out to a consultant that could do this and understood that it would literally take just 50,000. And we would look at the various financing options and it could include the idea of doing a pilot in one or more east Portland neighborhoods if the city didn't want to bite the whole, the whole apple off. The city has made multiple runs at this idea over years and each time we've stalled and delayed. Let's -- we

can't afford further delay right now. We need to dig into this. We have a fresh report. Let's get busy. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Daniel Newberry.

Daniel Newberry: Thank you. Can you hear me? Great. My name is Daniel Newberry and I am here representing the city's urban forestry commission. I am the policy committee chair and my colleagues have authorized me to submit this testimony. I'm also a resident of east Portland in the gilbert neighborhood. As you saw, that was the neighborhood that had the third biggest canopy loss. So thank you very much for this opportunity to comment. Urban forestry commission as you know advises the city on urban forestry issues. And right now our two big priorities are preserving large trees and space for large trees and also creating a more equitable distribution of trees especially in the right-of-way since that's public property. Thinking back to what you just heard from Portland parks and from the doctor, canopy is decreasing in Portland. Eat high land is fatal, especially in low-income neighborhoods and neighborhoods that have a higher-than-average population. We have a specific request from the council today. We want to preserve large trees and especially space for large trees. Planting new young trees is essential for future generations, especially in the low-income neighborhoods, however planting trees in itself will really take a generation or more to achieve their shade potential. So in the interim we really must prioritize preserving our existing large trees. And also maintaining enough space to plant the trees especially in our public rights-of-way. Here's our specific ask. You will be presented with some amendments for title 11 coming up. And these are a small group of noncontroversial items. Should be coming up in June. Please vote to strengthen title 11 in that way. Second, ensure that city transportation plans, including pedestrian design guide and streets 25 will be effective in preserving and increasing space for large-form trees in the public right-of-way. Once you asphalt over places or concrete over places in the public right-of-way, trees aren't going to be planted there. We need to have the bureaus come together and preserve a large space for those large trees. And third you've also heard this from several people. We would like to city to assume the cost of maintaining street trees and managing trees as capital assets. And trees actually appreciate as capital assets unlike other capital assets. And you know, a lot of cities throughout the country have solved the problem of how to have the city assume these costs.

So please let me know. I'm happy to provide you can several examples. And we want to ensure that the city-wide efforts and planning efforts in residential, commercial property development prioritize the retention of large-form trees. Residential project part 2 is coming up so that will be an especially important one. And finally we would like you to direct city bureaus to work together. This is really a problem that's going to take all of the city bureaus coming together. Thank you for this opportunity.

Clerk: That completes the testimony, Mayor.

Mayor: All right. Very good, colleagues. Any further questions or thoughts before I ask for a motion? I just have one quick thought, and it doesn't require a response or anything else at this point. But as people were testifying on a pretty tight band of asks it occurs to me that the right-of-way issue has been one that's been very thorny for the city for many years. There's some legal issues. So it's fairly complex. But there's also some significant fiscal issues associated with that. And I know there is much discussion under way underly about the clean energy fund and our obligations under the audit that was recently made public. Perhaps there is some intersection between these two items. But at any rate, I appreciate everybody who testified today. Thanks for provocative thoughts. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. I can get the planting 6,000 trees in east Portland with no maintenance plan that's being proposed. As you know, we have significant maintenance backlogs already and, yeah, I just think that we -- I agree we need a more thoughtful approach that addresses a lot of the issues that we're struggling with. But I already know that parks has a significant maintenance backlog and without a maintenance plan for those trees, I can't imagine thinking that would be a good thing for us to do because those trees would be dead without a maintenance plan. I do think we have a lot of work to do collectively before we finalize the budget this year. So I appreciate all of the testimony today. But Mayor, I want to remind people that this is community led. The Portland clean energy fund is community led. If the city has a plan, they should find a community partner to partner with to get some of the Portland clean energy fund. I can't want to make any mistake. That is not the city's funds to figure out what to do with. Those funds belong to the community as per 63% of the voters.

