



## May 17-18, 2023 Council Agenda

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### Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:30 am

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**Session Status:** Recessed

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 11:31 a.m. and reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:41 p.m.

### Communications

376

[Request of Erica Gustavson to address Council regarding charter resolution consideration](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 376-2023

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Sherry Dahlen to address Council regarding Safe Rest Village](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 377-2023

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Susan Bladholm to address Council regarding FY 2023-24 budget](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 378-2023

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Bob Savage to address Council regarding effective date of banning tents in relation to Safe Rest Villages](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 379-2023

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Chris Reid to address Council regarding SW Capitol Hwy Rose Lane Project update](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 380-2023

**Disposition:** Placed on File

## Time Certain

381

[Authorize eight grant or intergovernmental agreements related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program for a total amount up to \\$100,000](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191289

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

**Time certain:** 9:45 am

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

## Consent Agenda

382

[\\*Pay property damage claim of Janet Kelley for \\$15,636 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191274

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

383

[\\*Authorize Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse property owner at 6837 NE 6th Ave for sewer user fees in the amount of \\$6,181](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191275

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

384

[Authorize the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation and others for cooperative assistance during emergency conditions](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191286

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

385

[\\*Amend contract with African American Alliance for Homeownership for the Homeowner Asset Preservation Program to increase amount by \\$21,000 \(amend Contract 32002786\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191276

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Regular Agenda

386

[Accept the Police Accountability Commission Quarterly Report for January-March 2023](#) (Report)

**Document number:** 386-2023

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** Community Safety Division

**Time requested:** 20 minutes

**Disposition:** Accepted

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

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea  
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea  
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

387

[\\*Pay settlement of Donovan Farley bodily injury lawsuit for \\$50,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#)  
(Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191277

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

388

[Amend contract with Gresham Automotive, Inc. dba Gresham Ford to increase the not to exceed amount by \\$10 million for purchase of fleet vehicles \(amend Contract 31002055\)](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191278

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 368.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

389

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Mt Scott Community Center Seismic Retrofit and Expansion Project for an estimated cost of \\$28,300,000](#)  
(Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191288

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Parks & Recreation

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

390

[\\*Amend price agreement with Infor Public Sector, Inc. for the Infor Public Sector/Water Asset Management System Replacement Project to extend term an additional five years for \\$9,163,708 \(amend Price Agreement 31001571\) \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 191279

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

391

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County Health Department for \\$129,000 to conduct lead-related public health services for the Lead Hazard Reduction Program](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191290

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

392

[Authorize the Regulated Affordable Multifamily Assistance Program pilot to provide utility bill discounts to multifamily properties approved for the Non-Profit Low Income Housing Limited Tax Exemption Program](#) (Ordinance)

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety

393

[\\*Authorize new construction financing for an affordable housing project located at 1131 SE Oak St to be developed by Francis + Clare Place Limited Partnership or a Catholic Charities of Oregon affiliate not to exceed \\$9,421,891 \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 191280

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Time requested:** 20 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Four-Fifths Agenda

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[\\*Centralize the City's planning of the 2023 Rose Festival for improved and efficient coordination and public safety \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 191281

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

**Bureau:** Emergency Management

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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[\\*Ratify Letter of Agreement with the Portland Fire Fighters' Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 43, to settle an Unfair Labor Practice Complaint](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 191282

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** Human Resources; Management and Finance

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Wednesday, May 17, 2023 2:00 pm

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**Session Status:** Recessed

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Council convened at 2:06 p.m.

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:18 p.m.

Council recessed at 5:14 p.m.



## Time Certain

394

[Approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget for the City of Portland \(Mayor convenes Council as Budget Committee\)](#)  
(Report)

**Document number:** 394-2023

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** City Budget Office

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 3 hours

**Disposition:** Placed on File As Amended

Motion to approve technical change to Attachment B: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan.

Mayor Ted Wheeler Amendments

- 1) Motion to update policy on Five-Year Financial Planning timelines and submissions: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)
- 2) Motion to develop policy and process for timing of revenue bonds for utilities: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)
- 3) Motion for inventory and review of bureau-specific fees: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)
- 4) Motion to reduce rate growth for Water Bureau water retail rates to the FY 2022-23 forecast of 7.7% growth: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-3 Ryan, Rubio, Wheeler; N-2 Gonzalez, Mapps)
- 5) Motion to reduce rate growth for Bureau of Environmental Services sewer rates to the FY 2022-23 forecast of 3.15%: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Rubio. (Y-3 Ryan, Rubio, Wheeler; N-2 Gonzalez, Mapps)
- 6) Motion to reduce on-street metered parking by \$.40 per hour in the Portland Bureau of Transportation FY 2023-24 Budget Transportation Operating Fund: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-1 Wheeler; N-4 Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio). Motion failed to pass.

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Amendments

- 1) Motion to maintain FY 2023-24 System Development Charges at FY 2022-23 rates: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)
- 2) Motion to centralize coordination of forecasts FY 2024-25 Budget Development: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Amendments

- 1) Motion to provide direction for call response and allocation review for medical response: Moved by Gonzalez and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)
- 2) Motion for overtime analysis and reporting structure for Portland Fire and Rescue: Moved by Gonzalez and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)
- 3) Motion to realign \$400,000 in one-time General Fund discretionary resources allocated to the Community Safety Division in the Office of Management & Finance to the Portland Fire Bureau for onboarding and training new Fire Fighters: Moved by Gonzalez and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio; N-Wheeler)

Commissioner Dan Ryan Amendments

- 1) Motion for assessment of City Arts Program and future agreements: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)
- 2) Motion for outgoing City grants policy and process review: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Commissioner Dan Ryan and Commissioner Carmen Rubio Amendment

1) Motion for one-time funding for the Diversity and Civic Leadership program: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Commissioner Mapps Amendment

1) Motion to reduce on-street metered parking by \$.20 per hour in the Portland Bureau of Transportation FY 2023-24 Budget Transportation Operating Fund: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-4 Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio; N-1 Wheeler)

Motion to approve changes to the Proposed Budget as presented in the Memo and Attachments B, C and D as amended by the individual floor amendments: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-5)

Motion to approve the Budget as amended: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Rubio. (Y-Ryan, Gonzalez, Rubio, Wheeler; N-Mapps)

Motion to approve Tax Levies: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-5)

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**Thursday, May 18, 2023 2:00 pm**

**Session Status:** Adjourned

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Christina Thomas, Acting Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

## Time Certain

395

[City Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to approve the FY 2023-24 Budget](#) (Report)

**Document number:** 395-2023

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Prosper Portland

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 30 minutes

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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

Record is kept by Prosper Portland Budget Committee Clerk.

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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Mayor Ted Wheeler

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Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Lauren King

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## **Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File**

May 17, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Hey, christina.

**Speaker:** Hey, Keelan. You sound good. Great. Thanks. Sure.

**Speaker:** Recording in progress.

**Speaker:** Gwen, today is may 17th, 2023.

**Speaker:** This is the morning session of the Portland City Council. Good morning, Keelan. Please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Good morning, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. Ryan here. Gonzales here. Mapps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

**Speaker:** We'll hear from legal counsel. Where is legal counsel ? We've lost our legal counsel. Has anybody taken any legal classes?

**Speaker:** I've taken a few.

**Speaker:** Anybody else? Keelan, can you go ahead and read the rules of order and decorum? Do you have them handy? Does anyone taken legal?

**Speaker:** Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually must sign up. No not you in advance on the council agenda at ww dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to

testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption or a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. We disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thanks

**Speaker:** Why don't we do this? Keelan. Let's go ahead and do communications. Megan can you find out if we can get legal counsel here? We'll obviously need them for the ordinances. Why don't we go ahead and start with communications. Please? First, erica gustafson to address council regarding charter resolution considerations.

**Speaker:** Good morning.

**Speaker:** Thank you for being here. Okay. Okay good morning, everybody.

**Speaker:** My name is erica gustafson. I am here today to ask City Council to consider adopting a resolution regarding our new city charter. I, like many other Portlanders, welcome a change to our current form of government, but feel an important piece was left out of the original left out of the charter in its newest form. While I applaud the idea of making elections more fair and accessible to all classes of Portlanders to run for City Council, the thought of those who created these rules having a chance to exploit that in-depth knowledge to their own benefit would be appalling. Wrong. I am asking you today to adopt a resolution that states no



member of any of the various charter commissions be able to run for City Council for at least 2 to 4 years of the full implementation. As we are reading updates and watching the various new charter commissions do their work, it is becoming extremely apparent that this was a massive undertaking. And those in charge of overseeing the transition with regards to what we voted on versus pieces of the existing city charter that are not in alignment list. Turning to public comments in these commission meetings, it is very obvious that the larger voting population has no idea what we actually just voted on. When you get down to the details and that's why it would be a huge benefit to anyone serving on either the original charter commission or any of these newer commissions to run for an open seat. They understand the nuances, intent and any potential loopholes or ways to run that will give them a leg up on their competitors, which is not what the voters were looking for in trying to create a more equitable system of government representation. Temple eerily holding them off from running gives everybody a chance to level, set and figure out just how this new form of government is going to work for the people of Portland. We already know this form of voting has the potential to create incumbency based on the low threshold to be voted on, to be voted into office as being an office gives instant name recognition, which often makes it harder to win a seat over the incumbent in allowing members of any of the charter commissions to run for office right away. You're giving them a perpetual head start, whereas the voters wanted to break down the barriers of participation and tear apart insider politics that favor the few rather than the many. Rather than allow one more head start or insider leg up to just a small group of people. One way to level the playing field is to have a 2 to 4 year provision, one that says if you've already been in charge of making the rules, you do not get a head start in the first phase of implementation of this new form of electing people. Does it sound fair to you that

those who created the rules should now be able to benefit from them? Please consider the true spirit of what voters were looking for to have enacted and enshrined in our city code. This request to keep our future City Council elections as truly fair and equitable for all who attempt to run for office. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. And erika, I want to thank you for coming and testifying today. I understand. And your concerns. I also want to at least express my understanding of how the rules work here. I think in order to limit who could run for in order to implement your request, I think we'd have to send a proposal. We have to change the charter. I'm looking around to folks who might know what's going on, and I don't think that we have an election, which means we'd have to send it to the voters. And I don't think that we can. There are enough elections left between today and the new form of government coming in to actually implement what you have. But there are smarter people in the room who might have a more nuanced understand of what's going on. But I think that's how the process works. And again, thanks for coming in. Thanks, commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan. Thanks, mayor.

**Speaker:** Thank you, eric. I appreciate your testimony. There was a meeting that took place shortly after they made their recommendations and when they were starting to go to the public to roll it out. And I did ask the question that you're bringing up and the legal counsel had some replies. We could find that session in and allow you to listen to what legal how they responded to. My question that was basically similar to which is there a conflict of interest that when you're designing this to then not be allowed to be in office? S and I kind of thought back to my times when I've been on boards and such and running nonprofits and how if a board member, for example, wanted to be the finalist or be the next executive director,

that they wouldn't participate on a search committee. So I kind of did that parallel. I recall that there wasn't any concern, but I just wanted to let you know that this is in the public record, this dialog and legal counsel gave some feedback to it and our office could maybe high staff who's out there, jerry and jones will waive his hand. There's darian and maybe we could help you find that the public record of that dialog, which might be helpful. Okay thank you so much. Sorry, dan yeah.

**Speaker:** Commissioner gonzales. Thanks so much for testifying.

**Speaker:** Erika, I you know, I have some pretty deep concerns that the folks that will be voted running in two years for these seats are going to be largely made up of folks who are on the charter commission. And I'm concerned that it's going to breed a level of extremism that voters have consistently rejected in city commissioner races in the last couple of cycles. That that's what we're looking at in two years. I'm not sure how many people up here will choose to run for reelection under the new form of government and as for all those reasons, I have legitimate concerns about what's coming, notwithstanding. I'm not sure what the solution is at this point. And so I share the concerns about conflicts. I share the concerns about designing a process and then exploiting it for your own political career. And I'm concerned that while voters have consistently rejected extremism, um, in recent elections in the city of Portland, that is exactly what we're looking to get. Come November of 2024. So I'm hoping for some solutions in that regard.

**Speaker:** I can't help but to jump on this landmine myself. Thank you. By the way, this this is I think, the first time that somebody has come in to talk to the council about this. But it's certainly not the first time it's been raised. There's been a lot of questioning and speculation on about as commissioner Ryan said, is there a conflict of interest here and are there steps that we should take to abate some of that potential conflict? Here's here's what I think the solution is given what we know, if

somebody there are probably constitutional reasons why we could not exclude somebody for participating in the reform of government generally, even if they choose to run individually and specifically. So I mean, that's a that's a whole can of worms in and of itself. The question for me from my perspective is transparency. And if there are people who are shaping the new form of government who already know that they are going to run for office and have not disclosed that it as they have made decisions about how our government should be organized, that will become a campaign issue for them. And so in a sense, I believe there will be a public vetting of some of this some of this potential conflict, or at least they will have to give a good explanation. Glisan and from what I understand, based on the rules, based on how keep in mind, this isn't the City Council that created this. This was created by the voters under their own charter. It's the public saying how they want to be governed and then directing us to implement it. That government, which we're in the process of doing.

**Speaker:** Yeah, from what I understand though, it was very, very unclear to the voters. They were just desperate. And I do want to say something for the record that's complicated. It's complicated. And Candace Avalos, who 9% of the vote for Ms. Rubio's seat has stated publicly that she feels she would have won under this this new charter that she designed. She feels she would have won with that 9. She would have got the leftover votes of the top 25, the single transferable vote system is not fair, and it's not understood widely. That's something that's another topic. But someone who designed it, who is writing op eds for the Oregonian for a whole year, building a name, building a following who feels they would have won under what they designed, feels extremely unfair to me and I just wanted to state that for the record.

**Speaker:** Duly noted. And just to further throw gasoline on this bonfire, keep in mind that that it's not uncommon in American politics, in our political system for incumbents to have undue influence. Think about, for example, all the reshaping legislative districts, for example, and unless they cannot reach an agreement that is actually done by incumbent legislature voters and I have always just assumed, because I'm not that naive, I always assume behind closed doors there's a lot of horse trading going on. Yeah, I mean, you can only look at at the reelection rate of people in congress and you can't fail to come to the conclusion that the district seemed to favor certain people. And those districts are drawn by the people who currently are in place. And so I agree with you. It sort of gets back to the churchill comment. You know, it's the worst form of government except for everything else. Yeah, okay. But but your comment is duly noted. It's a public record. I don't think you're the only one who who shares it. And I think it will become an issue in some cases. That's my prediction. Okay. I really appreciate your being here. Okay. Thank you. Good discussion. Thank you. Next individual, please. Item. Let's say three three, 337, seven. I'm sorry.

**Speaker:** Request of sherry dolan to address council regarding the safe rest village. Welcome.

**Speaker:** Thanks for being here. Thanks for being here again, we obviously have moved forward on, but since I've been to see you, I have been to all of the sites that have been opened and the ones that aren't, including the one that's being litigated.

**Speaker:** I've talked to jake dornblaser, who who works with the transit committee and we have a couple of issues that are still pending. Number one, the placement of the kitchen and the toilets are right next to a neighbor's house who's house was left off of the original map that everyone was given. The house was just an empty lot. It's not an empty lot. The house has been there for 40 years, just like the house.

That was next door to it, that the city owned because the city owned it. So they would have enough property to put a water tower on it and then in early 2000, they tore it down because it was condemned. But there's a lot of that in in the lady that lived in it. His father worked for the water bureau. The person that tore it down was retired, the water bureau. So it was kind of incestuous, but it was torn down because it was condemned because she was using it for a meth lab. So we lived through the whole process of that. And now the people that live directly next to it, the sheriff rents with it, are living next to a toilet and a kitchen. When we all know that it had you dug the trenches, the sewers right there. The water is right there. We all know that the house was right there. But had you dug a trench 10 or 100ft back, it would have been on that extra lot that the city originally had bought the property for and not next to the neighbor's house. The other one, thank you for announcing that urban alchemy is going to be the service provider. There the little research that I've done on them, it seems like it could be a great fit or it could go down the drain. We'll see. The other one is this is the only facility, see, that has property that shares property in such an intimate way, say with the neighbors, the one at Multnomah village. Yeah, there's an elevation change there. The other one's don't share any. I mean even the one at menlo park, the lady that I talked to that had lived there for 30 years. It's across the street from her and it's totally different. Anyway we're worried about the satellite camping and the criminal activity continuing. So we would appreciate it if somebody would make the commitment to us that there would be 1000 foot instead of 150 foot. We know 1000 foot can be done. The city of Vancouver does expect 1000 foot camping ban on next to their safe dress villages. I went to their symposium and learned a little bit more about the san diego program that theirs is based on, and I'm hoping that you can take some of that, too. And on a lighter note, if anybody knows somebody that wants to

rent a seven bedroom, four and a half bath across the street from a safe rest village, let me know. Ours is vacant. As of June 1st. Thank you. Thank you. Anything, commissioner.

**Speaker:** Thanks for returning, sherry. It's good to see you. I know you've been in. We've been sending you all the communications, so we've done that. I am excited personally that tomorrow there'll be an opening. The site obviously is ready to welcome folks with urban alchemy. As a provider. I go there at least once a week. I think I'll just say it looks a lot better than it has in years and I appreciate all of your comments about that. It is closer. We each one is complicated and I hope that you will continue to stay engaged. And I hope and I obviously have to have a lot of hope when you're serving the city at this time and you keep doing the work methodically to improve conditions. And I hope, like many of the residents nearby and the other villages that you will see that we actually live up to our promise and conditions are better after they're open and operating than they were before. I realize you've been through a lot. I mean, when you explain the things that go back decades, it's good to hear those stories. Anyway, I see we hear you. And I know that the safe rest village team continues to keep you in the community loop. Yeah, I just don't think you really realize what it was.

**Speaker:** My daughter was married in the field. My granddaughter was born in the house. My daughter had a preschool for seven years. There where they got to do bear hunts in that field. All the time. After we started finding needles and the it was she was unable to continue with her preschool because of the safety issues. So, no, I don't really think you all understand what a big impact and right now my neighbor is out of internet because pg last Friday cut a line so they have no century 21. So they have no internet, no phone. So no, I don't think you guys understand the depths that these decisions that you make and those decisions that you make. You

know, most of us remember that you your tenure here isn't as long as our tenure as citizens. So all those people that we talk to, cats and everyone, you know in st. Johns, you're all different, right? But we're the same. And I want you to let you know that.

