



September 28, 2022 Council Agenda

5680

City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

In accordance with Portland City Code and state law, City Council will hold hybrid public meetings, which provides for both virtual and limited in-person attendance. Members of council will elect to attend remotely by video and teleconference, or in-person. The City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting, including the City's YouTube Channel, [eGov PDX](#), the [Open Signal website](#), and Xfinity Channel 30 and 330.

Questions may be directed to councilclerk@portlandoregon.gov

Wednesday, September 28, 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: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Items 800 and 805 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Commissioner Rubio left at 11:35 a.m. and returned at 11:48 a.m.

Commissioner Ryan returned at 11:37 a.m.

Council recessed at 1:23 p.m.

Communications

789

[Request of Andrew Sterling to address Council regarding experience working in Bureau of Transportation Traffic Division](#) (Communication)

Document number: 789-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

790

Request of Sarah Pearson to address Council regarding Division St business economic damages
(Communication)

Document number: 790-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

791

Request of John Tarlow to address Council regarding Outer Division Safety Project revenue losses
(Communication)

Document number: 791-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

792

Request of Gillian Rose to address Council regarding homeless crisis and drug epidemic (Communication)

Document number: 792-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

793

Request of Tracy Goodman to address Council regarding Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City relationship
(Communication)

Document number: 793-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

794

Amend Operating Agreement with Rip City Management LLC for Veterans Memorial Coliseum to extend term to October 11, 2025 (amend Contract No. 28356) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

795

Proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022 to be Latinx Heritage Month (Proclamation)

Document number: 795-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

796

Authorize application to the State of Oregon through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to develop an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate Program for individuals from underserved communities (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Time certain: 10:20 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

797

Authorize a Letter of Agreement between the City and the Portland Police Association to implement a Police Dispatch Trainee Certification Pilot Project by increasing the pace of certification for Emergency Communications Dispatchers (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Emergency Communications (9-1-1); Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Vote called. Item failed to pass. (Y-Mapps, Rubio, Ryan; N-Hardesty, Wheeler)

Motion to reconsider: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

Consent Agenda

798

Appoint and reappoint members to the Fair Housing Advisory Committee for terms to expire September 30, 2024 (Report)

Document number: 798-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

799

*Authorize application to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for a grant in the amount of \$421,533 to administer an integrated all-hazard emergency management program (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191003

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Emergency Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

800

Authorize five-year Price Agreements to purchase aggregate materials and related services with Fazio Bros. Sand Inc., JW Underground, Inc., MEI Group, Northwest Infrastructure LLC, and Wilkins Trucking Co. Inc. for an estimated cost of \$15 million (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00001894) (Report)

Document number: 800-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Item 800 was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

801

*Pay settlement of Richard Blakeslee bodily injury lawsuit for the sum of \$45,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and Portland Bureau of Transportation (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191004

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

802

*Pay settlement of Carla Sammons property damage lawsuit for the sum of \$25,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191005

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

803

*Amend contract with David Evans & Associates, Inc. for design and construction management services of the NE 42nd Bridge Replacement project (amend Contract No. 30006826) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191006

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

804

*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for right-of-way services for the Outer Powell Transportation Safety Project (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191007

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

805

*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Mohawk N 7246 located at 7298 N Mohawk Ave (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191015

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Item 805 was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

806

Amend Municipal Boat Landing Code to align with Oregon Revised Statutes related to removal of abandoned or derelict vessels on City park docks (amend Code Subsection 19.16.060.J.) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191018

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

807

Amend Regulation of Lobbying Entities Code to update City Director definition (amend Code Section 2.12.020) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191008

Introduced by: Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

Bureau: City of Portland Elections Office

Second reading agenda item 784.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

808

*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for the Hatfield Resident Fellows Program in amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191009

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

809

Create two new non-represented classifications of Operations Director and Incident Command Manager and establish compensation ranges for these classifications (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Previous agenda item 776.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Vote called. Item failed to pass. (Y-Mapps, Rubio, Ryan; N-Hardesty, Wheeler)

Motion to reconsider: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

810

Amend Business License Law Code related to the apportionment and allocation of income (amend Code Chapter 7.02) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191010

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Second reading agenda item 772 (1 of 2).

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

811

Amend Business License Law Code related to administrative and housekeeping changes (amend Code Chapter 7.02) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191011

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Second reading agenda item 773 (2 of 2).

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

812

Authorize sewer revenue bonds to finance sewer system capital improvements for amount not to exceed \$440 million and to refund outstanding bonds (Ordinance)

Document number: 191012

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Second reading agenda item 785.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

813

Authorize application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a grant in the amount of \$502,459 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2022 Local Solicitation to assist the Portland-Metropolitan area law enforcement to prevent and reduce crime and violence (Ordinance)

Document number: 191013

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Second reading agenda item 786.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

814

Revise conditions required for N Baldwin St east of N Delaware Ave as vacated (amend Ordinance No. 179873, VAC-10022) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

815

Authorize competitive solicitation and contracts to support critical temporary professional modeling support service needs in the Bureau of Environmental Services for amount not to exceed \$15,050,000 over five years (Ordinance)

Document number: 191014

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 771.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Nay

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

816

Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Washington Park South Entry project for an estimated cost of \$5,200,000 (Ordinance)

Document number: 191019

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 28, 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. Mayor Wheeler left at 2:26 p.m. and Commissioner Mapps presided. Mayor Wheeler returned at 2:51 p.m. and presided.

Commissioner Ryan arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Megan Lehman, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Time Certain

817

Accept the 2021 Annual Report on Sister City Activities (Report)

Document number: 817-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

818

Declare the City of Lviv of Ukraine as an official Friendship City (Resolution)

Document number: 37588

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

819

Accept the Cully Tax Increment Finance District Exploration Process Report (Report)

Document number: 819-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Thursday, September 29, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
September 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.**

Name	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler	
Miranda Mishan	
Commissioner Mingus Mapps	
Commissioner Carmen Rubio	
Commissioner Dan Ryan	
Keelan McClymont	
Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	
Andrew Sterling	789
Sarah Pearson	790
John Tarlow	791
Gillian Rose	792
Tracy Goodman	793
Karl Lisle	794
Chris Oxley	794
Elena Gonzalez	795
Anamaria Perez	795
Chief Sara Boone	796
Lisa Reslock	796
AnnMarie Kevorkian Mattie	797
Lisa St. Helen	797
Edith Gillis	797
Mandy Rose Cousins	797
Sheila Sylvester	808
Barb Siples	809
Christine Leon	809
Dan Lenzen	809
Liz Smith	809
Lauren Rosenstein	813
Cpt. Chris Gjovik	813
Marlon Marion	813
Lance Lindahl	814
Travis Ruybal	816
Biko Taylor	800

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
September 28, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.**

Name	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler	
Megan Lehman	
Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	
Commissioner Mingus Mapps	
Commissioner Carmen Rubio	
Commissioner Dan Ryan	
Chido Dhliwayo	817, 818
James Autry	817
Rick Lamberson	817
Chi-Chao Chen	817
Shireen Farrahi	817
Karin Hansen	817
Mami Kikuchi	817
Bruce Wu	817
Katherine Morrow	817
Tatiana Terdal	817
Valeriy Goloborodko	817
Lisa Abuaf	819
Oscar Arana	819
Candace Avalos	819
Edy Martinez	819
Matthew Tschabold	819
Johnathan Garcia	819
Elizabeth De Jesus	819
Clarence Larkins	819
Gary Hollands	819
Robert Butler	819

Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

September 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

This file was produced through the closed captioning process for the televised city Council broadcast and should not be considered a verbatim transcript. The official vote counts, motions, and names of speakers are included in the official minutes.

Speaker: good morning. That increases public awareness and cultivates healing for profound trauma experienced by advise, families, American indian and alaska natives resulting in the boarding school policy of 1869. I'll turn this over to tribal relations community liaison to provide background on this proclamation. Good morning miranda.

Speaker: Good morning. Thank you, mayor Wheeler. And City Council members. Today we're asking the issue of indian boarding schools incarcerated people across the country. To be frank it would be hard to find a person that has not been impacted. It our goal to facilitate the history and investigates the forced assimilation enacted by the federal government. I will share with you the remarks from teresa sheldon with national native American boarding school healing coalition. And in her remarks makes mention of voting on a resolution, she's used to that practice but just to be clear, she's been made aware you're not voting on a resolution today and this is a proclamation w that said i'll share my screen and remarks with teresa. I'm hoping the sound comes through, too. If clerk can help me to confirm? That you can hear the sound.

Speaker: We'll get it right miranda. One second.

Speaker: Thank you. Can you hear me? So when you click share screen there will be two options at the bottom. Okay. [inaudible].

Speaker: Today, I just wanted to thank Portland City Council for bringing forward and voting on the resolution support the creation of a united states truth and healing commission on indian boarding schools and other actions to address lasting harm of indian boarding schools. This resolution acknowledges that over 23 federal indian boarding schools. 12 established by the step of interior definition and 11 day schools that operated throughout the state. The inspection was operation of native American children of families, cultures and communities through the removal, and often time the cultural children. The city of port reasoned supports u.s. Department of interior to investigate the loss of life and consult on going efforts and reconciliations and we're thankful the city is doing that and recognize the harm it has on families in our native communities. I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to mayor ted Wheeler and these working hard and diligently to bring awareness to native issues. We can't estimate what lasting impacts are so the report bringing forward issues so appreciated. So on behalf of nab just want to say thank you, and we appreciate you being able to look at history accurately and correctly and say this happened and does have lasting impacts and we're in the going to turn a blind eye. Thank you for your time. I appreciate you, owe much for the work you're doing thank you, teresa and miranda, thank you for your leadership as well. Colleagues, anybody have comments from I read proclamation?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps I do have brief comments colleagues I'm glad to support this proclamation and a agree with teresa's comments all Oregonians should remember indian boarding schools are not a distant problem but part of Oregon's history, too. The first indian boarding school in the united states opened in 1860 on the yakima indian reservation, three hours live from Portland, Oregon. 300 boarding schools were opened in the united states and eight schools

established here in, Oregon. The goal of the American Indian boarding school movement was to assimilate Indian tribes, the children were separated from their parents and forbidden from speaking their native language. The literal and misguided motto behind the Native American boarding school movement was this. Kill the Indian, save the man. Now, here, in Portland we still live with the wounds caused by our ancestors' genocidal wars against Native Americans, today, here in Portland poverty rates amongst Native Americans are triple the rates of their white neighbors, more than 20% of Portland's Native American community experiences hunger. The average Native American family in Portland can only afford to rent a two-bedroom apartment in two of Portland's 95 neighborhoods and today, here in Portland, about half of our Native American high schoolers, students fail to graduate. Colleagues, his words remind us this council can, and must, promote healing in the Native American community by creating better and fairer public policy. I support this proclamation today because the federal government's truth and healing is an important step in that direction. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Thank you, Mayor and Miranda for bringing his items forward and Teresa Sheldon for her words today. I want to also see the vibrancy and strength of our Native American communities and want to acknowledge the painful and traumatic history of genocide by our local, state, and federal governments that Native communities faced for generations. These should never be forgotten and our government must, and can do better and we need to push for truth in reconciliation. So let's continue to investigate the past wrongs of the government practices and assimilation and ongoing historical and intergenerational trauma that is devastating Native American communities.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Wow. I think that I caused that. Do you forgive me? Everybody is awake now. That not how I wanted to begin. Thank you for being here and centering us in truth today and it was gift to have you here as well. And I'll say the truth does set us free and what is children receive optimism today so keep centering us in truth. The truth does set us free, again, and I'm very supportive of had resolution, thank you for being here, bye.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. And so as Indian boarding schools created through Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819 created to administer education, health care and rations promised and President Grant's peace policy of 1868 opened civilization funds to be used by churches and as a result of those laws, over 367 Indian boarding schools were established and run by the government and religious organizations and children as wrong as Lee were sent away to Indian boarding schools across Oregon state and in cases Native American children were sent out of state. And the evacuations of American Indians and Native children from indigenous identities, cultures, beliefs in tribal communities to assimilate them into non-Indian culture, which had the effect of cultural genocide. And whereas, Indian boarding schools employed a simulation through removal, hair cutting, issuing uniforms, forbidding native languages and cultural practices, administering corporal punishments, child labor and forced sterilizations of Native American women which were carry out with law and constituted in physical, emotional and mental torture for non-compliance. By 1926 nearly 83% of American Indian and Alaska school aged children were taken and enrolled in Indian boarding schools in the United States but nearly 62% of the school records have been lost, or destroyed, therefore leaving the full extent of harm created undetermined. A National Native American Boarding School Healing Corporation file a Freedom of Information Act to ask how many boarding schools the government funded, how many children

attended and how many went missing or died in schools and how many responded they could not answer because research would have to be done. They've only been able to locate records for 38% of the 367 listed boarding schools, records for 62% of the schools on the list are unknown locations. In June, 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced creation of a federal Indian boarding school initiative to investigate the loss of human life and lasting consequences by identifying sites, location of remains and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities and identities and tribal affiliations of students interred at such locations. The city of Portland envisions a city where all have freedom, agency and platform to share history, language, cultures and experiences and we acknowledge that our actions both conscious and unconscious past, and present, have benefitted some communities and limiting outcomes for others notably American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians and the city works towards our vision by addressing and working to eliminate institutional racism and repair damage in programs as well as practice. And I, Ed Wheeler, Mayor of City of Portland, City of Roses do declare the Portland City Council supports the creation of the United States Truth and Healing Commission and other actions to address the lasting harm of Indian boarding schools. Thank you.

Speaker: This is September 28, 2022, morning session of the Portland City Council now in session. Keelan, please call roll.

Speaker: Hardesty?

Speaker: Aye, here.

Speaker: Mapps?

Speaker: Er here.

Speaker: Rubio.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: We'll hear from legal council on rules of order.

Speaker: Welcome to Portland City Council, City Council holding hybrid meetings with limited attendance in addition to electronic attendance. About you wish to testify you must sign up at www.Portland.gov and may sign up for communications to speak about any subject and may sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports or first readings of ordinances in person testimony may occur from City Council chambers and love joy room and Portland building. Written testimony may be submitted at cc testimony and should address the matter being considered. When testifying state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist and representing a organization please identify it. And presiding officer determines length of testimony, and individuals have three three minutes to testify. Interrupting other testimony or council deliberations will not allowed. If there are disruptions a warning may be given in the person being ejected from the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected a person who fails to leave is subject to arrest or trespass, council may take a short recess and convene virtually.

Speaker: Thank you. First up, communications. Keelan. First individual?

Speaker: Request of working to traffic division.

Speaker: Three minutes, thank you.

Speaker: Good morning I'm a traffic administrator for p bot, with the city about seven years and we install lines as well as project delivery, including transportation equity plan we have in progress and maintaining bike safety and motorist safety that we're trying to get this plan. I want to talk about what we do as staff so we're considering employees that show up for emergencies we work through covid in

person, on site, every day, and that includes snow and ice. I go from days to nights. I'm on nights, showing up at 6:00 p.m. An work until 6:00 in the morning. Many co-workers are working, 70-80 hours a week during these emergencies and are to pick up where we left off for maintenance operations. It's been hard to continue maintenance operations we had a late, wet spring so we've been working right after the emergencies ended, starting at 3:00 a.m. Working until 3:00 in afternoon to catch up on our paint striping that. Is a priority for safety and as well as ross walk maintenance and installations and southwest hills an he's are things we are to do and priority one for us after emergency owes get those back in place. Our snow plows take those out and we have to replace delineators and making sure our public folks are safe out there when moving about the city. This led to employees and decrease in being able to hire employees we're in a contract negotiation with 483 and the city. I will tell you, crew leaders core tenders, concrete finishers, and equipment operators are anywhere between 5 and \$12 behind what privates are paying. And our retirement has been defunded and our benefits have been in the last 15 years so what I'm asking is to support us and what we do on a day-to-day operations. Here we're, through covid, and through snow, ice, and make sure Portland fire and police and amr can get to you. We plow and maintain collectors, and infrastructure tour on the roads. And, we've got a lot of thank yous are downtown but those dry up when we ask for more money and we're suffering. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, hair for being here and let me just say I concur, you may hear me a folks that went for maintenance you are been in the crisis of the community just want to you know, your commissioner had charge appreciates the work what you do every single day, and your folks, out there, and in all kinds of weather doing the best you can with limited resources we are. I though it's not your fault we have

a four \$ million maintenance backlog. We'll just keep doing the best we can with what we've to the. I want to you know I hear you and I absolutely agree. That you have shown up and done overtime and been here through every crisis. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Have a if day.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, and true you mentioned in testimony, but could you repeat it for me. What union are you part of?

Speaker: Labor local 483.

Speaker: Thank you. And andrew, thank you. I heard what you said. That the thank yous dry up when the money question comes up and I till don't want to miss the opportunity to say thank you to you an your colleagues and very mindful of the fact that as we have this discussion about people returning to duty and make our city an employer of choice and you are been here throughout the pandemic, you, your colleagues and I don't want to forget that and you're first responders and we have had' water main break we had our water bureau folks come out but that created a massive transportation emergency. I don't want to you come in front of City Council without my thanks and gratitude for good work that you do. It is hard work. And is often not appreciated. You have a job where people don't notice it unless it doesn't happen. Right? I see the if work an thank you for sharing your perspective.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and commissioners for listening to me. Thank you.

Speaker: Next rid, please? Item 790.

Speaker: Request of sarah pearson to address council regarding division street, economic damages.

Speaker: Good morning. Sarah. You're muted.

Speaker: There we go. Sorry. Hello. Sorry. That technical difficulties.

Speaker: No worries. Thank you for giving me a chance to talk and express concern with new construction along division. I own a business. On 123 and we've been there since 2000 and not only has it decreased in business all of our connecting businesses have been saying the aim thing so it's not just that. People aren't able to pull n you have to driveway out of their way and everybody knows how busy the intersection is on 122 owe they'd are to go past that, go around, an not only that, but the safety of cars, you know? Many are driving over center medians and doing you turns, it's just been a huge, huge issue and our business has been there 23 years I would hate to have to close down was of lack of customers being able to come into the store. A sister and I own a1 hawk. Our dad started the store from scratch. And opened if 1985 and this location in 2000 and it's been our busiest location an our dad passed away about a year and a half ago. And since the construction we've seen a huge decrease, at least 30%, 30% to 40% less customers come in for a day because they just don't feel like, you know, arguing to get into our parking lot. This is my first time doing this. I'm not sure how to end that.

Speaker: We hear you an since you've got the mike tell us about your business. What is it? I'm sure people out there would like to hear about it.

Speaker: Yes. So we are a pawn shop, we lend money to people an they come in an bring their item and they have 90 days to come back an pay us back. And we give them items back.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, shara for showing up today, what happened to your phone? Did you drop it?

Speaker: I don't know.

Speaker: You went black I'm going to assume you're there and I'm just going to keep talking. Let me say the major safety improvements just completed on the vision will save people's lives. The second most deadly thing happens, second only to gun violence is vehicle violence. We must change drivers' behavior in order to stop killing people on our streets with automobiles I'm proud of the safety improvements installed and your customers I hope will adapt to learn a safer community where people using all modes of transportation can safely get their needs met. The city has been a city where automobiles ruled and automobiles kill people. At 25 miles per hour, I will survive. 40, 50, I will not.

Speaker: Absolutely.

Speaker: I just want you to know all of us are changing our behavior because we want to save lives and don't want speeding.

Speaker: Am I able to comment on that?

Speaker: Yes. Please. And this is not about the speed. I'm okay with the speed. I'm talking about the medians and dividers and you are to pull a mile to pull into any business you have fed-ex with hard time pulling in.

Speaker: I do understand that. And what we're asking drivers to do is change behavior. We're lowering speed limits and hopefully adding trees out there as well. And I understand change is hard for all of us but I stand behind this change because it will save lives and I want to save lives rather than people getting somewhere as fast as possible. Now, you can feel free to come back and weigh in at any time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Have a if day.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you.

Speaker: Next individual please.

Speaker: Request of John Tarlow to address council regarding Outer Division safety project revenues losses.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning Mr. Mayor and City Council. We from Washington Car Washes we oppose the city's plan to install medians on 82. It will really prevent customers from accessing our business. We've suffered a 30% decline as a result of the medians placed on Division. The misguided plan was developed without any public input or process is misguided we only heard about it antidotally and that's not right. City must be transparent had contemplating actions and residents it has a lot been made evident what the problem to justify impact of potentially putting in a median on 82. From engineering starts where is the evidence that is needed. It's terrible for businesses on 82 and on Division and you'll hear it's a bad idea for 82 residents, too. 82 is where the city districts businesses to be. The city must take action to protect the corridor it's worked to create and approve owe it can serve needs of businesses and by extension, Portland citizens. This an opportunity to prove nay sayers wrong and keep businesses thriving. The problem is pedestrian access, the solution is to install crosswalks and flashing lights. A median does not help pedestrians if the problem is people driving too fast solution cameras or reduced speed limits to slow traffic. For whatever the problem, solution is not to make people make an extra trip, turn, you turn, make their way back to our business. That is causing confusion for traffic and adds vehicle miles that is avoidable. The city should condition convenient a stakeholder group of 82 Avenue businesses to identify problems if any, and engage with the city for solutions. But the city should not install speed medians and next individual, 792.