Mayor: And this is a discussion to be continued, right, Commissioner Hardesty. I appreciate your perspective. And this obviously isn't the right forum and I probably shouldn't have even

raised that in this forum except to say there was an audit and I think at some point we as a council will have to discuss that audit and ask ourselves whether we agree with some of the premises embedded in that audit about who is responsible or who isn't. We will have that conversation, I'm sure.

Hardesty: I appreciate it, Mayor. But I also want to make sure we don't treat people of color differently than we treat every other city contractor. So let's be careful to not have more scrutiny because it's supposed to benefit the people as opposed to the city people --

Mayor: I heard much reference of the disproportionate impact of the communities of color and lower-income folks east of 22nd. That got my creative juices flowing there. I certainly understand your point. Commissioner Rubio and then Jenn has a comment.

Rubio: I want to remind folks that this is just a small piece of larger, deeper conversations that are happening at the bureau level, across bureaus, in the community. So just there will be more to come and more unfold. But we wanted to give you a sense of what we're working on now. But there will be more discussion opportunities to share information to come.

Mayor: Perfect. Thank you. Jenn.

Cairo: Thank you, Mayor Wheeler. I wanted to speak to the maintenance planning. Just to clarify some things. Currently thanks to Portland voters supporting overwhelmingly the parks operations levy, we are developing a maintenance program for parks trees which we have never had the opportunity to do before. Proactive maintenance program. That's 1.2 million trees. I wanted to make sure that's clear. In regard to street tree maintenance, as some of the speakers mentioned, we have a recent study that we did with the Davy resource group that develops what that maintenance plan for street trees would be. It's quite specific with the cost associated. So I just wanted to clarify those things.

Mayor: Very good.

Hardesty: You're talking about the park levy and I'm talking about the federal dollars being asked for which are different and have different reporting requirements.

Cairo: That is true, Commissioner Hardesty. They have different reporting requirements. The nature of the ARPA funds is a one-time and short-term so they don't lend themselves very well to maintenance which is an ongoing need which is why we focused on the planting aspects for those high-priority neighborhoods, low-canopy and low-income, more diverse

communities in east Portland. I absolutely appreciate your point. We must plant for future generations but preserving and maintaining, caring for the trees we have is essential. Thank you.

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

Hardesty: I move we accept the report as presented.

Mayor: Thank you. I'll accept a second.

Rubio: Second.

Mayor: Commissioner Rubio seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I would like to thank Jeff, Dr. Shandas, and Jenn for all of their great work on this impactful report and bringing this to council. And I want to thank all of the passionate testimony we heard today. We talk about the priority of climate resiliency and investments in east Portland and this report speaks to this critical intersection and it's my hope that my colleagues and I will keep this front and center in our city planning work. Today's information shows us how we need to continue taking these concrete actions to create an equitable tree canopy in our east Portland to bolster the resilience to climate change. This is an issue that I know Portlanders care about and I'm looking forward to dialoguing and working together with my colleague to move this forward. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, thank you, Commissioner Rubio, for bringing forward this report. And director Long for your leadership at the parks bureau. Your team members, Jeff and Jenn, it was a great conversation and it was really aided by your guest presenter. I also was moved by the testimony today. Thank you for coming. Clearly this is a topic that many Portlanders are passionate about. And I like that you really zeroed in on the fact that this could be a burden on those with fixed and low-income residents who are burdened with the expense of managing this. I hear that directly from constituents all of the time. They care deeply about the trees they just don't know how they're going to be able to afford the maintenance put on them. I'm glad that was surfaced today as a real conversation. That was the first time I heard it in a setting where we actually struggle with that equation. So today is a bit sobering. The is