**Speaker:** Pg and centurylink are on it and that the safest village team is in communication with them.

**Speaker:** Okay. Yeah, I that and jake dornblaser has really good people skills. It was he was very kind and listen to us. One of the things he said, though, was that he that normally you don't talk to neighbors before you decide where to put things and as I heard you guys had talked to everybody but jake said that when it came to placing the kitchen and the toilets, we wouldn't have been considered. And that's kind of worrisome. Well we keep editing and cleaning up the mistakes, so it's new.

**Speaker:** It's we're building and yeah, when you there's a buffer zone impact reduction team is working on the map and so we'll continue to be in communication with you.

**Speaker:** Yeah. When you look at that south east site, it looks like a pretty wide open area. So consider that when you're putting in the kitchens and toilets, there and try to keep them away from the houses because there are a few there and communication with the architect and the construction people.

**Speaker:** Thanks. Thanks. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Next item 207 eight. It looks like they have cancer old, but do you need to read it?

**Speaker:** Yeah, i'll read it. Really quick. Request of susan bouldrome to address council regarding fy 20 2324 budget. Thank you.

**Speaker:** 379 please. Next request of bob savage to address council regarding effective date of banning tents in relation to safe rest villages.



**Speaker:** As I believe bob was planning to join us on line, but I don't see them.

**Speaker:** They're not here to see who's under the attendees. Bob, are you out there under a different name? Okay. I don't see them either. All right, good. Next item. 380, please request of chris reed to address council regarding southwest capital highway rose lane project update.

**Speaker:** Good morning chris.

**Speaker:** How are you today? Good. How are you?

**Speaker:** My name is chris reed. I am one of the owners and also manage 52% of the commercial property in the hillsdale town center. I come today on behalf of hillsdale business owners and residents to give you an update on the capital highway rose lane project. When the project was originally presented to us, we feared the lane would detour customers from crossing over the to enter the south side hillsdale shopping center. This is exactly what has happened. The south side shopping center has 18 businesses, 15 of them, 83% are small, locally owned shops. 33% of those report a drop in sales since the lane was installed and with a decline as much as 18% with trimet recently announced service changes reduction of routes in southwest Portland bus transit is far less accessible. Further few people are riding busses due to the southwest steep terrain and the lack of safe family friendly bicycle infrastructure. The southwest Portland is becoming a more car dependent with no reasonable alternatives. It makes no sense to construe an key transportation arterial for a small benefit of bus ridership. Our original concerns regarding the project have come true, with several new issues arisen, we did not foresee the dangerous hazards that the rose lane has caused for both drivers and pedestrians in creased greenhouse gases, which violates a key city goal. Increased infrastructure and increased frustration in drivers getting to and through hillsdale, resulting in an increased accidents and road rage use of the rose lane as a raceway,

making it dangerous for drivers, especially for pedestrians who have an increased anxiety about the safety of crossing capital, highway and a greater negative impact on the hillsdale businesses than anticipated. Pbot goal of the lane was to shave two minutes off of the travel time through hillsdale during peak traffic times. What has happened instead is that by restricting automobile traffic in one lane, traffic is backing up so far that the busses are delayed getting into their dedicated lane and far more time in the lane is spent and to buy buy more time it takes more longer to get into the lane than the lane is supposed to be savings saving their time. The goal of the hillsdale rose lane is failing the eastbound rose lane, hillsdale eastbound rose lane through hillsdale is absolutely devastating. Our local businesses as the westbound lane is causing cars to divert from hillsdale completely resulting in loss revenue opportunities and causing disruption and increase in residential traffic. The project is causing more harm than good negatively impacting the hillsdale community. We respectfully request that council reconsider the value of the of the lane. We unequivocally ask you to please remove the lane as quickly as possible. Please save our businesses and stop the negative impact in hillsdale and residential streets and community. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps. Sure, chris.

**Speaker:** Thank you for testifying today. I am well aware of your concerns about and the rose lanes in this neighborhood. I've gone out and talked to neighbors and done a site visit and I've talked to my bureau around it. Um, and I've asked the bureau to implement some changes that we're hoping will relieve congestion. So for example, we have gone in and basically tuned the traffic signals, which we're hoping and I believe there's some evidence that that's already beginning to reduce some of the traffic congestion. There will also go in and do some striping on the roads to clarify when and where you can turn. So we are watching those. We are

implementing, we've implemented, um, the light tuning project. We will be doing more striping and I continue to evaluate this project. I know I owe you guys an update and what I will promise you is, um, within a week, within a week, I will have shannon, who's my transportation person on my staff, reach out to you and other interested parties to give you a sense of where we are with our evaluation and what's likely to come next. All right.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you so much. Thank you. And commissioner, first of all, thank you for being this engaged in this at a personal level.

**Speaker:** I actually really appreciate that. And I've always had sort of a general question, and I don't want to put you on the spot because it's not really a question to you as much as it is pbob. But but there was a lot of discussion about this before it was put in and there were a lot of concerns that were expressed by the people in the immediate vicinity, yourself included. Indeed. And pbob made certain representations about what the goals of the project were. I would assume they have a process to go back and evaluate whether or not those goals are in fact being achieved and I would also assume that if the goals are not being achieved or it's not working the way pbob had hoped and expected, and based on information they had at that time that they would revise it. Is that a fair statement or do we know?

**Speaker:** I can't speak to I can't speak to the past, but I can give you a sense of how I try to manage the bureau's and my portfolio. If we implement a change and it's not achieving the goals that we want and indeed is doing maybe harm in the neighborhood, I'm not afraid to change course if you're doing the public's work, you're going to make some mistakes. Sometimes as you implement stuff, the important thing is to lean forward, try to literally build a better city. And where you fail, fail at that, recognize that and adjust. You might have noticed me do that with

trash for peace, where I think we had a great project working with the houseless around environmental protections, but it just didn't work out the way we had hoped. And I would say the rose lane, the rose lanes in this particular neighborhood kind of fall into a similar category where there are some important environmental goals. I'll remind you, you know, you know, thanks to the leadership of everybody on this council and commissioner Rubio in particular, we're trying to cut carbon emissions in this town by about 40% in the next seven years or so. That's a very heavy lift. It really kind of requires us to reimagine how we organize our lives as we've been sort of investing in that into that goal over time. Um, at the same time, it requires a lot of adjustments and there are going to be some situations where the investments that we make or the things we try just do not yield the results that we want. Um, and it is true, I've been out, you can see with these particular lanes there is some congestion, especially as you go up the hill and it is a little bit or it is confusing in terms of how you actually pull into the and into some of these shops along the road. Um, one I take very seriously. I know I need to get right if we're definitely not going to stick with the status quo, this kind of tuning, the lights, the improved road striping and we're going to continually tweak it and see if we're getting the results we want until we get it right. Mr. Mayor?

**Speaker:** Yeah. And i'll vouch for that. I've watched you engage personally on this. And frankly, it's impressive. As a colleague, I really appreciate it. Sure, sure, sure, sure.

**Speaker:** It's an important.

**Speaker:** We appreciate you, too. I appreciate the efforts and i'll definitely keep you posted.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Awesome. Hold me accountable, too. Pardon me. Hold me accountable, too. It's my job to get this right. All right. I appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Thank you for being here. We really appreciate it. Did any of the other folks show up? Who had not? Uh, let's bob savage?

**Speaker:** No.

**Speaker:** All right. We'll go to the consent agenda, please. Have any items been removed from the consent agenda? Nothing's been pulled. Call the roll, Ryan. Hi, gonzales.

**Speaker:** Hi, maps. Hi Rubio. Hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** All right. The consent agenda is adopted. We'll go back to the first time. Certain item on the agenda, please. Item number 381. Authorize eight grant or intergovernmental agreements related to the community.

**Speaker:** Watershed stewardship program for a total amount up to \$100,000. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues this item comes to us from the bureau of environmental services. As today's ordinance authorizes, environmental services. To allocate \$100,000 to eight stewardship grants and numerous native plant certificates. These awards are important because they engage community members in one of environmental service core missions protecting the environment. Here is some history on this project. Back in 1995, environmental services developed the community watershed stewardship program, which provides grants and technical assistance for community led watershed projects. Since 1995. More than 340 projects have been funded through this program. This year marks the 28th time this council has awarded community watershed stewardship grants. This year, awards will help support small, hyper hyperlocal restoration, education and leadership development projects. These projects include native are planting native veggies, nation teaching stewardship of natural areas, cleaning up litter near waterways and educating Portlanders about their natural

world and watershed health. All four of this year's awardees are new to the program. Three of these serve refugees from eastern african nations, slavic nations and the middle east. One serves black youth. Another group is returning to teach east Portland youth watershed science in a cultural, highly appropriate setting and six projects involve environmental, mental education and stewardship practices, with hundreds of elementary and high school students. Today we have of three, I think, speakers who will tell us more about this ordinance. We have darryl houtman and kathy dank, lead staff from environmental services community watershed stewardship program. I think online on we have professor judy blue horse skelton with wsu's indigenous nation studies department and we have bear cunning ham goodell, a psu student, and bts program intern. I want to thank everyone for being here today and I will turn the presentation over to our invited speakers. Good morning, everyone.

**Speaker:** I'm kathy deng with the wisp team here today. Thank you, commissioner Mapps for bringing this forward. And thank you, mayor Wheeler and City Council members for having us here today. It's good to be here and we're excited to share some great news about our upcoming grantees for the next fiscal year. Next slide, please. Each year we come to council to request authorization for funds for quispe grants, our community watershed stewardship program in 2012, quispe conducted an equity audit and incorporated leadership by underserved communities in its selection criteria. That practice continues today. This year's projects represent eight community organizations and as mentioned, four of the awardees are brand new to quispe, and six projects focus on environmental education, with 228 youth activities will engage more than 500 adult volunteer hours. And these are from all areas of the city, with four organizations serving east Portland communities. We'll share more about these exciting projects in a moment. And now I'd like to

introduce professor judy blucher skelton with psu indigenous nation studies department to discuss our partnership. That's smiley.

**Speaker:** Good morning. I'm judy blue horse skelton nimiipuu cherokee and assistant professor in indigenous nation studies. It's good to be here. Um, we're excited about the ongoing relationship our intergovernmental agreement with the folks at the bureau of environmental services, but really excited about the opportunities that our indigenous nations studies students have as internship with the staff and with the community that they're engaging with in the Portland metro area on water and centered on communities who may be new to the area and are learning for the first time about our waterways, about our native plants and how we have lived here in a good way for a long time. Um, the engagement with bipoc communities is also been a healthy healing process. The community and relationships are long term. The opportunity cities for puts polyrhaphis and bear cunningham, goodell this cycle have been really exciting and just want to stress that as we look at climate changing, we're in it right now and over the years how people can stay resilient, how our urban community of plants and waterways can stay healthy and resilient to heat change. Um, our students are part of that conversation and they're sharing indigenous traditional ecological and cultural knowledge as part of the work they bring to the cities bureau of environmental services. When they're engaging with diverse communities and the k through 12 and college age and community folks. So we're really excited for our relationships, um, and appreciate the commitment of the staff. Daryl and kathy, jennifer devlin and so many others in this program over the years. So really happy to be here and thank you. Ktla thank you, judy.

**Speaker:** And next slide, please. Is. Advance one more.

**Speaker:** Okay, advance.

**Speaker:** One more. Thank you. Okay

**Speaker:** I'm. I'm bear. I Zealand pronouns and I'm a senior at Portland state. I'm the 2023 2024 fiscal year intern for the community watershed stewardship program. And I will be speaking on the projects that we're hoping to fund this year. So first off, is a black men in training, which will provide environmental education that prepares older black teens to lead and share knowledge with younger youth. Beamit staff will accompany a culturally specific naturalist as youth learn about their natural world and watershed health. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council will work with community members to restore boat launch area to preserve tree canopy and improve of fresh water resources along the Columbia Slough. This project includes youth workforce development with interns from Parkrose High School. Next slide. The Division Midway Alliance will build on an existing youth environment leadership program to involve east Portland refugee youth in learning and sharing about watershed concepts with culturally relevant instruction. Youth will visit Leach Botanical Garden, create a mural and coordinate a neighborhood cleanup day. The Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center will recruit and train ambassadors to provide environmental knowledge to the community. Participants will include youth mothers and seniors with special focus on youth engagement and environmental responsibility. Next slide. The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership will provide the connecting students with science curriculum to elementary schools, environmental educators and school teachers will work together to deliver local ecology lessons in class, followed by a field trip and hands on restoration project in Forest Park. Portland refugee support group will educate refugee youth about their new environment, offer tools for environmental responsibility and share this knowledge with their community. Activities include workshops, visits to Tryon Creek, watershed and native planting projects at Leach



botanical garden. Next slide. The slavic community center of the northwest will create a gathering garden for community healing. Planting viburnum, a native plant to Portland and a symbol of the courage of the ukrainian people. Participants will work with the columbia slough watershed council to clean up a boat launch area on the slough and create a welcoming space for all. Then last lastly, we have solve, which will partner with dignity village to plan and implement two litter cleanups near waterways of the columbia slough. Dignity village will help communicate with people living in the area about the events and provide outreach, support and services during events. This concludes our presentation. We would like to thank you again for this opportunity. This time we'd like to turn it over to comments or questions from commissioner Mapps or the rest of council.

**Speaker:** Mr. Mayor, number one, I want to thank our panelists for their presentation. I want to share with everyone you can hear my voice how excited I am about this program. I'll tell you this is just a really smart and efficient way to get the community involved in our core mission of protecting the environment. I'll also point out that I know many of the programs that have received awards this year as I'm sure a lot of you do. It's great to see so many in such a diverse array of communities involved in this work. I just want to thank staff and everyone else who helped make this happen. I'm not sure if we have public testimony on this today. I suspect that we do not know. Okay. Mr. Mayor, i'll hand it back to you.

**Speaker:** Very good. I'll just throw in commissioner Ryan. Why don't you go first? Your hand was up. Go for it.

**Speaker:** First of all, thank you, mayor. That was a great presentation. And also, judy, professor blue horse skelton, thank you for your presentation. Glisan at the beginning commissioner Mapps this program has been going on a while and it's great. And it said, how many awards have been given out? How much money has

been invested? And then I hear snippets of impact. But my suggestion would be in that slide, it would say something to the point about some of the results that we've received from these, and I can tell that some of them seem to vibe off of one another. They work with one another, there's partnerships. And so I'd like to hear more of those stories as we go forward. And then my next question on this is now a question is, is pcef when I listened to pcef grants and I listened to this, there's similarities. Is there an overlap? Is there leveraging going on that I don't know about?

**Speaker:** There's actually one overlap this year, this fiscal year. You know, I think pcef spans multiple fiscal years. Quispe is tied to the fiscal year. And so during the period of fiscal year 24, there is one it's the Ethiopia Eritrean Service Group. And they they are a piece of grantee and then they're the services that they'll be providing in our separate services in addition to what the grants will fund. That's a great example.

**Speaker:** Eric. Thank you. Yeah and I think the public wants to keep learning more about how we're one, expanding their investments and then how we're getting leverage and impact out of it. So I just didn't want to miss the opportune city to connect some dots here.

**Speaker:** Yeah, happy to do that. Absolutely these are great programs and I really appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Thank you for coming in today. And I just want to say, I was smiling when you called the program Quispe. I'm of a certain age, which is old, and it was my favorite breakfast cereal. And if you don't know it, Quispe is. It's because you're too young and you missed out on a great thing. But these are terrific programs. And. And Commissioner Ryan, I thought your comments were really good just in terms of the depth of information that we can glean. I suspect these are very

successful programs. And I'm just really glad that we're able to do it and partner with you and commissioner Mapps, thank you for, of course, your leadership on this and bringing this forward. So this is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yeah.

**Speaker:** All of a sudden, I think it's time for quispe to make a comeback. I always felt like that vote was rigged. The one between quisp and quake. But it's for a different day. All right, we'll move on to the regular agenda, please. Item 386, accept the police accountability commission quarterly report for January through March 2023.

**Speaker:** Thanks, Keelan colleagues, we have with us today samir chernoff from the community safety division to introduce this quarterly report for the police accountability commission.

**Speaker:** Keelan, thank you for being here. Welcome

**Speaker:** Thank you very much for the welcome and good morning, mayor Wheeler. Good morning. Council president Ryan. Good morning, commissioners. Mapps Rubio and gonzales, the quarterly report for the police accountability commission for January to March 2023 will be presented by the co-chairs of the commission. I'll pass it over to co-chair tim pitts to get us started. Thank you so much. Yes hi.

**Speaker:** Thank you to the City Council for allowing us the opportunity to present the quarterly report of the police accountability commission covering January through March 20th, 23. My name is tim pitts and I am a co-chair of the police accountability commission for the transition plan and broader system phase of work, which began earlier this month. I'm joined virtually by christian oriana bauer, my colleague, as co-chair for this phase. I'm also joined by casey lewis, catherine

mcdowell and teresa orellano, who were co-chairs during previous phases of the work that this report is reporting on. This quarterly report has three sections. The first covers the end of the powers and duties phase of the commission's work, which occurred in February. The second covers the portion of the next phase structure and details which occurred during this quarter. And then the third section addresses the commission's request for support from City Council. While we'll be talking in general terms about what some of the documents include, we won't get very specific today due to time. However there's a City Council work session on the police accountability commission next Tuesday, the 23rd, in which we'll get into the details.

**Speaker:** Thank you, tim. I'm christian. Just for context at in November 2020, 82% of Portland voters supported a ballot measure that authorized a new community police oversight board to both replace the current system of administrative investigation. Investigative discipline and accountability, and allow for greater community voice in the policies and directives of Portland police. The police accountability commission was created by the City Council to develop the parameters and details of the community police oversight board and thereby implement this new section of city charter. It might be muted.