Speaker: Request of Bill Rose to address council regarding homeless crisis and drug epidemic.

Speaker: Good morning. Can you hear me okay?

Speaker: I moved here from New York to be part of a progressive city. What seems a lot of people on the streets with trash and feces are using drugs is not progressive. It's insane and unacceptable. The homeless crisis here is a reminder I feel it's not a priority for you. You don't care about either side. People living on streets or people here who are trying to find a better place to live and raise families. Portland has become the laughing stock of the country. It has. I want to share with you how out of control this problem is and how it's been impacting our lives. Powell Boulevard full of trash, broken town cars, trailers and an active, open drug market. I see people sniffing meth out of aluminum. It's taking over parking lots and spills on to sidewalks so pedestrians don't have a place to walk. Last year my partner was swung at and attacked. Which when you consider carrying bear mace when riding a bicycle, something is wrong. My friend a realtor lost a deal because a homeless camp popped up in front a house his clients were about to buy. What if that is how you may a living? Are you going to subsidize the loss? My neighbor across the street works at Emmanuel Hospital. Half of the cases are homeless who have infections due to drug use or burns because they set their own people are there because they are heard about Portland homelessness and they've been enabled and you learn addiction is not compassionate. It's rule. Have you to stop enabling this. We deserve transparency on how a \$62 million budget being used. Are they going to stay clean in order to get house something I read the budget overview only receives clean and sober living for 50 people. What about the rest? I'm angry and I'm sick of something that has been a failure. Stop wasting our money and destroying our city. Please, start being leaders thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you for being here, next individual last one signed up for communications today item 793.

Speaker: Request of Tracy Goodman regarding Portland sister city relationship.

Speaker: If morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Tracy you're muted.

Speaker: Sorry about that.

Speaker: We can hear you now. Hopefully, you can see screen as well?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Wonderful. Thank you. My name Tracy Goodman I'll jump into this. I outlined reasons for maintaining sister city with Russia. Russian troops tie hands of civilians behind their backs and committed heinous acts of sexual violence before murdering them. And Portland's sister city is hope to one of the Russian troops that carried out the massacre. These inhumane practices ongoing. In realtime. The relationships provide a channel of communication to isolate Russians. In fact, it through this sister city relationship hands more ammunition to kill innocent Ukrainians. The sister city held an event aired on Russian TV, presented in paper and pushed on YouTube and capping the event a newspaper quotes Portland officials saying, that the suspension or termination of the relationship with our Russian partner city should not be the city's response to the special operation in Ukraine. The term special operation is.

Speaker: I term used to lie to and rally Russians to carry out facts of terrorism and genocide and has been framework building for years prior to the invasion to the relationship is the last channel to isolate Russians is not influential, it being exploited and helped to craft deadly propaganda.

Speaker: Tracy. Sorry. Looks like you might meant to share screen. Is that true?

Speaker: I thought it was being shared and I heard yes.

Speaker: We see your picture. But I think what we can do is go ahead and have you share your screen now and then, we can make sure that slides are shared.

Speaker: Can you see it now I hope?

Speaker: So. Third reason is that these are people to people endeavors. The same city government official that visited Portland in June, 2014 curated the March event, Portland ignored the call to cut sister city ties as support. Eugene recognized this, stating purpose isn't happening. Legitimate relationships are not encourage the official relationships are knowing what we know, how do you reconcile maintaining this relationship knowing that the consequences that come at the cost of ukrainian lives, language and culture.

Speaker: Does that complete your testimony?

Speaker: Well. It does. And the slide has more information and in the time frame this is it. Thank you.

Speaker: And Tracy we have the presentation. And we'll look at it. Let me just give you thoughts and we're going to hear more about this. We have a report coming up today on sister city relationships this is not cut and dry. Number one, let's start with where my personal view he needs to be taken out. He's an affront to civilization and is a war criminal and costing lives of tens of thousands of people and should be removed through whatever means necessary. I hope I'm career clear on that. If I fall out of a six-floor window in coming weeks you'll know what happened. But I have the freedom to say that because there are people in Russia who believe that and they don't have the same freedom I do and I believe these sister city relationships are vital, the reason why they're created in the first place was to circumnavigate government to government warfare and create ties between people to, share educational and cultural opportunities and economic opportunities theory being that if civilizations and countries have these personal, meaningful ties they're less likely to engage in political and military area conflict. Now in this case, we obviously side with Ukraine. And have it's been made clear there are

people here who are russian here in the community that share the viewpoint I just expressed and this not on behalf of the city, just telling you my view. The sooner putin is removed the better for the world. He is not a contributor to global peace or stability. He's opposite. And is a war criminal. I will continue to be of the been we he'd to maine these contracts especially in times of conflict an I hope in russia there is risk of propagandizing our decisions and hope the message is that we support those who oppose putin within russia they may not have a voice in their country we have a voice here and moral obligation to use it. And so i'll continue to support the sister city relationships.

Speaker: May I comment on that some.

Speaker: You may. But I want you to know this is my personal view.

Speaker: I understand. My concern or my follow up to that is and no way this is a recommendation we cut ties with person to person. It not discouraged nor questioned but they're quoting Portland officials as calling this a special operation and using that and slaughtering it all over that is pretty deadly. I doubt a Portland official called it a special operation?

Speaker: Of course not. They're going to use propaganda regardless what we what we do. He's a totalitarian war criminal and he will paint whatever picture he needs to paint in order to maintain his grip.

Speaker: But when they refer to the sister city relationships, and point to those, so we're saying don't have that pull our elves where we can be used in deadly propaganda. And we know that there government officials involved. We know that.

Speaker: We've painted both sides of this and I appreciate you being here and giving me an opportunity to give my perspective on this and that is the conflict right? Trying to dot right thing by the people an not supporting the government. I doubt putin listens to City Council meetings but if he did I don't think there is a

question about where I stand. With his position in the world and where I hope he ends up in the not too distant future.

Speaker: That completes our communications this morning. Have any items been pulled?.

Speaker: We have two items, 800 and 805.

Speaker: Correct.

Speaker: Please call roll.

Speaker: Hardesty?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mapps?.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Rubio?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Item 794 too to ex-ten term to October 11, 2025.

Speaker: New, commissioner ritz used to say I'm pleased to welcome chris oakley from the Portland trailblazers it's great to see you and this would elf tend the veterans memorial operating agreement an continue long partnership with management, had resulted in countless memories for visitors veterans memorial coliseum over the years and mostly memories of wins, thank you. Rip I management and has impacted the economy an hundreds of jobs have been sustained over the years, carl lyle will give us an overview.

Speaker: Thank you. This will authorize chief administrative officer to sign 8th amendment with relationship city management and this will extend from current date of June 2023 to October 1, several other agreements including a green a ground lease are set to come to the end of the current terms October 11, 2025, and as well as other buildings and allows combined practices to continue and provides time for a more comprehensive discussion about the future of the rose quarter with the operators including both operations of the arenas and possible renovations to the campus. And he's require the acceptance as well as rip city managements accept answer of the program. Beyond term extension, all final terms remains unchanged with this amendment. And this hay be amended administratively by chief administrative officer, however, that can only happen and in this case, terms remain unchanged from how they have been, City Council authorization required because it constitutes a financial equipment owe we're this will pass to second reading and now turn it over to chris oxley senior vice president to talk about the business of operating veteran's memorial coliseum.

Speaker: Good morning this is an important issue and relationship for us. It has, to your point been a very productive relationship we have had and most billings, prior arena goes away and Portland way to hold that up and particularly as veteran's memorial and architectural gem so we're pleased after a lot of years of contemplation that it continues to serve. He's are hard buildings to get built and serve well as places of experience. We hold ourselves up pro raiding experiences people remember for theirs lives. Whether trail blazer history or longstanding relationship with winter hawks and now they're a tenant of the coliseum, going back to where you graduated high school and students say your parents remember that and so without these ventures we're left without opportunities so we're pleased to be stewards of the coliseum. It's been successful an we want to continue

that on this, will provide us additional opportunities down the road. And thank you for joining final four visit an opportunity we're going to look to in November and solidify that hopefully for our city and support women athletics and celebrating women's sports and game of basketball and conducting efforts to locate a major destination and sports city so we're pleased to continue this relationship. For us, this is about what the future presents not the past. I'm open to questions and concerns and we appreciate your time, on this one, today.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Any questions?

Speaker: Try to be careful.

Speaker: You mentioned this is two year extension and a lot coming up in two years. This like a precursor to something to look two years ahead?

Speaker: Certainly. A lot of related agreements to the rose quarter. A lot of opportunities for us to continue our partnership down the road this, is one of 16 related agreements between city and management and we're doing well from an events perspective and how we're in the future we've thought about that between us and city is to how coliseum continues to be an as written to the relationship and then, start working on the ground lease and those other related agreements and how it can continue. We are thrilled, ready, and the opportunity is ahead. So this kind of the opening what we believe to be a more robust conversation the future of the rose quarter.

Speaker: I think I'll just stand with one poll up. That, thank you, for framing where we're going because we're just barely diving into this today. And I wanted to say thank you for that openness.

Speaker: We'll come back to you.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. And thank you, both for presentation. I don't have questions I just wanted to put on record how much I appreciate briefing we have

had and so I'm grateful you're mindful we have an opportunity to create a had you mini city in that area and I looking forward are to work with you to make sure that we are owl working towards a common goal. And thank you.

Speaker: We have had a work session and I did insert questions about engagement with the management and I got a little bit of a response. I just want to hear. Are you part of that?

Speaker: I will say I was at table or origins before it was avt. And we're open to the conversation and consider our selves take holders and I think we're aligned in many ways. That said, there a lot of work to do when thinking about i15 and I don't think it's counter to the table being able to have those conversations. I have a piece to come back to we've got to get back to connecting that part of the city with our part of the city. It a pit of an island now f there is a piece of alignment that we have that holds up a common commitment and with relationship with everybody else that wants to be part that have conversation we're not just a basketball team. We're stake holders this the community. 35 years of ownership, 52 years in the city. We will step out of our comfort zone from time to time to make sure issues that abt brings or any projects are in alignment and also, to the benefits.

Speaker: Thank you. That is the dia log I wanted to see this morning thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Do we have public testimony?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: We well move to 795.

Speaker: Proclaim September 5th to October 15th to be latin x heritage month.

Colleagues we proclaim today the month of September 15th, to October 15th to be latin x heritage month and thank you, mayor.

Speaker: I'm hearing appreciation and I have shared my own family story immigrant story and how my experiences and identity and family led me to the path I'm on today and help shape my identity as a Portlander and how I show up every day. And I talked about how that provides that same thing affirmation of culture and identity and shared experience and we appreciate this organization and are tl is comfort for all communities to thrive. We shouldn't need a month a year to celebrate our culture and identity, we can honor the contributions of the communities through stories of our parents this sheens so much to be part of the introducing of the proclamation. I want to acknowledge all of you today and it's great to see you all and it's affirming and our city looks like you and this is why representation matters and I'm proud to see you here today and see the work you do is under way. Thank you for putting this together and bringing this forward so now, i'll stop talking.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and City Council helping us celebrate today thank you, commissioner Rubio for sponsoring this proclamation. My name is lana gonzales joined by anan maria perez and we're here representing latin xpdf affinity group. We have heritage from all over the world and speak many languages. And are committed to promote professional advancement and mentoring for all latin x city employees. And advocate public outreach towards policies, plans, investments and highlight contributions made by the latin x culture and bring this forward to celebrate cultures and highlight benefits our communities bring to Portland. Now, I'd like to invite anna maria to deliver remarks.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you mayor and commissioners if morning. My name is anna maria perez, continuing our parks we're proud of our culture and we're engineers, analysts, coordinators, attorneys, administrators and policy makers and that is just at the city of Portland. We're an economic engine in our region through

small businesses and running major corporations and our community took a hit during the pandemic and we're supporting each other we have seen folks leaving about paying jobs. Latinas at the city left jobs in larger numbers than any other demographic and are seen a 10% drop when looking at the dash boards. We love working at the city. We believe we have impact and influence and want to bring more diverse people to work at the city in doing so, we're serving parts of the population that cannot communicate with their local government if we want to bring more racially diverse folks to work alongside. And if you identify as latin x or hispanic, latino, latina, any terms, and would like to join our you for celebrating with us today. Is that all?

Speaker: Yes. That is the end of the works.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues?.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor and thank you, commissioner Rubio. I am delighted to join us in proclaiming September 15th, to October 15th to be latina x heritage month. Portland celebrated for nearly two decades. We begin on September 15th because that is a day of independence for many formerly colonized nations in latin America. And until 1846 Oregon and Mexico were neighbors. California only became part as a result of the Mexican American war. Before that date Mexico's heritage and Oregon and Mexico have a lot more than just border, they have heritage. People of the latin x heritage appeared in 1850 our latino ancestors helped build the Portland we love today. I would like to recognize and thank the latin x community for contributions to the community I'd like to recognize my policy advisors Michelle Rodriguez and Goal Anne Salazar for their work on this celebration I'd like to recognize commissioner Rubio for efforts to uplift the latin x community and

presence on the council provides hope to the children had see themselves reflected in her.

Speaker: Very good.

Speaker: Commissioner? Sorry. I didn't see that. Thank you. Have you this passion and integrity an steady spirit and it's why this team functioning better than had I first arrived. And this is something I wanted to lift up. She's our first elected official on the City Council. Thank you for being here today. It's so wonderful to have in person moments and wanted to acknowledge I don't know why it's lost on me. I thought it was September. It's September 15th. That brilliant. Could shun just tell me has that been a thing? Can you, is there a story?

Speaker: Well.

Speaker: And smart. I have read things like referenced that many independence days of colonized countries in latin America have independence in the middle of September and with labor day at the beginning of the month, we skip that and start when our celebrations begin and just continue for a full month into onth.

Speaker: Thank you. I want to just pause and be grateful for several members of the team when identify as latin as chief of staff kelly torres, and our city homeless strategies manager charity montez. It's invaluable and what is important is that as you pet to know their families so with karen she brought her kids in for costa rican independence day celebration and she share that had aloud last week an I thought that was very compelling. And I am just so privileged to work with those three professionals every day. And since you're representing affinity group it's in our offices as well and how important that is. I just married the love of my life. And our marriage adds a much, I are a bigger latin x presence because there are many relatives new family members and mostly from vegas. We know chicanos and

chicanas built las vegas. So happy latin x heritage month. Thank you for being here this morning.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Thank you. Happy latin x month to all others listening in on this conversation. It's an interesting kind of day. We started morning off talking about native Americans and boarding schools. And now talking about the legacy of the latin x community. Commissioner Rubio started with representation matters and in the only does representation matter it is critical. Many issues addressed today we'd never have addressed without representation. Just want to you know it proves me that they to not find a safe, welcoming work place and we have an obligation to fix that. Owe it doesn't seem to be intellectual curiosity to find out why we're losing people of color in a city billing itself as a preferred place to work. I want to honor commissioner Rubio. She's been a wonderful partner. A wonderful think partner an has been a wonderful community partner but we have only had that relationship for 30, plus years. It didn't change because she's on Portland City Council. And I want you to know, that I am very grateful to commissioner Rubio and her very thoughtful approach to look forward to a long, productive work relationship. Happy latin x month and I hope this is not just a one off i'll look forward to reviewing the process, happy latin x month.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I just have a comment I neglected to mention and wanted to remind city employees that there will be a celebration over in the lizzie weeks room. I believe there coffee an mexican pastries available. I encourage to you go over an help celebrate this morn day. Thank you.

Speaker: Colleagues thank you. You're put in a difficult decision so I thank you for your sage leadership being good representatives of the latin x community but just I

also, want to underscore what commissioner Mapps just said. I wanted to invite everyone to the latin x celebration taking place right this minute. Colleagues they're listening to us. We should absolutely say.

Speaker: They are.

Speaker: I'd like to shout out to our public employees and a celebration is the least that we can do. Thank you for the hard work you do. I'm grateful that we're here to celebrate. Merely 10% of the population, the latin x community is part of our economic, social and cultural fabric. I'd like to offer special thanks to latin x affinity group and especially lena gonzales-bared and anna maria, thank you and over 450 years, latin x heritage has been celebrated nationwide from September 15th, to October 15th to honor and recognize cultures that bring a rich combination of language and histories, and whereas, latin x heritage month is held in recognition of the significance of September 5th because it's the anniversary of independence. For latin American countries, costa rica, el salvador, guatemala, honduras and nicaragua. Mexico and chile celebrate on September 6th and 18th and Portland community members self I'd by as latin x, latin a, indigenous, chicana, or country of origin and heritage and rich tap pest tri multi cultural and language and many people trace their roots and africans trafficked and enslaved in Americas and asia and whereas, latin x population immigrates to caribbean, south America and indeed, all over the world. And where as, we celebrate diversity of all when identify under the latin x umbrella and that is well before it's sounded as they've propelled or visibility and rejection and struggles about their own identities in this country. And latin x people along black and people of color communities are part of the work force that continues to keep our city and nation operating. They drive our economy as workers and entrepreneurs are the force of change and he enrich arts as artisans, and ensure our health and basic human needs as grocery store

workers, truck drivers and workers day laborers and nurses and doctors and more, and whereas to help connect more latin x people to city jobs and support them, throughout their careers, with this city, latin xpdx group was reestablished in 2014. Latin x, pdx reached over 100 employees and continues to grow and whereas, latin x-pdx city employees stand in sol dairy with black, indigenous and people of color communities and all groups when face discrimination in our city, as well as globally and latin xpdx city employees are committed to working in unity with our respective bureaus and to dismantle civic engagement and participation difficult for black people and now, I do hear by proclaim September 15th, to October 15th, 2022, to be latin x heritage in an encourage residents to observe this month. I'd like to pass this to commissioner Rubio reading the proclamation in spanish. Thank you.

Speaker: It's my honor to read it in spanish to the best of my ability. [reading proclamation in spanish]. [reading in spanish]. Okay. We have a time for a photo. Can we mute the mikes?.

Speaker: Where is commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Okay. 796 Monday emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Authorize application to state of Oregon through higher education coordinating commission for a grant in the amount of 500,000ses today develop an emergency medical technician certificate program for individuals from under served communities.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty?

Speaker: Thank you, mayor I want to appreciate fire chief sarah boon, I will say, has been the most innovative leader that very seen in sometime. Normally, governments think that all of the money comes from us. But this is probably the fourth, or fifth grant proposal in my time managing Portland fire an rescue where the innovation and visionary thinking and the thoughtfulness of how we bill

programs that are sustainable for the long haul are led by shara boon. I want to take time to appreciate the leadership coming out of fire in my three years and nine months on this job. Thank you. Now my comments. I've embarrassed her, giving her a chance to recover before reading remarks most of my directors don't like me saying nice things about them. So. Applying for a work force ready grant part the initiative produced by governor kate brown. The goal advancing work force opportunities for under served communities, prioritizing key populations and including women, people with low incomes and other people of color, and individuals who would self I'd by as members of the lgbtq plus community. And this provides access to work force systems and connecting key populations to job training, employment and career advancement opportunities. I'll hand this off to chief boon.

Speaker: I would like to say with the latin heritage day, and proclamation, it is up lifting and all of you know, the city of Portland and values we uphold are we're this a crisis which it comes to health care system, health sector, and I can tell you, are the day I leave I'm proud to receive this and I'm willing to die for it so that being said, what is important about this application, which has been approve but it collectivism and collaboration, that we build, and take this opportunity to provide future for community member as that are invested in government, and service, because they'll be taking care of us. This grant application is the first phase to reflect the community in which we serve. It's a work force, in crisis we he know there is a need for health care providers, emts, paramedics within the community. The strategic objective and project goal is increasing the number of our historically under represented, and under served, employees by ten percent. In the next five years and Portland fire and rescue plan with these grant funds to build capacity to prepare and train and retain work force that represents priority populations, to

identify and incorporate the lived experience the communities who, on a systemic level have been disadvantaged in the past and through this grant will be prioritize to help care for the many diverse communities that live, and work, within the city of Portland. Before I turn it over, this isn't Portland fire alone. I want to recognize commissioner hardesty for commissioner in charge we know we're aligned when it comes to uplifting those most vulnerable there an opportunity, and history to shape our future and under your leadership bringing public safety together and trying to collaborate, big out a way to create programs and opportunities. That will be to the connection with tiffany pensant under bhr, bureau of human resources when it comes to strategists tiffany was a pivotal connector with Portland fire an pcc and this is a commission, and collaboration that has been months in the making when it comes to this grant. So. I will now turn it over to Portland fire's community health administrator.