the first time in 50 years that we recognize there's been a decline in Portland's tree canopy. I can only imagine what that decline would have been without the goals and the protections that this body put forth years ago. And so that's hence my question where I just wanted to jump to the conclusion. I'm dealing with this in my own yard with trees that aren't doing well that are supposedly trees that are supposed to be natural for our environment but just aren't doing well of late. That's why I'm selfishly eager to figure out what trees do I need to plant going forward as I look to play my part in my little lot of land. The tree canopy covers essential measurement of how our region with cope with climate crisis. We blew some whistles today. We must work together to ensure that the tree canopy grows for generations to come. And I'm committed to working with you all as we wrestle with really taking action and being honest about the challenges and just keep wrestling with what the solutions might be so that we can actually care about our future generations. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: First I want to start by really thanking the parking bureau director long and Jeff and Jenn, you guys, it was a fabulous conversation and it really was a great dialogue about where we are and where we aspire to be. I also want to say I really appreciate -- thank you, Commissioner Rubio, for your thoughtfulness in really understanding that all of this is interlinked and if we're not addressing climate change at the exact same time we're talking about tree canopy, then we are actually missing the boat. I will also say I look forward to us continuing this conversation in different venues because I agree that we will have a very short period of time to have a significant impact on the climate change. And I can say after living in east Portland for over a decade, these extremes are not new. I'm just happy that people in other parts of the city now understand how climate plays out differently based on where you live in the city of Portland. We certainly are not all having the same lived experience and we certainly all are not feeling a sense of urgency that is necessary for us to address these big issues. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Let me start out today by saying a couple of things. First, like all Portlanders, I love trees. And as a Commissioner on this council, I'm committed to doing everything I can to expand our tree canopy. I also want to say I have read this report and I wanted to share that

this is a good report. I found it very helpful and it was clearly well done. However, staff's interpretation of the report is frankly just wrong. Staff and the bureau claim that the report shows that there has been an 823-acre loss in tree canopy. I believe the report actually shows that there has been no measurable change in our tree canopy. Now I believe the source of this confusion seems to be a misunderstanding of or indifference to the measures or the margins of error associated with that 823-acre estimate. And I tried to unpack that a little bit today. I feel like we didn't really make very much progress. Moving forward I think this council needs to make some high-stake decisions about the future of our tree canopy. Those decisions need to be based on good science. Frankly, the presentations that we heard today from staff were just not good science. And for that reason I am voting no today. However, I do want to extend an invitation to parks staff to continue this conversation. I'd love to have more talk about what I think went wrong here and how we can do better in the future. Thank you.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Mayor: I vote aye. The report is accepted. Colleagues, it is 3: 23. Could we come back at 3: 28 after a brief break? 3: 28 we will reconvene. We're in recess.

At 3:23 pm, Council recessed.

At 3:28 pm, Council reconvened.

Mayor: We are back in session. Keelan please read the last item, a nonemergency ordinance, item 208.

Clerk: Authorize agreement with clean and safe, inc.to provide policing services for the clean and safe program.

Mayor: This next item extends the current contract between clean and safe enhanced service district with the Portland police bureau for the next two years to continue to fund four ppb bike officers. Importantly both agree that this monetary relationship with cease at the end of this two-year period on June 31st, 2024. At the end of the two-year period from 2024 to 2026, ppb's goal is to maintain the bike patrol and maintain a working relationship with clean and a safety's coordinator. Clean and safe and ppb will gather additional quantitative data on bike patrol. The first clean and safe ppb contract was entered into in 1997 and it now

makes sense to modernize the agreement and phase out clean and safe funding for police patrols. This reform is responsive to audit report findings and community feedback and meets the mutual goals of both the Portland police bureau and clean and safe. Here to present on this item is Shawn Campbell from the office of management and finance and then Shawn, I assume, you will then invite the invited testimony of Captain Simon as well as Mark Wells. Good afternoon and welcome.

Shawn Campbell: Thank you. Give me a second here to share my screen for the presentation and we'll get started. Hello, everyone. My name is Shawn Campbell. With me are Captain Robert Simon -- I'm sorry. Sean, I'm terribly sorry to interrupt you. I apologize. There is something else I need to do here. Commissioner Rubio, would you mind in your capacity as council president taking over the presiding officer role until I inform you otherwise?

Rubio: Yes.

Mayor: Thanks, Commissioner Rubio. I appreciate it. Sean, sorry to interrupt.