**Speaker:** I think someone's speaking, but is on mute. Maybe. Is that what's happening?

**Speaker:** That was me. Okay. Sorry um. The commission self-organized through March 2022 from April through mid-October, the commission researched and heard from experts and affected parties identifying barriers and best practices to police accountability, as well as ideas from subject matter experts and other jurisdictions to consider implementing in the new system. In Portland. After that, the commission moved into the powers and duties phase, which began in late

October and ended in February. This phase worked on the functions of the new system. What it will do. Finally, the commission February began the structure and details phase, which focused on the form of the new system, will take how it's set up to do what it needs to do. We did not hold any briefings in these three months, but we did schedule a couple that occurred in the following quarter. We'll talk about those, including our briefing with the with city commissioner rene Gonzalez and our next quarterly report. The commission held 26 events in this three month period which means the pac remained one of the most active parts of city government in fact, at the end of this quarter, the pac had held 99 total events as. The powers and duties phase outcome documents are not final code recommendations, but they are the beginnings of those recommendations.

**Speaker:** They are sets of shared understandings among members as to the new system's powers and what the new system, powers and duties should be. The intention is that this draft for revision based on discussion of other on other issue areas, community and council feedback and legal advice that will be converted into to a code recommendation in the last few months of the police accountability commission's work, there were three outcome documents for this phase, which collectively were the functions of the new systems, or what will turn into the function of the new systems. The first was about how the system will have access to information so it can perform its other duties. The second was about how complaint alleging officer misconduct will be handled and the final document is on policy recommendations and other structural oversight issues or how those will be addressed.

**Speaker:** The City Council tasks the police accountability commission with developing a more detailed explanation of how powers of the new oversight system will function, including power to compel testimony and method of obtaining

testimony. Access to police records, evidence and data and access to police databases as authorize by federal and state law. Based on that, the commission has created areas of agreement on access to information which discussed how the oversight board and staff will get the information they need to be successful. This includes implementing portions of the charter text, compelling evidence related to administrat investigations, compelling police to participate in investigations trns subpoenaing witnesses, testimony records and recordings, access to other records, including statements and police reports. There's also a section on data privacy management and confidentiality. And finally, there's a section on body worn camera footage, access and use in the administrative investigations led by the oversight board. Sorry I had myself muted apologies.

**Speaker:** The second document was on officer accountability. What happens when there is a complaint saying an officer committed misconduct? We are not going to go into a ton of detail here because we'll explain more next Tuesday. But in brief, the police accountability commission developed a system where a person can file a complaint and the new oversight board does an intake interview. The complaint can be investigated after which a panel of the oversight board can make findings as to whether or not what happened was misconduct. If it was then corrective action can be issued in response. Both complaints, both complainants and officers, also have the right to appeal. So instead of going through the full process, a complaint can, instead of going through the whole process, a complaint can request a complaint, can request to speak to the officer's supervisor or mediate directly with the officer themselves. This system is designed to be more straightforward, comprehensive and supportive of complainants. It also addresses situations where a person complaining that an officer did something wrong, or when a person who

files a complaint that an officer didn't do something they were supposed to do, like neglect of duty is addressed. Yeah. Good morning.

**Speaker:** I'm catherine mcdowell. I use she her pronouns and I was one of the co-chairs of our last phase of work in our work, we've identified a lot of barriers to police accountability in the current system. And in this phase, we work to build a system that responds to those barriers. Some key changes were one adding more support people for everyone going through this process, including an advocate from beginning to end. That was a recommendation we directly heard from the community when we went through the briefings that we were asked to do by the council for any potential misconduct that includes a community member would go through the same process, avoiding some of the confusion and back and forth investigations between different entities in the current system. Again, we heard from many folks about the complexity of the current system and work to try to integrate a single system going forward. Third, increase resource for services like mediation for advocates and more and then fourth and importantly, as envisioned by the charter, it will be community members, not police, who will decide if police committed misconduct.

**Speaker:** See if coach casey is present. The apologies.

**Speaker:** I was on mute. Um, so we also worked to make sure that issues that are identified by the board can be addressed not just on an individual, but on a system level. So the structural oversight subcommittee looked at how to create a system by which policy recommendations could be made by the board that committee was very aware of sort of the narrow scope of work that has been asked of the pack and also aware of some of the mandates that City Council has given us. And so we created a process by which policy recommendation can be implemented or initiated. Um through which the board can review and approve of those

recommendations. And then the resources and processes through which the board will be able to conduct research and analysis on information that becomes available to it during the course of the work that it is doing. And then also looking at the process by which the police bureau must respond to recommendations made by the board and by which those recommendations can ultimately be brought to City Council. If the police bureau chooses not to implement them. So again, this is something that we go into in significant more detail in the actual areas of agreement and something that will be converted into actual city code language going forward. And we look forward to discussing it more at the work session next week. Okay. We're going to pause here and take any questions from City Council members and then discuss the next phase of work.

**Speaker:** I'll ask commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Why don't you go and i'll follow up?

**Speaker:** Sure. Thank you for the presentation and the work here. I have a couple of just implementation questions as we move forward. Um I'm interested in the ideas that you're proposed around subpoena powers as and I just have to confess, I haven't had to work in this policy area that much. It's not clear to me where our counsel's authority here or how we're limited or whatnot. I feel like as a member of council, I don't have a lot of subpoena powers myself. Um so can you provide some context? Like how does this work? Is this state, is this ordinance, is this state law? How does this yeah, you get the you you yeah I can give a partial answer to that question.

**Speaker:** So and perhaps co-chair casey may want to add more as well on that or co-chair catherine as well under the charter section 2-1007a it says that the board shall have the full have the power to the full extent allowed by law to receive and investigate complaints, including the power to subpoena and compel documents



and to issue disciplinary action and continues on. And the purpose of the text that the commission was working on was to find a way to put that to detail that in city code, we're in the process of having outside legal counsel get contracted and review this along with the city attorney's office to ensure that everything is in line with with the state law in particular on that. But I think that's sort of the context and where it came from. It's also referenced in in council resolution 37548 co-chairs. Did you want to add anything. No

**Speaker:** Well, thank you very much. And I think the message here is we got lawyers who are working on it. And I look forward to reading those reports. Second question is, how much of this, if any, needs to be bargained with relevant unions or do we know or is this. Yeah some of it has already been bargained.

**Speaker:** For example, the April which occurred outside of this quarter, the April agreement with the ppa on body worn cameras, there was a reference that the commission made in February in the document to having administrative investigators have access and that independently ended up in the in the draft deal that was released. So I think part of it is that and the rest is that the implementation for this timeline may coincide with the beginning of bargaining with at least the ppa. I can't speak to the biko as much, but but certainly there is an opportunity to connect those two paths. Okay. So it sounds like this is bargaining bill, uh, to some to some degree and we'll, I don't know if, if it's at the work session or some point in the future, it would be good to check in with hr or, or to learn more about how that landscape works.

**Speaker:** I have no idea. Um um, and can I just add to that?

**Speaker:** We, you know, as we were going forward, we, we've raised that question internally many times. You know, what is the scope of our authority here? We know what the charter amendment says, but what do we do from there? And what we've

ended up kind of doing as just a working model is our recommendations often say to the extent allowable by law, collective bargaining agreements, etcetera, understanding that we're making recommendations. But they will need to be checked by council to ensure, you know, that that the recommendation we're making fits within the legal framework. And that is really something we're looking at for our sixth and final phase where we have independent counsel who can review that. So I would say at the end of this process, I think we will have that tightened up a little bit. That is, I think what we're planning to do in our final stage is all of those comments that we made are sort of subject to you know, to the extent allowable by law. We're going to check that and then try to be more specific with the help of counsel in that final stage.

**Speaker:** Great. Thank you very much for that. Clarifying motion and the last implementation question I have is, do we have a sense of how much this will cost the to clarify the implementation or the oversight board itself? How about both? And when we're we're literally later on today, will we're doing some stuff for the upcoming fiscal year and come October, we're basically back at the drawing board for the next budget. I assume you're fine for this year's budget. It yeah. Can you give us a sense of what our short term implementation costs are likely to be and what our long term cost for running this new oversight system is likely to fall? I think we have more clarity on the second half of that question than the first, because in the proposed budget, a lot of the funding is not yet described for next fiscal year.

**Speaker:** And we'll talk about that coming up to. But with relation to the oversight board itself, including all of the staff that will report to it, the charter mandates a minimum of 5% of the police bureau's annual budget to fund the oversight board. So the commission has been working on the working assumption of roughly a

comparable level of police bureau funding to what currently exists, and at roughly \$249 million. That means that the oversight board would have at minimum \$12.45 million per year for all of its activities and then certainly if the oversight board wanted to request more and we'll get to this in the work session, then then that would be council's prerogative on an annual basis, just like any other part of the city, to decide whether or not to give more or not. But the charter and its section 2-1004 says that it will be no less than 5% of the police bureau's annual operational budget.

**Speaker:** So 12 million, that's kind of a lot of bodies. Have you thought about literally, where do these people where are their desks going to be? Have we gotten that far or.

**Speaker:** Yeah, that's outside of this quarter. It happened in April, so we'll definitely have a lot of it in in the work session on Tuesday if that's okay. But we have sort of a presentation on that as well.

**Speaker:** And maybe we'll get this to this at the work session on Tuesday. So at \$12 million ongoing budget, what I can kind of do the math, knowing my bureau's a little bit how many fte would we imagine you buy for 12 million.

**Speaker:** So the commission has not explicitly come to a final number on that. They are. If I can clarify, be there being diferente partial to the oversight board in terms of determining their own staffing structure to some degree, but as a working assumption, I believe it was somewhere just in terms of average cost divided somewhere in the 50 to 56 fte range. If a proportional percentage went to that, that doesn't it would go down from that number. That would be a maximum because there is other obligations that the current oversight system has. There's office expenditures, etcetera. So not all of the budget would go towards personnel. Is

there anticipate glisan but that's a working assumption is in no way a recommendation or a or a hard and fast commitment. Sure

**Speaker:** And do we know are these folks I'm not quite sure what this 50 to 56 people will will be doing. Do we expect them to be represented like in a union or do you think they're going to fall outside of a union?

**Speaker:** I don't believe that that's been discussed in any way at the commission to date.

**Speaker:** All right. Certainly, colleagues, as we implement this, we should think about the space implications of this, the ongoing long fiscal implications, as I certainly have questions about how subpoena law works and. There are a bunch of labor issues that especially as we're standing up a substantial new branch of government that we should certainly think about because essentially the entire city is unionized at this point. So this is our new reality. Thank you, mr. Mayor. I have no more questions.

**Speaker:** I have I have a couple actually, I have a caution. I don't have I don't have questions as much as I have cautions the conversation we just had is merely one in my concern is this. And I understand the public has spoken more than eight out of ten voters in our city said this is what they wanted. And for better or worse, this is what they're going to get. My question is around legitimacy. When it comes to police oversight. We have seen specific examples as where police oversight boards have exploded in spectacular style due to a loss of legitimacy. And I would put shoab up there as exhibit a, my concern then is that if this is not seen as a balanced, fair approach to oversight and accountability, it will quickly be seen by the public and by our employees as an illegitimate process. And then we'll have a major mess on our hands that we will have to sort out because as as commissioner Mapps has just suggest, and it's even more complicated than that because we are

going to be leaving one trapeze behind while we jump for the new trapeze ipr will be gone and we will be left with the model that you are putting together and therefore there is a 100% certainty that it has to work. And from where I sit today, I just want to express as police commissioner for my deep concerns about legitimacy. I want to acknowledge the hard work you've done. I think you've all put more than your fair share of work into this, and I know you've taken it seriously. And I know you understand the issues. And I really applaud the efforts you've put into this. But I cannot underscore enough how, as you get into the implementation phase, the public will be looking for the legitimacy of this process and they will be looking to see who's running it, who's making the decisions. As you just said today, that the police are structurally excluded from decision making or input in this model. And I assume you think that's a good thing? I would actually say that's a cautionary red flag, in my opinion, because any process of jurisprudence is always includes more than one perspective. So I just want to put that out there right now. The budget thing, I have a whole separate process in my head that I'm not going to get into today, but I just want to caution you, when more than eight out of ten people say they want something in an election, we have examples that when people see what is actually being implemented, they might change their mind. If they don't see this as a legitimate process. So this is not personal. I know each and every one of you have have put a lot of time, energy and effort, blood, sweat and tears into this. And I really respect you and appreciate you for it. But I also don't want to, years from now, somebody saying how could you guys not have seen this mess coming if it goes the way I think it could go if we're not diligent. Commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor.

**Speaker:** So I have a question just following this line of conversation to just for compare.

**Speaker:** Listen, can you tell me or do you happen to know what the budget of ipr and staffing is? Just for my comparison in my head, the budget of ipr is roughly \$3.5 million per year is the budget for internal affairs is roughly \$3 million per year.

**Speaker:** And the budget for this would be assuming police funding levels stay roughly comparable. \$12.45 million a year and there are some responsibility that might shift around and the fte for ipr, do you know that?

**Speaker:** How many staff?

**Speaker:** I don't recall. I'm sorry. I do not recall the number off the top 12.

**Speaker:** 12. Okay

**Speaker:** My other question is about the oversight board.

**Speaker:** And I understand this might be discussed also at the work session, but can you talk to me a little bit about what you're thinking in that appointment and especially in light of what the mayor just said? What is that representation in composition look like? Yeah so that is something that was resolved by the commission in April.

**Speaker:** And so it's not in this report because it just goes through March. And so we'll definitely go there. There is a definitely some some restriction. And this goes to the mayor's question as well. It wasn't the prc that actually decided that it would be community members exclusively making the determined actions that's in the charter language and resolution 37548. The decision placed before the commission was is to determine whether the full board or a subset thereof would make the decisions on findings and the charter says that the board members cannot include police. So that that was the options given to the commission. Similarly, there are restrictions in the charter about who can be on been a member of the board. One of which is that police, current police, former police and the family members of current police are not eligible for service. That is in the charter text and. Then in

terms of the representation option, it talks about, the board shall make provision to ensure its membership includes include representation from diverse communities, including those from diverse communities and with diverse lived experiences, particularly those who have experienced systemic racism and those who've experienced mental illness, addiction or alcoholism. Council asked to put that, the commission set requirements for the initial appointment dates as well, and the commission developed a broader list of sort of the makeup desire to ensure balance and also to ensure that this is something that can represent not merely the 82% of voters who voted for it, but 100% of Portlanders over over the course of its lifespan. And if I can just add one other point on the legitimacy. There are a couple of places when we'll talk on on Tuesday about that the in the officer accountable city document, there are places where the commit missions language talks about an equal level of support each each officer has an equal number of support people to complainant through the process. And there's a lot of places where there's mirroring language like that that will definitely the commission co-chairs will be developing in more detail on Tuesday. Okay.

**Speaker:** So I look forward to the conversation on Tuesday. I just wanted to make sure and you said it. So I look forward to hearing more about it, about I think myself and probably a couple others have mentioned the need for balance just for the reasons that the mayor just outlined. So thanks for saying that and i'll look forward to the conversation.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** Yes, thank you, mayor.

**Speaker:** Similar to what the mayor was talking about, I think you've heard me express similar points of view about the fact that 82% voted yes for police accountability and that's a really diverse group of people that voted yes on this. And

so last time we were here and then in follow up, I said, are you reaching out to some of those groups that perhaps aren't at your table right now who endorsed this when it was on the ballot and the Portland business association was one of those? Did you all have a meeting with them recently? Is that okay? Did you get any feedback that was helpful? And what was that dialog like? Yeah

**Speaker:** So commissioner Ryan, I would just say I attended that meeting and I thought it was very helpful. You know what, I guess what I would say is one of the themes that we have heard is, you know, some communities feel overpoliced, some feel under policed and we heard that from the business community loud and clear that, you know, there are times where they need additional support and don't feel like they're getting it. So that was one of the messages we got from the business community. We I would say in general, they I guess consistent with their support for the measure, seemed supportive and interested in our work and did not raise red flags at this stage around around you know what we talked about and it was as much a listening session as a reporting session. But the concerns that we heard were that they felt like a functional police bureau was critical to the business community and a functional police force could not occur without accountability. So that the message that I think led them to support the measure in the first place is what we heard, at least for me, that was the prime takeaway from that meeting. And I appreciate your suggesting that meeting. We had already had it in the works, but I think your suggestion helped us put it together with the business alliance.

**Speaker:** Thank you, catherine. I appreciate this dialog and I wanted to make sure that I was really in the same tone as what the mayor was getting at. And I want to make sure that we I heard a concrete example of doing just that. The conversation that we had about police, the charter said police and their families can't be on the commission. My we all I think we'd all agree there are stakeholders, the police and



their families and I heard that from you, samir. So how are we going about keeping that point of view active in this in this development as we build this, even though there's a it looks as though we voted on something that says it can't be on it. But would you agree there are stakeholders is absolutely and we have conferred with them and look forward to conferring with them further.

**Speaker:** You know, the tricky I just my one the mayor was talking about legitimacy and concerns about specific aspects of our work. I mean, my I guess my what was in my mind is something that commissioner gonzales said to us when we chatted with him. I think it was last month around fidelity to the measure. And so we're trying to balance all this. I mean, the measure says what it says about really wanting a clearly independent board and setting aside a certain budget amount. We have really in our work, we're we're really looking at those as givens. We don't have the discretion to rewrite this measure. Our work is to implement the measure in the best way and the wisest way we can accord, adding to its terms and its terms dictate independence from the police bureau and its terms or dictate a certain level of funding. So within those parameters, we're going to bring you recommendations that seek to implement those as well as we can. Now, what we would love to do, particularly as we move into this fifth and sixth stage, which are really our wrap up stages, is go back through that briefing process that we conducted earlier. For now that we have some concrete proposals and get feedback. So we begin with feedback, getting feedback from you all next week and then look forward once we try to incorporate your feedback. Going out and doing all those briefings again with various members of the police community, I think the only police entity we have not heard from yet is the commanders association. We've heard from everybody at least once in some cases more than once. And certainly look forward now that we have something to talk with them about. Recommendations to talk with them

about getting their responses to those recommendations, and then incorporating them in our final recommendations in the sixth phase of our work. I like this, catherine.