Speaker: Thank you, chief. Mayor, council I am deputy administrative health administrator for Portland fire and rescue and I'm going to speak for an overview with the grant and opportunity and intent. I think one of the things that is happening now, not only in the city of Portland but across the nation is that our country recovering from the covid pandemic. I call it climate, the post-covid climate. Our work force is not only in health care, some of you don't recognize this. But Portland fire has the only bureau with a large free hospital work force. With that, opportunities that abound are tremendous. Funding opportunities are tremendous but, we recognize the city limited in it's funding so. Chief boone, one of the things she's initiated when he became fire chief is that our bureau would evolve from emergency response to where preventative community health is fundamental to our mission. We know when we work to serve our population we're going to improve their health outcomes and they're going to have a better standard of living

and call 911 less. Our dispatch center will have lower call volume. We get people on the streets, that can meet the needs of the population, we're going to really impact change. So, with that, that we really, um, pursued this grant we want it to be thoughtful and deliberate because we knew recruiting for any work force would be complex and require innovation and planning. So. I kind of hesitated when I was going to use this analogy but I'm going to. It's real life. Compared to that of a gardener. Right? If you're going to produce a harvest you want to prepare soil. Take time to put nutrients in the soil. You want to plant the seed and water the plant. You want to have a harvest. So in our preparing for this grant, we wanted to be deliberate bringing non-represented workers into the work force so they can have jobs and we can train them, and we can retain them. So with that we divided the grant really the opportunity into three parts. The initial part that we talking about right now is the capacity grant. So the future ready grant is going to have future funding up to \$200 million. The first phase is a very -- just for capacity building and in that phase we are recruiting four positions. And those four positions address -- we are requesting \$500,000 for a diversity strategist and equity data analyst and two recruiters. The goal of this team is to really go out and like I said prepare the soil. Really go out work with the cbos. Work with the community colleges, work with the latino groups, work with everyone, right. To get a group of individuals, worker with the stakeholders. And we want to recruit 100 student learners for this community nt program. So much the round two is that we want to have a earn to learn emt program. And of the earn to learn program would be an opportunity for an individual to receive all the education and training and be paid to go to school and also leave with an emt certification that would allow them to work not only for Portland fire and rescue but within organization in the city, wherever they wanted

to work. That's the second phase. And that's the round two and we are not going for that right now.

That's the second phase. And the final phase is the retention phase for us. So following a successful completion of the emt program this project retention plan includes transitioning the new certified emts into one much multiple positions within the city of Portland, Portland fire and rescue, our community health programs, chat programs, Portland street response, any programs that can get those individuals out op street caring for people.

Speaker: > I will pass it back to chief boone.

Speaker: Thank you, lisa. I want to reiterate when we look at the state and where we are not only as a fire agency but also as a health care provider and the pre-hospital setting we have since the pandemic we have been out front when it comes to how do we adapt to overcome and innovate and extend our services beyond our capacity. We are a general fund bureau. But it's something that we partner with the county when it came to vaccination testing as well as local vaccinations. We have worked with the county and you have heard this before. When it came to medications on wheels we were able to deliver the necessary prescription medications to the elderly, to the disabled and veterans as well as be able to work with emergency management and spin off the point of distribution, when it came to vaccinating bipoc communities and today as well as vulnerable and we have vaccinated over 30,000 community members. That's in addition to the

Emergency response when it comes to our firefighters and that is the ems side, not the prevention side. We are in a health care crisis today and it is beyond the city as well as this fire bureau's staffing and budget to address people where they are at. That is why we have Portland response much that is why we have community health possess and treat. That is why we are also the third pillar when it comes to community outreach. That is the partnership with the stakeholders. But we also have to build capacity which is what this grant is for. Through the state of Oregon the governor's future ready grant and it is building capacity in order to develop a program with pcc because the emt basic that is the last barrier to dismantling how people come in and work for the city. Time we stop being at the margins ask be out front to lead. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much, chief, and thank you so much health officer. Is that your title, what's your official tilings? I am so used to call you.

Speaker: Just a community health administrator.

Speaker: Not just a community health administrator. I will say a superb community health administrator.

Speaker: > thank you both for your testimony. And I wanted to add one more thing before I turn it back over to you, mayor.

You know, I love when people think outside of the boxes like so one example is director boone actually reached out to pcc because they did the emt basic training and we are going to now have firefighters actually providing that training with pcc as a partner so that we can make sure that as we recruiting the next generation of both health care providers and firefighters within Portland fire and rescue that we actually can expedite getting them through the process. As chief boone said one of the biggest barriers to actually bringing more women ask more black, indigenous and other people much color into the fire barrel is these test -- is the basic emt test. That's one of the basic qualifications and this will help a lot.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. And just a slight correction.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: We are hoping to be approved for the capacity grant.

Speaker: Oh, yes, yes.

Speaker: Which we will know in October that we can build the team.

Speaker: Training.

Speaker: And really target and work with community-based organizations, nonprofits, nia as well as pcc. Then we have to go out for another grant when we build the program. But that's the where lisa was saying we were able to do that where if we receive a grant we can provide the education and the training in partnership with pcc. And if we are awarded the second phase of the grant people from

Community underrepresented will be able to take the course and be paid for which will open doors and opportunity in any field. And the last thing I will say when we look at the state as firefighters across the state of Oregon, 80% is through volunteer fire district and the people come from the community. We are the largest urban metropolitan city within the state that has such a rich resource when it comes to the communities that make up the population. And so again, this is an opportunity, 3700 firefighters across the state, 1200 can retire and have to be in front and develop this emt basic program because the jobs are going to be there. They will be there.

Speaker: Very good point. Thank you so much, mayor. Tush it back over to you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. [inaudible]

Speaker: No one [indiscernible]

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for both being here and that was an amazing presentation. I think I heard the three phases. So we are in the first one. Congratulations. And the second one which is always exciting is earn to learn. Is that your language? That's accurate language.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I know we have been building these systems in the trades as well and it's so important.

So who are your main -- is the main partner the community colleges in that endeavor and the community organizations to help recruit?

Speaker: Yeah, so the main partners initially for the program is pcc and then for the initial phase one is really working with all community-based organizations and it's really doing kind of the spreading the net with everybody we can get to in different organizations and we don't really know all of them right now. We don't know all the people. And that's part of the capacity building is that we learn who the people are that can get those populations that are really interested in coming to Portland to work for us.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I was struck by your capacity building with beyond the city of Portland which I thought was very honorable. That said the third phase is focused on retention. Will that pivot more towards the city of Portland and the retention phase because that's where you will control and influence if you will?

Speaker: Absolutely. Before I said Portland fire and rescue we have really two great community health programs. The chat program which is a low acuity medical response we have in care Oregon and street response those are both heavy emt roles and we have all of our emergency operations. We have plenty of room and like it was said our goal is to increase our diverse population by 10% in the next five years. That will be bringing on

Approximately 20 people ideally a year.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: have you considered going below the community college level to middle school and high schools?

Speaker: We are considering that. That is written into our initial grant is really that ground getting in on the ground level and doing the educational process and that again is one. Stakeholder not just pcc but the whole educational system.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I found the biggest canyon deep and wide is from finishing secondary -- high school into what's next. I hope -- good luck with that ask that conversations with you about navigating those systems. Thanks. [inaudible] recording stopped.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: could you please read item number 797, time served.

Speaker: Authorize the letter of agreement between the city and the Portland police association to implement a police had dispatch trainee certification pilot projecting by increasing the pace of certification for emergency communications dispatchers.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, this ordinance would authorize letter of agreement to increase the ability to address staffing shortages for those out in tv land emergency communications commonly known as 9-1-1. I'll hand it over to commissioner Mapps who will introduce our presenters.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps: thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, the item before pus

Today would create a pilot program at the bureau of emergency communications. This pilot program is designed to address the following problem. When Portlanders call 9-1-1 it takes too long for a boec call-takers to pick up the phone. According to national standards, 90% of 9-1-1 calls should be answered within 15 seconds. Right now Portlanders have to wait an average of 69 seconds for 9-1-1 to answer that I emergency calls. That 54-second gap between how quickly we should answer our 9-1-1 calls and how long it actually takes for boec to answer 9-1-1 calls both cost lives and is overwhelmingly explained by three variables. The first available is call volume. Over the past three years, the number of 9-1-1 calls fielded by boec has increased by 25%. So that today boec answers about half a million 9-1-1 calls a year. That's about one call a minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The second variable that explains long wait times at 9-1-1 is this. Boec is understaffed. In order to answer hatch a million calls with thinly 15 seconds boec would need a staff of around 100 certify feed people. Currently boec employs 68 certify feed employees.

Speaker: > the third variable contributing to long wait times at 9-1-1 is the interaction between high call volumes and

Being understaffed. In other words, boec is so understaffed the bureau struggles to train and on board new 9-1-1 call-takers. The pilot project before us today is designed to address these problems. This item would create a police dispatch trainee pilot project. This pilot project contains two key elements. First, we propose to boost overtime -- excuse me, folks. I am sorry. It's hard for me to talk over the cross-talk. Can I just have a moment? Thank you.

Speaker: > this pilot project contains two key elements -- [inaudible] thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this pilot project contains two key elements. First we propose to boost overtime pay for boec call-takers for the remainder of the fiscal year. This includes both voluntary and forced overtime. Second, this pilot would create a 3% coaching premium increase for boec staff who volunteer to train new call-takers. This pilot project has two goals. First, we want to incentivize more employees to sign up for voluntary overtime in the hope that improved staffing levels will improve staffing levels to -- in the hopes that improved staffing levels will improve the number -- the amount of training that would be provided to boec call-takers and rules the amount of time Portland he is spend waiting for long 9-1-1. The purpose of the 3% coaching

Premium is to increase the number of coaching hours boec can provide which in turn should allow the bureau to on board new staff members more quickly. Ultimately by on boarding boec staff members for quickly we should be able to reduce the amount of overtime 9-1-1 call-takers are asked to work. This pilot project will not require any new phones. Instead the bureau will pay for these incentives with within its current budget. I want to say I am firmly committed to evaluating the efficacy of this pilot project. To this end I will review the following metrics with boec management on a monthly basis. If this pilot projecting is not intended -- is not working as intended we may -- it may be canceled. The metrics we will follow include training hours provided, number of voluntary overtime hours worked, and the number of new coaches that are had willing to train in all disciplines. To tell us more where this project we have anne marie kavorkian matty with labor relations. Welcome, anne marie.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor, commissioner.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning.

Speaker: I would like to thank the mayor and sister [indiscernible] moving forward. This is an incredible pilot program. Working to resolve the staffing crisis. With me this morning is lisa st. Helen of operations

Manager and we would like to discuss some important highlights of this organization with all of you and respond to any questions that you all may have.

Speaker: > so first and foremost, I think it's important to say that boec provides unique function of public safety as a first, first responder. They are the forefront of our city apublic safety system ask acting with the community to assist them on their worst days while simultaneously keeping watch over our public safety responders in the field and providing them critically important details while they are en route and when they are on scene. This work may not be contracted out. It requires a technical level of expertise and is not a skill set that can be learned quickly to provide a confident level of service. So in order to resolve long-term staffing needle we must be forward thinking about what solutions can be put in place today to create a more efficient training pipeline. So with that in mind we are asking council for support to implement a police dispatch training certification pilot project to increase the pay of certifications for emergency communications dispatchers. And I will say that the hr labor relations does support and recommends moving forward with the pilot project which again provide a 50% increase in the overtime rate paid double time for all operational overtime hours.

The goal here is to provide incentives to increase daily stocking levels through overtime which will allow for additional on the job training and provide existing and future dispatch he training more access to training with the goal of increasing certification. The second piece is an increase to the current coach premium from 11 to 14% for full-time unencumbered coaches providing training to employees in all disciplines which includes 9-1-1 nonemergency call taking, police dispatching and fire dispatching. And the intent here is to increase the total number of coaches and to increase total coaching hours for on the job training. An increase in coaches and an increase in training hours has helped move new employees through the training pipeline more efficiently ultimately leading to additional fully certified staff. The duration of this pilot project will run through the end of the current fiscal year June 30, 2023 and as mentioned by commissioner Mapps there is a termination clause imbedded in this pilot program which allows [indiscernible] to terminate the program with notice if metrics indicate that the pilot is not working as intended. And the bureau and commissioner will be working closely together to monitor this information on an ongoing basis. Further, the pilot is neutral and does not have general plans. Based on the fiscal analysis completed by community safety decision and the city budget

Office the pilot project costs are offset by the increased savings and further in the event that the pilot exceeds the projected cost cb ork has stated while it has a significant fund balance to remedy costs and would likely not need to request compensation set aside resources in the training fund.

Speaker: > I would like to give lisa an opportunity to provide some additional bureau perspective on the impacts of this pilot and they be we would be happy to address any questions that you might have. So lisa?

Speaker: Thanks, anne marie. My name is lisa st. Louis helen I am the operations manager for the bureau of emergency communications. I would like to start today by recognizing our director bob cawsey. I believe he was able to log in this morning but he is away at a conference this week where a number of our staff are being recognized for their great work but there is uncertainty about his connection so I will be providing a brief statement question will allows us to provide context about the staffing situation alt boec. -- at. Late 2016, boec had only 74 dispatchers and at that time we considered this to be a critical shortage. We were experiencing mandatory overtime hours extremely high levels and an exhausted staff. The increased staffing is quickly as possible boec increased our academies to four per year and by the spring of

2019 we had 90 certified employees. Those 90 employees allowed us to answer 9-1-1 calls within national standards, 76% of the time. In the past two years however boec staffing has decrease decreased by employees. We are now answering 9-1-1 calls within national standards only 29% of the time. As a result, many community members are having to wait several minutes before their 9-1-1 call is answered. In addition to the attrition over the past two years our call load has increased by over 25% and it is most certainly a combination of these two factors that have led to us where we are today. The negative impact that this has on our community members cannot be overstated. But neither can the impact that this has on our existing emergency dispatchers. The immense and the relentless workload contributes to the burnout of our current staff. Many of whom have left or are looking for employment elsewhere due to the success in workload. For context, in 2020 from January to December, we lost 11 employees during that time frame. In 2021, we lost 21 during that same time frame. And in the first six months of 2022 we have lost 14 employees and we are on pace to fairly surpass last year. The good news is that we have the solution to this problem literally in our hands. We have nearly had 30 trainees right now in the process of

Certification. However, because staffing is so low and because calls are holding for so long their training is routinely being canceled so that we may augment the number of call-takers we have to process the 9-1-1 calls. This has created significant congestion in our training pipeline. If we continue to hire academies to get our staffing numbers higher and we are find success in that area. Yet we are at a point now where all of these new employees are moving into the end of the pipeline that is not moving forward. It is a vicious cyclical pattern that can be addressed only by certifying these trainees, by getting this pipeline moving. Ask that means that we need to find a way to stop cancelling training. We are asking for your support in allowing us to pay double overtime for all dispatchers that work any overtime to augment staffing. 3% premium for coaches that we may add to our coaching pool which will increase our ability to provide training hours. The end goal which I believe has been mentioned already which is to stop the chronic cancelation of trach this will be related to our staff before the pilot project gips. It will be made clear that this will take their participation to make this pilot project a success. And as we monitor and we utilize metrics to ensure we are seeing the results needed to impact certifications we do not -- the

Program will be stopped. You would like to close by just stating that emergency dispatchers today are working significant amounts of mandatory overtime. They are dealing with a call load that is so high that they receive zero respite between these emergency calls. They are taking call to call to call. And the only answer in providing them respite and to providing even an adequate service level to the community is to find a way to get our existing and well populated training pipeline moving again and to get our folks certified.

Speaker: > so I thank you for your time and will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thanks, lisa.

Speaker: > commissioner Mapps has a comment.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps: yeah, thank you, lisa. I didn't get a chance to touch on this in my opening comments but could you some of their with council how many hours of forced overtime boec staff would have to work over let's say the past three years. They have that as changed year to year?

Speaker: Do I not -- do I have the actual numbers. I will have to look them up very quickly but I can tell you that they have gone up exponentially r I want to say three years ago we might have been in the low hundreds per month of mandatory overtime. And today I think we are in the 4 and 500 hours.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps: yeah, lisa --

Speaker: Off the top of my head.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps: I am absolutely, Lisa, your memory is pretty good there. Colleagues, if we were to go back to 2019, 2020 I believe boec staff worked 719 hours of forced overtime. On the other hand if you go to fiscal year 2020, 2021 boec staff worked 4,807 hours of forced overtime. Just a truly exponential increase. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Speaker: Jo Ann Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for that presentation. Lisa, I had a question for you. Ask I am not sure -- I have another question but I am not sure who to give it to today.

Speaker: > Lisa, he was curious, you said you had 68 call-takers; is that correct?

Speaker: We have 68 fully certified staff. That means they are certified in all disciplines police, dispatch fire, dispatch and call taking.

Speaker: Jo Ann Hardesty: Lisa, I am curious if you have actually looked at lateral hires for boec?

Speaker: We have and do we conduct lateral hires every time we have an external hiring process. We generally open up to one for external folks that have experience lateral hires and then those who want to get into the profession. For the first time.

Speaker: Jo Ann Hardesty: Thank you. Am I to understand this proposal actually would pay anyone who worked overtime and boec double overtime and then it would do

Something different for people who are forced to work overtime?

Speaker: I think that's a good clarification. The answer is no. What this does specifically this allows to us pay double overtime for employees working to others at overtime only which means they are contributing to the workload on the floor and that's for anybody. Police dispatcher, fire dispatcher call taker because that allows us to ensure more training is happening.

Speaker: Jo ann hardesty: so again, I am getting a little confused about what we are asking this council to support today in this palate. So is the palate to support people within boec who are being forced to work overtime or is this for any employee who chooses to work overtime when overtime's available? I am just a little confused by that.

Speaker: Okay. It is for both. All overtime --

Speaker: Jo ann hardesty: that's what I want to know.

Speaker: The workload on the floor would be paid at double time. Because we look at that as that is what we need to augment staffing so that we do not have to be answering training -- cancel training.

Speaker: Jo ann hardesty: this may not be an appropriate question for you, lisa, and I apologize if it isn't. I remember us investing dollars into the 311 system that was supposed to then take -- I don't want to quote a number, 250 to 300,000 calls off of the 9-1-1

System and send them --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I am sorry? 180.

Speaker: 180,000 something like that around 200,000 calls, right. If you are used to having a half million calls a year and we will take 200,000 off then I just trying to figure out how -- why this I am terrified about -- let me just say this. This is not you, lisa. I am terrified with us having anything that pays double overtime with -- because every other union will be asking for double overtime right away. I us.

Speaker: Want to put that on the record right now. That terrifies me. I was trying to be -- people were trying to bully me into doing that and I would not do it. So we need to be real clear as a council. What is it that we are doing. Because we still are lots of labor talk negotiations going on so I want to make sure that this doesn't become the standard by which we negotiate the next boec contract.

Speaker: Anne marie, I think I will defer to you if you would like to take that one.

Speaker: Yeah, I absolutely understand your concern, ms. Hardesty. I fully anticipate just as I have for the past 17 years negotiate calls on behalf of the union. Boec and also representing the city's interest here at boec and in labor relations that we will receive proposals from boec union and our successor negotiations that is going to

Ask for double overtime. That's an extremely consistent proposal. That is like I said happened for nearly two decades. I don't expect it to be different. That in my opinion I don't think that should be the catalyst for not moving forward with change here today. We are in a unique situation and while we are here frequently which I will acknowledge I do think that this challenge is different in that instead of having difficulty recruiting staff now we are having difficulty getting them through the training program. As Lisa mentioned the resolution is already in the bureau. Lisa, I can't recall the exact number of trainings but I butterfly it's somewhere in the range of 30 to 35 trainees in various states of learnings. And preparation for certification and those employees will be extremely impactful upon their certification on the total workload of everyone in the bureau that is doing that 9-1-1 dispatch work. So I hope that answers your question.

Speaker: Jo ann hardesty: I have one last question. I will leapt my other colleagues get in. Thank you for that, marie. I think that was really helpful.

Speaker: > my question is what are you measuring monthly to determine whether or not this should continue on? What's the matrix that you are measuring?

Speaker: I think for boec the largest

Matrix that I would look at is I would like to see an increase excuse me an increase in training hours provided. Currently we do have a standard training hours that we would like to see provided to every dispatcher and right now where we wrote hike to see a late phase dispatcher receive upwards of 12 to 16 hours in a week at least. We are seeing them get two, four or six hours. I would like to see that increased to what it is to give them certified expediently.