Campbell: No problem at all. As I was saying, with me today are Captain Robert Simon of the police bureau and Mark Wells, executive director of clean and safe. We're here to speak with you regarding the proposed city agreement with clean and safe to provide policing services, specifically the funding of the four-member police bike patrol operated within the district since 1997. As a quick reminder enhanced service districts are regulated by city code 6.06 and involve property owners paying a property management fee given to the city to provide enhanced services within each district. This contract specifically involves the clean and safe district. The proposed agreement includes a number of updates as well as a plan to transition away from the funding of the bike patrol positions by clean and safe. Today is the first reading and public testimony after which this item is scheduled for a vote on March 30th. As you will likely remember, city council renewed the city's contract with clean and safe in September of 2021 which included details of the relationship when clean and safe and the Portland police bureau. This separate agreement is related in that it funds and further details that relationship. Under the current agreement clean and safe provides 80% of the funding for four bike patrol positions operating within the district and establishes avenues of communication and collaboration between the bike patrol and clean and save safety coordinators h are allowed by clean and safe's contract, to patrol public spaces and respond

to low-level issues within the district. This includes the bike patrol regularly meeting with & having radio contact for both the cities, and clean and safe dispatch systems. Officers remain under the supervision and command, of the Portland police bureau, fulfilling all protocols and procedures. By clean and safe safety coordinators are able to "aid of the bike patrol when law enforcement is needed, they do not direct the activities of the bike patrol and the bike patrol is under no obligation to provide the same level of service like the officers in the same city. Historical background this agreement was entered into in 1997, due to occurrence over budget and the ability of the city steamroller-like to provide basic services. At the time, clean and safe fund a number of city programs, including providing security and cleaning services to parks within the district. Including providing cleaning and cleaning services, a crime prevention position which was then the office of neighborhood involvement and a building inspector position with the development service. With regard to the 4 bike patrol positions. Renewed the agreement multiple times but has not been without controversy. There are a number of concerns, regarding the current arrangement, including the private funding of private safety services and the blurring of the line between enhanced and basic services, the large portion of the clean and safe's budget, tied up if maintaining the program and the limiting effect, the original agreement have the police's bureau's 80 to adapt to issues. Regarding these occurrences, included the city auditor's office, the general public, police reform advocates, clean and safe, and the Portland police bureau. Negotiation renegotiations of this contract began at the new year, clean and safe and the police bureau, set two primary goals. First to, transition from clean and safe from funding the bike patrol. Achieving these goals, we face two primary challenges. The first challenge is the lack of complete and consistently collected data, the bike patrol receives request for service, via the clean and safe dispatch system, they do not use a shared set of nomenclature. We have a qualitative knowledge of the activities of the bike patrol, call for service. We lack complete quantitative dataset of said calls. 2002 such a quantitative data set. It's difficult for the true demand for police service from the district. The second challenge is the significant public safety occurrence presently in the year, especially in old town. Over the past year, the two majors have accounted for 9% of dispatch police services, despite only representing 0.7% of the city's land area, not including calls for service to the bike patrol and calls for service to clean and safe safety coordinators,

which would otherwise be a low priority call for service. Of voice. This represents one of the most highly concentrated demands of public safety services within the city and it's under a lot of public scrutiny at this time. From the beginning of these negotiations, both sides have the same goal: Discussion were focused on how to most effectively create a compromise to balance our two challenges. Clean and safe will continue to cover 80% of the cost for the bike patrol for the next two fiscal years, July twenty-one, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. During this period, both PPB and clean and safe commit to the collections of quantitative data, wanting to move to a smooth transition. Combined to and compared to make sure we have a full picture of the work being done by the bike patrol. After the police bureau has commit to the goal of maintaining the bike patrol in the district, for an additional two years and June 30, 2026. Throughout the contract period, PPB retains the to reassign officers needed in order to ensure, uniform service coverage and prioritization of resources to address significant public safety challenge. If this occurs during the first two years of the agreement, clean and safe will only pave for the officers assigned to the bike patrol. Both sides commit to develop being new forms of collaboration, following the end of the transition period. Councillors were regularly briefed on this item since the new year. The draft contract was peculiarly released by the city, along with news and social media, along with the news and social media announcement at the beginning of this month and a public listening session was held on march 8, of which nobody attended. Overall, there was minimal on this item from media or general public up until two dice ago. Public input wases brought from members of the -- it has been viewed as noncontroversial, given in address both occurrences, regarding the private funding of public services and the current public safety situation within the downtown area. At this time, I would like to invite Captain Robert Simon of the Portland police bureau and mark wells, executive director of clean and safe to say a few words.