**Speaker:** You're reminding me we're having a work session next week on this topic. So this is a bit of a preview, but it's good to prime the pump. I yeah, I tend to I know these are rearview mirror moments and that's hard for me. I barely use it when I drive. Yes. And so it's always about for me going forward. So I realize I will hold back and I look forward to next week's work session, perhaps a little bit of a preview. So thank you all for your service. I did want to acknowledge that it's a lot of hours. I appreciate it. Thanks

**Speaker:** Thanks, commissioner. Commissioner Rubio.

**Speaker:** Oh, sorry, I didn't hand.

**Speaker:** Oh, and then commissioner Ryan, you had already see commissioner Gonzalez.

**Speaker:** Thanks. Well, again, I want to thank you all for your work. And i. I just have one last observation. As much as to my colleagues as to you all, we have, we are dealt a hand where we are implementing a number of ballot measures, referendums and like as a city right now, charter reform pac, we also are dealing with the impacts of a number of other ballot measures that have long shadows, whether you're talking metro taxes, county taxes and I guess the question for us is, is how do we assure fidelity to what voters approved? But not as it elected officials? When we see unintended consequences of what was approved, when we recognized that what was adopted in 2020 by voters is a very different city and frankly, a very different voting base as exists in 2023. How do we adjust and assure fidelity and how do we adjust and restore the, you know, the legal structure in which we're operating? And so that is an open ended, somewhat abstract question.

But we deal with this every single day right now. And are trying to respond to some of the crisis we see on our streets in 2023, while we're dealing with the shadows of 2020. In many, many respects. And that's not entirely on you to navigate. That's as much a question to the electeds here on how we reconcile all sometimes the conflict that result from that. My only ask of you is that is that as you're identifying things that upon reflection are are maybe structural problems in what the voters approved and please help sort of catalog them for us. And not because it's on you to fix them. I think that's on us to address this one way or another. But but I leave it with that.

**Speaker:** Well, there's a self-correcting mechanism here, too, which is if what ultimately gets rolled out doesn't work or doesn't comport with what people believe they supported, it will be repealed. I mean, there is nothing the city is more concerned about right now than public safety. Homelessness is obviously our biggest social challenge, but public safety is front and center right now. And if people feel that we are messing with public safety or we are in any way weakening it or making it less effective, they will react. And so for me, this is a really important project that you're working has to be executed. Perfect perfectly. And so I'm raising my red flags now not to criticize your work. I agree with what you said, that there has to be fidelity to what the voters support. I agree. And it's a tough ask.

**Speaker:** Couch well, and I also think that police accountability is a critical aspect of public safety. And that is I think that's the premise of 82% of people voting for a more effective accountability system.

**Speaker:** I agree with you. But then you have to ask the follow up question what is accountability and how does accountability work ? And is the process is balanced and is it fair and I'm even just thinking of logistical problems. I don't know how we're going to solve them. If this independent body separate from us, separate

from the police bureau, separate out from any government entity, has the ability to demand any document, the ability to subpoena any of our public employees with no check and balance that does not feel fair that does not feel balanced. It feels as as an employer extremely concerning to be perfect, honest. And I don't even know what the da thinks about this. If the da is trying to conduct an investigation behind closed doors and collect information, documents, interview people all, and then all of a sudden you have this separate group of people saying, no, we're going to do our own thing and we're going to interview people and we're going to hold public meetings and we're going to collect documents, which then, I presume become public record. I don't even know how that works, but I guess the bottom line for me is rather than just sitting here and raising potential concerns and objections, help me help you, let me know what you need from us, what we can, and that would be helpful if it was part of the work session is that we can reserve some of that time. What do you need from us? Because you are you're doing a heavy lift here and I think we all want it to be successful. So let let us know how we can be of help.

**Speaker:** And I think there's a part of that that's in the park coming up just now as well. The sort of look ahead also in terms of what the commission is asking for. So if that.

**Speaker:** Yeah, I think that's a good segway into the final part of our presentation, which is to update you on the most recent phase of work that we concluded the phase, the structure and details phase for which charlie and I were co-chairs and so if we could move to slide ten, just a quick review about our six phases of work, you probably we have that pretty well understood at this point. But just to be clear, the structure and details phase was our fourth phase and focused on the form of the new system. And we'll be reporting on the first half of it today with the second half in our next quarterly report, which we won't be presenting until August, although

you'll definitely get a preview of it all next week, starting in may, the commission moved into our transition plan and brought our system phase, which is the fifth of our sixth phases. That's where we'll be developing the transition plan and how it fits into the broader system of city government. Again, that may answer some of your questions about how we get from ipr. So smoothly to the new system. I know that's going to be a critical piece both for you and with respect to the settlement agreement. After that, the park will convert all of these agreements into code texts, come to agreement to recommend all of that to City Council at the end of August. We're also doing community engagement in parallel to everything throughout this process to ensure the community led process that the council charged us with conducting and that we are also personally committed to commissioner Gonzalez did you have your hand up?

**Speaker:** I did. You know, and I and I look forward to the work session addressing some of the mayor's last points in the collective questions up here. I and i, I just want to observe that even if what we do here is there is a future opportunity for voters to unwind it, i, I continue to have a concern that is electeds. If we don't speak up and address things that we know right now, now that we are passing the baton on unreasonably onto whoever comes next and again, that's more than the cac that is a number of items that were left implementing right now at a very difficult time in the city's history. So I still, as the new guy, I'm still trying to reconcile how we address those things that are have been mandated by the voters that we may have seen some really, you know, unintended consequences. And unforeseen impacts. I don't have an answer on that. Just again, in the abstract, open ended, putting that out there is what is our responsibility right now as electeds, not as a as appointees. And I leave that for my colleagues.

**Speaker:** Thank commissioner Mapps sorry, I didn't see your hand come up there. Oh, that's all right. I'm debating. I'm debating whether or not I want to raise this now because I know we also have some public testimony on on this, but maybe we and we have a work session coming up and maybe to signal to staff and volunteers who are working on this and to my colleagues on council, you know, I see lots of great ideas substantively, I don't think I have any sort of principled disagreements with where you're trying to go here, lots of implementing issues, labor, subpoena powers, all that kind of stuff. And I think that if, you know, people come together and work in good faith, we can lay it in a good spot here. But a piece here that I just I don't know how we given where we are, I don't know how we fix. But I kind of agree with commissioner Gonzales. There are some maybe a couple of existential issues here that I think might require some counter council leadership or at least some discussion at the work session. And for me, the one that really sticks in my craw and concerns me is the budget on this. I'm setting the budget for this automatically at at least 5% of the police bureau or police bureau's overall budget. That's just an extraordinary budgeting practice unlike anything I've seen in the city myself. You know, I would love to pass a rule that says the city spends 5% of our capital budget on asset management or something. But even some, the common sense, like pretty uncontroversial practice like that is not how we do things. I recognize that you know, the 5% at least was baked into the ordinance that went to voters. I to due diligence. But I feel as a representative of the people, at least a guy who is trying to manage the public interest really well. I need to let my constituents know that this law that you passed, especially on the budget side, raises a lot of concerns. And I think might actually be part of the discussion that we need to have as we move towards implementation. You know, it's not how we do anything else. I'm also keenly aware that. The city of Portland is going to be under extraordinary

financial pressures in the in the coming years as 50 employees is a lot not, you know, extraordinary cully large compared to where we have been historically. It seems to be independent of the amount of actual misconduct or even just business. The police do to this piece causes me a lot of concerns and I know the commission has no you were handed the mandate that you were handed and you're you know, the voters passed this by a lot. But I think I'm probably speaking to my colleagues here where I think that we should have some discussion around that, even if it just means that, you know, 5% will go here. It certainly has implications for the general fund as we move forward. And we have to maybe set some policies to adjust for that. Thank you, Keelan how many people do we have signed up?

**Speaker:** We have one person signed.

**Speaker:** Perfect. Let's hear from him. Three minutes, please. Hi, mark.

**Speaker:** Yeah, good morning. Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Yep. Can you identify yourself for the record, please?

**Speaker:** Yep. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is mark portis. I use he him pronouns, and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. We continue to advocate for more opportunities for public input into city policy making, and we are truly appreciative of the opportunity to testify on this report today. When we testified in favor of City Council adjusting the tax deadline from June 9th to August 31st, we said a few things. First, we thank council for doing so. Second, we noted that the settlement agreement, as approved by judge simon, allowed the date to be as late as October 29th and third. We asked for confirmation that moving the deadline once again to meet that later date would not require d.o.j. Intervention. And it was stated on the record that it would not out. So we would like to remind you that if the police accountability commission needs more time to finish their

work, that council should extend again to October 29th. The commission has had one empty seat since early March. That City Council hasn't yet filled Portland. Copwatch has urged council over and over to let the pac set its quorum based on the number of seated members they should have been able to meet with. Only ten members of the commission present these past several months, not only are they shorthanded, but the quorum is still 11. We're appreciative that the commission continues to hold community engagement events. One issue that continues to arise is that some folks attending these events don't have a good understanding that the pac is not. The new police accountability board, but rather it is the body that's developing the new investigatory disciplinary and oversight system for ppb and the city could be doing a better job of disseminating that message. And we urge City Council to prepare to create the new oversight body such that there is minimal delay between when the police accountability commission completes their work, when the plan is approved by City Council, the d.o.j. And the court, and when the new oversight body begins their work. And I just want to address some of the discomfort that I've heard regarding a civilian oversight board. And I want to point out that when chief lavelle and deputy chief frome appeared before the police accountability commission, d.c. From plainly stated that he and chief lavelle need to be removed from the discipline process in order to be able to speak freely and also in the current system, police have automatic access to representation from the start of the process. The police accountability commission's proposal balances that for the community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

**Speaker:** Thanks, mark. Appreciate it. Does that complete that complete testimony? Thank you so we're going to see you again soon. So and I know we're not paying you particularly well for the service you're providing. Why don't we just entertain a motion on so moved commissioner Ryan moves the acceptance of the



report. Second commissioner Rubio seconds any further discussion? Please call the roll. Ryan. Yes thank you.

**Speaker:** All of you who have been working so many hours, so many evenings, and I really appreciate your devotion to our city. It's good to see you again, Catherine. I don't know how you do your other job, your full time job. Anyway, it's really appreciated. I realized as we were having the dialog that we do have a work session next week and so I think that will be an awesome opportunity to go deeper on some of the topics. But the fact is you're spending a lot of time, you're moving this along. I remember when there was a backlog, so Samir and the staff, thank you for your extra hours too. It looks like we're caught up, right? Yeah. Anyway that wasn't the case. About six months or nine months ago. So I wanted to acknowledge that. Anyway, I accept the report. Gonzalez

**Speaker:** I vote I Mapps yeah, I want to thank the commission for their hard work.

**Speaker:** I want to thank staff and are invited testimony today for today's presentation. And I am glad to accept this report and I look forward to our work session next week. Reveal.

**Speaker:** I just want to thank the commission members and I'm really glad that we had the extra time. You're all so thoughtful and dedicated and it's been a long process and we're almost there and just keep going and really look forward to the work session where I know we'll dig in more on these issues. And I know you're not fully ready to talk about them today. So I want to appreciate that you indulged a lot of the questions today, and we look forward to the work session. I vote aye. Wheeler I want to thank you all.

**Speaker:** This was a really good discussion today and I'm happy that we have the opportunity for this discussion now to settle for a grand total of one week at least. And that we can come back and talk through some of the issues again in a work

session. I want to thank you all personally for your commitment to this. Samir, you have done an outstanding job of leading this effort on behalf of the city, and I want to personally acknowledge your fantastic leadership on this. You've been very accessible, you've been very communicative. You've shared information that's been requested. And I just personally want to acknowledge that in public and thank you for your great work. I want to thank all members of the pac because this is very complicated. And as as we get closer and closer to the very fine grained specifics of this, it's going to get more complicated. And I think we all know that. We acknowledge it. So I'm appreciative of the fact that we can have frank and open discussions about it. And everybody feels that all sides of this are being considered. And that's to me, how we make good policy here. So I appreciate you indulging our myriads of questions, concerns, comments. Yes, this is the good stuff of government and I thank you for it. I vote I and the report is accepted. Thank you. And we'll see you next week. Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate it. Okay. Wait before you guys leave. Wait, we have we have some young folks here with us. Where are you from? Oh we have the abernathy folks in the house. Thanks for being here. Wait why?

**Speaker:** They're here. It's a good opportunity to say, you know what? Portland voters did last night? They approved the Portland children's levy. And that's.

**Speaker:** Yes. Yay! Hey so thank you for being exhibit a to remind us that we always need to put our children first.

**Speaker:** Yeah.

**Speaker:** Thank you for being here today. Thanks for visiting city hall. Take care. Thank you. Hi. Next item, please. Item number 387. It's an emergency ordinance pay settlement of donovan farley, bodily injury lawsuit for \$50,000 involving the Portland police bureau. Colleagues, this ordinance resolves a claim brought against

the city of Portland in June of 2022. Deputy city attorney mark rodriguez and senior claims analyst rose radic are here to walk us through the ordinance, or at least I hope they're here online. Oh, good morning.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor and council members.

**Speaker:** My name is mark rodriguez and I'm the deputy city attorney representing the city in the litigation of this matter. The settlement ordinance relates to a lawsuit that was filed in federal court as a result of a June 6th, 2020 protest related incident. And in that incident, there was a protest that was declared an unlawful assembly. Plaintiff was filming the Portland police officers making an arrest of a demonstrator when he had an interaction with a Portland police officer, resulting in multiple uses of force against him. Plaintiff alleges he was working as a journalist at the protest and the officer retaliated against him with unlawful force for doing his reporting. Plaintiff alleged that he suffered mental physical and economic harms, including mental anguish and anxiety, interfering with his ability to conduct his journalistic duties, in particular covering protest and law enforcement. The parties engaged in settlement discussions, including a judicial settlement conference mediated by a district of Oregon federal judge and ultimately reached a resolution supported by the city's risk management division, the Portland police bureau and the city attorney's office settlement of this lawsuit will allow the city to avoid the expense of further litigation, including the cost of outside counsel for the individually named officer. The risk of an adverse jury verdict and risk of paying plaintiffs attorney fees and costs if plaintiff prevailed on any of the federal claims. Thank you and happy to answer any questions.

**Speaker:** Thank you, colleagues. Any questions? Do we have public testimony on this item? We do.

**Speaker:** We have three people signed up. First up is mark, boris. Um

**Speaker:** Um. Yep. Can you hear me? Yep. We hear you. Great. Uh, hello again. Mayor and commissioners. My name is Mark Boris. I use he/him pronouns, and I'm with the group Portland Copwatch. We have no objection to the city paying this \$50,000 settlement for police brutality committed by Officer Cameron Smith on June 6th, 2020. We do have an objection to calling this brutality an encounter, or, as Mr. Rodriguez just said, interaction with a Portland police officer beating or instance of brutality would be more accurate. We hope that Donovan Farley has fully recovered from his injuries and from the psychological stress that being attacked by a city employee can have on a person. We hope that Officer Cameron Smith understands that the \$50,000 the city is paying out today is due to his actions. And if the name Cameron Smith rings a bell, it may be because he's the officer who fired a 40 millimeter less lethal round at Robert Delgado, who laid dead on the ground in Lents Park after having been shot by Zachary DeLong in April 2021, just ten months after he got away with this other unnecessary use of force. As we understand it from public records. On June 6th, 2020, Mr. Farley, a member of the media, was observing three officers with their knees on a man, one who had a knee on his neck while the man was shouting that he couldn't breathe as Mr. Farley shouted at the officers to get off the man. Video shows that a fourth officer approached, smashed Mr. Farley in the lower thigh with his nightstick, sprayed him in the face with a crowd control sized canister of chemical spray, followed Mr. Farley, jabbing him with the baton as he walked away. And when Mr. Farley turned around and Officer Smith sprayed him in the face with chemicals again at close range, Mr. Farley wrote these words hours after he was assaulted by Officer Smith while he was still in tremendous pain from the beating and macing he said simply, I was chased and assaulted because I was a journalist who caught law enforcement behaving in the exact illegal fashion that started this nationwide uproar. There can be no

equivocations about it. I was purposefully harmed to send an extremely painful message of intimidation. And so, yes, we understand that the parties have come to a financial agreement. And yes, we again urge you to engage and discuss the policies that lead to these settlements. This settlement raises the total paid out for protests between 2018 and 2020 to at least \$1,254,405. Now, the d.o.j. Settlement agreement states that the city make available the number nature and settlement amount of civil suits against pbot officers. Regardless of whether the city is a defendant in the litigation, we are still waiting for the city and the compliance officer to make these data readily available to the public as required. And the ordinance states that the total cost to the city to settle. Mr. Farley's lawsuit is \$50,000. This amount completely disregards the time and money that risk management and city attorneys spent settling this case. Street roots recently published data showing that the city spends more on paying its lawyers than it does making whole those who file civil claims. That should alarm everyone until this information is included on every settlements impact statement, the public cannot begin to understand what the true financial cost is to perform policing the way. We would also like to remind you that when a \$15,000 settlement came before you last month resulting from the bureau not having a clear policy on aiding with evictions, the mayor asked the city attorney, who was present, if that policy had changed and they said no. And that's exactly the kind of discussion we wish that we were hearing with every one of these settlements. Thank you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Uh, next up, we have brandon farley. They were planning to join us online. I don't see them as brandon here. Okay, how about mark lee? Also planning to join online. Is mark here? All right. I think that completes testimony. Very good. Before we get to the vote, are you also firm, abernathy?

**Speaker:** Which school are you from? Excellent. Welcome to city hall. We really appreciate you being here today. How's your tour? Awesome. Good. Okay that's good news. We like to hear that. Well, thanks for being here and welcome. Thanks for letting us walk through.

**Speaker:** We appreciate it.

**Speaker:** Oh, well, we love to see the kids come through so thank you. Any further discussion? See, none. Please call the roll. Ryan hi, Gonzalez.

**Speaker:** Hi. Maps hi, Rubio hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Hi. The ordinance is adopted. Next item 388, please. This is the second reading amend contract with gresham automotive, inc. Dba gresham ford to increase the not to exceed amount by \$10 million for purchase of fleet vehicles.

**Speaker:** Uh, colleagues, this is a second reading.

**Speaker:** We've already heard presentation and had opportunity for public input. Is there any further discussion on this item ? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez hi. Maps. Hi. Rubio I just want to thank the staff for answering our questions and I feel like it's a good plan. I would. I

**Speaker:** Wheeler hi. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, please. Three 389. This is a first reading of anonymous agency ordinance authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the mount scott community center.