Speaker: Jo ann hardesty: mayor, this is a question for you. I am nominate quite sure who will give us an update on where the 311 rollout is. I know we put money it. We supposedly hire people and supposedly that's supposed to make better for 9-1-1 call-takers because that should be a part of this conversation about just what is the timeline under which that transition is taking place and those calls are now income deferred.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps: actually, mr.-- I can tell you I am -- I am not the commissioner in charge of 311. I know they have stood up their staff or at least some staff and are taking phone calls. I can tell that you according to the call volumes that we receive on a monthly basis we have not received -- we have not reached the point where that is making a significant impact on how long Portlanders are having to wait for their 9-1-1 calls to be answered.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Dan Ryan: thank you, mayor. And I want to start off by thanking anne marie and lisa for being here today and explaining what's a stuff conversation because we don't want to be here but we are. Also I want to just take a moment to acknowledge the workers that are enforced to do overtime and I can only imagine how stressful that's been on your lives and your families so I want to see ask acknowledge you and that we see you and take a moment because I don't feel like we have lifted them enough.

Speaker: > if I am following the metrics right, this is -- I am supportive of this first of all. I want to understand that the math a little bit better. So 90 we have 90, right, fully -- what was the term you used, lisa?

Speaker: We have 68 today. We have 68.

Speaker: Dan Ryan: you had 90. From 90 to 68. On meeting the federal guidelines we went from 76% to 29. So just following those metrics that means we have gone down in ft 24% but we have gone down in federal standards by 62%. My assumption is call volumes have gone way up. I want to hear that so that we can have better stories in the narrative surrounding these numbers. That is a significant number when your staffing has dropped to the levels that what we have. When I was speaking many earlier and I said that our folks are on the operations floor and they

Are taking call to call to call I listened to them outside my office ask they don't have a moment's breath between calls. These are not calls that they pick up manually. We have a system that when they are available, when they are done with their call the next one rings in. They don't get a moment's respite for these 10 hours that they are working every day and then forced for two more hours beyond that. It's call volume. It's the lack of staffing.

Speaker: Dan Ryan: that's why this is a short-term strategy. I just think that it's important that we continue to get these updates and what is the long-term strategy to get our numbers back up. And I think we are dealing with this in a lot of our front line systems and then I think a rot of the public is -- they are challenged to understand why it takes so long. And I think --. Whether it's police, fire, it takes long to do the training. And I think I just want to make sure that was part of the narrative. So this is a direct solution to expedite the training process; correct?

Speaker: That is correct. And I want to be very clear that as of June 30 -- that as of. We can't sit here and promise that we will have our 30 trainees through that pipeline as for the reasons you stated. The training process is a very long time. The problem we are trying to

Rectify today is the fact that we have a solid number of people in our training pipeline. We have more people coming into that pipeline. But the pipeline isn't moving. So the other people in there can move through certify and starter contributing more to the workload as well.

Speaker: Dan Ryan: I appreciate that. Direct communication. Thanks.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I would like to jump in here on two quick points. Number one, I want to underscore something that anne marie mentioned up front which is this compulsory overtime. Ask we are talking about people who are required to take overtime because of the critical nature of the work that they do there, first responders. And when you combine that with the hours of call taking and those of us who have sat there in the call center and listened to the kind of calls that they are receiving these are often very traumatic urgent calls, life or death situations. Taking those calls hour after hour after hour with in respite is a recipe for losing those who we already have on staff. The second thing I want to mention is if people call 9-1-1 and they don't get an mild response on the worst day of their life, that speaks volumes about how they are going to view the city of Portland, and the government of the city of Portland. People expect quick service when they call 9-1-1. That's the whole point of

Establishing a 9-1-1 emergency call center in the first place. That's not happening the way we would like it to happen. So I think this is a very pragmatic approach and I appreciate the commissioner in charge bringing it forward and the work that is being done. I think we all acknowledge, yes, this exposes us to potential other concerns on the part of our labor unions but I will go back to the compulsory nature of what we are trying to do here and what was just stated about trying to move people through the training process. We are experiencing this in all of our first response bureaus. First responses as I've said before it's our primary obligation to the people of this city. It's their safety and making sure that the resources get to where they are needed in emergency situations. So it's not a perfect solution but it's a good one for right now and I think we should do it. That's my encouragement to my colleagues. Do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Ro we have two people signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: three minutes each. Name for the record. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: First up edith gillis. Can you hear.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear, edith.

Speaker: But start me the timer please grant me a needed medical combination for at least two one minutes for the extra time wasted.

Especially filling in my police [indiscernible] this slows me down and interferes with me testifying efficiently. I am edith gillis long time [indiscernible] developer wilderness first responders. Over the past decade we've benefitted immensely with students that come to work in our office and bureaus. This will allow for the continuation of the valuable partnership again the city and Portland state university. Bureau of human resources trending analysts and hatfield program administrator is here to present the ordinance. Welcome, sheila.

Speaker: My name is sheila sylvester for the fellowship program. I'm excited to be here today and I really appreciate everyone's time. The students are eligible to work with us and once selected they're available to work in specific time frames in varying capacities from mid July to February we may have a service fellow with us for an eight-month time frame. From June we can have an Oregon fellow with us for weeks. Each is sponsored by a city bureau and the bureau pays the cost for their fellow and provides the scope of work that describes the project goals and the deliverables expected during the duration of the fellowship. The bureau of human resources executes and monitors the agreement according to council authorization. Before you is the ordinance, the agreement and the impact statement for the psu hatfield fellowship program unit. It's important to point out the program is designed to provide an opportunity for those graduate students to gain leadership skills and receive professional development and this is a very popular program within the bureaus because the bureaus are allowed to have a graduate student work on specific projects and it also allows the student to gain additional work experience that will support their future career goals. In closing we are submitting for your approval the ordinance, impact statement and the five-year agreement which would run from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. The agreement will combine three fellowship programs to one agreement and continue

to bring strong talent to our city and allow bureaus to access this popular program which will allow also the city of Portland to continue its partnership with Portland state university for the next five years. This completes my remarks and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Mapps?
Any public testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is an emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: for being here to present the presentation. As you were speaking I was thinking that has to be norman's sister. You guys look alike. You can pick them out of a crowd. Thank you for being here and I'm supportive of the program and grateful for the good work we continue to do together. I'm happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: M. Mapps: I also am supportive and vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: C. Rubio: I'm happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan.

Speaker: D. Ryan: wonderful presentation. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: had to get that in. Thank you, sheila. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, please. 180 which is also 809. An emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: classifications of manager and arrange compensation for the position.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: on may 11 of 2022, I established the public environment management office sometimes called pmo through emergency declaration. The charge is to provide a single coordinated response to issue rose during the pandemic, noise and debris and graffiti abatement. Christine was put in position and she was in increased leadership within Portland bureau of transportation. Her collaborative demeanor complements a relentless drive to solve the problems before her and get things done. Complementing christine is anna hill who also enjoys a professional reputation as an renown problem solver. Together they're a terrific team leading our coordinated responses to these liveability issues, values front and center for the people of this city. Given their representations, choosing to appoint these two was easy as mayor. The bureau of human resources decided it would be prudent to establish new classifications to ensure the city can quickly and efficiently appoint temporary leadership in response to an emergency. And bhr is here to share the approach to the responsibility. Christine is also here to answer any questions my colleagues have about the pmo program and its current work. Thank you.

Speaker: I'm in the classification and compensation unit. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having considering the request. In order to support the quick and efficient response to emergencies which situations mayor and City Council determines to be of the up most priority to the city and we want to support the divisions to do their work effectively and that means integrating the positions into our current classification and compensation structure. By creating the classifications, we can quickly point the individuals into these classifications, classifications are tied to pay so we can quickly perform a review of pay equity to ensure we're compensating appropriately and as they're appointed into the classifications they're integrated into our structures to allow regular and systemic

application of merit rates. It allows us to very rapidly place individuals into our structures to concentrate on doing the work council has placed before them.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: have these positions been currently filled?

Speaker: We have the positions but we don't have them situated in the appropriate classifications.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: and I guess for me I'm always fascinated by human resources range. \$160,000 range for a job tells me absolutely nothing what the qualifications would be and how you would select someone for the position. So tell me two things. I've had people doing the two jobs. My understanding is these jobs are temporary and we're creating permanent high-paying positions for temporary jobs.

Speaker: I believe the pay ranges look a bit --

Speaker: J. Hardesty: insane.

Speaker: The idea behind the pay ranks and classifications is these positions will be limited in duration. And the classifications are established indefinitely. And say there's an emergency declaration to create an i.t. Information security director. So we have a position and need to integrate them into our pay structure and i.t. Positions demand a different pay in the market than another position through an emergency declaration. There's a long-range that gives us flexibility in assigning pay it works differently than our typical structure where a classification is in line with a recognized body of work in the market place. In these case these are broad classifications and they would accommodate different recognized areas in the market so this would be appropriate for somebody working in the sixty field or somebody working in the human services field. The broad ranges are to recognize we may have positions created across the spectrum of the labor market.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: it doesn't say they're temporary positions based on state of emergency or another declaration that happens and these are well paying

positions. I'm still a little confused about where the individuals that were mentioned, where they fit into this and how long will they have the salary before they go back to their regular job. It feels it's little soft an as the third time it's been on the agenda and the first time people have been here to answer questions so thank you.

Speaker: I'm christine leon the appointed director of the newly formed pmo office the public environment management office. As a long-standing career professional in the city I care what happens in the public variety and public right of way. My career in pbob. It's awkward for me to have a temporary two-week job. The classification that hr is creating an experiment classification but I know my job is two week by two week because that's what it's allowed to do and I'm committed to deliver the service around graffiti and garbage and noise in the right of way and connect with Portlanders so they know who to call to take action we have institutes promissory meetings so people know who to call. That's about what my office is here to help and pleased we've been taking a lot of action and worked with 3-1-1. It's been a great team.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: we're asking whether this is permanent or temporary and what it is I'm voting on. That's what I'm asking on today.

Speaker: I can provide more information there and as you know there's a distinction between positions and classifications and positions can be and this is a common occurrence at the city maybe there's a vacancy and maybe an analyst three is temporarily appointed to a manager 1 role and there's a need or vacancy. Because the individual is working in a different classification, we would conduct a pay equity review to ensure that they're being appropriately paid for the new role they're taking on for a limited time and it would be applied to them while they're in the limited term role. And one they are once the limited-term appointment has

ended they would return to their ongoing position and revert back to their pay they had when they left the position with cola added if it were a longer duration and it's of a limited term but the classifications will remain active for the ability to appoint people into them and out of them. We already have something similar in our ecc, the emergency coordination center and we can change their classification than their current one but doing different work.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: we did a lot of that when covid first hit and it worked well. We didn't have to create any positions that were permanent and were this high level in order to do that emergency work. So again, that's why I just don't understand you have the new temporary positions and positions are permanent but the people in them will be temporary.

Speaker: The positions are temporary. The classification is --

Speaker: J. Hardesty: the classification is permanent. Thank you, I appreciate you are answering my question.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good dialogue. Any other questions, colleagues? Is there public testimony?

Speaker: Clerk: we have people signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. We may call you back up.

Speaker: Clerk: first up is dan mincen.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: name for the record and have you three minutes.

Speaker: I'm a business and property owner through the city of Portland. Working on this group for quite a while and I've seen how this position has developed and we've gotten stuff done and the heavy lifting came under one roof. The folks that were collaborating together didn't have to go to different meetings and things sped up. This temporary position has been very effective. I'm in favor and there's been some moments I personally have seen and experienced and some items that

needed help as far as other items. It's been swift. I think doing this is a good idea.
Thank you.

Speaker: Hi, everybody. This is liz smith. I am the business owner and president of the st. John's booster business association and here to talk about pemo. I'm excited to be a part of the program. We talked about neighborhood picking up and construction that happened and the problem-solving meetings are great in that we have the tools but we need to learn how to be better community members and help leadership understand how we need to be communicated to. We need to learn how to teach community members to communicate better or take a picture of graffiti before scrubbing it down. Already we've seen such a great movement towards solving problems and the ability to come together in person walk the site and take about these things and looking at it, let's make it the thing and what can with do about the thing. I appreciate the high-level and boots on the ground combination of the effort and we're so far out there it's nice to have the focus on Portland with the construction. I apologize. I had a stroke a month ago and if my language is not clear, or repeat myself, that's it and why it's important to make sure you get your checkups. We stopped doing so many things during covid we're having to relearn them. And that's my two cents.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: it's great to see your recovering well.

Speaker: Clerk: that's it.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is an emergency ordinance? Any discussion or questions? Call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I vote no for the purpose of reconsideration. Colleagues, I'd like to move we reconsider. Can I have a second? Second from commissioner hardesty. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the motion passes. I'd like to remove the emergency claus from ordinance 809. Commissioner hardesty seconds. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. It moves to second reading. Can we read 810 and 811 together and we had opportunity for public input.

Speaker: Clerk: 810 amend business license related to the apportionment and allocation and 811 amends business license related to administrative and housekeeping.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: please call the roll on 810.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the ordinance is adopted. Please call the roll on item 811.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. It's adopted. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: mayor, did you want me to read the title?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yeah, I guess. Nothing stands between me and a pizza except you reading these things. Please go ahead.

Speaker: Clerk: thank you. Authorize revenue bonds to finance sewer system capital improvements not to exceed \$440 million and to refund outstanding bonds.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any further discussion on the item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the ordinance is adopted. Item 813. It's second reading but my understanding staff would like to make a brief presentation to answer questions. If you could read item 813 second reading.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize application to the u.s. Department of justice office of justice programs bureau of justice assistance for grants in the amount of \$502,459 for the edward memorial justice assistant grant program fy22 local solicitation to assist the metro metropolitan police department to prevent violence.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the ordinance would authorize the Portland police bureau to apply for the assistance grant in the amount \$502,459 centers for disease. One would staff a position in the equity and inclusion office dedicated assisting the staff in ongoing work to ensure training materials have been reviewed with an equity and inclusivity lens. I understand there may be unanswered questions and want to be sure we have the opportunity to answer those. I have invited lauren rosenstein and the captain to attend and provide a bit more information to us. I'll turn it over to lauren.

Speaker: I appreciate the time. Good afternoon, members of council. Thank you all for attending today. I'm an equity training specialist in the office of equity and inclusion process. We're here to request approval for the funding through this grant and it will provide funding to the police bureau to hire a temporary with the working title of inclusion and social justice initiative trainer after the office of civil rights and social justice trainer. I'll do my best to answer questions and provide detailed information. This is a position that will be held within the equity and inclusion office as my position is an opportunity. And we'll be build proof of concept report so when the position is hired they'll be able to review the data and contributions of the position. It will inform the needs of staff and needs assessment to they're able to determine the viability of the decision and bring up the grant for

another cycle or eliminate the position. We do not want to put the efforts on the equity and inclusion office for holding constitutional requirements on hold. This position is not taking on new work. This all work my position is responsible for and have compliance responsibilities for trainings. There's hundreds of lesson plans over 40 pages long and power points and resources. I recognize there's gaps and one person alone cannot ensure 100% success. The plans will be responsible for efforts and courses that go to cultural empathy and look at community engagement course and always completing work in line with the policy and requirements and the constitution. It will require the specialist to complete tasks currently unfilled due to the work load I just described. It will complete a gap analysis and ensure constitutional compliance throughout the training and continue detailed training and collaborate and build relationship with the community members and meet the requirement for equity trainings and the positions are still in a funding cycle and not eligible to receive additional funds and other grants management and training and development analyst and the senior administrative specialist/advocate. Additionally it provides funding for specific programs. The opportunity will provide funding to create training and technical assistance and support law enforcement and harm reduction strategies and train officers and implementation of strategies of digital trust and promote community engagement and identify programming with staff that includes community engagement thereby we bring forward implementing training that centers equity and inclusion as well as ensures constitutional compliance. Second, with the addition of the position we'll be able to continue to build the relationships to provide multiple ways to engage in processes. We know when communities are included we build resiliency and trust. We need the time and position to gather data to prove the point and perhaps to ask if there's a direct impact on reducing

community violence. Again, i'll be working with the office of equity and human rights in the analysis. We cannot do the important work of data collection and reviewing training materials and utilizing research and coaching and collaborating in totality without this position. As commissioner Hardesty said last week, there should never be a one-person shop. I'm asking you to help us be a shop of two to align our training of our Portland bureau staff in the future. Thank you.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: you had a lot of coffee this morning. Breathe, Lauren, breathe. Thank you for the thoughtful response. I will say what I said last week which is I was trying to understand why we would be hire someone for more training material and we do some training now that is not constitutional and before we keep building more stuff it feels like we keep doing stuff and then the evaluation part is over here somewhere totally disconnected from the work that we're doing. The we have a training dean I here we're going hire that will review training material for and creating other stuff to be reviewed by the training dean once they get here. It feels very disconnected from a vision of where we're headed. And that's why I had the questions for you last week. I appreciate the whole team showing up today to support you and providing answers. That's my concern. It feels like we're piecemealing their thing and everybody has their piece in their silo but no is talking about training police in a racially appropriate way.

Speaker: I'd like to response.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: go ahead, Captain.

Speaker: Thank you for having me and thank you Mayor and Council.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: put your name in for the record, please?

Speaker: Captain of the Portland Police. I understand it feels siloed but this is what Lauren's been doing the last year. When I started we tried to insert equity in an equity lens in every training that we did. We reviewed hundreds of lesson plans and

videos and power points and handouts. This is the necessary next step to be able to let lauren do her primary work which she was doing before hand and somebody else to pick up the huge work load and lauren can also develop their own curriculum. Which is what she was originally paid to do as well. That's how we evolved.

Speaker: I agree. This position was a position we were asked about and we need to work on a training so finally we're able to get the position and the problem is there's so many expectations from this position from the community she's unable to meet with so many lesson plans and they're starting to take up the bulk of her work and we broke it up into detail to make sure why isn't there representation of this population presented as criminals or this, that and the other. And we have time to develop this because we're there's so much work. I understand the concerns.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: does this work outside with community or inside the bureau with police officers? I'm confused now.

Speaker: We have a career policy and she spent hours engaging with different people in that population to develop the trainings. It takes a lot of time and we get the information to help inform the training. It takes a lot of time to do that kind of engagement and also spend hours diving deep in the lesson plans. The position does different work. She works within the bureau but has to engage the community to inform the work.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: I'm surprised lauren has to develop this material herself there's a lot of materials that exists and if we worked with organization do this training it seems ridiculous we have individuals develop individual trainings. It doesn't feel like there's a vision of training and equity is like the news buzz word like affirmative action and every decade we get a new term and what are where he developing and is it making a difference. I'm done. Thanks.

Speaker: I'm not only developing training, I'm going out and fund finding training that already exists. I'm working with national partners in order to bring that in because I agree, why re-invent the wheel. I build the relationships so folks can come and do the work.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Any further questions? This is the second reading of non-emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I want to thank them for being here today and clarifying those questions. I think it's important we do this. The limited term position is an immediate and urgent need reviewing the massive training materials to ensure equity and inclusivity principles are reflected as a huge task that requires hundreds of hours of work and fallen on the shoulders of lauren predominantly and thank you for your efforts. We're working diligently to a civilian training dean and fyi, the process has been redeveloped with input and the job postings is intended to go live October 3. Until that position is filled the bureau must help ensure the important work continues in the interim. I vote aye and the ordinance is adopt. Thank you for your hard work on this and commissioner hardesty thank you for your good questions. Colleagues, do you mind if we press forward quickly with the last three remaining items? I want to check with our closed captioners, can they hang with us for another 10 or 15 minutes? How are they doing?

Speaker: Clerk: that should be fine.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: read 814 a non-emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: revised conditions requires for north baldwin street as vacated.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: this particular item very simple and I have a managed individual from pbob. Let me turn it over right here. This is the proposal.

Speaker: It's to amend the proposal of the vacation of north baldwin street. I want to go through them real quick so at the photos and maps on the record. There's things I want to touch on. Back in 1979 the area outlined in red showed here was vacated and a walkway was retained as public right of way near the center of the area. Then in 2006, City Council appressed an additional ordinance vacating the walkway subject to certain conditions and reservations. The ordinance had changes in ownership and delay in meeting conditions. The current property owners now moving forward to expand the facility at the location. Amending the 2006 ordinance will allow the requires condition to be updated to better reflect current conditions for the school renovation plans to move forward. The project area is two blocks north of lombard and four clocks north of denver avenue. Recent photos are included. This is from the west end of the vacation area and the area runs through the center of this area between two existing school buildings. It's open for pedestrian access but there's no improved walkway or nothing compliant with current Americans with disability act standards. As part of the required conditions of approval, pbot is requiring the property owner to construct a new sidewalk one block to the south in green. The existing trees will be preserved and an additional four trees will be planted along this section as part of the project. The number of driveway entrances go down to one driveway and should enhance the pedestrian experience. Other conditions of approval. The core is to stay the same. There's a new hole required for an eight-inch sewer pipe and turned from public to private ownership. The passage of time has resulted in changes to the water bureau's conditions. Many have been done through capital project and that's my reason being here today is to strike that section from the ordinance. And there's representatives in attendance and available to speak more about the project.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any questions? Anyone signed up to speak?