Captain Robert Simon: Thank you Shawn and Commissioners. I'm the captain, and I can operate the day-to-day operations and deployment of officers. For us at central precinct, we recognize the importance of partnership we have had with clean and safe over the years. We seat unarmed, first line, security personnel, work for example clean and safe as a de-escalation model for PPB. We recognized, we don't always need an armed police officer responding toes each and every call from the community that requires attention. The vast majority of the time,

the unarmed first-line security personnel can gain compliance, without ever having to involve members. The times they were in need of assistance, our bike teams are equipped to arrive. They provide a presence and facilitate for a safe resolution to the call of service. Oftentimes, the commander and I often ask for more bike patrols, in and around the downtown core with our staffing challenge, that is currently not possible. This contract keeps in place, the four highly visible bike officers to respond quickly to calls from community members the next two years. The remaining two years after that, the contract, our staffing will be in flux. Hopefully, our staffing challenges have been fixed. That two years after [indiscernible] the contract will have some ability to adjust and we'll try to maintain presence because both command, we believe bike officers play an important role in trying to maintain the liveability and safety of our downtown community and we hope to remain able to keep our bike teams in place.

Mark Wells: Thank you, Captain Simon. Thank you, Shawn. Good afternoon and good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and city Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. Mark Wells, I'm the exec director over downtown Portland Clean and Safe. Clean and Safe not only support this is renewal, we are proud-service, the small but highly effective unit provides to our downtown community. With growing crime rates and a shrinking police bureau, we are thankful for the dedicated police officers. Clean and Safe go beyond financially supporting sworn police officers as Shawn Campbell mentioned earlier, during drastic budget cuts, several decades ago at the request of the city, to ensure a basic level of public safety was maintained for downtown. We're here today to reassess this partnership and ensure a successful transition occurs and the city of Portland ensure, a viable -- it is important to have, Clean and Safe is funded by individual property owners, who essentially donate approximately \$6 million annually, to the city, to provide additional cleaning and program safety services. This contract renewal illustrates over a \$1 million contribution over the next two years to ensure this police unit remains on our streets, proactively, tackling many of the public safety issues and damage we face and continue to face for the foreseeable future. From last summer when, Portland police bike unit, respond to the Clean and Safe officer's call, when a tourist was stabbed, in an attack and when a baby was born and abandoned in the sidewalk on southwest 13th and Market. A police bike unit respond its professional service and is instrumental in helping to address our public safety issues downtown. It is important to

highlight the specialized police unit is highly active in the old town association area. One of the city's most vulnerable areas with historically high crime rates, impacting primary small buildings and some of our most important cultural institutions. This community depends on this police service and the old town press conference on March 8, clearly highlights the unified community voice for supporting Portlanders pleads and asking for additional police, function should be a primary duty and obligation of the city of poured plant, and services should not be supported by private entities. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you today. And Shawn, back to you.

Campbell: Thank you. At this time, we are open for questions or anything that you would like to throw at us.

Wheeler: Seeing no questions, I think we can move into public testimony.

Clerk: We have four people on the line. First up, we have Kaitlyn Dey

Kaitlyn Dey: Hello, city Commissioners, this is Kaitlyn Dey. I organize with western regional advocacy project and stop the sweeps. You've probably heard from us many times. A lot of our research and advocacy is what led to the audit of the enhanced services districts. Before I even get into an occurrence, regarding the contract, I just wanted to start off by saying this contract really caught us off guard. We didn't know about this until it was put on the agenda on Friday and we learned after the fact that there was the public listening session on March 8, which in our opinion, was very poorly advertised, especially considering people like myself, who diligently follow these issues, didn't even know about it and clean and safe has a newsletter now, I'm subscribed to didn't mention anything in that newsletter. You know the community organizations who have been organizing this, you have our contact info. You could have reached out to us, and I'm sure that public listening sessions would of course plenty of people show up. I do strongly encourage that we postpone this vote and try to reschedule another public listening session so we can meaningfully, engage with people who are most impacted by these policing services and again, as we emphasize, every time we testify on these issues, the unhoused community, I feel when we talk about policing services, we don't talk about the fact that the interactions are overwhelmingly happen with unhoused people. So in regards to the content of the contract, it does boggle my mind a little bit how this is supposed to be a means to address the occurrence the community has with