**Speaker:** Seismic retrofit and expansion project for an estimated cost of 28,300,000\$ commissioner Ryan. Yes. Thank you, mayor.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mayor. Colleagues, the mount scott community center has served the mount scott arleta neighborhood since the 1920s. With that, when the outdoor pool was opened. Today, the facility provides a variety of healthy

recreation and community gathering opportunities for southeast Portlanders. In addition to recreation opportunities, portions of the community center also shelter our most vulnerable community members during extreme temperature and weather events. These important services are, however, housed in an aging facility that needs seismic renovation, modernization and expansion. A common theme with our infrastructure. There's another tour of children. Yay! You must be from abernathy as well. So yay, welcome. Enjoy the drive by. Okay. And thank you, Portlanders once again for passing the Portland children's levy last night. There you go. That's why we do it. Okay, I'm back on task. Um, these important services are, however, housed in aging facility, seismic renovation, modernized ization and expansion. It's a real similar theme as we look at our infrastructure and our backlog of deferred maintenance. The mount scott community center, seismic retrofit and expansion project helps to meet current and future recreational needs by expanding recreational opportunities, providing seismically resilient community center. The project's design also is focused on ada accessibility barriers associated with existing buildings. Before I turn it over to the project manager, I want to thank the two park rangers who took me out there. It was kelly and celeste. We had a great conversation. Adam, who is the head of the mount scott center, just was such a great host and it was fascinating to see the roller rink. I had no idea there was a roller rink in that basement. It's the other big one after oaks park, correct? Yeah. So there's wonderful opportunities for families to rent that for birthday parties and such. I also want to acknowledge the preschool teachers, the park rangers are always a hit when they go into the preschool classes to give out those stickers. Those stickers are really popular too. And I also wanted to acknowledge how many people that were there that use the facility during the day. A lot of elders and they told me stories how when it was closed during covid, how they really missed seeing

one another and that they started connecting with one another and then started meeting outside of the center. And I'm sure it was just so organic. By the time it opened because you had all these people gathering there because they missed one another. So just a reminder, as we come out of covid, how important that in-person connection time is and how valuable that is to the mental health of all Portlanders and parks and recreation in these venues. Really bring that home. So now I get to turn it over to project manager robin laughlin for the staff presentation. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Members of council. My name is robin laughlin. I have she her pronouns. I am also a fan of quispe, so thank you for that.

**Speaker:** So I am the capital renovation program manager with Portland parks and recreation and I'm here today to request council council authorization for a competitive bid.

**Speaker:** Solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the mount scott community center renovation project at the.

**Speaker:** Is there a slide show that you guys can see? We sent that to the clerk earlier. All right. Thank you.

**Speaker:** 30s. Yeah we've got it.

**Speaker:** Great. Thank you. If I can pull up the next slide, please.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The mount scott community center is a 60,744 square foot facility located in the mount scott-arleta neighborhood at 5516 southeast 72nd avenue, mount scott community center had its beginnings as an outdoor pool in the 1920s and has expanded over time as a community has grown several additions to the 1950s and the pool replacement in 2000 are the foundation of the current facility. The next slide, please. These incremental additions over 90 years has resulted in in an inefficient building that is constructed mainly of reinforced



unreinforced masonry with little capacity to provide adequate recreational programming to this growing southeast Portland neighborhood. Mount Scott community center is representative of the city's aging infrastructure, with a long backlog of deferred maintenance needs and nearly all of its mechanical systems at or past their useful life. The area shown in hatched orange on your screen are the areas that will be being demolished as part of this project and replaced with new modern facilities. And I'll have a little more on that in a moment. The next slide, please. The existing amenities at Mount Scott community center include an indoor pool, fitness rooms, a gymnasium, meeting rooms, locker rooms and roller skating rink in the basement. The community center supports a broad range of recreation opportunities for visitors from preschool teens, adults and seniors really serving the full community well, again, roughly half of the existing facility is comprised of unreinforced masonry, and the proposed renovations will provide increased seismic resiliency for this facility. Among those areas slated for upgrades are the fitness room. As shown in the middle photo, which is currently undersized for its use. These existing HVAC systems also are reaching the end of their useful life and will be replaced with modern, efficient systems. Next slide please. Work on the Mount Scott community center project began in 2018 with the facility condition and needs assessment recommendations coming from that work were made in early 2020 and schematic design based on those recommendations began in July of 2021. The community engagement for this project design began in October of 2021 to help determine community needs and priorities. The public comments were received through a 30 question survey that was provided in five languages English, Chinese, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. The survey was advertised through the project website, through lawn signs placed in the neighborhood and through notices sent out to 1400 people in the Mount Scott park. Opt in email contact list an

additional 6500 households were reached via our nextdoor.com platform. The project team also worked with the city of Portland's community engagement liaison services program to conduct additional outreach to communities who might be isolated due to language barriers. And we also had direct outreach with the arleta sun community school, the marysville elementary school. Woodmere, woodmere elementary school, lane middle school and franklin high school. The input was used to inform the initial project design and following that work, a public open house meeting was held in September 24 of 2022 at mount scott community center to present the proposed design the community feedback from that meeting resulted in a final preferred design that was moved forward to the construction documents that will be hoping to bid later this year for that September 20, 22 meeting was also accompanied by an online survey presented in the same language as we spoke to before that was presented to the community from September 24th through October 10th and throughout the design process, we worked at the mt. Scott arleta neighborhood association and the foster-powell neighborhood association, the southeast uplift and all southeast Portland neighborhood associations are also via the email contact list. The next slide, please. Thank you. So when construction is complete at the mount scott community center will be 70,515ft<sup>2</sup> and will provide an updated modern seismically resilient facility for the community. The existing natatorium room pool, gymnasium, locker rooms and roller skating rink will remain. The project will include the following major elements demolition of that unreinforced masonry portions of the building, including the 1920s era bathhouse and the 1950s area auditorium and fitness rooms. 31,131ft<sup>2</sup> of new new construction. Two stories including fitness rooms, rental rooms, event space and classroom spaces and offices will be offered in the yellow and orange area shown on your screen. Next slide, please. The project will present a significant portion will

address a significant portion of our major maintenance backlog at this facility, including new roofing, hvac and fire sprinkler fire, sprinkler systems and the seismic upgrades will be made to the gymnasium and the roller rink areas. Our exterior improvement include new entry plazas, parking lot upgrades and lighting, landscaping right of way, dedication and necessary public street improvements. As commissioner Ryan mentioned during severe weather events such as high heat ice and heavy snow, this community center opens as a shelter for our most vulnerable neighbors. The hvac systems here were specifically designed to support this use with air conditioning upgrades and air filtration systems that can help support extreme smoke events. The next slide, please. Thank you. Our project funding comes from multiple sources. In 2018, we were awarded 115 million from the mayor Wheeler's build Portland initiative to address part of the maintenance backlog at mount scott community center and to also address important structural concerns, seismic upgrades and renovations. The build Portland funds are leveraged by 12.1 million in system development charge funds to support the expansion of the community center and a total of 245,700 major maintenance general funds to facilitate ada improvements. The mayor's livability emergency coordination fund provides an additional 7 million to this project and last in 2017, we had 80,118in in funding allocated as part of the capital set aside project. The overall total project budget is 34.5 million and next slide please. So when this project began, alternative contracting methods were not the norm for the city and a decision was made to develop a project with a traditional design bid build approach. As a result, this project will be bid as a standard low bid contract staff are working with our colleagues in procurement services to ensure that cobid certified firms are aware of the project well ahead of the bidding process. Outreach will include detailed presentations to the national association of minority contractors,

latino built and others. Our desire is to provide detailed project information to these firms and bolster their opportunity to successfully bid on this project and become part of this remarkable improvement for the community. We do plan to return to council with procurement services to share our cobid participation rates of the successful bidder in answering any questions you may have at that time. So with that, we'd like to request authorization for a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the mount scott community center for seismic retrofit and expansion project for an estimated cost. Of \$28,300,000, with acceptance of this authority to bid, we will proceed with bid. Advertisement. As soon as possible. And in partnership with procurement services, will target exceeding our standard subcontract equity program specification required of 20% of the hard bid. We anticipate construction to start in late fall or early winter of 2023, with a completion date by 20 2025. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have at this time. Great. Thank you, commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** I want to I really appreciate the presentation. This looks like a great project, but I think my question may actually be for commissioner Ryan. Um, you know, later on today, I believe this council will vote on a proposal to cap system development charges, including system development charges to parks. I see that there are about \$12 million in sdcs baked into this particular project. I don't know if it's a staff question or a commissioner question. Have we invested and what impact the budget cuts that are on the table for later on today might have on this particular project? Can we afford to do that if we cap, can we afford to do this? If we cap sdcs a great question.

**Speaker:** I wish I could add a warning so I could answer it better. I just thought of it. That's okay. I do it all the time too. It's called a meeting, so it's good. Do you have

any updates for the commissioner or should we loop back to him on the I think we'll need to loop back to that to you on that commissioner Mapps for a firm answer.

**Speaker:** My understanding is that the sdc's have already been dedicated because it's going forward. Sdc managers will be able to see how any changes might impact future projects.

**Speaker:** Okay, great. Thank you very much. So if you send that email to me and to aps, thanks.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Gonzalez just two questions.

**Speaker:** First one, hopefully just the 32nd version, but when we're looking at parks and capital projects of this size, could you give me the high level on on the how we prioritize projects, how we weigh them given, you know, just overall capital plan, how do we what's the short version of how we prioritize, prioritize projects?

**Speaker:** Great. Thank you. Good question. So it's we first we start off with our our staff that are in the in the facilities on the regular and assess our what what facilities need it most. We also have an equity lens that we look through as part of the equation which parts of the community are not being served, which parts of the community have not been served in the past? How do we prioritize those for facilities for our community? That's a that's a really big part of how we prioritize what should happen next. Got it.

**Speaker:** And partially to build off of commissioner Mapps question, as best we can project the impact of capping system development charges on future ability to do these type of projects would be helpful for this afternoon. So just bootstrapping off of where he was going, but we'd like to understand it. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Absolutely. And I'm glad you asked that question. I thought your report did answer that as well. And I have to say, just how busy it was. It's such a high

impact area and it's clear just by looking at the roof, it needs to be fixed asap. Yeah, I think you picked the right project. I want us to continue to think about what we will do when it's temporary shut down while we do the. So I think that's one of the biggest challenges when parks takes on these endeavors is how we work with the community so that the nearby facilities can take that backlog and how we can help with transportation and such. So I just wanted to put that out there and also to remind parks that that's on the top of my mind when we look at this shutdown because it's so popular. It was packed. There very good.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio, I just want to say thank you.

**Speaker:** I'm sorry.

**Speaker:** Did I pass commissioner Gonzalez. I'm done. You're done. Okay. Commissioner Rubio, I just want to say thank you.

**Speaker:** Robin, it's great to see you, but also just, you know, this project has been a long time coming and development and very excited for the community. I know they've been waiting for this. And also just this is remind me. But this is also a site that the broader community and inter jurisdictionally we have has relied upon for like a warming center. Is that correct? That's correct. And so it's actually timely. And can you tell me a little bit about is that going to continue or what's the what's the plan there? Yeah, that will continue. Our i, I don't run the center, so I'd have to confer with adam for sure. But my understanding is that those support services would continue after the renovation. We've specifically upgraded the heating, ventilation and cooling systems to be able to better respond to higher temperatures. And again, the smoke events right. It lifted up those those concerns around hvac. I know. Absolutely. Okay great. Thank you. Very good.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this item? No one signed up. All right. Very good. Anything else on this? Before I move it? This is a first reading of

a non emergency ordinance. Great presentation, phenomenal photos and it moves second reading. Thank you. Good work. Terrific work. Next item, please. Item number. Do people want to take a five minute break? We've got a couple. Why don't we do that? Let's let's take a five minute recess. We are. Five recording stopped. By. Recording in progress.

**Speaker:** We're back in session.

**Speaker:** Can we please go to item number 390?

**Speaker:** This is an emergency ordinance amend price agreement with in for public sector inc. For the in for public sector water asset asset management system replacement project to extend term and additional five years. For \$9,163,708. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this item comes to us from the water bureau and the bureau of environmental services. Those bureaus seek to amend a price agreement for asset management software. Now, here's some background on this ordinance. Environmental services and the water bureau manage 39\$ million in city assets. And when I hit the b there, there's a point 39 billion. These are that's an awful lot both bureaus use in for public sector software to manage those assets today the city's utility bureaus seek to amend the price agreement we have with in for public sector software. This amendment would extend the price agreement through may 30th, 2029 and would add a little more than \$9 million to this contract. This increase in funds would bring the total price agreement amount to a little more than \$10 million. Here's here to tell us more about this ordinance. We have gabe solmer Portland water bureau's director and we have devin sanders, the water bureau's acting technology manager. And in addition to that, we have some staff from environmental services, including barren and how information services information systems manager and mia sabanovic, who is the interim division

manager in operations and maintenance. And with that, I will turn the platform form and presentation over to our invited guest.

**Speaker:** Thank you so much, commissioner, mayor, members of City Council. All good morning. I think we're just under the wire for that. I am director of your Portland water bureau, gabe solmer and I'm joined today, as the commissioner mentioned, by devin sanders of the water bureau and then baron howe □ mia spanovic of the bureau of environmental services. You'll probably hear that a lot. These two bureaus joining together. We can pull up the slide. Looks great and we can move on to the next next slide. So this is an emergency ordinance before the council. It will authorize the chief procurement officer to authorize the use of funds from bts and the water bureau to amend a service contract with infor to implement a work and asset management system. We often refer to that as wams. This is a five year agreement and it includes both bureaus service contract costs and sets a not to exceed amount of just over \$9.1 million for the five year period. The cost has been included in the budgets of each bureau. I think that's important to mention and i'll just say that it is an emergency ordinance action because the oracle work and asset management system or oem that both bureaus use right now has been out of support since August of 2021. And the system has known information security vulnerabilities clearly won't go into what those are. But you will see the need for us to move with all haste here. I'll hand the presentation off now to devin sanders to cover a little bit more about our asset management systems. Thank you, gabe. Good morning, mayor. Good morning. Council members.

**Speaker:** It's useful at this point to offer. Oh, and next slide, please.

**Speaker:** Could I interrupt for one second? Certainly. So so just when you think nobody famous is going to show up in walks county commissioner elect julia brem. Edwards, congratulations. She's. Thanks. Thanks for being here. And we're really



excited for you. Thanks, first of all, for running. You bring a lot of experience and we appreciate all the nice things you said during your campaign about working with the City Council. We heard that and we want to reciprocate that. We see lots of great opportunities to work with you and your colleagues at the county and the fact that today on your very first first day, say post election, you've chosen to come here. Thanks for being somebody has comments for me, too.

**Speaker:** There you go.

**Speaker:** Tell us about.

**Speaker:** Yeah thank you so much, mayor Wheeler and members of the council.

**Speaker:** I'm super excited to be here and I was actually just going to drop in and I didn't know you were in meeting today, but I was going to drop in.

**Speaker:** I'm always in meetings.

**Speaker:** That's what we do. I know you just hard at work, but I wanted to stop in. And as one of my first things after being elected to tell all of you individually, but I appreciate the opportunity to tell you all collectively I'm really looking forward to working closely with the city. I think we're going to solve our problems and the big challenges we face as a community be working together and I pledge my partnership and I'm really looking forward to getting getting in there and taking effective action together for our community, because I know we all share the same love for this city and community and I'm really looking forward to working with you. I'm not going to be sworn in until June 8th, but I'm ready to go to work and I really appreciate all of your services and I'm looking forward to the partnership. Great

**Speaker:** Thank you. Thank you for being here. And colleagues, I don't know if anybody wanted to just extend and welcome her.

**Speaker:** I certainly wouldn't. And I'm certain my colleagues would too. I just want to congratulate the commissioner elect on her electoral victory and want to thank

you for stopping by today to visit and reaffirm the need for the city and the county to work together. You have demonstrated that with both your words and actions. I also want to pledge my commitment to work with you and the county to do everything that we can to make sure that we serve the people of Portland and Multnomah County more effectively than we are today. I also want to encourage you to take a vacation between now and your swearing in time. I got that advice when I was in a similar moment to you. I don't think I ever got around to exercising that which was a mistake because this is probably the last chance you will get for a long time to go sit on a beach.

**Speaker:** Fortunately, I still have not, unfortunately.

**Speaker:** But I have the school district budget to adopt over the next two weeks.

**Speaker:** Well, it's well, it's but am going to take tonight off trying to get. Yeah exactly just at some point just getting sleep is well is all you can do. So I hope that you are sleeping well thank you so much for your service and thank you for stopping by today. Thank you. Yes

**Speaker:** Commissioner elect. So good to see you. We go back a ways because of the fact that we well, I'm an alum of the Portland public school board. And you've been on that school board for some time, in and out, even when you weren't on the board? When I was on it, it felt like you are because you're just so engaged and commissioner Mapps. I hope julia takes the vacation as well. But I can tell you this, I can't tell you how many times I've done texting with you while you're on vacation. So yeah, do the vacation. So maybe your workload will go down just a little bit while you're away. But thank you for jumping in the race. The overlap is obviously a big deal. I know coming from the schools background, you'll be such an easy fit for the county because it's so much of the wraparound services for evenings and weekends and summers come through the county and then I just really appreciate

the dialog we've had of late about the connection between schools and parks. And so you're just going to be a great partner and also a fellow pyl alum from late 70s anyway, here we are in local politics. I think the mayor can say that as well. We got Washington. Monroe right. Or was it just Washington? Roosevelt it was roosevelt. I'm roosevelt. You're Washington. Monroe that's lincoln. Yeah so anyway, it's great to have hometown love here in the council.

**Speaker:** Yeah, I just want to say congratulations, commissioner elect. And we've known each other a long time over the years, and our work in education, and I know you'll bring that same thoughtful care that you do to education, to the broader community and just we look forward to partnering you with you in the future. Thank you. Congratulations. Thanks

**Speaker:** Congratulations. Want in on this a little bit to look forward to working with you. We've got some serious problems in the city and county, but a lot of opportunity, too. So look forward to working with you. Great

**Speaker:** We're going to do it together and we're going to make this community better.

**Speaker:** So thank you again for letting me stop by and I really look forward to working with all of you.

**Speaker:** Thanks for dropping me. All right.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Sorry to interrupt your presentation. Thank you. Okay.