Speaker: Clerk: no one.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is a plain old ordinance. This is a first reading and move to second reading. Thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Item 815. This is a second reading.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize competitive solicitation and contracts to support temporary modelling support service needs in the amount not to exceed \$15,000,015 million over five years.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: roll call.

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: I'm going to vote no and if this is work we should do we should do it in house because we're using significant city employees to supervise these contracts over and over again and my understanding is that and should invest in contract versus permanent workers. Think that seriously and in the weeks and months you'll see me come to the council with various proposed reforms for hiring more full-time workers. In the meantime after this proposal this is the right ordinance to pass and I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: I appreciate the dialogue that happened the other week on the topic and I do appreciate that this is something that my colleagues and commissioner Mapps is interesting in looking at. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: [off mic]

Speaker: Clerk: authorize competitive solicitation for construction of the Washington park south entry project for an estimated cost of \$2,000,500.

Speaker: Thank you for bringing this forward. Washington park has a south exit for visitors whether riding for bike, car or foot and feature as a storm water garden and this project is in its development has been a testament to it's importance to the region by member of partnerships and agreement to bring this to its current place and this has included an extensive development review with odot and bds and a green grant in the amount of more than \$7 million I think that is. Extensive outreach and community involvement with the Washington park collaboration of cultural institutions and stakeholders and apologize, over \$700,000. The southwest entrance public health implement the required storm water mitigation outlined and l.u.12156689. I'd like to now introduce travis raybau with Portland parks and recreation.

Speaker: I'm going share my screen and do a quick power point presentation.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we see you not the presentation. Take it away. We see it now. Think travis is just punking us. We sigh it. You got it.

Speaker: Unfortunately, I'm not.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: somebody here is a genius and can figure this out.

Speaker: If you send it to our office. It's councilclerk@PortlandOregon.gov.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we've all seen the presentation or the power point so I think we at least know physically what we're talking about the location and some of the features.

Speaker: I have my information. Maybe I can just read it.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: that will work.

Speaker: I apologize.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: not a problem.

Speaker: Thank you for having me here today. I'm the capital project manager and architect for Portland parks and recreation. I'm here to request authorization for

competitive bid solicitation in contrasting with the lowest bidder for construction of the Washington park south entry project. Washington park a park located in southwest park. It has a museum building and gardens and japanese garden and several memorials including the holocaust memorial and vietnam memorial and serves visitors annually. City Council approved the Washington park master plan to strategically guide the development of the park. In 2019 the project began working with the community on ensuring the first step towards that vision then south entry project collaborating with stakeholders and institutions. It's part of the the master plan and there's multiple decision points and entry to welcome visitors. There's interactions between bikes and cars and general confusion and there are steep slopes. There's several locations and help visitors navigate the destination. The project identifies three primary goals. One, creation of a grand entrance and deliver a long desired iconic entry to the culture and recreational amenities. Two, improve pedestrian and vehicular and bicycle access increase safety and access and three, storm water mitigation fulfilling rain requirement from the construction of parking lots west of the children's museum. The estimate is \$5.2 million with funding and Washington parking meter funding, ada transition plan funding and green grant funding. Operations and maintenance budget is anticipated to be \$204,000 a year and -- there's a sustainable future effort to work with City Council to identify a successful resource to address this ongoing levy. We request council approve the bid for the project. With the acceptance of this bid by council we will proceed with bids and we'll utilize the subcontractor equity program specifications which requires 20% of the hard construction cost be subcontracted to certified firms. Of that 20% there's a 14% for disadvantaged minority and the contract manager will assist in outreach specifically to minority contractors. We anticipate construction to

start in January 2023 with a completion date of May 2024. With that I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions on the item? Very good. Thank you for improvising. Is there public comment?

Speaker: Clerk: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: it's unfortunate it's at the end but I want to say this project that has been a long time in the making and it is an iconic move to get this done and we're moving with a passion to get real results and thank you, Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: C. Rubio: Travis has been here multiple years on the project and has done excellent work. Thank you, Travis, for your service and seeing the project through.

Speaker: Thank you so much, Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: very good. Thank you. This is a first reading of non-emergency ordinance and moves to second reading. Back to the consent agenda two items were pulled from the consent agenda. The first was item 800.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize five-year price agreement to purchase aggregate services with JW Underground and Mei Group and Northwest Infrastructure LLC and Wilkens Trucking Co for a cost of \$15 million.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: this is a report and Commissioner, did you pull this one? I want staff from procurement on -- thank you for being here.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: Director Taylor.

Speaker: Mayor Ted Wheeler: yes. Thanks for being here. Commissioner Hardesty, ask your questions of Director Taylor.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: I had my office reach out because what I noticed in reading the material that was presented to us was it was highlighted. The one African American on firm around solid on whether we were able to acquire additional

diversity and who was being contracted under this ordinance. I asked mr. Taylor to tell me whether we achieved our goals with the other people the other organizations getting these contracts. Thank you director taylor.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler, City Council. We have bust outreach to over 200 certified potential covid certified firms and we received interest from 37 covid certified suppliers but we only have one official submission. Our outreach we think it's fueling why we only got one official bid on the project.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: director taylor, let me compliment you on doing a good job with outreach. I think those 37 that expressed interest would probably be good for us to find out why 36 of them did not put in a proposal. I find sometimes the city asks convoluted stuff and requires subcontractors to bond. It would be helpful to find out why 36 firms of people of color chose not to participate in a proposal. I appreciate the answer to the question and thank you. Before you were here no one would have told me they'd reached out to 37 firms trying to be intentional about who we were -- would contract. I know we're all tired I won't ask more questions like that.

Speaker: Given the type of materials here our mbi bidder had the best price on 17 items. He was very competitive 2 out of 17 he had lowest bid but in this scope I understand the specifics why a would-be bidder may sway around from this if they can't get pricing for the amount of aggregate materials and if they need a competitive price I can see why they may be dissuaded.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: I think it's always good to go back and do the analysis. Why did you not? Was there a barrier we can help are you move next time would be helpful for us. Thanks.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, I move acceptance, do I have a second.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: second.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any further discussion. Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: accepted. Last item, 805 was also pulled.

Speaker: Clerk: approve application under the multiple unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program from mohawk north 7246 at 7298 north mohawk avenue.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner hardesty pulled it and we'll let her ask her question.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: i'll be respectful of the fact we're hungry and tired and come back at 2:00. I wanted to have a conversation about the multi especially with what we read in the paper about people facing 50% rent increases. I realize it's way late and we're coming back at 2:00 to have the conversation I would like to have that conversation soon in this body so the public will understand whether or not we really are providing housing people will be able to afford to live in for longer than a couple years. All right. So I pull it and ready to vote.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: can she do that or do we need to take the vote?

Speaker: Clerk: I would take the vote.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: very good. It was already pulled before we voted on consent. If I have my ducks in a row I think we still have to call the vote. Very good. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Clerk: hardesty.

Speaker: J. Hardesty: I want to appreciate whoever was standing by to answer my questions I look forward to having the conversation in the future. For this I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Mapps.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. We are adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

September 28, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

This file was produced through the closed captioning process for the televised city Council broadcast and should not be considered a verbatim transcript. The official vote counts, motions, and names of speakers are included in the official minutes.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: this is the afternoon session of the port lapped City Council and good afternoon, can you please call the roll, megan. [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: we'll hear from legal council on the rules of order and decorum.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Welcome to the Portland City Council, City Council is holding hybrid public meetings with limited in-person attendance in addition to electronic attendance. If you wish to testify before council in-person you must sign up in advance by visiting the council agenda on the web page at -- you may sign up for communications to briefly speak about any subject and you may also sign up for public testimony and resolutions reports or the first reading of ordinance. It may occur from one of several inclusions and city hall and the Portland building. Written testimony may be submitted at cc testimony at [Portland, Oregon.gov](https://www.portland.gov) and the matter should be considered at the time. Please state your name for the record. Disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you represent a organization identify. It presenting officer deforum during City Council meetings so everyone can be comfortable and welcome and safe. Individuals generally have throw minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. Disrupted conduct, such as shouting or refuse to end your testimony or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. A warning will be given and it may for

the remainders of the meeting and after being ejected, a man who fails to leave is subject to arrest suspension.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: can reread items 8-17 and 8-18 a resolution together. Please.

Speaker: Clerk: 8-17. Accept the 2021 annual report on sister city activities. 8-18. Declare the city of Ukraine as an official friendship city in Lviv.

Speaker: Thank you. I'd like to welcome the presidents of our Portland sister city associations as they present their annual report to the Portland City Council. For those who may not know, Portland has nine sister cities with whom we have forged ties to encourage culture understanding, friendship and exchange as well as memorandums of understanding as well as business partnerships. Our sister city associations are led by dedicated volunteers who not only build bridges across the globe but represent and uplift our communities in Portland. I'd like to now hand this over to Tito, international relations director, in the office of government relations to introduce Portland sister city associations.

Speaker: Good afternoon. I used she and her pre nouns and I serve as the international relations director in the office of government relations. As part of my work, I support Portland sister cities, a committed group of committee leaders and volunteers who work together to put on incredible variety of activities and events that support our engagement with the international community. Before inviting my colleagues to speak, I would like to invite background on the sister city program and the work of the international relations program. As you are all aware, the international relations program is housed within the office of government relations. We help to elevate Portland's international reputation, promote the city's policies and help to make Portland a more welcoming city. I do not exist in a vacuum. Portland's local and national community is tight-knit and we work in partnership

with our local international-facing partners and stakeholders. The past few years have certainly been challenging, though we've been processing and finding opportunities that align with the city and allow us to share best practices, share information and on some of the most pressing issues city across the globe face. We're building bridges and mutual understanding of the process. Something we all need now more than ever. Typically this report has taken around the month of June and we've typically hosted the annual sister city reception down stairs in the atrium and I look forward to bringing this back next year and welcome you all to attend. I've had the privilege of experiencing through the community I get to do and the individuals you hear from shortly. They play an integral part in our city's fabric and vibrant living, be it taking part of the rose festival parade, they have brought the dragon boat races that begun training before spring. Portland seek cinco demio for u.s. Citizens like myself. Our sister city associations have deep roots within our communities and contribute to an up lifting, the lives of Portlanders. Portland sister cities are members of the international organization. A non-profit that was initiated in 1956 to foster mutual understanding, friendship and peace. True to this point, Portland's nine sister cities enhance international ties for the Portland metropolitan area by facilitating cultural, educational and economic exchanges between our local community and communities across the globe. Today, the leadership of the Portland sister associations is pleased to present their annual required reports on their efforts and activities undertaken in the 2021 calender year. Thank you for taking the time to listen and accept this report. Without further adieu, first up, I'd like to introduce james autry, co-chair of our coalition and the glue that keeps things together and the president of the Portland sisterhood association.

Speaker: Thank you for letting us present to you today. I'm james with the Portland he is kahlon sister city association and we're excited, we've been a

member and partner with the sister city associations for 35 years so we can go to the first slide there. It lays that out as to where we're at. The first slide on the presentation is our website and the second slide is where we're located just south of tel aviv. About 149 citizens there and we have a large plant and so fourth and israeli breweriseses are there if you go to the next slide, please, ash kahlon is a 5,000-years-old city south of tel aviv and north of gas and it was recognized as one of the rockefeller resilient cities. Our current mayor is tom tommerglom and he has been creating ashkelon for the sit cities of israel. We have the modern chip maker and breakthroughs taking place. One of the things that we've been working on is building relationships between Portland that have and do focus in on medical breakthroughs, electronic breaks through and environmental breakthroughs and we are pail those up. One of the works that I do here with the association is we put together the coalition of all of us working together so I host the monthly meeting here at city hall and via zoom and now back in the rose room. And there we also help coordinate and put together the website and the rose festival reception and the grand flooral parade. The next copy is the side of our website and if you go to the next slide, we do put together our annual reception and we're looking forward to that taking place again this coming June in city hall it's a great time for delegates to come from around the world. If you can go to the next slide, and we have our presentations that we present there and as well as the food and the memorandum and the next slide we do an annual parade. This year we had two young folks representing mordachi and they extended a trolley because the petty caps in the past were out of business. We had an amazing time to be able to be a part of the parade. And the next slid shows what we do in the parade. We have our banners and our sounders who are shouting the show fares and shalom and we allow the parade to go through and we were super excited and honored this year we had the

mayor join us on the next slide and was able to ride with us in the parade so it's been the work that we've been doing. We hope to get back to Israel coming up around the feast of pearl mid March of next year when it opens up.

Speaker: I'd like to congratulate Lviv. As a proud descendant on my mother's side I commend the city for its valor and humanity during this time of crisis. And thank you for the honor of reporting this state of the sister city association. Ba loania a city of around 500,000 people is the capitol of the region renowned for its major university often recognized as the first in the world and second slide please.

Starting in 1088, that's where they get the nickname ladota, the learned, its cuisine and the surround around it that's how they get the nickname la gaza for its politics and larose a so striking, beautiful area and medieval city surrounded by farm lands and vibrant industry and manufacturing and a strong artisanal presence as well as easily recognized names like ferrari and duekati. On the next slide with the map, well, if you can. It's an hour from the mountains and the sea so it's similar in location to what Portland enjoys. Portland sister city relationship started in 2004. We have a tremendous momentum going pre-pandemic and we just celebrated our 15th anniversary as a sister city and we had a visit from mayor an event and a company in exhibit and that came from bologna at the Portland art museum and that was all happening in the fall of 2019 and I know I speak from my fellow sister cities as well when I say just how difficult these last two years have been. We as association have been expected to carry on. We're organizations that thrive on inner public relationships, public exposures and exchanges and travel and many of our fundraising activities are centered around gathering people together and we have faced newer um challenges and keeping our enthusiasm focuses as well as our boards. We need to remind people who we are. This being said, I do have to take the solace that our group, pbsca is a lasting vibrant and committed and the

skills set of our board of directors and display great talent and flexibility and we've transitioned back to meeting in-person. We've had a couple of our yearly events, our dinner and summer social live. We're planning for our fundraiser which will be held November 13th and we actually were pretty adept at staging a virtual party but I would have to say I look forward to gathering with friends and supporters in-person. The proceeds from this event and its auction and ralph go to support our youth exchange program and after three-year hiatus will be reinitiated in July of 2023. We are currently recruiting new participants, the program is an annual reciprocal exchange involving 10 students from each city to visit each other with home stays and alternating years and we offer a bipoc skip. They're excited about the renewal of this program we're searching for other ways to contribute to our two great cities and their citizens and I've been lucky enough to spend six months in bologna this year and I more than ever see the continuing strong relationship. I would like that thank the Portland rose festival for their continued opportunities to participate in the flooral parade and we need other city wide opportunities to remind folks of the important role that we play in the health and welfare of our cities. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Rick will be on-line for guadalajara.

Speaker: Think you are up, rick.

Speaker: Very good. I couldn't hear that. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes, loud and clear and we can see you as well.

Speaker: Very, very good. Thank you very much. If you can go to my first, our second slide I think it is. There we g that was good. It's our first slide is good. You know, we were established -- forgive me. Mr. Mayor, thank you so much for having us here commissioners it's wonderful to be back with you. Him rick and I'm the

president of the Portland guadalajara sister association and it's my honor to do this report today and I am so glad we're still an organization. We were established in 1983 which means that next year, other it will be the 40th year. A large contingency of royal rose so I want to thank them very much for their love the guadalajara and it extends to this day with a group of us. On this next slide, please. Thank you. Our goals, as you read this slide, our goals as an organization dove tail very well with the goals that were highlighted. Really that is to say our mission is to really promote cultural educational and business-to-business exchanges along with educational exchanges between the city of Portland and guadalajara and we hope to kick that back into gear next year. Really starting this year. Next slide, please. The Portland cinco demio festival we're going to do next year. We very much have a great plan that is moving relatively well to be able to do that. A part of that really has been keeping enough of an organization together for this last couple of years to establish a new production team so that we can get that done. We're in the final throws of negotiations and legal, fun stuff you go through when you hire a production team that puts on an event like this. Mr. Mayor and commissioners, our goal is to have that next year so that we can bring the two cities together, to bring all the citizens of Portland from surrounding areas and to downtown Portland to just reinvigorate the best that we can that downtown areas so we plan to be a big part of bringing things back to Portland.

Speaker: Thank you, we appreciate it. It looks fun.

Speaker: Obviously, this is just kind of a great bunch of pictures of the cinco dimayo festival, we miss it. We have a strong executive name and we do good things and we continue to remain fiscally capable of having an event next year. So I mean financially capable of having an event so we'll find a way to swing this. Just another wonderful slide. This particular event, I don't know if you remember this

but this was the sombrero. It was a lot of fun. Next slide. Great. Just a reminder that we still support organizations in Portland and organizations that financially, that serve communities and even really countries in south America and in Mexico and in Guadalajara. The program, through Jose and one of my all-time favorites. It's saved many, many lives and we continue to financially support him and wholeheartedly support him and his efforts to train firefighters and the city of Portland for donating equipment that is no longer useful to us to places that can really use that equipment. So thank you to the city of Portland. Just a reminder, we will have a waterfront park event in 2023 for Cinco de Mayo and which hope everyone will attend. And city in Guadalajara also and look forward to that for the next year. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, appreciate it.

Speaker: Greetings Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, my name is Chi Chow Chan. This is my third year as the president of the TKCA but the first time to be in this chamber to deliver this in-person so I'm excited to have this opportunity. PKCA was first founded in November 1987 for the purpose of joining the city (inaudible) and year after that, both City Council approved the relationship and the association give a select dragon boat race as one of the key cultural events to connect the two cities and now at first, the ceremony, the Mayor you've been there numerous times before and --

Speaker: Is this a slide you want? No, I'm sorry.

Speaker: I didn't think so.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: there we go.

Speaker: Ok, yeah. So this is the first slide and the ceremony to kickoff the first in 1989 and of course after that it's 31 years of dragon boat race. Never stopped except last two years, due to obvious reasons, the COVID pandemic. Next slide. Sea

of city for the past 34 years as I mentioned. It's a major international seaport and one of the largest seaports in taiwan and the largest industrial city in taiwan and they focus on the petroleum refinery industry and the cam con industry and the ship-making industry. As a population, for closer 2.8 million it used to be the second largest city just up behind taipei but now the city surpassed and it's the third largest city in taiwan and next slide. And then we normally go to the cultural exchange we normally go to the lantern festival which is the conclusion of the traditional chinese new year on the 15 days of the lunar new year but we have been suspended that delegation visit from Portland and it's been suspended due to covid and for throw years in a row we do really have that opportunity to go but I'm pretty sure next year things will open up and we'll rezoo the delegations in 2023. Next slide. On the same token, they come here and our June and rose festival and they means the poland, not poland and delegations and consist of the city of council government and the City Council representatives and of course the chamber of commerce and so fourth and plus their suiter. They are again, served three years in a row but things are opening up in taiwan. They are going to open up their border based on the latest information in the end of October and I believe by February of next year, thing will open up that will be my sincere hope. One of the high school they come here along with the delegation to do the cultural performance and for the parade and they also canceled the visit three days in a row and I believe you know, as far as I know, they will plan to come on 2023 and they have the operating budget for the visit has been approved so certainly they will have a visit here again. To the 2021 -- due to the pandemic, the establish of the cultural exchange programs between the sister cities. So they proposed a national friendly sister and friendly city exhibition took place in the city hall and they invited city of Portland to participate so we were gladly joining the invitation and sending through the help of

rose festival foundation, the Portland international test rose garden and of course the one and only trailblazers, they all contributed the artifacts and promotion materials. They display all the items in artifacts that we send to them in the month of November and according to their feedback it was well received by the citizens and they even made a video and sent it to us to show the appreciation from the decision. Next slide, in this year in the month of March, we kickoff -- we finally, after two years hiatus, we finally kickoff the ceremony signifying the beginning of the dragon boat race season from April race to June in the second week of June right after the rose festival and we are glad to have the representative from the mayor's office the liaison of art and music and cultural representative michelle david to deliver a speech and the beginning of the 2022 rose festival celebration during that. And June 10th, we have organize the welcome dinner and normally that's guards towards the delegation to attend the rose festival but this year, they regretfully informed us their absence due to omicron pandemic situation kind of arising up. So, instead, we have the taipei economic and cultural office representative of the director general chan and the director ms. Wu to represent taiwan delegation to that welcome dinner and we are so thrilled and we have commissioner Ryan to attend the welcome dinner and deliver a very my personal opinion, a very inspirational speech so we appreciate the participation and it was well received. Good in one of the famous chinese seafood restaurants, we have cultural performance, line dancing, the state representative be there and we have the city, we have the local chinese and taiwanese organizations and participating and so we had a good time and the next day we kicked off the event through the parade where we have our own float entry in front of the poland coalitions trolley. So, they've been hearing chinese drum all the time. And obviously we had a great time. On the June 11, 12, two days kickoff the finally the main event. The dragon boat