the privately managed policing services all of these services are going to remain. They are still going too to be that connection with the dispatch. They were still going to have a very weird and questionable relationship with a private entity, specifically with Portland control. And business alliance, and that's the root of where our occurrence are. It's not just the funding. That's definitely part of it. But that's really the root of the concerns and I don't think that's really been addressed. And we still have a lot of questions around it that we'd love to ask and get more clarity on. In my opinion, concerns like, permanently severed from Portland police, at the very least. I'm opposed to [indiscernible] all, but we're not there yet and so at the very least, I feel like this is a huge conflict of interest that could be changed. And I don't think any of this addresses the audit, either. I want to reemphasize, the audit says the city needs to review the status of the districts and if, and I'm emphasizing if, if we determine the districts provide public space services, the city needs to [indiscernible] the scope of those services and I want to use the word if, there's an audit, this leaves room for a discussion with the city and the public to decide if these services should even be allowed and we haven't had that have discussion yet. And so it doesn't make that much sense to go through with this contract if we're not having a discussion if these enhanced service districts should be able to do this. I have several more concerns, but again, this requires a very robust conversation that I don't think we have had yet. So I'll end it this. I just think we need more time on this at the very least. Thank you.

Dan Handelman: Good afternoon, city council members, I'm Dan Handelman, with Portland cop watch. I'll say it before, everyone wants to pay their fair share of taxes and receive the same services, including police response. In September, we were told there's plenty of time to reconsider the roll of clean and safe because that contract didn't expire until June. Why is this being rushed before city council in March? Here goes that can again. While there's an acknowledgment want diploma of providing special treatment for the actors, the solution seems to be, making everyone in the city, pay for the same special treatment for those private entities. Those poor and houseless are affected. Rethink police. Not I hope to, spread out the inequities on the backs of those being over policed. What would we say, to respond to or priority people who paid for their services? We would call them mercenaries if the believes are comfortable now, paying their surcharge of normal taxes -- those businesses should be

willing to keep paying that money to the city, without expecting special treatment for. These seem like simple solutions. In September, there's a suggestion that more audits need to be done to fix the problems, which we heard again today. The city has been catering to the city for decades and they protest loudly and threaten to move elsewhere. The renewal of police, perpetuates equality. We urge to you reject the proposal and nobody heard about this march 8 listening session. I am on top of these issues and listen to the city council agenda, I didn't know anything about that there's been no public discussion about this. This is something that has come up in the last few days norths because people didn't go to the public session. Nobody knew about the public session. I look the at the bureau's crime statistics. Hazelwood has 4,439 -- does hazelwood has its own private security, paid for by private entities? I don't know. And going back to my analogy, about a super hero, what if Commissioner Gordon gave the bat signal to Gotham city's wealthiest people and batman only responded to them, ignored the rest of the community. I don't think that would be a very satisfactorily way of dealing with crime. So overall, again, we urge you to postpone this until there's more public discussion and not to continue for another two years, something that we have already asked to you stop, many, many times. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Anita Davidson.

Anita Davidson: Thank you. I'm a downtown resident and fronter owner, and a rate payer to clean and safe and I just wanted to echo what the prior folks have said, this needs to be rejected or dismissed, whatever the right term would be. I think the clean and safe funning of the fort land police should end as proposed when, the contract ends on June 30. PPB can certainly continue a high level of communication and partnership with clean and safe, without the contract e tension and they can supervise and deploy its own resources, which is designed, funded and expected and accountable to do. Right now, here are some of the reasons why I object to this continuing. First off, there's no evidence that clean and safe joint super vision of these joint police officers is anyway, superior, to the ppb, supervising its own officers. Let's let them do their job. Many o allowing a private entity to buy or the enhanced service that is the city otherwise provides, is really not okay to citizens who expect the elect elected governments to provide the basic services equitably. The really ironic thing is as Shawn and Mark already said, all the parties agree to this. So what good does it do to delay it?