**Speaker:** So at this point, what we'd like to do is offer a brief glimpse into what an asset management system is. An asset management system is comprised of the processes, tools and technology used to manage a wide variety of assets, all the way from the simplicity of a valve, excuse me, to the complexity of an entire treatment plant asset management systems support the management of assets and all related operations and maintenance work throughout the life cycle of the

asset, from design to decommissioning, owning and at the city we have a wide variety of asset management systems, from world class processes to paper and pencil. But i'll wrap this up with a simple analogy as sap is critical to running city business operations and asset management system is critical to running utility operations. Next slide please. Now collectively, bts and the water bureau manage and maintain assets valued at over \$39 billion. These comprise the city's water wastewater stormwater and natural systems. Currently, these assets are managed by a rich mix of legacy technology layered across multiple systems and work processes. Bts and pwb faced an August 2021 end of support for one of the major asset management systems software currently in use by both bureaus. For the last several years, the bureaus have been working in partnership to assess the marketplace for utility asset management systems that would meet the bureau's needs. An rfp process was conducted in 2019 to solicit responses to the combined bureau requirements for utility asset management system and following the rfp process, both bureaus aligned on the selection of a single vendor and system for managing assets called in for public sector bts has successfully used in four products for aspects of asset management for over a decade. I'll now hand the presentation off to mia sabanovic the interim operations and maintenance division manager at bts to cover more key drivers for this work. Thanks, devin, and thanks the council for your time today.

**Speaker:** My name is mia sabanovic.

**Speaker:** I use her.

**Speaker:** She pronouns while the ordinance before the council today is a simple one to authorize the use of a contra right to purchase implementation service, I want to highlight the unique and strategic opportunities that our future asset management system represents for rbs and pwp. Both bureaus recki ties the

opportunity to line and continue to support city core values of anti-racism and equity transparency, communication, collaboration, glisan and fiscal responsibility. As has been described. And this will be the first time that both bureaus have leveraged the same system, allowing for increase in transparency, communicate in collaboration, an asset useful life cost optimization across both bureaus, while we consider the rbs and wb managing over 39 billion in assets and spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year on asset operation, maintenance and capital investment projects, it is a super exciting opportunity to focus, not just on stable and functioning asset management systems, but also in supporting each bureaus, anti-racism and equity work. Imagine the cross bureau opportunity that this generates and the partnership internally and externally with historically underrepresented communities today, actions before the council to approve acquisition of implementation services is the next step in the in this exciting process. Yes, in this exciting journey, in addition to these future benefits to date, we have realized opportunities to act equitably. We have worked with local and wsb certified firms for professional services such as project management, such as qa, qc work. They may also be additional opportunities for more certified firms such as project management and also organizational change manager agents. I will now handle the presentation over to baron how our technology manager for bureau environmental services to cover the phases of this work. Great. Thank you so much, mia.

**Speaker:** Hello, mayor and members of City Council. If we could advance the slide, please. One more, actually. There we go. Thank you. So in this section, i'll briefly explain the approach to this project where we've been, what comes after today's ordinance to procure implementation services. So in 2019, both bureaus collaborated and coordinated to evaluate and select the software in for public

sector through an rfp and then a cooperative agreement process that culminated in ordinance 19 0315a software as a service contract. At that time, we informed council that we had that we planned to be back, knowing we'd be required to increase our existing enforce services contract ceiling once we solidified our requirements, developed a scope and could provide a higher confidence cost estimate. So. From 2022 late last year, 2022, using remaining funds on the existing services contract, we completed what is termed the engage scoping phase is where planning workshops within fa were held with several bureau subject matter experts to determine the overall system requirements across both bureaus. These workshops resulted in cost estimates, scope and schedule for the implementing phase of this work. Today as promised, we are back to get your authorization to proceed with amending the city's existing and for service contract to begin that implementation phase for both bureaus. In addition, we're planning for engagement and oversight from the from the technology oversight committee and have secured a third party qa qc firm to monitor the project along the way. And lastly, following implementation, both bureaus will transition to ongoing operations and what we've termed the evolve phase where we'll govern and continuously evaluate and improve to include new features and or functions to support existing and or new business flows to meet the asset management and maintenance needs of the bureaus. Thanks, baron. And we can move to the final slide.

**Speaker:** So really that concludes our presentation. We're available for any questions that the council might have.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps I want to thank everyone for the presentation today and I want to thank you for this very important project. We're kind of tight on time today, so instead of posing questions to elicit information, I think I want to just turn directly to my colleagues and share some thoughts I have about this particular

ordinance and this particular project. It's very exciting and I think there's some lessons to be learned here. First, as we've talked about, many times since we've been on this council, this city needs to do a better job at asset management. We have two bureaus in the city that kind of do it best. And this is an example of bureaus really stepping up and being on the cutting edge of asset management. So second thing that's really exciting about this, we have two different bureaus using the same asset management system. One of the things that comes out of that is I think it will become much easier, easier for water and environmental services to work together to trade information in. This makes a lot of sense since literally our pipes are kind of a circle at some level. So that is huge. And the fact that they can trade information so efficiently creates opportunities for other efficiencies. As here's a good example. Well, I think I've talked to almost everyone on this council about how a couple of weeks ago I did a water bureau permit ride along. So I went down to the folks, hung out, spent an afternoon or morning hanging out with the folks at the water bureau who do who issue permits. And you've probably have talked you heard me talk about the fact that the people who issue our water bureau permits literally have to deal with 21 different pieces of software to do that work. And I think one of the reasons why there are so many different bits of software involved is that we're dealing with files that come from different bureaus. So the housing bureau or even the water and sewer might have different files. And so sometimes you're literally using a program just to convert a program so that you can read it and whatnot. All of that kind of friction. I hope goes away and becomes much simpler. So I would point out, and this is a hypothesis, frankly, I haven't fully unpacked it with the folks who are experts in this field. I think if we wanted to get better at permitting thing, one of the things that we should really focus on and explore is to try to get as many of our bureaus as possible on the on similar or at

least asset management software systems that can talk to each other. I think that would take away a lot of the friction that we see would make us much better in this space. And so that's very exciting. I'll tell you, I'm glad to have these two bureaus using the same software. One of the discussions I'll be having with pbot is to see if this is a good fit for him, for them to. I don't know, you know, managing pipes is different from managing roads. I'm not an expert in this field, but if there are opportunities like that, certainly one of the lessons I've learned in recent months and one of the lessons I carry forward in the future here and the last option, immunity that I think is really important here is we're all sitting here and we're in other meetings thinking about really organizing and reimagining government, how we cluster bureaus and whatnot or, you know, it is, as I think about appropriate bureau clusters, actually clustering bureaus that could use the same asset management software for makes a certain sort of sense. I don't know if that's the only consideration I would have in terms of which bureaus I cluster together. But there in terms of just being a high level manager, which we kind of are and certainly our future city managers are actually having asset management software kind of defined what's underneath your tent I think makes a lot of sense. And I hope that we consider these possibilities as we move forward into the future.

**Speaker:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner gonzales.

**Speaker:** Yeah. I'm going to keep it quick. This is this this is a sas then is the license model. Okay? And everything's going to be stored in the cloud. Reputable vendor, long track record in government contracts. I just want to bootstrap a little bit off of commissioner Mapps points about the possibility of this being an example for the rest of the city. Can we consolidate fixed assets? And a lot of our other systems across bureaus where it makes sense? You know, sap has a certain function when



we talk about payroll, but it's just I think long term it will drive utilization and I think it's going to lead to efficiency. So glad to support the project. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Thank you. Any further questions? Do we have public testimony on this item? No, this is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Ryan. Thank you so much.

**Speaker:** That was a great presentation and it really is a significant step towards addressing the limitations of the current system and improving workforce and asset management in the public sector. And who doesn't love the partnership between the cousins of the bureaus of environmental services and water fema? Anyway, this is a great journey that you're on and this is a pretty easy common sense vote. I vote i.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez. I maps. I want to thank staff for the presentation today and the work that you've done to get us to this point.

**Speaker:** I think this is a very exciting and very important moment in the city, which is why I am glad to vote. I Rubio i.

**Speaker:** Wheeler. I thank you.

**Speaker:** Great presentation. The ordinance is adopted. Thanks commissioner Mapps. Sure. Next time 391. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance authorized intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County health department for \$129,000 to conduct lead related public health services for the lead hazard reduction program.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this item comes to us from the water bureau. The bureau seeks to enter into an iga with Multnomah County's health department for \$129,000 to conduct lead related public health services. Here is some background on this ordinance for more than 20 years, the city of Portland's

water bureau has partnered with Multnomah County's health department to provide lead poison prevention services to our community. The ordinance before us today would authorize the water bureau to continue to support the county's lead related public health services. For one additional year. Here today to tell us more about this ordinance, we have brad scott bradway, a water quality information program officer. Welcome, scott.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Thank you, commissioner. Mayor scott bradley, him water quality information program manager with the Portland water bureau. As commissioner Mapps mentioned, the water bureau is seeking approval to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Multnomah County health department in the amount of \$129,000 for lead related public health services to our community. We've been partnering with the Multnomah County health department for over 20 years. This partnership has been part of our lead hazard reduction program, which has served as our compliance with the lead and copper rule. This compliance program has included education and outreach, lead and water, education and testing, home lead hazard mitigation and partial corrosion control treatment. In April of 2022, the Portland water bureau brought on improved corrosion control treatment. With this new treatment online, we are currently transitioning our compliance approach with the lead and copper rule from our lead hazard reduction program to full corrosion control treatment going forward. And as we make this transition, we seek to maintain this partnership with the Multnomah County health department to continue to provide public health support and continued monitoring of sources of exposure to lead in the Portland region. This this funding will last for an additional fiscal year and the funding will will support Multnomah County health department in their public information and referrals through their lead line program. They will also continue to do intake of the free lead

and water test kit program that the Portland water bureau manages and most importantly, they will be managing elevated blood lead level investigation and case management for the community. And with that, I'll open it up to any questions as commissioner Gonzalez I'm sorry, that's legacy.

**Speaker:** I'll get I'll take my hand out.

**Speaker:** Great.

**Speaker:** Do we have public testimony on this item?

**Speaker:** We do. We have three people signed up. All right, let's hear. First up, we have kimberly going. Alban online. Thanks.

**Speaker:** Yes. This is kimberly going. Alban clark, citizen for life here. I was there speaking last week. I actually have an email that said that I could have spoken on time. Certain 381 when asked if there would be anybody was there, I was sitting there waiting. I did not get. So can I have those three minutes? And then the three minutes on this agenda you have three minutes for public testimony.

**Speaker:** All right.

**Speaker:** I would like to let the citizens know of Portland that if in my understanding, this is the way that a marxist local government will act against citizens like myself who speak up, you are a united nations members of the iclei. Therefore, I'll speak on all of the agendas. In short, as I look at my notes, it was a very informative meeting today. I'm all for the watershed programs other than the inside hardware earned tax dollars passed around between government government officials. So yes, do these programs. But while the climate action plan was mentioned, I'll say this your membership to the united nations cully, which does not follow the united states constitution, an must stop you. I'll ask you to get out of that membership. That's why all the chaos, everything falls under this. There are two twofold agenda which is to use local government to weaken America by

following their agenda, not the constitution of which the voters believe you are. And then to depopulate. And that's going to be the nightmare that we wake up to. Citizens in clark county are already waking up to vaccine injured injuries. So this is a big, deep thing that people it's going to be a nightmare for them. In short, also, for god's sake, our police are our protectors. But how can they do the right thing under the law when the system is corrupt enough to back the criminals? This is really deep and to the citizens can listen to radio fm 101.1 fm daily. A lot of the budget is funded by criminal biden's America rescue plan using a fake climate change fears and the pandemic of which we believe this covid was a pandemic to divide people. And they did a good job. We will never shut down again. We will never mask up again. I believe that it was a divisive way that you people do and must understand this. Please. I'm I'm asking that heart that was created. The spirit that you look at this agenda and the answer comes every time that it's not what's wrong with it. It's not following the constitution that our godly forefathers made for us. It stood 200 years. We're going to keep it standing. We are not going to have the one world order. You will not weaken America for the citizens of Portland must understand. Thank you. You are governed by a united nations. Thank you. Next individual, please.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have dwight.

**Speaker:** Hi de hi.

**Speaker:** Thanks for being here. My name is dwight.

**Speaker:** Way. Wait a minute.

**Speaker:** If you want to go the first recital on this contract is false.

**Speaker:** The water bureau is on the record for ending in 2022. They're misleading. Connected lead reduction program for compliance with the lead and copper rule for them to say they are transitioning their way of complying with the federal law is

not legitimate. This contract does not extend this now illegitimate compliance program. This contract is solely a vehicle whereby ratepayer funds are being used to pay the salaries for a program run by Multnomah County. This contract should not be approved. It is another example of the water bureau inappropriately spending ratepayer money in this case for personnel in the Multnomah County health department. This personnel expense should be borne by Multnomah County and their tax revenue, not via our water bill. This contract is only for personnel costs. There are no material costs. There are no deliverables. The majority, 80 \$85,500 of this contract is going to 1.5 full-time special position at the health department. According to this contract, the one and only task performed by this employee at the health department that is related to water is quote, collecting requests for lead in water test kits and sending the list of requests to the city on a weekly basis. This end quote. The remaining tasks on this contract are not related to water, but ratepayers will be paying for them anyway. And this is illegal. The court has ordered that the spending of ratepayer dollars must be related to providing clean, safe water to Portland water users, thus the vast majority of this contract cost is illegitimate spending of ratepayer money. Meanwhile, the water bureau's \$20 million treatment facility that was opened and began operation last year has failed at significantly reducing the lead in Portland's water. Do not think commissioners for one second that this facility is anything other than a complete waste of ratepayer money. Portland water bureau continues to fail at protecting the public's health with their continued unsafe lead levels in our drinking water. But to loop back this contract should not be approved. Ratepayer money should not be used to pay the county personnel performing tasks not related to water. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** Uh, next up, we have Portland advocates for lead free drinking water. Are they on?

**Speaker:** Yeah. Are you able to unmute.

**Speaker:** Okay.

**Speaker:** Flew back. This contract should not I can hear somebody can you hear us?

**Speaker:** Oh yeah.

**Speaker:** That sounded like d's voice reply paid or something.

**Speaker:** Go ahead. It looks like you're unmuted. Hi there. Can you hear me?

**Speaker:** Yes. Now we can, yes. Welcome.

**Speaker:** Excellent. Thank you for this opportunity. And I wanted to say we are so grateful to the many independent experts willing to answer questions that our own water bureau has not. We think you, commissioners and the public deserve better information about this. Multnomah County health position, which is requesting to fund for \$129,000. This ordinance is primarily for 1.5 fte specialists position at the county's lead line and here's why. When we ask the lead line specialist for lead and water data in the lead poisoning homes that he investigate rates, he said this the quote the short answer is that a document like you described doesn't exist. Only a fraction of the lead poisoning cases over the last five years will have lead and water test results, unquote. Lead line instead primarily focuses on lead paint per Portland water bureaus, lead hazard reduction program. But as researchers and scientists know, lead in drinking water is different from lead from other sources, since it disproportionately affects developmentally vulnerable children and pregnant mothers in fact, tap water can account for more than 85% of total lead exposure among infants. Consuming, reconstituted formula.

**Speaker:** Even so. So the lead line specialists rarely, if at all, test the tap water in his lead poisoning cases.

**Speaker:** Instead, he collects requests for a diy lead and water kit. You won't find lead in water if you don't test. And this led specialists, this lead specialist doesn't. Further, he doesn't believe tap water here is a problem. Despite the news articles, congressional testimony, data and the utility's own recent and previous lead water exceedances. Secondly perhaps equally important to call out here are the faulty water test kits themselves. Is that the pwb aggressively promotes and sends to customers and lead line clients. As the director knows, these old science kits don't follow epa protocol for vulnerable populations to be clear, these kits can grossly underrepresent and may even miss lead coming out of taps. And finally, a third critical error.

**Speaker:** The Portland water director and city attorney wrote, quote, lead poisoning prevention into this agreement. Six times. Yet if Portland water bureau were engaging in lead prevention, they would be testing every one of these homes using science and sound water testing protocol. Critically they would be handing out certified lead, reducing water filters as the first default response s commissioners if you read the exhibits, that's not going to happen and never has lead line and wbz has not prevented lead and water exposure and poisonings as lead as independent experts have pointed out. We urge you to reject Portland water's ask for \$129,000 today as records show lead line and pwb downplay an important source of lead exposure. Water. To be perfectly blunt, Portland water is paying the lead line to look the other way. Pwb should be using water funding to mitigate lead and water, not to mitigate lead paint. Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate your testimony that complaints, testimony.

**Speaker:** Very good. Colleagues, any further discussion before I move this? This is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next item 392, please authorize the regulated affordable multifamily assistance program pilot to provide utility bill discounts to multifamily properties approved for the nonprofit low income housing limited tax exemption program. Commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. I'm colleagues. This is a great program. I've come and spoken with you about it many times over the past few months. If not the past few years. This particular initiative would allow the water bureau and provide outside assistance to two low income Portlanders who live in apartments. I'll tell you, there's a challenge to providing utility assistance to people who live in apartment, and that makes sense if you think about the way in which water meters are set up. This is a huge equity move. This is something I'm really proud of. My staff and the folks over at the water bureau for figuring out how ever today I find myself in the very sad situation of needing to pull this back to my office, and I need to pull it back to my office because later on in this afternoon, we will consider a series of cuts to the utility bureau's and should those cuts pass, I will not be able to afford to offer our rate breaks to low income Portlanders who live in apartments. So until we get greater clarity on what resources are available to the water and sewers, this project, it remains in my on my desk, so I'm pulling it without objection.

**Speaker:** 393, please. An emergency ordinance authorize new construction financing for an affordable housing project located at 1131 southeast oak street to be developed by francis clare place limited partnership or a catholic charities of Oregon affiliate not to exceed \$9,421,891.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor. I'm pleased to be bringing forward francis and clare place a project by catholic charities of Oregon for a new permanent supportive housing development in inner southeast Portland using



Portland housing bond funds. The proposed city funding leverages over \$18 million of other public and private financing and delivers 61 units of affordable housing, all targeted to serve households impacted by homelessness. The project is in a centrally located area close to numerous amenities, including public transit health clinics, grocery stores and recreational activities or opportunities in a location where affordable housing is scarce. I want to thank the archdiocese of Portland, saint francis of assisi, catholic church, catholic charities and its development partner elan and company for delivering much needed affordable housing and culturally responsive support services in partnership with the city of Portland and stakeholders. So I'd now like to pass it to fbs interim director molly rogers to share more about this great project. Thank you. Good afternoon. Thank you.