race, the annual dragon boat rose festival but this is one is the kee by rosevelt over the years and one of the main features is the entire race event was presented and managed by all volunteers and we've used about 300 to 250 main hours to put out this event. Even though the attending teams only have 43 teams down from the over years and 60 plus, 60 to 65 teams over the year but we were so thrilled after two years started the event and came back strong in 2022 and even though only two third of the teams come back. We believe it will give us a couple of years, the majority of the teams will come back. Most of the sponsors are all coming back to participate in this event so even though it's two days, it was raining, windy and the entire board area of the waterfront was muddy and I'm tell you the spirit was high and we all had a great time and the winner celebrated just like every other years. Next slide. Other than the dragon boat race for the city, and connections to both sides. We are also doing a pandemic the last two to three years pandemic it's a main conduit to connect both cities, especially present from taipei and from the city of taiwan presents the pandemic care pack and the wellness cam to the city, to the rose festival, to the rose to show their care and it's a demonstrate display. The friendship from taiwan, obviously poland will also do the same thing to the city. I believe that was my presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Well, good afternoon, everyone. My name is sherine ferhe and I am vice president of the Portland sister city association. I appreciate your time today as I present you with our annual report of activities for 2021 to 2022. It's been a Portland sister city for 34 years now it's the region cap tap of the russian far east and russian's inland port where the river borders china. The Portland sister city relationship was founded during the cold war era as part of the Portland based ground zero pairing project which was initiated by dr. Earl mow lander who is

pictures here to the right which sought to counter the u.s. And russian governments by establishing grassroots connections between u.s. And soviet cities and towns. This slide provides a brief look at some of our activities over the past one and a half years. In 2021, we held our annual victory day and bridge to russia events and in 2022 we participated in the grand floral parade as well as assist and resolve a controversy at kelly elementary school where a russian flag was removed from a display gays in their gym. That flag has been replaced with little flags of all the country where the russian language is spoken and as well as country crafts. And now we move on to current events. We pksca support the people of ukraine in their fight for self-determination and liberal democracy. But we also want to encourage the signs of political reform that we see emerging. We would not help our friends by isolating them as individuals. A few days later, the russian media published this article in response. A wave of refusals to cooperate with russian cities has overwhelmed our country. They have so far managed to keep warm relationships with everyone. Russians can read between the lines. It's different. No, putinism. This shows how and why the people of khabarovsk are different. It's their disaffection with the current political regime and we want to support that. Thank you. Next slide, please. That is my presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Should you probably, for those of you watching at home, I'm not sure if I should clarify too, the mayor had to step away to deal with a pressing matter and we expect him back within a half-hour or so and in the meantime I will be presiding officer and I invite you to continue with your presentation.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Hello and thank you for allowing us to be here today commissioners and ted, mr. Mayor while you are here. Thank you for welcoming us here today. My

name is karen hanson and I'm a member of the Portland sister city association and my slides don't follow what I'm about to say so that's why I'm um. When I would like to do slide person where you are, is you can just count to 10 for each slide and move on it will workout just fine and i'll go through my little story that I want to share with you, and you will also get to follow along if I get boring you can watch the screen and read that or if that gets boring listen to me. They established a sister city relationship in 1991. Clifford walker was the mayor and enoch of mutari and states longstanding relationship of friendship and service. Mutari is on the african continent in zimbabwe at mozambique and it's the third most populated city of country. This last two years, they've been really putting our sister city relationships to the test. It's been very difficult to cultivate interest in such a far-off land where the wild have been so many concerns here at home. The Portland sister city association has not held any fundraisers for the last two years but we've dug into our resources to continue to offer some financial assistance to fasso which stands for family aid support organization and it's a long-standing service providers to families impacted by hiv and aids in the greater mutare area and a long-time partner helping us meet the needs of our friends in muare. I have not been able to share photos because of their fear of harm in case they're identified by the government or people who are knowing that they're receiving money from organizations, they are at risk so I actually have two pictures of people because there's an upside to the mask experience we've all had. And the upside is, is that they have made people less identifiable so it's made it possible for me to share pictures that I've been given and let's see, so, our little contributions have helped with the administration of family services and vaccine distribution during the pandemic. Now, I'm really sorry about this crying little darling child here but this child is receiving a vaccination which is going to help that child thrive and we got to

help be part of that thriving of future of hope for this young, beautiful child who looks so sad in that picture. Since communication was limited and visitations to zimbabwe went an option for us over the past year, a benefit of our sister city to its members here in Portland and to Portlanders in general is one that occurred this June after a two-year covid-19 hiatus, the grand floral parade. By some participating in this co-operative event with the other sister cities, we were able to reawaken some of those feelings about why we do this and why it matters. It's about the people of the world coming together to solve problems, offer each other assistance and build relationships in peaceful and thoughtful ways. We have the honor of the mayor of Portland riding north on our trolley with us and thank you for listening. I will provide you with a brief report. They have the longest standing assistance with the relationships in the u.s. Beginning in 1959 and continuing with regular plentiful and meaningful and thatting between our two cities. Many of our board members and supporters experienced how the ships like everyone else. However, despite all of these, they could manage to participate in and host similar events in 2021. In January, one of the biggest annual events among the japanese community was held on-line there was a short video and next, please. Students from both suppose or owe played game together and in November we celebrated our 62nd birthday looking back our history of the sister city relationship and in addition to on-line events, we could host one in-person event. In June 2021, we hosted in-person and about 30 of us gathered at the rose garden and enjoyed the face-to-face chats. To conclude my report, I would like to introduce two of our long time board members. Our former board president has been supporting it since 1981 and in 2021, he had been serving pssca as a board member for 40 years. And steven owns a former president joins the board in 1985 and so he has been serving for 37 years. Both of them had (inaudible) in times welcome so many delegation

groups from Sapporo and worked with a number of mayors and commissioners. Know our history, tradition, diplomacy and development as a board members guidance and advice. And I would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to Tom and Steve. Next. Thank you for allowing me to highlight the association and joining you in continuing to build it as a light, livable and vibrant city and I would like to recognize the incredible efforts of my fellow board members and our people in Sapporo.

Speaker: My name is Bruce Wu and I am the president of the PSSCA Portland Sister City Association and it's my honor to briefly introduce our sister city Suzhou our association, PSSCA including our mission and what we have been doing during the past several years. We have been our sister city for 33 years, the city is famous with its long history as it was founded around 2,500 years ago. As you can see from the photos, like Portland, it's a very beautiful city. It's called Venus of China. It's also famous with its gardens and the city has my famous classic gardens, designated as heritage sites. Next slide, please. Portland and Suzhou have a long history of friendship. In 2013, Portland earned the Best Sister City Award from China by being a bridge city, providing a close friendship between the two cities and the painting you will see was created by the Greater of Woodstock Elementary School in 2019 that shows Portland-Suzhou and it was founded in 1988 and with missioned of promoting education, culture, and economy communications between the people of the two cities. Next slide, please. During the past few years we helped six local elementary middle and high schools establish sister cities and school relationships with schools until in 2019, more than 100 to communicate with their friends and living in their familiar lands and they learn U.S. and shared Chinese culture with their friends each year, we organized in the events and the Chinese Garden with honors having the mayor and the representatives from the city of Portland and the

representatives from our sponsor and friends and we also announced our PSU each year during our annual events. And unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we are unable to organize our since 2020 and we are now and resume our anniversary and we have also worked closely with our local communities and 2019 and the pandemic during the past couple of years and we have in success for the city and related from 19 and we looked closely and we made face masks to the hospitals and including OHSU during the past years. Next slide, please. Because of the pandemic, there are a lot of inconveniences and challenges to continue those face-to-face exchange programs and such as sister city schools exchange programs and we have been trying to develop the possibility to help organization those exchange programs virtually.

Speaker: Thank you all for your support to our sister city.

Speaker: Good afternoon, I'm Catherine Maro and I'm in the sister city association. Thank you for this opportunity to present about something that I'm very passionate about. Located about 45 minutes south of Pusan and about a 20-minute ride or 10-minute bullet ride south of Seoul. Next slide. Post land city sister relations, sprouted 35 years ago from relations between our two ports that bring Hyundai cars to the United States. Hyundai cars are still coming through the port of Portland. Next slide. Over the years, Ulsan has--creating economic activities that have mirrored Portland. In addition to being a leading industrial city and economic engine of South Korea, Ulsan is now a modern city, green city and a model of urban transformation in Korea. Next slide. As you see here, go back to the Olson, I mentioned that Ol'son studied Portland and mirrored a lot of our things and right before 2010 or so Solson built a beautiful rose garden. It's now the largest rose garden in all of South Korea. And it is spectacular, we have a beautiful rose garden in Portland and I welcome people to go to Olson to see and create their rose garden. They also started a rose

festival. Next slide. They have studied a prod and participate in rose festival. This has been going on since late 190s. --1990s. Have sent many students and delegations of government official both for formal visits as well as informal scouting of new ideas. Next slide. Ol'son has learned much from Portland and it's a city ripe for international engagement. Their big industry are internationally engaged and their citizens hunger for international collaboration. I mentioned student exchanges, while not that much Portland students have visited olson many students like to go to seoul, they don't know where olson is how beautiful it is. So people in the city, they donough Portland, they're eager to connect with us and that's the role that our sister association can play one as a bridge builder. While past activities have focused on culture exchanges, our sister association is poised to be a bridge and advocate for newer type of connections, information sharing, especially among business activities. Next slide. Covid has slowed our sister city activities, however next month in October, our board president will be joining the Oregon governors trip to korea. This came about quite suddenly and we were delighted when we learned that we would a presence there. While the governor's delegation will be going to olson we've extended invitation in seoul at an international reception that is being held. Our board president while visiting korea next month will be there to help with introduction sxz connections focused on many type of business exchanges that we hope to see down the road. I mentioned that we've been slow because of covid however now with renewed energies there is a new interest in our new communities with korea, our board hopes to reengage with our lifelong lives in olson. Our board does hope to change going forward and we're work to go foster very robust international engagement for our city. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi good afternoon, thank you for having me today. My name is Tatiana. I'm part of the Ukrainian unit in Portland and Oregon. I'm here representing myself. I've been a resident of Portland for almost 20 years. I'm also representing the Ukrainian Foundation and the Ukrainian American Culture Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington. I have lived and worked/volunteered in both Portland and Ukraine and I love both of these cities. They are very very different, at the same time they have a lot of things in common and I think there is a very good background for a strong beneficial sister city relationship. Let me tell you a few things about Lviv so you can get introduced to the city. It's a city west of Ukraine close to the Polish border, it was founded in the 13th century and it was named in honor of the son of the founder whose name was Lev which means lion, Leo in Ukrainian. It was known as the City of Lions and you can see lions everywhere, there are lions standing guard, lions in the opera house, in all buildings from different sanctuaries so it's really fun to walk the city and see its different lines. Lviv is also a Ukrainian center. It has many old buildings, it has one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe. In terms of population, it's actually pretty similar in size to Portland. A year ago, its population was estimated to be about 700,000. However, this year it's much much larger. So the April estimate for population was about 900,000, about 200,000 of refugees. In spring of this year, Lviv also housed the U.S. Embassy. It was occupied for a period of about 3 months until it was safe to go back to the Capitol of Ukraine. So one of the things that Lviv shares with Portland is culture. You cannot go without seeing a lot of galleries and different festivals. Lviv is part of European history. So you would see a music festival dedicated to those who worked and lived there. It's also a city of book lovers and book publishers and books. Last summer they celebrated 31 years of restoration of independence and Lviv has been hosting 29 of those years. They will be hosting events this year. Many can show you a friend

of line who just traveled to alive to bring medical supplies, brought me a book and that was a book published in Lviv, the publishing house of old lion published in 1922. I don't know if it was after the war but Lviv continues to be a city of book and book lovers. It's also the capitol of coffee in Ukraine and it also says that it started the coffee house tradition in Europe because it was one of its transport who started the coffee shop in Vienna. So if you want to go to experience great food and chocolate, you have to go to Lviv. Where you go you get a hard hat, you walk through the mine and then you get some good coffee. So lots of good things.

Speaker: May i.

Speaker: Jump in.

Speaker: I think I missed something, did you say I needed a cap, say that again?

[laughter]

Speaker: So one of the coffee places is called Copana coffee, so it's a coffee mine, you get a hard hat like construction and you can mine for coffee and then coffee shop with good coffee. [laughter]

Speaker: Well that out does coffeeicious we should con vaoed at this point.

[laughter]

Speaker: That sounds like a lot to get coffee.

Speaker: It's worth it, it's good coffee.

Speaker: I just had to stop and reflect on that.

Speaker: Yeah, I forgot to say, I was talking about the slide, so you see some pictures from coffee house and lots of great chocolates. So those, pictures, so next slide. We've had cities to city connection for a while now starting in 2006 when there was a program, through USA called Energy Efficient. That brought group to Portland that included members of Lviv that included businesses. That's where we many Portlanders made personal connections, personal friendships and also see

how many similarities and interests, like we share interest in green energy that basically, established I think a good start to relationships. Since 2006, many Portlanders traveled back and forth to Lviv and we had a delegation that was hosted by Mayor Porter. In 2017, we had another program on good governance that included representatives of Lviv city government. And about this time in 2018, I was in Lviv having some good coffee at city hall with some of the members of 2006 energy efficiency delegation. So we have this long-term connection that is on going. We also have a lot of personal and professional relationships. Because a lot of people who worked and lived and studied in Lviv now live in Portland. We have OSU professors who are graduates of Lviv university. We have some that help Ukraine and Lviv with special education rolling out special education in Ukraine. We also have a local Ukrainian language cannon that is written and published here but the digital design, for example in layout is made in Lviv, because it's ten hours ahead. So while we are sleeping here, they can do some work and then when they go to bed, we wake up and you know, there is this business relationship that is actually takes advantage of the time zone difference. So and I can talk to the slide a lot because we have a lot of connections but I also want to tell you one of the Portlanders who traveled to Lviv last spring came back with a recipe of latte and convinced one of our coffee shops in Portland to make it. So when you go to Jabbib on Alberta, you can ask for a Lviv latte. Next slide, sorry, yes so you can see a picture of Lviv latte, I'm not giving you the recipe you'll have to taste it and try to figure out the taste of it. I can talk about a Lviv a long time but if there is anytime to invite also the honor consul of Ukraine in Seattle, the lady Labrout to join us, if that's okay.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Is she joining online? On zoom?

Speaker: Can you hear us.

Speaker: Distinguished participant of this important meeting, purpose of which is to make the world more open for all the people of goodwill. The honor consul of Ukraine is here. I'm honored to represent our beautiful but now currently bleeding Ukraine and wonderful Ukrainian community and work with leaders with the community in Oregon and Portland, particularly. Who loves Portland and Lviv. As a person that values relationship and believes that relationship with the only thing that will matter, 10,000 years from now, I love hearing how city of Portland is building relationship with cities around the world. How cities with Portland and we resemble one another. So it's very natural to continue growing relationships which I believe will lead to fruitful results for years to come, academia, culture, traditions, business. There is so much in common. A few months ago, at celebrate trade gala I had a chance to speak with mayor and mayor was aeg tore lead formalization of relationship between cities to make it a platform for so many good things to happen in future. Thank you, mayor, for your leadership in this journey where cities not only of two cities, but I believe two countries will appreciate a lot. Today, Ukrainian is fighting with Russia and through leadership, we have hand in support for our life, freedom that is so dear to citizens of Portland. Tomorrow Ukraine will win the war it will benefit people. Thank you all and let's keep keeping world more open and better together.

Speaker: Thank you, honorable consul, good to see you in-person and I look forward to see you in-person before too long. Thank you for your kind words.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I would like to thank all of our presenters, this afternoon. Honorable consul thank you very much. And to Tatiana, it's been an honor and pleasure to have gotten to know you and work with you these last few years in support of your efforts in moving the city, to city connection between the city of Portland and Lviv

forward. Thank you. As you heard, this city the city connection has existed for years and formalizing the city has never been more timely. I think of my four-year-old and 7-month-old ukrainian nieces who live in Portland in the hopes of growing up knowing ukraine that is free and safe. And it's bridges such as these that for many is the only connection to home. This step forward, wouldn't be possible without the hard work of individuals such as tatiana throughout our ukrainian community and other associations like American culture association. The formalization of friendship city association, symbolizing an important milestone today. And just as important that we highlight and protect the space that we've created today to elevate and give a voice to ukrainians. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you, and before we go into discussion and public testimony if there is any, karen was here earlier. Our legal counsel and she had to go and I'm not sure if she had a chance to share her story.

Speaker: Her grand parties?

Speaker: Yes. --grandparents.

Speaker: Yes, her grandparents, walked across the border and this is where they ended up. She wanted to be here for your efforts and lviv as well as sister city organizations. Thank you. Do we have any questions at this point? Or see if there is any public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Well there we go, colleagues any further questions? And if not, we'll go ahead and move forward. Commissioner hardisty.

Speaker: Before we add a report I want to add my appreciation for all the incredible speakers that came today representing our sister cities. And I remember, you and I were arm wrestling to see who would go to the next delegation. And then year two, covid hit.

Speaker: We both lost that one.

Speaker: We both lost on that opportunity. But I wanted to say today, how wonderful our world is opening up again. And that we can start again having eyeball to eyeball conversations, sharing our spirit, our culture, our music, our food, because there is nothing that brings people more than a break in bread and sharing music and culture and lived experience. So I thank each of you for being here, I thank each of you for all the volunteer time you put in to create these relationships. At the end of the day, the one thing that it takes to bring peace, is for peaceful people to listen to each other. So thank you. Thank you all for being here.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. I'll entertain a motion to accept the sister city report. Can I get a second. You cannot second your own motion. [laughter] yeah, of course. Commissioner Ryan seconds it. It's been a long day. This is important work. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Hardesty?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mapp? S.

Speaker: I want to express my appreciation for everybody who showed up and I'm also glad to begin the work of official friendship of Lviv Ukraine. As we learned today, Portland shares a lot in common with Lviv. Like Portland, Lviv is a cultural center, Lviv is also up until recently contained about 700,000 people, which is roughly the size of Portland. And as we have also heard there is some significant differences between Portland and Lviv. We didn't get a chance to talk about Lviv's history that much but my brief preparation for today's testimony, taught me that over the past 1,000 years or so Lviv has had the great misfortune of finding itself in the middle of too many wars. The first time that Lviv happened in 1261 and then in 1340 and then in the 1600s, the Russians and the Poles invaded Lviv and then in 1772,

Lviv became part of Austria and Russia captured the city during WWI. But then the Russian Empire captured the city before the end of WWI. And in 1918, the city was captured by Ukraine and then the city became part of Poland. And then then captured by Nazi Germany and then recaptured by the Soviet Union towards the end of WWII. And then Lviv became part of Ukraine when the Soviet Union fell apart. And yet Lviv finds itself in the middle of another war. When Russia invaded Ukraine, Lviv became the western capital, a safe haven for those fleeing and at the same time the city has been struck by Russian missiles on many occasions. Lviv's history is a reminder of persistence and tragedy of war. That's why I support the sister city's program by forging relationships with the people of Lviv and our other sister cities. I hope that we can promote peace and healing and reconciliation. And for these reasons and more, I vote aye to accept the report.

Speaker: Raveal.

Speaker: Thank you for bringing this wonderful report. I want to thank you for the presentation it's been great to hear the role that you play and it strengthens our relationship with our sister cities and fosters cultural understanding about these communities too in our home town. I had the privilege of working with and visiting Portland-Guadalajara Sister Cities, a number of years ago and we traveled to Guadalajara with Carl Hansen there in the world which was very personally meaningful to me. And we created lasting lifelong relationships and again, strengthened our even our understanding of our communities here in Portland. And as we can see these relationships really matter in a whole new way there is so much at stake for all of our global communities. And this is why I'm thrilled to welcome Lviv to our family of cities and I just want to say thank you to all of the sister cities for your reports and for your deep commitment to lifting up these

connections to the cities. It's an honor to have each of you represent our city in this important role. I vote aye.

Speaker: Ryan?

Speaker: Good afternoon and thank you so much for all being here today. It's a little overwhelming, it's great, it's like a you're traveling around the world in a little hour and a half after an afternoon session so there is that. But because of my role, I had an opportunity to get some of you in-person in June. Mr. Chen, it was great to hang out with you. I have to laugh at my aspiring speech and i'll be really quick. I was told by some rose aRyan to not forget to show up a outfit so I showed up in 70s look and I got there and nobody else had a costume like that. [laughter]

Speaker: Sucker.

Speaker: Exactly. So thank you for laughing, reminded me be nice, so it reminded me of the movie legally blonde where she showed up in a party in a completely different outfit. Anyway it was humiliating and my layerous what I loved is nobody really cared. And we ate the best food, and we were excited to be in-person sharing food and laughing. And that's what I experienced the entire rose festival when I had a chance to meet many of you. It's always good to hear your story about our relationship in zimbabwe, and that's great to think that in some counties you're free because you have a mask over your face to show your identity. I want to stay in touch to keep up with that. It helps that you're here today representing tviv is that we only do this once a year it feels like. And I know the rose festival is what we're counting on. What is it that we continue to do? What are our touch points? So it's more quarterly, as a basketball fan, I know that's an international sport. Maybe there is something more to do with that. We need companies that can help. Just thinking out loud, but what is it that we can do to make us more of a player in the global scene. And you reminding us that it's people connecting with people, there is

people and then there is the government. And then the boundaries that the government creates but not the people. And we all know that that's the truth. You give us hope today because you're people connecting with other people. And that's what we need right now in this world. I vote aye to accept this report. Thanks.