Do we all think it's going to be easier, two years from now, to actually sever these ties? No. Council should actually do what it needs to do. Everybody agrees, needs to be done, which is to sever this funding relationship, and as necessary, the police sergeant or captain, whatever, I'm sorry, Mr. Simon, already said, is there's a recognition that these are needed resources downtown. Let the police bureau manage their own resources. So this really is not even business as usual because a plug here for the transparency, at least there's an admission, that the taxpayers are funding 20% of those positions now. We always knew that was the case. You can't fund four, without funding their days off want there was funding for two extra positions to make the floor work downtown. But most amazing to me is this lack of urgency. Something needs to be done, we still are asking for two years to do it. I ask that your staff if you have time, Commissioners, look at the footnotes. While there's a suggestion that there's more data needed, the auditor has already looked at this. Since 2017 when, this contract was initiated 5 years ago, they wanted statistics. Then in 2019 when, the audit began, 2020. January, march, late 2020, 2021. 2022. The city and clean and safe have known for a long time, along with the police pure bureau that, state's exhibit were needed and we even have a comment about nomenclature needed. I'm told that the Portland patrol who works for clean and safe are prior police officers. If at a can't already know the nomenclature of what to call these different items that are being reported by the bike police then who better could already do it. That's the ironic thing you can look at auditor's reports, there is some in there by, let me see. At the time, it was bill senate. Now, he's not with the police. But then there was john grand and another police sergeant who made reports already. There is data, already being collected on how many crimes are being reported, how many how many things that clean and safe reports does downtown. One more point I think is really disturbing. That's nothing in this plan that says what clean and safe will be allowed to do with the \$544,000 a year, that it will be then in cost avoidance, adding to its revenue. This goes to the essence of the audit, which said, there needs to be reform around governance.

Rubio: Ma'am, you're almost a minute over time.

Davidson: Oh. I'm sorry. I can't see the clock. Okay. Thank you very much.

Rubio: Can you please limit people when their time is up.

Clerk: Yes, madam president. We'll mute people if they exceed the time limit.

Hyung Nam: I'm with Portland metro people's coalition, and I am testifying to say that this needs to be postponed and you really need to link to the community and hopefully, reject this. This does not at all address the concern that is we have brought up. In both the audit, in the hearings we had over clean and safe contract last year in fact, this is very misleading. This is basically, a public funding of a program, originally designed for a private interest group, including one of the members of clean and safe and PBA is a downtown development group, that's part of that dark money group right now, that's trying to push their special interest agenda by spending all this money and steer Portland in a direction that serves their interest and we can't let this happen. There's an enormous harm to what we've been seeing with the clean and safe program and the policing together. As we know, over the last several years, the majority of the rest in Portland of course unhoused people for low-level offenses that really have nothing to do with crime or public safety. And this really serves the interest of these property owners, you know, like the good that are in, you know, investing in the opportunity zones right now and it's about their appropriate values and we should not be subsidizing these private interests there are enormous costs that are eternalize. With the needless policing and arrests of people, people go throughout jail system, the county court system, the state prison system, et cetera and it does nothing to solve the housing crisis or allow these individuals that are suffering from the housing crisis, to get into a better position this bypasses the Portland street response. This is about clean and safe, their private security and the police and we have created the Portland street response to address the fundamental issue here of dehumanizing people and criminalizing houselessness, and this seems to be completely opposed to that this seems to bake into the regular contract over time. It says that four police officers will work five 10-hour shifts. There's been an audit of police using over time and this seems to make this problem even worse.

Rubio: Thank you, sir. You're out of time. We'll go ahead and move forward.

Clerk: Thank you, madam president, that completes testimony.

Rubio: Okay. So our testimony is completed. Is there any council discussion?

Hardesty: I think our testifiers brought up a couple of points I want to dig into and one is, since we start the clean and safe, there is a plethora of private security that's operating

downtown can anybody tell me how many companies are providing private security that clean and safe works in downtown? Shawn? Anybody?

Campbell: I know there's a number down there, but those are private contracts, --

Hardesty: That was not my question. Let me repeat my question, Shawn. Do you know how many private security firms are operating downtown. Yes or no.