Commissioner Rubio and good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record, I am molly rogers. I'm the interim director of the Portland housing bureau. With me today is jill chen, fbs housing investments and portfolio preservation manager who will co present with me today as well as the francis and clare team.

**Speaker:** Next slide. We are pleased to provide a summary of the Portland housing bureau's progress and on implementing the city's goals for the Portland housing bond. As a reminder, all bond funds have been allocated toward the creation of 1859 new affordable homes, exceeding our commitment of 1300 units to Portlanders by 43% to house over 4000 people. 900 units are open and almost 1000 are under construction or in pre-development. Notably, 399 units will house some of our community's most vulnerable households experiencing homelessness. Like the future residents of francis and clare place. Next slide. Today we are seeking approvals to fund the francis and clare place. It is a multifamily affordable rental project with 61 rent regulated units. It is located at 1131 southeast oak street in the buckman neighborhood. And I'd like to express my deep appreciation for the

archdiocese of Portland, saint francis of assisi, catholic church, catholic charities and its development partner edlen and company, for bringing this project forward. In particular, we appreciate the willingness of the church to sell a portion of their land to facilitate the development and welcoming the residents into this community and with that, I'm going to hand it over to jill chen. Next slide.

**Speaker:** Thank you, molly. And for the record, I'm jill chen, Portland housing bureau's housing investments and portfolio preservation manager.

**Speaker:** And use she her pronouns as commissioner Rubio already mentioned this project will be 100% permanent supportive housing targeted for individuals and couples exiting chronic homelessness with rental assistance and supportive services.

**Speaker:** The borrower will enter into regulatory agreements with fb in accordance with city policies to maintain the affordability for 99 years. Next slide please. The project is comprised of 54 studios and seven one bedroom units consistent with the needs of this household size and designated designed for this population, all units will be affordable to households earning up to 30% of area median income, with many expected to have no income at all.

**Speaker:** All unit rents will be supported by project based section eight.

**Speaker:** Vouchers.

**Speaker:** Next slide, please.

**Speaker:** Amenities include a quiet room, flexible classroom community space with kitchen offices for delivery of resident services and supportive services. Long free rooms, bike storage and a 24 over seven front desk coverage. All residents will have access to francis and claire commons, a pedestrian green street adjacent to this building. The project is on track to earn earth advantage multifamily gold certification features include low flow fixtures, energy star appliances and lighting

and durable sustained materials for Francis and Clare Place, it's designed as solar ready and anticipates solar panel installation through the partnership between Fb and the Portland Clean Energy Fund. The project expects to meet or exceed Fb's equity and contracting goals of 30% disadvantaged and minority women emerging small business firm utilization for hard cost and 20% utilization for professional services. Current projections are for 30% hard costs and up to 86% for soft costs. Construction will start next month June 20th, 23, and is expected to be completed by spring of 2024. Next slide, please. The 61 households will have wraparound services provided by Catholic Charities and Native American Rehabilitation Association, or NARA funding for these supportive services is provided by the Joint Office of Homeless Services totaling up to 10,000 per unit per year. All units, as mentioned, will have rental support from project based Section Eight vouchers awarded by Home Forward. Next slide, please. Catholic Charities in partnership with NARA of Northwest, will provide both resident and supportive services in a culturally appropriate manner. Services will be focused on housing stability and retention, including case management, peer support, resource navigation, including assessing of benefits and community building activities. Next slide please. The proposed city funding of approximately 9.4 million is leveraged almost two times raised over 18 million in other public and private funding. Our funding partners include Enterprise, Community Partners, Heritage Bank, Oregon Housing and Community Services and Metro for grant, other city resources consist of system development charge exemptions and as mentioned, Portland Clean Energy Fund. Next slide, please. In conclusion, we are asking City Council to authorize funding of up to \$9,421,891 to Francis and Clare Place. Limited partnership or an affiliate of Catholic Charities of Oregon and to authorize the interim director of VHB to approve amendments and execute any related documentation necessary to advance the project within the

maximum approved amounts. Finally, I want to introduce our development partners, keyshawn coleman, vice president of community development and housing at catholic charities and jill sherman, partner of edlen and company, who will have some brief comments and are available for questions. Thank you so much. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, joe. And thank you, molly. My name is keyshawn coleman as jill said, I am the vice president of community development and housing here at catholic charities of Oregon. I have been here since December of 2022. When I was first introduced to the project to provide some background on our organization. On caritas. Housing is an entity under catholic charities of Oregon that takes pride in serving the most vulnerable Oregonians. Francis and clare is a great example of how co can work together with a vast support system to provide housing to those that would not have had it without our support. In this case, those who are at risk of homelessness. Homelessness excuse me, are currently experiencing homelessness and some of the great teammates and supporters that have contributed to the success of this project have been and home forward. The joint office with their coordinated access system as well as permanent supportive housing funds for our wraparound service enterprises, are limited partner and nara to provide culturally specific trauma. Informed resident services and peer support along side our services team, our services team at catholic charities of Oregon will provide oversight of on site staffing and ensure tenants are connected with case management to remain housed, provide linkage to mental health and addiction services. Domestic violence survivor supports and help applying for benefits and employment employment services as needed. Additionally, I would like to provide a big thanks to the archdiocese of Portland, as well as the saint francis parish for providing us with amenity rich land next to another project that we currently own,

saint francis park. Finally we would like to provide a huge thanks to the Portland housing bureau, who has supported us in the community to meet the needs of houselessness and housing insecurity, which is historically had a disproportionate impact on communities of color through the last five months of my experience of working with the housing bureau, I can truly say that fb will do anything that they can to provide housing to those who need it most. Last but not least, before I before I hand the presentation over to joe sherman, I'd like to provide a big thanks to her and her team for their tremendous support over the last few years on the project. And like other entities that have named their desire to provide housing to those who need it most. So without further ado, i'll pass it over to joe sherman. Thanks keyshawn, and good afternoon, mayor Wheeler.

**Speaker:** And City Council members. I am jill sherman. I am a partner for with edlen and co and we are a local developer that works on affordable and middle income housing, community facilities and projects that push the boundaries of sustainability and we have had the privilege of working with catholic charities on this project over the last couple of years and projects like this. I think really are part of the solution toward addressing some of the challenges that our city faces and that you know, you as the council and others have been working so hard on over the last few years, this project, as everyone has explained, does reach some of the neediest populations in our community folks who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. And these projects do not happen without local gap funding for affordable housing. And in this case that was provided by the Portland housing bond. And so I think it's important to recognize the citizens for passing this bond. And then the housing bureau for deploying all of these funds to achieve those goals that were originally set out. The project also leverages us, as folks have said, a significant amount of other other sources, including over \$11 million in federal tax

credits, which is essentially an investment that we're bringing into into our city. I would echo what keyshawn said about the housing bureau's partnership as well as the bureau of development services as this project has some complexities around the site in particular and how we fit this project in with other things that are already happening on the site. And we had some complex issues that we were able to work on together in multiple meetings to come out with good solutions, with everybody coming to the table with really that type of mentality that we are working together toward solutions and other financial partners. Oregon housing and community service, the joint office and home forward, metro and then of course, fb and staff are all critical pieces of this, of this puzzle. Finally our architect, holst architecture, who I think has put together another quality and contextual design and then o'neill walsh community builders, our general contractor who's been with us from the beginning, providing important feedback on budgeting and constructability and our bids are in. So we are close to finalizing our guaranteed maximum price. And I'm happy to report that we will exceed our target for sb participation with cobid certified firms were just hovering around. 31.6 or 32% at and you know, as soon as we get off this meeting today, I will be continuing to work on all of the details that we need to get done between now and June 22nd so we can get this closed and under construction. And I'm really happy to be here again and answer any questions that anyone may have. Thank you so much.

**Speaker:** Thanks, jill. And does that complete the presentation? Glisan.

**Speaker:** I believe it does. Very good. Sorry people. Not my item.

**Speaker:** Yeah. Molly, is that the presentation? That.

**Speaker:** That concludes our presentation, and we'd love to answer your questions.

**Speaker:** Excellent. Thank you. Colleagues. Any questions? Nils, do you have public testimony?

**Speaker:** No one signed up. All right, very good.

**Speaker:** Thank you for the presentation. Great work. Please call the roll. Ryan. Thank you so much.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio, director rogers and jill chen. It was great to hear from the partners as well. It was about a year ago when catholic charities Oregon was awarded this. The funds from the housing bureau to construct francis claire place in the buckman neighborhood. And I'm just really thrilled to see how this is being executed. And the financial commitments to move this forward. And I also want to acknowledge my site visit to catholic charities last summer. I believe it was. And you just really have a culture that's so perfect to be a partner for low income housing with services. So this is a really good feel good project. I vote i.

**Speaker:** Gonzales let's build some housing.

**Speaker:** I vote I Mapps i.

**Speaker:** Rubio I'm just really excited for this project. I want to thank interim director rogers and the team at fbb jill chen for all your excellent work here and the teams at catholic charities and edlund for your great work on this as well. This is going to a very important thing and a very important time and very happy to vote. I Wheeler thank you, commissioner Rubio as well as all the great people from the Portland housing bureau for their work on this project.

**Speaker:** And for bringing this item forward to us today. As we all know, we're in critical need of housing at all income levels across the city, including the deeply affordable level of 0 to 30% of median income. All 61 units of this project will be permanent supportive housing, targeting those who are experiencing or who are at very high risk for homelessness in permanently. Residents in this housing will be

supported through services that focus specifically on housing stability, something that's desperately needed in our community. These important services such as case management, peer support referrals and access to health care, will ensure the success of Portlanders in this housing building. More on ramps to permanent housing is critically important as a component of our overall city strategy to address homelessness. So thank you all for your great leadership on this. I vote I in the emergency ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Last but not least, colleagues and I know it's been a long morning slash afternoon. We have item 390 3-1, a 4/5 agenda item.

**Speaker:** Centralize the city's planning of the 2023 rose festival for improved and efficient coordination and public safety. Commissioner Gonzalez alicia well, I'm very proud to present this this addresses the city in rose festival shared goals of public safety and event success.

**Speaker:** I want to take this opportunity to thank all the bureaus and partners who have come together to make this happen and to assure this event is delivered in the safest manner possible. In particular, pbots pbem prosper, Portland and of course the rose festival and Portland fire. I would also like to thank my bureaus, including pbem and fire, for working together for the best outcome here. Commissioner Mapps. Thank you for your leadership as the rose festival liaison and to help your office has given. That's it.

**Speaker:** Great. And colleagues, I misspoke. I didn't turn the page. We have another item after this. Any. Yeah. Sorry necessary coordination and activation without a really smart, smooth plan for community safety would not be a good idea. And so I want to acknowledge the good people at rose festival ceo marilyn clint and your clint and your staff. It's really exciting. That rose vessel is coming up, but it's so important that we don't have any last minute. Are you kidding me?



Moments that we were kind of experiencing last year. So I'm really delighted to see this in motion. I vote i.

**Speaker:** Gonzales.

**Speaker:** I vote. I a. Rubio. I want to thank boec commissioner Gonzalez in particular grace for her work with our office and for working with prosper Portland to make sure that we have all the right people at the table and happy to support this. I vote aye. Wheeler awesome work.

**Speaker:** I vote i. The ordinance is adopted next. And truly the last item is also a 4/5 agenda item.

**Speaker:** Item 3932 ratifying letter of agreement with the Portland firefighters association international association of firefighters local 43 to settle an unfair labor practice complaint. Colleagues, this should be a relatively quick item.

**Speaker:** This is a resolution version of an old unfair labor practice complaint. It involves a team of the fire bureau that was eliminated during budget cuts, as Multnomah County provides a related service with this ordinance, the ulp will be resolved. I'll now turn it over to kim fouts from labor relations. Hi, kim.

**Speaker:** Hi. I hope you all can hear me. I'm having some troubles with my camera. Oh, you sound.

**Speaker:** You sound great. We can hear you perfect.

**Speaker:** Great. Thank you so much, mayor and commissioners, it's really great to see you this afternoon and present this letter of agreement for your consideration and approval. The Portland fire and rescue had a dive team that received a premium pay for members of that team. The dive team was disbanded through the budget process for the fiscal year 2017 and 2018 and currently remains disbanded. The pfa filed a ulp in 2017 for failing to bargain the impacts of that decision. The matter was not heard by the employment relations board until October of 2021.

The irb at that time agreed with pfa that the city should have bargained the impacts of cutting the dive team and ordered the city and pfa to bargain those impacts of the decision to eliminate the team. The parties met and agreed to limit the economic liability to a 12 month period, reflecting the premium and the overtime opportunities lost. The parties agreed to a finite amount of \$91,431.08, representing the lost overtime opportunities for the firefighters on the dive team at the time of its elimination. Thank you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Appreciate it. Any questions on this, colleagues? Any public testimony?

**Speaker:** No one signed up.

**Speaker:** Can't believe I forgot that word. Very good. Please call the roll. Ryan. Hi, Gonzalez hi.

**Speaker:** Maps. Hi, Rubio hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** Thank you all for resolving this. This this has been a long time coming, and I'm glad to see it amicable, resolved and no longer before us. I vote I the ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned until 2 p.m.

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One afternoon, everybody, this is the Wednesday, may 17th, 2023, afternoon session of the Portland City Council.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon, Keelan please call the roll. Good afternoon.

**Speaker:** Ryan Gonzalez here, maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

**Speaker:** We'll now hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Well welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually.

**Speaker:** You must sign up in advance on the council agenda. At [Portland.gov/council/agenda](https://portland.gov/council/agenda) information session on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. Is the presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberate actions will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when

testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** We have one item this afternoon soon, but it's a thick one. Please call item number 390 for a report approval of the fy 20 2324 budget for the city of Portland. Good afternoon, colleagues, and welcome to take. We take a series of steps and votes as part of the approval of the fiscal year 20 2324 budget as prescribed by Oregon state law as the city of Portland's budget committee. We will hold a hearing on the uses of state revenue sharing. Consider changes to the approved budget is filed and approve the tax levies for the fiscal year 23, 2024. I'm now convening this meeting of the city of Portland budget committee. Keelan. Please call the roll on the budget committee. Ryan here.

**Speaker:** Gonzales here. Maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

**Speaker:** Before we begin, I want to briefly take a moment to acknowledge the work that's led us today throughout the spring, we held six budget work sessions each led by the commissioner in charge of a designated service area. Those work sessions helped us better understand how the bureau resources are currently allocated and learn about financial plans and key performance metrics. The council also held three public listening sessions to gather information and input from the general public about what issues they'd like to see prioritized within the budget. My staff and I and my colleagues staffs met with us and with other commissioner chairs to strategize on the best ways to use the resources we have available. I want to take a moment to recognize the city budget office, especially city director tim grew and kristi owen for your hard work and ushering us throughout what has been a very complicated process. Yes, bobby lee, sarah morrissey and haley

beyonce from my team, I want to thank you for your hard work and your leadership to balance the budget. I also want to thank my fellow commissioners and their staffs for their partnership and their feedback and the consider all amount of work. Each and every one of these commissioners and their teams have put into this budget together. We've produced a budget that builds on the priorities that we've heard from Portlanders. Those include homelessness, public safety, economic recovery and livability, issues like cleaning up the graffiti and the trash. I am not going to go through the entirety of my budget message again because almost everybody in this room has already heard it twice, but it is available online. If people would like to review that. So I'm going to skip. To this all of this work requires significant staff time and investment. We know that over the last several budget cycles, this council and prior councils have created a solid foundation to facilitate the incredible amount of work that we are proposing in the fiscal year 2324 budget. And with that, I turn this over to tim groot, the director of the city budget office, whose facility dating our hearing today direct our group. Good to see you again. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

**Speaker:** Commissioners, today you are meeting again as the city budget committee to move the city's budget forward to the final adoption and adopted budget. There are five attachments that you've already received that will be discussing as we go through these proceedings. I'd like to go through those very quickly for the public attachment a step by step description of the process for consideration of the deliberations on changes to the fy 2324 proposed budget attachment b is a list of all adjustments by organization to the fy 2324 proposed budget amendments to change resource as approved by council today will be updated into this attached urgent attachment c is a summary similar to attachment b to b. B c, which is adjustments by fund and major object category. And we will

again update that depending on what decisions you make today. Attachment d has the budget notes as proposed for the approved budget. This document will be amended to include any new notes approved during this hearing today. An attachment e is the tax increment collection plan for the city's urban renewal districts. The following are the steps for our approved budget hearing as outlined in attachment a of the filing documents. First, we will conduct a hearing to discuss state revenue sharing. This is a legally required step to receive revenues from the state of Oregon into the city's general fund. Second, the budget committee will have an opportunity to introduce amendments to the mayor's proposed budget, as filed with the city clerk following the introduction of amendments, the public will have an opportunity for testimony on the proposed budget and amendments as offered. Third, there is dedicated time to discuss amendments and then a vote occurs for each amendment set forth after the votes on each amendment, there will be a subsequent series of votes. The first will be to update the relevant attachments attachments b, c, and d based on the passage of amendments. Second, council will vote to approve the total budget as amended. And yes, we know it's going to be a lot of voting and the city attorney's office is on hand to be sure that we get the steps correct. For fifth. And finally for today, the last action will be to vote the approved budget excuse me, the approved tax levies, including urban renewal levies. These are the steps will take this afternoon. Christie and I and the staff will be working closely with you to try to respond to any questions as we move on with that, mr. Mayor, i'll return it back to you.

**Speaker:** All right. Very good. So as you had proposed, first up, is the state revenue sharing. I'm now opening a hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. This hearing is being held by the City Council of Portland, Oregon, in compliance with the provisions of state revenue sharing regulations, specifically

ors. To 21.770. It's to allow citizens to comment on the possible use of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process as proposed for council adoption. The fiscal year 2324 budget anticipates receipts. Totaling 24,322,555 nine, almost got through. That \$24,322,559 from state revenue sharing. As has been the case in prior years, it's proposed that this revenue be allocated in equal parts to support fire prevention and police patrol services. Keelan is there anyone here today who has signed up to testify on this particular matter? I don't believe so. Is there anybody here who wants to? Very good. I'm now closing this hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing colleagues. I'm seeking a motion on the technical change to attachment b first director grewe why don't you describe the change in attachment? B is filed. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

**Speaker:** There is only one adjustment from the proposed budget to the approved that was incorporated into the council filing documents. This is a very technical change made at the recommendation of the omf accounting by the city's controller shortly after the proposed budget was published, the request of the controller is that use is to use a direct budgeting method. Add in the Portland clean energy fund instead of a fund transfer method. To send \$12,728,487 of resources to the housing investment fund for energy efficient and renewable energy improvements in affordable housing development. There is no change in the resource level for the Portland clean energy fund, and there is a reduction of the 12 million to no longer recognize a fund transfer between Portland clean energy fund and the house investment. Again there is no programmatic change to the delivery of services. The fund managers were consulted with omf accounting and in order to meet the requests of accounting to change and form a budgeting was made. That's the summary.