Speaker: Wheeler?

Speaker: I really appreciate everybody being here this afternoon and I want to reflect ever so lightly on some public testimony that we had this morning which started a good back and forth about the value of sister city relationships at a time when the world is divided. At a time when frankly, our nation is divided. I believe that the sister city relationship is a two-way street, not only an opportunity for them to learn what we're doing here that they may want to adopt in their city. It's an opportunity for to us learn too. Because we have no monopoly on the truth, either here in the city of Portland or nationally in the united states of America. But this we do know, we knee that the sister city relationship with critically important because this is how we reduce conflict between nations. It's by familiarity and sharing and exchange whether it's educational opportunities, whether it's culture opportunities, whether it's economic opportunities or other personal ties and connections. Those are the things that bind us. And when things get tough, for example, when somebody decides that they want to start a war, or whatever other consequences there may be, then it's up to us, people to intervene. And we do so more passionately when we know what we're talking about. When we know it's not just a atherial place that we don't know anything about that shows up on page b-7 of the "new york times" or elsewhere if it's people that we know, where we have those connections and those ties, then all of a sudden, it's personal, it's about us too. So I think these relationships are more important today than they ever have been. And I strongly support them. And I realize they're smart reasonable even great people

who have a difference of opinion but that's where I stand. And where the city has chosen to stand and we choose to support your efforts to create people to people contacts. And this is not about government to government, that's not point, there are other ways that through the united states department that we do that. This is about people, this is about connections, this is about community. And I want to thank you all, I've seen the same faces year after year, you've shown true passion and dedication. And I just thank you as the people of this city who want to continue to maintain those ties. You're really not paid well for it at all. So thank you for that. I also want to apologize that hi to get up in the middle of the report for a few minutes. There was a call that I had to take and sometimes that happens. I meant no disrespect by walking out but I'm glad that I got back to say what I said. I vote aye to the report. To the resolution, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll on the res solution to further the relationship with Iviv.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler.

Speaker: If I can vote aye on this I would but I'm going to vote aye once because those are the rules. I vote aye, the resolution is adopted. Thank you all for being here today. [applause]

Speaker: Thank you for the support that the city of Portland has given our community. Thank you for sponsoring the ukrainian day pdx at the beginning of September as part of the welcoming week. Thank you for having welcoming week

because we have now a lot of immigrant but also refugees here. And also thank you for the all the different communities we received a lot of help from the chinese commission of Oregon, vietnamese community and all different communities of Portland we're very grateful for that, thank you.

Speaker: Awesome, thank you. Why don't we take a five-minute recess and we'll be right back to address our final issue this afternoon about the cully tax. So we're in recess for five minutes. [council in recess]

Speaker: Thank you everyone, with you please read item number 819, a report.

Speaker: Accept district exploration process report.

Speaker: Colleagues it's a pleasure to be here to discuss the the cully tax. And I realize after a very long day, this is a sort of thick subject to take up. But it's also a very exciting one. This is an opportunity for the council to learn about the process to date hear directly from should community members about this exploration work and ask questions for feedback before the council considers the formal proposal later this fall. As a quick reminder, the city has been working with the cully community for almost 10 years when we launched the prosperity neighbor economic strategies. The work to explore a new tif district and cully began in 2018 where neighborhood approached prosper Portland about that possibility. That's quite a litteration. They envisioned a new approach with a community process that serves under represented community voices. Between 2019 and 2022, the community partners along with prosper Portland in the Portland housing bureau staff facilitated a process regarding a potential new tiff district. This work was funded by a metro grant as well as the city in prosper Portland. I look forward to hearing the update from the team. This item is cosponsored by colleague commissioner Ryan or housing commissioner Ryan, is there anything you would like it say.

Speaker: Yes, absolutely. First of all, thanks for your patience and thanks for bringing us some energy it's been quite a day. Last year I met with some representatives with habitat for humanity and I'm just so impressed with the amount of years that you're working and putting this proposal. This is coming from the community. And just thrilled to see this community lead initiative expand upon the city place investment to address communities. Such as greater access to home ownership opportunity and home repair and grant programs and land banking for both affordable housing and affordable development in addition to mix use development. We need wage jobs and that hire from the neighborhood. And I'm excited about the council that they unfold over the next few years. And I'm delighted to turn this back to you and we can turn it back to the community and have a good dialogue.

Speaker: I'll turn it over to lisa wof who is a director at prosper Portland as well as mat ooh, the interim deputy director, welcome both of you.

Speaker: Thank you all, good afternoon, mayor, commissioners I'm lisa, she her pronouns and I'm the developer with prosper Portland. And I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. As mentioned we're coming to you after four years ever undertaking a new process with a community really leading the process to look at, assess and implement the tool of assess cully. It took us a while to get here and we're happy to share more with you today and acceptance. Justin, are you going to screen share? Thanks. Which will occur in November regarding the proposed tiff plan. Today our focus is to provide a policy and policy partner with on the market trends and impacts a little bit of context studying from the city side, thinking about lessons learned and how we're applying those to approach. And as reflex, I want to honor fact that I'm being joined by matt, the interim director but also three key community partners. There was an exploration that really lifted up

the majority of this work and those three members who are with us today, are oscar, director of community development at nea, and director of verdict he and eddie martinez the district manager for rw. And I know we're joining virtually trying to preserve maximum chamber capacity. So honor community members who are there in person with you. Next slide, please. So as I mentioned we first started to start with a little bit of background information about cully and why now? This takes you back in time about 15 years or so. Starting in 2008, a lot of cities work in cully concordia area was lead by what is called the cully concordia community assessment and action plan of the boor other sustainability partnered with, Portland public schools on, together with other community partners at the time. And that action plan calls for a family friendly friendly affordable housing and community serving businesses and services and you'll see this as a team that really ties throughout the next 15 years of both investment and planning activities and community leadership. In 2010, innovative collaboration similar to what you see in the leadership committee. And it was coalition that came together from habitat humanity, nea and verda, coming together and improving the quality of life for people of color and low income people. In 2011 as the mayor indicated prosper Portland economic development was released and in 2012, we created a network a community lead economic development approach which was done with support poeting with City Council as well as county. With the goal of using tiff as a tool to support equity economic development at the neighborhood level. These of two districts are 42 and cully alliance. Through grants, and support npns have made investment and lead projects along corridors and particularly motel, I wanted to note what our alliance in 42nd avenue have accomplished. They have invested over a million dollars they serve more than 110 businesses and they've hosted over 5,000 volunteer hours. As well as multiple community base events including Sunday

parkways and many our loved events and community afro made, pop up and tree and gardening and park clean ups, et cetera. And that capacity building that was invested early on by the City Council and npns really had a foundation. In 2013, moving to kind of about the middle of the timeline. The cully strategies for the cully neighborhood report was released and it setforth three priority areas that will be before you in November. And those are number 1, preservation of affordable housing, two retention of neighborhood businesses and three, support for families to achieve economic self sufficiency. The city continued to invest and commit to cully as like cully park which was completeded on a dk landfill. And more recently the Portland housing bureau has made two sizable investment in the cully area with award on a property that is actually was a acquired by living cully and transform into 142 units of affordable housing. And being lead by hacienda cdc. A second bond project is being jointly developed by community development partners and nea and phb or the housing bureau is investing 7 and a half million and a long term land lease into the development of 15 new apartment units. This project, not only will it provide important units but also provide support and clinical services to the native American community through providers who have expertise and housing developments, education, healthcare and other kind of dental behavioral healthcare et cetera services. And most recently as we close out the timeline, in 2016, City Council adopted the infrastructure charge with an investment that focused in the city of Portland and those included cully. And the reason that those areas were highlighted is based on the high level of needs in the area together with the under served populations living and working in that area. So that gives you a sense of where we've been and a look back of going forward. One of the things that we really had to reflect on as we entered into this exploration process, as this history shows say strong communication of leadership, the following figures

also highlight why in the face of 220 million of both public but largely private investment since 2008. There is on going need for stable and resources of scale that really focus and double down on investment bit private sector. As you can see on the slide, the area lost half of its in the resent years and area is about 24% lower than the average of city as a whole. This is with larger other household in the city as a whole. Which means you have more folks living off of the lower income. And at the same time, what you see in the right hand side are percentages reflecting on what is happening in the market or projected to happen in the market. The five-year forecast for the area predicts a 33% increase in multi family lease rates and 22% of foes who have industrial lease rates and retail rates that impact our businesses. And in combination what this is saying, business owners and cully are significant risk of continued residential as well as commercial displacement.

Speaker: Can I ask you a question lisa, and I'm sorry to knock you off the flow. But these statistics are interesting to me because, the, race and ethnicity statistics makes sense to me with gentrification obviously. But I'm surprised that afternoon household income also a decline is gentrification increases, can you explain that to me.

Speaker: Yeah, it's a good question. It's a good question, I don't know that I have a good answer for it. We would need to dig into. I think that cully has been a affordable neighborhood. So I don't know if there has been the comparison is between cully and Portland, it's not necessarily a comparison overtime. So it's something that we can go back and look at what happened overtime.

Speaker: Jess, just because on their face it's suggested that there is more hydraulic and maybe it's the relative change compared to the overall city household income but that's still kind of surprises me. Somebody says they can answer that. We'll let

lisa finish and after she's done with her presentation and commissioner Rubio has a question too, lisa.

Speaker: Lisa, can you tell me too, what is the latinx population and cully?

Speaker: It's a great question. Since this is the beauty of working virtually, I know we had a population break down in a later slide, I'm going to ask somebody who is on team who can scan down if you can pin me with that information and I will share it with the council.

Speaker: If I may, commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio because I was going to ask. There has never been a large black population in cully. So when you say 50% we're going from 10 to 5, can you give us real numbers on what we're talking about? Cause I didn't this plan is going to save these 50% of black people. Significant riskcious yeah. I'm also happy get that answer later if people have real numbers. I need real data, thanks.

Speaker: I guess I can share the snap shot what is in cully, I have a presentation that sits later in the deck. In cully, there is 7% black population overall in Portland it's 6%. In cully, the latinx population is 14% relative to overall in Portland is 10%. I don't know that we have the trends but we can get back to council in terms of how that has changed overtime.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. Is that the end of the presentation.

Speaker: I have a couple of more slides and then I'm going to hand to the community.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Next slide. This gets to commissioners questions, the danger of vulnerability and displacement that is occurring in cully is currently supported by the mappings, what you see on the left is a vulnerability map, which has range from

medium to high vulnerability relative to the rest of the city. And then the map that you see on the right is a displacement risk map and this technology, adds factor that you see on the left and shows that cully is dynamic and late in type 2 gentrification showing that populations are being displaced.

Speaker: So if I may, before you leave that slide, lisa.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: I really appreciate what you said about what the experts are saying. So my assumption is that they're buying older properties and will continue to do so as other improvements happen. Is that an accurate assumption?

Speaker: I think it's accurate to say, we can pull, actually the 220 million figure came from permits being pulled. And we can see how many are new for development relative to making new upgrades.

Speaker: Okay, or whether they're turning single families into two or three or four multi duplex. I think when we aggregate those things together, we don't get it together. We're trying to keep it short otherwise it would be 50 pages. If I look at this, and we unpack it, we learn more information that should inform our decision making, so thank you.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: And I think this is why we're here today to understand what council's questions are. And as we think about bringing forward the information for November, really diving deep when we come back. I have one more slide, and then, the other thing we wanted to reflect particularly on prospers behalf and bhp is lessons learned. As we look in previous years, it's giving us an opportunity of what we're doing whether that's about the importance of partnership in cully, opportunities to build from and scale our neighborhood prosperity network, area the experiences we've had in implementing our action plans. And these are our

high level take aways, which is our cocreation but also an oversight is critical. We need to take on going pos tour in terms of investment and how we error and remain accountable and being plexity in measuring who benefits. We're also learning the action plans is that a five-year investment strategy codeveloped and implemented provide a really important tool when you're working with a framework of 30-year tiff plan. And action plans highlight the importance of city investment and it's part of the community infrastructure together with other major investments with the city makes like the commissioner makes in transportation. We can't change market forces which means facing and public investment with small business stablation is key. And as the pandemic is highlighted, to help cocreate and for the city side to partner with is critical. So that's the kind of inter tro chapter with the meat of the presentation being carried by our community partners. And unless there are questions, i'll hand it over to hasta.

Speaker: Lisa, I have one more question. And this is the great place, the lessons learned. This is a really good shot. But I don't know if this shot is the only lessons that we've learned from 30 plus years of doing tif districts. I would be very interested when you come back to really have a deeper dive into what lessons have we learned? What things have we never do again because it was a stupid thing to do in the first place? And again, I'm still trying to figure out without a nonprofit developer, how will we ever realize this premise that we're making to community partners and colleagues? So those are are my two questions and maybe when you come back, we can get into a deeper conversation. I'm also concerned when we government, promised the government something that we cannot deliver on.

Speaker: And questions to come back. And I want to close out with a strong commitment because it shows up with a charter that will come back with a council

of partnership, both with community and also with community partner to sit on development and lending side, so absolutely. It will take partnership to lift this up.

Speaker: Lisa, is there any proposal that a, we have done and b, has worked?

Speaker: Yeah, we can serm bring back examples of projects, I think, it's an interesting question as you look back over 30 years of tiff plans, kind of, I think we would point to the action plans and more resent implementation of tiff through action plans relative to looking back 30 years. We're often early investment was heavenly in mass transit as a much to city's transportation chair.

Speaker: My only last thing is, please don't wait until November when you want us to vote, with the information.

Speaker: Okay, with that i'll hand over the deck to oscar, candace and eddie.

Speaker: Thank you, lisa. Just the next slide please, great. Good afternoon, my name is oscar and I serve as the community development director at the native American and youth family center, also known as nea. I've had the honor of serving in this way for six years and also a member of the leadership committee and I'm proud to have been involved in this process for its initial concept which began about four years ago. When a group of colleague leaders came together to discuss using tiff differently and using it to support community lead neighborhood priorities. Next slide. As you already heard, it's important to acknowledge that part of the exploration process builds on existing existing work established through the neighborhood network which is supported by prosper Portland. The network is the city's signature community economic development initiative focused on creating economic opportunities targeting small business, low income and communities of color throughout various neighborhoods through Portland. 7 districts make up the network and we're fortunate enough to have two of those districts in cully. You'll get to hear from the 42 district manager in a few minutes. Districts are support and

lead by community economic development organizations and include the input and guidance of neighborhood businesses, residents and partners. Each district can tailor their approach and strategies based on the unique strengths and assets of the neighborhood. However, the overarching of all districts is to be community centered and utilize an economic approach that is inclusive and focused on community and business stabilization. I also want to acknowledge that the prosperity network was largely informed thanks to the vision and advocacy of previous community leaders whose work and legacy we're building upon. One of those voices was Ray Espana the previous community director at NEA. Next slide, these organizations have been involved in the Cully TIF exploration process. These are organizations who have interfaced and partnered together for more than a decade. Their work has focused on neighborhood displacement strategies, targeting low income and BIPOC community through advocacy and housing and economic opportunities. Strong relationships and trust have been built over the time as we've done our work. These were critical elements as we began to engage with Prosper Portland. Also, having R47 Avenue and CBA engaged helped everyone better understand the success and challenges that the district has phased managing TIF while supporting small business over the last decade. Because of the strong network already doing important work. They have witnessed both success and challenges. For example in 2017, the Normandy Apartments in Cully were sold and modest improvements were made to the property and rents doubled for existing residents. The property led to the displacement of at least 17 families. If TIF resources had been available then, there could have been an opportunity to step in and use this tool to prevent displacements. We've already had some great successes recently with four housing developments in the last four to five years. The original vision and intent of some of these developments were to include

affordable commercial in the first floor. Resources limitations prevented a community base developers from being able to execute the original vision of these developments. If we had access to tiff resources, there could have been an opportunity to create affordable and affordable spaces in cully. I do want to highlight an example of small business that has benefited through tiff through 42 avenue work. Start with a home business with a handful of employees and moved into affordable commercial space. Creative use of tiff, eqc has now expand their business to different location and ploys more than 100 people. So the established relationship trust and cohees I have that exist in the neighborhood are important assets for the success of this process. An action mroeration leadership committee made of two represents plus an additional five community members at large has been carefully looking into how tiff can be used to stabilize community members, support small and ipoc businesses and create local job opportunities. And agreements in memberships. About four years to get to this point today. Now I'm going to hand it over to candace to talk about how we got here.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor. I'm candace she her pronoun again, I'm executive director of verde, and hyme tore to talk about our process and preliminary report. So we can go to next slide. And communitied base staff essentially. We were awarded 170,000 for metro and pause for Portland contributed 150,000 which includes 50,000 from the general fund. So all 7 community organizations joined the leadership committee and living color staff provided logitic al and administrative support for this process. During 2020 and 2021 extensive engagement was done which eddie is going to talk about in a moment which all lead to a preliminary support of summer of 2021. This provided context on the cully area, vision, goals and early thoughts on potential boundaries, investment and governorance. And importantly, it established a commitment and

intent to pursue the creation of a district. Next slide. There are a lot of reasons to focus on cully, we saw a neighborhood was changing and we saw market pressures pushing some of our neighborhood and our neighborhood businesses out. So we needed more resources to help people stay in place and benefit from growth rather than be pushed uh by it. They have a strong community of relationship in the district and cbos to capacity within the c b.c. And neighborhood prosperity initiative partners. And the community developed a preliminary report that identified some challenges in the community from sparce commercial development, to poor our unsafe walk ability to potential redevelopable, that's a hard would bedsinger ground fields. Next slide. So preliminary report also identified a vision for the work which was carried into the tiff plan and I'm going to read that vision to you. It states, the community long term vision is to transform cully into a place that provides long term residents particularly for communities. People of color and ipoc businesses and safe and accessible transportation options and parks and open spaces, a clean and healthy environment, climate resiliency with places and programs that reflect the culture diversity of bipoc. So with that I'm going to pass it over to eddie to talk about what got us to this place.

Speaker: Hi, candace, can everybody hear me okay? Perfect. So I want to talk about the community engagement that we all did together on the left side on green side, you'll see that prosper Portland lead a browder engagement with more institutions like neighborhood associations. They also held public open houses and shared updates on our work and gathered broader input. That was happening simultaneously alongside elcs engagement committee. This committee lead, community specific focus groups and other types of engagements for deep community base engagement with a really strong lens of equity. That side you'll see on the purple side. Focusing on the particular, demographic in the community. The

e o.c.s engagement was critical do drafting the community report that has been presented to you and formed foundation for tiff plan and the report. Is it on going interactive process with the elc checking back with the community from time to time on key issues as they occur during the tiff plan and report. On areas like community language, which you'll hear later in the presentation. Next slide please. So I'm going to share with all of you, the three different phases that we went through as we were doing our community engagement. Phase 1 was really about, the educational process for the community of about what tiff is and how this tool can be used here in the community. Focused on community members those most at risk of displacement. Phase two was a series of focus on broader community and surrounding areas as well as target out reach to community members. In this process, in phase 2, we really created the tiff documents. This lead us to form another phase. This was a more in depth conversation about certain topics of the tiff tiff governornance and on going support we needed to ensure community involvement throughout the lifetime of this district. This is bringing in to see. That we have all participated in. We held 40 a focus groups. We reached more than 500 cully participants and have received 400 qualified surveys. What we heard from the cully community. What we heard is form the tiff plan particularly the guiding principles and the project list which will we'll get into come this November. But what I want to share is what candace just touched on, not what we have heard from the community but we'll continue to see about losing our community members and our businesses. We really see that we need more resources to help our community members especially those who have been historically displaced. So stay in place as they live, work and thrive in cully and benefit from the growth rather than being pushed out by it. Next slide. And with that, I will pass it on to the next speaker. I'm going to talk -- ~

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan had a quick question, sorry about that matt.

Speaker: Eddie, can you go back to eddie?

Speaker: The question is, what the site looks like when you're connecting with the homeless and low income families? Give me an example of that what that deepen gaugement is like. I'm just curious.

Speaker: Yeah, that's a great question. So some of our community agencies, went directly to our homeless population and surveyed them. And just like, step one of the phase 2 and 3, went back to the from their perspective what they want to see. What is important for them. This was done with our home renters, it was done with our african community population, our indigenous community and even business owners. So almost all of the focus groups we held were very specific in the group that rereached out to. --we reached out to.