Campbell: No.

Hardesty: Thank you. Captain, do you know?

Simon: I don't know the specific number. No, ma'am.

Hardesty: I think before we vote on this, we should know, shouldn't we? Since covid, there's been an explosion of private security and as Shawn said, they are under private contracts. Some are on, some -- some are armed, some are unarmed. Someone else mentioned the fact that without this resolution that's in front of us would not bike patrols still not be patrolling bikes downtown?

Simon: Commissioner, the point of the contract is it guaranteed our positions, with current staffing levels, we can't guarantee, they won't be moved to a different part of the city.

Hardesty: You have severe staffing issues and you're asking this council to commit four officers to downtown clean and safe. We're not putting officers out anywhere else, in the city, knowing we have such a severe shortage as you said.

Campbell: Part of the issue is the lack of quantitative data it's difficult for the police bureau to make a decision, on how to properly place the officers without the quantitative data there is a risk if we move the officers out, that we won't have enough to actually handle the calls for service that will be emanating from that area.

Hardesty: And we have been doing this since 1997 and we have no quantitative data about who we serve and why? That's a problem.

Campbell: There is quantitative data on both the clean and safe side and the PPB side. The nomenclature and definitions do not match so we cannot combine the datasets to see. And I agree. It is an. I don't have a time machine to go back and fix it from the time before I was here.

Hardesty: I'm not holding you account what happened before you got here. I'm just trying to explain the insanity of us guaranteeing four officers to a special interest group, at a time when

we have a hundred funded positions, that we have not filled, and another 30 on reserve I have four officers that patrol. I can't say that. My folks don't have the resources to buy their own police. So I am concern that we're continuing on, as if the world hasn't changed around us - I'm very troubled by the fact that the people I know in the community, that watched this closely, didn't know that there was a public meeting. I didn't know. And I watch this issue very carefully. I'm very concerned the public did not have an opportunity to weigh in and I'm extremely concerned in this policing environment that we're in, that we can with a straight face, say, this is going to be okay. So I hope you will engage with folks, that would have engaged with you, had they had the opportunity before this comes for a vote. Thank you.

Rubio: The Mayor is back. Mayor, I will turn it back to you.

Mayor: Great. I just have one question, and thank you for presiding on my behalf, president Rubio. Could somebody tell me, what happens if you have these bike patrol numbers deployed, and they are needed for an urgent call elsewhere? What happens?

Simon: City wide emergency, they pull out of downtown and they respond to that call for service.

Wheeler: Very good and at the end of the day, these officers are still under the leadership of the police bureau. Is that correct?

Simon: That's correct, Mayor. There's still a certainly in charge of those four bicycle officers and they are housed.

Wheeler: Very good. And I agree with the comments made that all neighborhoods in this city should be entitled to police services and I want to ensure that we have not only the adequate tools, resources and training for the police bureau and mechanism mechanisms, I want to be sure we have the appropriate number as well to be able to respond to the city. Any further questions or comments before we move this to second reading? I think we have all had a long day. Colleagues, as always, I appreciate it. Commissioner Ryan is getting in just under the wire

Ryan: No. Great conversation this afternoon. I think it's important when we look at the explosion of private security contracts that and cross walk with the crime data.

Hardesty: I want to see, how many people are walking around our city with weapons that are only answering to private business owners, right? That's what I want to know. I want to know that because I'm not seeing any --

Ryan: We heard you ask that earlier. We want to make sure we cross walk with the reality. With the crime going on.

Hardesty: I do, too. I want to see if the DA is actually prosecuting people or if we're actually making a case for prosecution, as compared to just moving people. And because we don't have data on the private security, I can't answer that question. Thank you.

Wheeler: All right. Good. Thank you, appreciate it. This is a first reading of the nonemergency ordinance, move to the second reading. Keelan, have I missed anything for this meet?

Clerk: No, I believe we're all set.

Wheeler: Okay. Thank you to our amazing council clerk's team as well. Both Keelan and Megan, thank you for your hard work today, colleagues, thank you, we are adjourned.

At 4:06 pm, Council Adjourned