Speaker: And there were multiple, how did you do during covid? These are people that didn't have access to the internet? So it was in-person? I'm just trying to get a better flavor.

Speaker: Yeah, it unfortunately was heavier on the virtual side but there were in-person focus groups. For instance, I believe that all of the homeless population was in-person. And a lot of this, data lives online in the cully website.

Speaker: Great, thank you, sorry for the interruption.

Speaker: Okay, so I'm going to talk about the how the tiff district is different.

Speaker: Matt, can you give us a sense of how much longer the presentation is, I just want to make sure that we hold our quorum fm

Speaker: It's three more slides and a little bit of testimony.

Speaker: Perfect, thank you.

Speaker: Great, so i'll focus on the tiff district is different both in terms of where ended up as well as the process to get feedback on what additional information you

want before November. Next slide please. So as tiff, action plans to guide our investments in the future. Obviously there are economic real estate markets that will have impact on our work and the market's work. We use out reach and City Council and Portland board will have decision making authority and legal liability around establishing the district and budget and implementing the programs. What is different is this was a cocreated process with the community initialed by the community as a way to identify funding that can help support community project that would stabilize businesses, households and community institutions as well the neighborhood changed overtime. Community invited the committee to the table. And there was prioritization in engaging with groups and individuals vulnerable to displacement. There was deeper engagement around accountability and oversight and as you hear in November, that lead to a proposal around a cocreated governornance structure and oversight structure with community cocreating with the city on the five-year action plans and programs that are implemented. And then we have a project list that is intentionally focused on stabilization and anti displacement for businesses and community institutions and households are rather than large scale spending an infrastructure which is one of the big lessons learned. In the tiff district past, that the city has focused infrastructure rather than preventing displacement and stabilizing business households. Next slide. So i'll read this into the record because I think it's important. We spent a lot of time working in partnership to identify who the priorities were for this district and who would be supported for the programs implemented. So priority communities refers to the intended ben fish --beneficiaries and refugees of status, with disability, people of color, houseless people, low income people and other groups that vulnerable to ex concluding from cully due to gentrification and displacement. Next slide please. And finally just to get a quick process overview, as mentioned this process has been

going on for about four years. And we just recently entered a formal stages now that there is a proposal between the city agents and community. The Portland board moved to move this to council for consideration. Just yesterday evening, the planning commission voted to move this forward to City Council for consideration, we're in the process of conferring with the taxing systems such as county and public schools. And this November we plan to bring the question before City Council and we're here today to better understand the questions you may have. With that, I believe we're moving on to invited testimony and i'll pass it back to lisa.

Speaker: Before you get to invited testimony, can I put a marker to prior to November. I don't want it today, we're pushing hour 7 collectively and I don't want to torture my colleagues. But I do want to know the economic hydraulics. So I want a more thorough briefing and how specifically, those recovered dollars will go to the communities that you identified. I think those are all, very worth, it's a very worth while goal and I really appreciate the concept that has been developed. I just want to see some of the under pinning financials and get a better understanding.

Speaker: Sure thing.

Speaker: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Speaker: Mayor if I may.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: On that same note, matt, you were talking about the tiff districts have done in the past. And I would challenge you that many of the transportation projects you talked about, though they happen in tiff, tiff didn't pay for them, because it was a transportation project. So I'm with the mayor. I need more clarity. Again, I don't like making promises that we cannot with a straight face believe that we can keep. And what I heard so far, worries me greatly. I understand what the community wants, it's what the folks in northeast wanted and look what happened

with them. I know what the folks in cully want, but I did not see a path. I understand that you've been talking for years and they have voted but I have no clue what they voted to do.

Speaker: All right, matt, can you introduce our guest speakers?

Speaker: Yes, I can work with lisa on that. Just a follow-up, we can definitely follow-up and I do want to mention that around the transportation specifically, the tiff has been used often as match funding for but we can also follow-up with more information with November.

Speaker: And to be clear, we're not doubting the sighting but we want to see them more explicitly. She says she's doubting it, I just want to see the numbers. We'll roll through them together. Thank you.

Speaker: So first up, I believe we have a video from tracy wells bRyant that the clerk is able to bring up. And while that is happening, tracy is an education specialist at pc c will you abouts a member of the community exploration community committee.

Speaker: Hello and thank you for this opportunity to be able to share with the council. I'm tracy wells brian and I've worked for over 20 years in the cully neighborhood with Portland community college opportunity centers. I serve as a training and education specialist including serving career services. For the most part, I connect and under served students to career education and employment opportunities. I worked for about a year and a half with the stirring committee and more recently as part of the oversight committee with r-42 avenue. During this time, I learned a lot and I've had the privilege of working with the team of very invested individuals where we have leaned in with great intentionality and commitment to hearing the community. We've had conversations on a real grass roots level and strife hard to collect the community voices and experiences of those

that live and work and play in Cully. As a result we've been able to rethink and reshape how we can do things differently in light of access and equity and inclusion related to business and economic development. However, what I feel most passionate about sharing with you is acknowledging the past harms. It's no secret of the negative impacts that renewal plans have. From neighborhoods being completely divided by new developments, poor transit decisions just multiple decisions and projects that have left so many Black residents and families broken. Communities broken to displacement is this from all that has been familiar to them from everything that has been accessible and everything that has been considered home and so many more. This past in the residual impacts are still there and including there is a lost current anxiety that still exist for many as they hear about new plans like this. Our change work, however I feel is addressing these challenges, the intention of this TIF district is to use the same tools that have harmed to instead help and repair and restore and develop more sustainable inclusive community. I believe this is also driven that we have taken not only a community approach but meaning that in the past decision makers have made decisions about what they think are best for neighborhoods. And I agree that we're all learning more about the overarching needs in our community. So as I conclude I would like to say that I believe this TIF district will create access and opportunity for Cully residents, more importantly it gives Cully residents to help shape the changes that need to be made in a real sustainable way in their own communities. So thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Speaker: Mayor that is all the invited testimony that we have, although I do believe there may be a community member or two who are on the exploratory committee that are in chamber or zoom.

Speaker: Very good, why don't we go through the list and if there is anybody else that would like to testify, we'll leave that opportunity.

Speaker: We have six individuals signed up. First is Jonathan Garcia.

Speaker: Three minutes, name for the record.

Speaker: **Speaker:** Good afternoon, I'm Jonathan Garcia, and I have the incredible honor to serve as chief of staff for the public schools. Chance to comment on the Tiff report which is before you today with the vote scheduled in early November. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Prosper team earlier this week. After more than a decade since they were last engaged I'm pleased that we're in the table which is home to hundreds of families. For the next four decades, they will divert significant dollars--[no audio].

Speaker: Why don't we go to the next individual and then we'll pop him back in.

Speaker: Next we have Elizabeth DeJesus.

Speaker: Good afternoon, I'm Lisbeth DeJesus Lopez, I live in Cully, I'm a mom and I've participated in the Prosper team member and I was a community engagement leader for the Tiff Cully process. I'm going to talk about my story of living in Cully for almost 15 years, so I'm not able to buy a house because there is a lot of barriers during the process. One barrier is because I'm a mom that wants to take care of my kids and I'm not working. And my partner who has a whole income does not have a social security so that's the reason that we have not bought a house for our kids. My goal for the future is to see that we could buy a house and also affordable and I want my kids to have a yard for them to play. And also for other people in our community. And I also want to mention that by having Tiff in Cully is going to make more opportunities for them. And also, by having community involved it will share information and multiple languages, one really important thing about using Tiff is create more opportunities for permanent affordable home ownership. The reason why this

is important is that the neighbors have only have four people of color living in apartments and rich white people living in the house. We need to make sure that there is a mixture of families in the neighborhood. We're tired of advocating, we want to see action. And that's it.

Speaker: Thank you elizabeth, we appreciate your testimony. Jonathan are you back. Sorry we lost you there for a minute.

Speaker: Speaker: no worries, if it's okay, i'll start. I'm jonathan garcia, and I have the incredible to serve as chief of staff for the Portland public schools. Thank you for letting me comment on the tiff cully report. We had a chance to meet with the team earlier this week. I'm pleased we are at the table to share in the reinvitation of cully which is home to pps families. As a taxing authority for the next four decades, they will divert significant dollars to the schools. I'm excited about the investment and the thriving future that it will bring students and staff especially our black native communities of color. As you're also aware, pps is a steward of three property within the proposed tiff. And early education center, the third site is pps largest undeveloped parcel which add jaounts Portland parks and rec. This parcel will be the future site as outlined in our school districts ten-year long-range facility plan accepted by pps board of education, last December. Later today, my office will share this plan with yours. I understand you're just receiving this proposal today. Please note that we'll engage our board of education and staff and circle back with you for your November vote. Note that we too remain hopeful for the success and its impact. Our future athletic hub in the eater of cully will serve as another example. Thank you again for your time and for your partnership and serving our city students and families.

Speaker: Thanks jonathan, we appreciate it very much.

Speaker: It's great to see you, thank you.

Speaker: I just my information about the property public school owns. This is my project here, black family village. It's Portland Oregon black family image, it's a project that I've been working on for years. Reclaiming that property that he was just talking about, trying to do some pledge properties there. The property was a high school built in 69 and it was jefferson high school student body, and majority of the student body was african Americans. And what they did, they separated 48% of stud ernst, they sent to adams high school. 2% of black students from grant were sent there. So it's always been the focus of african Americans on that property. So I was trying to bring something that to the property that we have looked at for years as ours. My project is, this also threw me off. I was a covid survivor, I was in hospital for 6 to weeks. But it's important to be here today. It's a school that, it was a trade school as well as a high school. Graduated with a diploma well as apprentice in the trade. Her whole profession was an education and I wanted to name the school up to her. She has been in schools for 40 years just retired. And that would bring some pride for the black people to live in the community. And she's had generation sxz her family that have gone into education because of her. And also, that means something? [ringing bell] and also, also a libraries part of this program. This is all focus on the education, the library, I want to the name up to judge haggerty retired, he was a federal judge. He bought two white supremacy judges. He went to jefferson high school, he still lives in the community. And I wanted to bring something to the community that students can look up to. That's something that we really need in our community. Black people really don't have a presence. I want a building in cully, my wife is a hair stylist. But cully, I would like to represent Portland as a whole. I'm for this project because of the dollars involved, we need the dollars to do a project like this. So yeah, the name, judge haggerty and it was a community center. And a community center, michele, she worked for the Portland

pu blikz. And she worked under the charles assistant. This is a very involved project. It's been sitting there for 20 years and nothing has been done with it. Living in the community, we put up a lot of different things with that property. They became vacant, it's almost like an ice sore for about five years. Because of what happened, they found the building had mold in it so they had to tear it down. So it was a raggedy building.

Speaker: Sorry, I have to have you wrap it up.

Speaker: You should have one of these.

Speaker: We do and I want to thank you, we're not at the point yet, we're collective good, we financing sort of way from the vision. Very well thank you.

Speaker: You have been working in this project long before I came to city hall. It sounds like Portland public schools is open to having a conversation as you said, I didn't know they had plans for that property as well. I know you've been talking about a sports facility, right? Today you're talking about a bunch of other stuff and in addition to the sports facility. When you come back and talk to us, it will be informed by the relationship and partnership will be for public schools that own that property. And I'm happy to be a champion of something that is logical and makes sense and you heard me say earlier, I will never say we can do something that I can believe we can't do which is why I had a lot of questions. It's a great time for you to start solidifying that relationship.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: You're welcome.

Speaker: Grateful for you being here today. Thanks.

Speaker: Next we have gary hollins.

Speaker: Gary. Thank you for your patience sir, you've been here for a while too, thank you.

Speaker: No worries, first time for me so bear with me. I had a whole speech but I understand the timepiece, so I'll keep it short. My daughter sent a text saying don't talk too long so I won't. I wanted to speak on a couple of things today and my support for the tiff district. First of all, I want to say thank you for the the questions, commissioner Hardesty that you asked. Those are some great questions and I think as we move forward and as you look at it, if you have any other suggestions on how we can move and act differently, we welcome all of those suggestions. I'm a member of the, the a lc leadership piece as well. But I wanted to really give thanks to Portland and Portland housing bureau and all the community members. They're, and for me it really shows the, the commission's leadership when it comes down to them. It was very engaging in the community engagement process. This is one of the best community engagement that I've seen moving forward. And it was very powerful because not only did they intentionally reach out, sometimes it was they were very persistent in reaching out. We also talked about communities. That was something that was hard fought to get in. But they heard us and they came back and they came up with something that was viable. I wanted to make sure that I gave thanks. The main reason that I'm here supporting this piece. I've been in the cully neighborhood for nearly 40 years. I moved over when I was 5. I lived over there, I have my house, my business started over there. That same house right now is 535,000. So you can see the change that happens, in the northeast, got priced out. A lot of folks moved over there. Sorry for the time. So I'll get to the -- --I'm going to make it quick. So the benefits for our kids and this is why I'm here. Is for them to see this cocreated plan that is going to have associate investment and livability investments. So that's my main reason for being here today in support of this project. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being here, I appreciate it.

Speaker: Next we have Robert Butler.

Speaker: Mr. Butler, welcome. Is he on?

Speaker: Robert are you able to unmute.

Speaker: Yeah, now we hear you. When you said no, you were actually unmuted. Say something. Hello.

Speaker: Speaker: okay,

Speaker: Yeah, we hear you.

Speaker: Speaker: I feel sorry for you. I'm just kind of surprised by this and behind the times, I founded the corridor association, by the way I'm Robert Butler for the record.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Speaker: good evening, council. This airport way, they did it and so but we were a brick and mortar thing. I will not give you the bigger picture which is renewal bonding in Portland currently is one million dollars. Million dollars. Oddly enough, legislature is very generous because of our Portland power. We've got another million dollars that we can borrow. I don't understand equity with that. So I also mentioned the urban renewal, takes the tax increments that help increase our police force and increase our fire, increase education, as we need more, this is how we get more money to provide more. And so, unfortunately, a third of our property taxes goes to Salem for K through 12 funding. That's differing a third of a million dollars that would go to Salem to support our state's education system. Now this is confusing, but blurticious when Portland borrows money from urban renewal, they're detouring state education money to the Cully neighborhood. We're making the rest of state of Oregon pay for the renewal bond. That is inequitable to mix other cities kids when they go to school have less money for the whole state because Kelly, because the neighborhood, your neighborhood Cully borrowed a third of a million dollars. So [bell ringing] I think you should look at the picture that

hey, its inequitable and the balance says for building and economy, hey, that's not equitable. And thank you for listening.

Speaker: Thank you, robert appreciate it.

Speaker: And that concludes testimony.

Speaker: Very good, is there anybody else here who wanted to speak who didn't get a chance. Very good, colleagues any further questions or comments? I know it's been a long day fm this is not the final word on this obviously, this is our introductory meeting.

Speaker: I noticed there is a typos, those are going to be fixed right? This goes into the record. I'll leave that to our council clerk. That's a big difference.

Speaker: In deed, it is.

Speaker: This is like official record.

Speaker: This is close captioning and I don't know if they go back and correct the record or not.

Speaker: Do you know, for the minutes the recording of this counts and we do edit as much as the close captioning before it goes in.

Speaker: There is a bunch of mistakes.

Speaker: If there are miss spellings, it's numbers.

Speaker: We'll fix it. There is a big difference.

Speaker: We're adding to tomas's tax bill, it's just so it will all even out.

Speaker: I'm okay with that.

Speaker: It just needs to be connect.

Speaker: --correct.

Speaker: You're 100%. And the close captioners have an extremely difficult job.

Speaker: Is it in india.

Speaker: Actually it's a local contract. Good people and they're here locally in the community and their fingers are falling off right now as we speak.

Speaker: As we're saying there, as we are preparing for this tiff, I'm looking forward to figuring out how we can understand a financing. I understand how the old tiff worked. But and you know, we can debate whether they were good or bad, but what we can't debate is people with a lot of people money for development that were part of that conversation. And I have not heard anything yet, that tells me how does that the development tell me about money. And I'm not sure, what how this all fits together? And I would be absolutely terrified to agree to something that is going to happen for 30 years without being concern that this model is a model that will say it will do what it said it was going to do. Didn't other tiff, say they were going to protect against displacement, that they were going to prioritize that they were going to make sure that they protected small businesses. And I cannot look at one tiff district where those promises are,--[indiscernible] and if you have one, they should present this to them. Based on what I know about tiff, it has not worked well for the people that are here prior to. So I'm very concerned.

Speaker: I would agree, that the record of tiff districts is mixed on those fronts. And I will just want to acknowledge, you know, what matt said, I think it was lisa probably, you said it up in her introductory remarks, this is a neighborhood coming to us and asking to us authority this district but with two important provisors. The first being that it be affirmative commitment and a plan in place, it's agreed to advance to prevent displacement. And the second was around the small business retention. And those are worthy, I think you and I are on the same page and my question of matt, is when do we see the underlying. I love the vision, i'll be honest, I love the vision, I think it's great. And I want to respect our community partners and who have brought this vision fabeder to the City Council for consideration. That is

somewhat different. Typically it's mayor's for City Council telling the community this is why we need to have a tiff district. This is the office of that. Which makes it exciting but I still want to see the underlying finances and I'm 100% certain that our county partners in particular but our school district partners will want to see the map as well. And I used to sit in that county seat and I was very spectacle, anytime the city, I was very skeptical about what the underlying finances are.

Speaker: I'm going to say I agree with you, the community came to us because they think we're smart enough to figure it out. I'm not convinced that we're smart enough to do tiff differently. I'm not sure what item community came, they saw from the districts that were not them. I just don't want to set the community up with false expectations that nothing is going to hatch because they're sitting at a table thinking that they're leading the effort. They're not hold hading the strings and that's the challenge. And we cannot commit this council past, we don't even know what the council looks like next year. That's another story. But anyway, we're allowed to move forward but I look forward to conversation.

Speaker: Thank you mr. Mayor and thanks to everybody who presented. I have a serious of questions that are for prosper staff. Given the hour, if you can take some notes and either in the future check in or the next time you come before council, it would be great if you can address the following questions. First, I applaud the anti displacement vision that is embedded at the same time. I know planning and sustainability. I know planning and sustainability is working on some an advertise placement plans. I want to learn more about the project and work that project and sustainability is doing on this. I think I also noticed that some of our current m.p. Is exist within the propoeds boundaries of this project. One of the things that I'm wondering about is what happens to our 42 and cully, should we stand this group up. Another question that I have, is who will run this district and how does this play

out? I assume that you have to stand up a new nonprofit with a board who will be in charge, what does that look like? Another question, I have is what tools in particular will the new tiff district offer. We're talking about store front improvement grants. I also understand some greater clarity. You need to spend your money on stuff. When I look at the presentation and I heard community voices, I think I hear people kind of looking for services. Staff, trying to figure out how you balance these two pieces. And then the final set of questions that I have, have to do with the housing component of this versus the community component of this. As I roughly understand it, this is a 350 million dollars project about half of these dollars, will go to the Portland housing bureau for affordable housing. And then the other half will go, we're loosely calling it tiff district which will, we kind of do community involvement. I'm interested in the interaction between the housing piece of these dollars and the community development piece of these dollars, this is going to be coordinated. Also there seems to be a strong housing component to the development piece. So how does that work with the other 135 million that we're going to give the housing bureau. For this project. I can go on but those five or six questions and issue areas are a good place to start. And with that, I'll turn off my mic and hand it over to Rubio.

Speaker: Before we get to commissioner Rubio, commissioner Mapp south side, process Fehr is ready to respond to your questions. If you would like to hold off.

Speaker: I think to be kind to my colleagues in council, why don't we bring it back to another time.

Speaker: And so.

Speaker: Do you really want to go now? Or I think I would be doing a favor.

Speaker: Why don't we do this, Kimberly and I exchange messages. Lis a you're keeping a clear record of the questions asked. Maybe what we can do is have a

more thoughtful email and send that out to council as a public record and then we can all see the answers to those, terrific.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Very briefly, this has been a good conversation. I do look forward to that deeper dive in the financing for this. But I do also want to lift up that this is a different kind of project. And for my time prior to sitting up here on the dais this has been going on for a long time. And they are, this is a different community centered driven project and I think that bears lifting up here. And it merits calling that out, because it is, something that is shifting paradigm, I look forward to more of this. It was great to hear, I wish we had more time but I look forward to the continued discussion.

Speaker: Very good and if that completes our questions, I entertain a motion.

Speaker: Motion.

Speaker: Second.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio seconds. Any further questions, seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Hardesty.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Rubio.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: I appreciate the, I thank the community members, I want to thank our partners Portland housing for the tremendous amount of work that you put into this as well as the work that yet to be done. For those listening, this is the first part of the public process. There will be a lot of other opportunities to chime in on it and as you heard, the council, we're hearing this for a first time. We have lots of questions about it, and you have lots of questions about it and we'll learn together with the goal of coming back finally in November for a final vote yes or no on this great proposal. So, with that, I vote aye. The report is accepted. And we are adjourned. [gavel]