**Speaker:** Thank you. And before I ask for a motion, does anybody have any questions of director grewe on this item? Very good. I'll entertain a motion on on the technical change to attachment b so moved commissioner Rubio moves second commissioner Ryan seconds. All right now we'll hear and second other amendments as well for those which are co-sponsored. Please note that in your motion for the record, I'd before I make my amendments first, I'd like to share a little bit of broader context about the amendments I'm putting forth today. Colleagues, as you know, Portlanders are overburdened by increased government taxes, utility rates and fees after the massive surge in Oregon's population over the decade from 2010 to 2020, with growth of over 10% psu population research center indicated a loss of over 12,000 Portland residents in recent years. As we learned from various expert s affordability is the key reason we must work together to ensure that we protect Portland's small businesses and workers and safeguard our economic future by demonstrating fiscal discipline where we can. Many of the amendments will reduce rate and fee increases on sdc's street parking, utility rates, and in other areas. We've also included budget notes to evaluate future administrative fee increases and grants. And the reason that we are proposing budget notes rather than going through them individually is because there are literally hundreds upon hundreds of them and we need to be thoughtful about how we do that. I'll begin with my amendments. First up is Wheeler amendment one. This is a budget note update policy on five year financial planning, timelines and submissions. And if you'll bear with me, colleagues, I will read the specific amendment into the record to ensure a transparent and timely process. The city budget office cbo will review existing financial policies and create a new schedule and decision making process for all bureau multi-year financial plans as part of the annual budget process and to be presented to council earlier in the process. In



addition, cbo will review the existing policy for the establishment of reserve funds to address emergencies, address temporary fluctuations in revenues and expenditures and provide stability during economic cycles. The policy shall revise guidelines for the content of the financial plans, including alternative forecasts, scenarios, assumptions used in preparing the plan, schedules for the timing and amount of the plan. Debt issuance rate increases for all service fees and the methodology for the development, use and replenishing of financial reserves. The policy will also include the timing of work sessions and the approval of the financial plans by the mayor and council. All cbo will also include in the budget schedule options for council approval of rates earlier in the budget process as a workgroup will be convened to allow for input from bureaus on the policy prior to submission to the council and of course update attachment d as appropriate. I move. Can I get a second please for Wheeler? One second. Commissioner Mapps seconds. Wheeler to budget. Note development of policy and process for timing of revenue bonds for utilities. The exact wording is this the city budget office in conjunction with the office of management and finance bureau of revenue and financial services, will review and revise city financial policy for debt management to include timely signs and notifications of future revenue bond sales with rate assumptions to council in conjunction with the annual rate ordinance for utility rates. This review of policy and process should include the timeline for adoption for utility rates prior to the release of the mayor's proposed budget set. Expectations for appropriate levels from council offices for timing of bond sales and the city's budget process, and the inclusion of information on requested rate increases during the authorization of bond issuance. And the policies will ensure transparency in the rate development process for council offices and the public. And again, update attachment d is appropriate. I move. Can I please get a second for second to second from

commissioner Ryan Wheeler? Three budget note inventory and review of bureau specific fees and I hinted at this one a moment ago. Here's the language as part of the review of city financial policies, the city policy for revenue recovery fin 2.03 shall also be reviewed in the fiscal year 2324 bureaus that set fees administratively through the city's annual budget process shall also provide City Council with information on the purpose and cost methodology. Date of last revision and frequency of activities supported by these fees in their fiscal year 2023, 2024. Budgets bureaus shall submit the inventory of administratively set fee information to the city budget office by August 30th, 2023, and then update attachment d is appropriate. I move can I get a second, second, second. Commissioner Rubio seconds Wheeler for reduce rate growth for the water bureau. Water retail rates to the fiscal year 20 2223 forecast of 7.7% growth language for the Portland water bill will reduce its retail growth rate to the prior forecasted growth rate in the fiscal year 2023 2024 to 7.7% from 8.9% to enact this reduction in the rate growth, the revenues for the water sales in the water fund will be reduced by \$2,400,000 to balance the water fund contingency expenses will also be reduced by \$2,400,000 on a one time basis as the water bureau will take cost containment efforts in advance of the fall bump, which may include holding positions vacant or delaying projects that have not started further. The affordability programs will not be reduced to achieve this reduction, the full impact of holding the growth rate consistent will be incorporated in the fiscal year 2024 2025. Rate budget update attachments b, c and d is appropriate. I move. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Ryan seconds Wheeler five reduce rate growth for the bureau of environmental services. Sewer rates for the fiscal year 20 2223. Forecast rate of 3.15. Language for the bureau of environmental services will reduce its retail growth rate to the prior forecasted growth rate in fiscal year 2023 24 to 3.15 from 5.15. To enact this reduction in

forecast rate growth, the revenues for sewer system in the sewer operating fund will be reduced by \$8 million to balance contingency expenses will also be reduced by \$8 million on a one time basis in the sewer operating fund, the bureau of environmental services will take cost containment efforts in advance of the fall bump, which may include holding positions vacant or delaying projects that have not started further. The affordability programs will not be reduced to achieve this reduction in the full impact of holding the growth rate consistent will be incorporated in the fiscal year 20 2425 rate budget update attachments b, c and d is appropriate. I move. Can I get a second? Second commissioner Rubio seconds Wheeler six reduce on street metered parking by \$0.40 per hour in the Portland bureau of transportation fiscal year 2023 2024 budget transportation operating fund. The Portland bureau of language. The Portland bureau of transportation. General transportation revenue forecast and the fiscal year 20 2324 proposed budget assumes a metered parking rate increase of \$0.40 per hour, which was approved by council in February of 2022. That was resolution 37564, the last metered parking rate increase occurred in 2016. This amendment removes the incremental increase of \$0.40 per hour in metered parking rate revenue as a resource to support program expenses to enact this reduction, the parking fee revenues in the transportation operating fund will be reduced by \$8,300,000 to balance content agency in the transportation operating fund will be reduced by 8,300,000 in the fiscal year 2023, 2024 year, adding to ongoing program reductions, including reducing positions for fiscal year 20 2425. Update attachments b c and d as appropriate. I move. Can I get a second. There's no second the amendment. I'll second commissioner Ryan seconds. That concludes my amendments. Colleagues now i'll pass it on to my colleagues to present any additional amendments. S i'll just call in the order that I have here. Commissioner Rubio thank you, mayor.

**Speaker:** Let me find my place.

**Speaker:** Okay, colleagues, as you know and as you're likely have read today, I'm laser focused on increasing housing production and improving permitting services.

**Speaker:** And more specifically, the intersection of those two priorities. And we can't solve this problem alone. Interest rates are the biggest barrier to housing production, but we don't control that. So I'm looking at the levers that we can pull, and that's why I offer the following amendment to freeze system development charges at the fiscal year 2223 level for the next fiscal year. My amendment reads fiscal year 2220 or I'm sorry, fiscal year 2324. System development charges sdc's will remain at fiscal year 2223 rates. The system development charges sdc's for parks bureau of environmental services, water and Portland bureau of transportation are to remain at the fiscal year 2223 rates for 2324. This represents a one year freeze of sdc's the sdc revenues to collect in the parks capital fund for fund 402001 will be reduced by 1.4 million and parks capital fund contingency fee will also be reduced by 1.4 million. The scc revenues to connect collect in the water fund will be reduced by 1 million and the water fund contingency fee will also be reduced by 1 million. The scc revenues to collect in the transportation operating fund will be reduced by 400,000. And transportation transportation operating fund contingency will also be reduced by 400,000. The scc revenues to collect in the sewer system operating fund will be reduced by 1 million and sewer system operating fund contingency. Also reduced by 1 million. Update exhibits b and c as appropriate. But before the mayor asks for a second, I want to share with our bureaus and the public that this wasn't a light decision in that that was made. Those numbers I read off are meaningful numbers and our bureaus will have to navigate what they mean for various capital investments. But I do think that freezing the rate for just one fiscal year, we will have balanced our immediate needs to do all that we can to increase housing

production with our long term infrastructure needs. And this is a unique time in history and we need more homes for Portlanders and those homes and increasing the amount of time it takes for those homes to be approved are what's driving this for me. And on that note, I just want to be transparent about where we're heading, where I'm heading next, and the additional support I'm going to ask of my colleagues. My office has been looking at the intersection of housing production and our permitting services for about five months and to put it bluntly and but with respect for the years and years of work that predate me, we are ready to move on from tiptoeing around these systemic problems and ready to pull off the band-aid and, mayor, you and I first spoke about consolidation back in January, and I asked you for time to do my own analysis. And the permitting task force is great diligence has even preceded this. I've done the work and I'm now calling on bts with the oversight from a project manager to put together a plan to create one permitting bureau for the city of Portland and the choices are in our bureau's is this we need to start now to shape proactively because it will happen to us when our first city administrator is hired and no city administrator will look at our current system and thinks that this permitting system makes sense. So therefore, it's my strong position that this work began as soon as possible with an eye toward fiscal year 2425 budget process. In other words, we need to have the chairs on the deck sorted out between now and the end of this calendar year so that there is a consolidated budget for permitting. Bureau submitted comments January 20th, 24 and the single bureau will be realized come July 21st, 2024. And that gives our bureaus and our budget office a solid year of runway. I need to do some work with bts and with my named partner, commissioner Ryan, to get this off the ground. But we will release more information in the weeks to come. Thank you for the space for me to be transparent and what I think is the right move for our city. So I would

appreciate support from my colleagues. Commissioner Rubio moves second, commissioner Ryan seconds.

**Speaker:** Thank you for that, commissioner. Commissioner, you have another. Thank you.

**Speaker:** This is my second and last mayor. Colleagues, our economic recovery and all the work that we are doing to help our beloved city, as well as the increased cost government needs to provide the level of service our community members expect. It has highlighted for me the need for centralizing forecasting. It is in the best interest of the City Council and the city government that all of our bureaus are reporting to and complying with various assumptions in their forecasting for revenues. This is also an action that better prepares us for our first city, administer greater. So my budget note reads budget note centralized coordination of forecasts. Fiscal year 2425 budget development, the city budget office and the city economist will convene a workgroup to coordinate underlying assumptions for forecasting revenues in advance of the development of the fiscal year 2425 budget. The timeline will be developed and shared with bureaus as the schedule for the 2425 budget development process is set over the summer. A work session on economic trends and forecast assumptions will be held prior to the submission of requested budgets. Update exhibit d as appropriate at commissioner Rubio or or.

**Speaker:** Mr. Mayor, can I ask a clarifying question on this pertaining to this? Sure yeah. Commissioner Rubio, can you provide. I'm not quite sure what you're trying to get, what problem you're trying to solve or get at here, here. And if it's appropriate, I'm seeing him nod his head. Could I could I suggest let me second it.

**Speaker:** I second it. So it's on the table. Let's let's put all the amendments that are going to be on the table, on the table. And then as we go through them individually, we can ask lots of questions.

**Speaker:** And it's that is not intended to be a hostile question here. I actually don't know what's going on. I just I just want to get through everybody's amendments and then we'll we.

**Speaker:** So, commissioner Rubio, let's you and I try to remember commissioner Mapps has a question on that one in particular. So commissioner Rubio moves Rubio to I've seconded it. Commissioner Gonzales, you have, I believe, three amendments. You're proposing.

**Speaker:** That's correct. And we'll try to streamline this. I'll start with my comments for all three before I read them into the record. And with respect to amendment number one, this relates to low acuity medical calls and the overall allocation of public safety calls in our system. Since the dawn of the pandemic, we've seen a substantial increase in 911 calls clogging our system. This is particularly true for medical whether low acuity or high acuity, medical, we continue to evaluate the best methodology for allocating these calls. It is both efficient and assures the highest quality medical care in the region. Additionally with charter reform implementation upon us, there's an opportunity to thoughtfully streamline the public safety bureaus and this note will speak to both of those aspects. Notes two and three are with respect to the fire bureau's overtime challenges in 2023 specifically experienced substantial unplanned overtime in the current fiscal year. There are various contributors to this challenge, including change in leave policy and bargained contract term implementation actions. And both of our notes here will speak to those items. So with respect to note, one budget note. Direction, the call response and allocation reviews for medical response. The office of the commissioner of public safety is assigned coordinating responsibility for city transition public safety service area group. The service area group is charged with submitting recommendations regarding the city's public safety structure within the

city's new form of government. Effective in January 2025, the service area group will submit recommended actions to the city's chief administrative officer and City Council for approval before October 31st, 2023. The city's public safety structure, as approved by City Council, will inform factors staffing requirements in the city's public safety call response protocols, strategies regarding staffing and call response shall be developed in coordination with the commissioner of public safety. The city's public safety bureaus, Multnomah County and the city budget office. The commissioner of public safety, shall sign a project manager responsible for the deliveries deliverables identified in this budget. Note the project manager shall regularly report the commissioner of public safety and the mayor's office on project status for the duration of the review timeline. A report shall be presented to City Council by September 15th, 2023 to inform both future budget guidance and to allow for any workload necessary for transitioning and planning to occur. Council shall prioritize additional funding to execute the plan and should alternative funds become available during fiscal year 2324, it is recognized this may be a multi year effort to fully execute any transition of programing and identification of ongoing resources. This budget note represents direction to move forward towards a more sustainable funding and operational deployment model for non-emergent and lower acuity medical call response. That was a mouthful. One more paragraph here analyze evaluating alternative response protocols. So consider the rapid response vehicle or rv program. The community health assess and treat chap program and Portland street response as well as opportunities to revise the ambulance response services with Multnomah County. Update exhibit d as appropriate.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez moves. Is there a second? Second commissioner Mapps seconds. Budget note to overtime analysis and reporting structure for Portland fire and rescue.



**Speaker:** Portland fire and rescue experienced unparalleled overtime spend in 2223 and recently engaged in outside analysis of how to remedy going forward and will complete the analysis of overtime spend and provide recommendations on long term solutions. The commissioner of public safety shall assign a project manager responsible for the deliverables identified in this budget. Note analysis shall include the impacts of the following collective bargaining agreement. Future retirement, its upcoming 27 pay period look backs potential impacts of Oregon's paid family medical leave act on daily staffing models, appropriate size of the travelers pool, potential strategies for overtime avoidance as the project manager shall regularly report to the commissioner of public safety and mayor's office on project status for the duration of the review presented to City Council by September 15th, 2023 to inform both future budget guidance and to allow for any workload necessary for transitioning and planning to occur. Council shall prioritize additional funding to execute. The plan should alternate funds become available during fiscal year 23. 24 is recognized. This may be a multi year effort to fully execute a plan to address overtime pay update exhibit d as appropriate.

Commissioner Gonzalez moves.

**Speaker:** Is there a second, second, second. Second from commissioner Mapps.

**Speaker:** Amendment number three note three realigned 400,000 in 1 time.

General fund discretionary resources allocated to the community safety division in the office of management and finance to the Portland fire bureau bureau for onboarding and training new firefighters. The community safety division in the office of management and finance shall realign 400,001 time general funds.

Discretionary resources carried over to the fiscal year 2324 proposed budget for community safety strategic plan in to the Portland fire bureau to support onboarding and training new firefighters to effectuate this change to the fiscal year

2324 proposed budget. The amendment decreases the community safety division's general fund, one time revenue and associated program expenses by 400,000 and increases the fire bureau's budget by the commensurate amount, resulting in a net neutral budget realignment. The csd will no longer have a dedicated resource for their strategic plan without their own internal realignment. Update attachment b and c as appropriate. Second, commissioner Gonzalez moves.

**Speaker:** I'll second Gonzalez three, commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** Yes, colleagues, since being assigned the service area cluster area by the mayor in January, our office picked up on the work.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Rubio started to evaluate and align arts spending with the goals and priorities of our city. My goal has been to prepare for our new form of city government, while simultaneously trying to enhance and deliver on the city's promise of supporting artists and arts organizations. In Portland. I'm delighted that my colleagues on City Council recognized the crucial importance of establishing a centralized and robust office of arts and culture for the future of arts and culture in our city. The new office of arts and culture will serve as a catalyst for streamlining initiatives, improving efficiency and fostering collaboration within our vibrant arts community. It will also provide direct access to city services, resources and valuable opportunities for growth and development of our creative economy. Throughout this period of government transition, I have passionately advocated for increased funding for the arts in Portland, and I'm unwavering in my commitment to ensuring an uninterrupted grantmaking activities for artists and arts organizations in our city. My goal is to have the office of arts and culture operational by June of 2024, ensuring a lasting, positive impact on the artistic landscape of beloved city in my hometown. So the budget note assigned out of city arts program and future agreements commissioner dan Ryan and city arts program

have undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the city's arts related services seeking to align arts spending with city goals and policies to enhance support for artists and arts organizations by providing more direct services, resources and opportunities for growth and development. Recognizing the immense value and impact of investing in our city's artistic community, including artists, arts organizations, cultural events and the broader creative economy. The City Council has determined the need for a centralized and robust office of arts and culture to oversee and streamline efforts, enhance efficiency and foster collaboration within the arts community, and provide support for the development, promotion and preservation of arts and culture throughout Portland. The city arts program will begin the process of reaching, allocating staffing and contract investing to the establishment of the office of arts and culture with the target date of completion of June 2024. Update attachment d as appropriate.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan moves back a second. Commissioner Rubio seconds that's Ryan one on two.

**Speaker:** Ryan two. Okay colleagues, over the past four years, the city of Portland across multiple bureaus has awarded over 300 million in grants to local nonprofits. And the city needs to do a better on ensuring we set clear goals and outcomes. For example, the Portland clean energy fund paused its grant, rolling out to make sure its grant programs were being aligned with its core guiding principles. There's still much more work to do here. That said, leadership must include the humility, and I appreciate the openness to improve pcef thank you, commissioner Rubio. Our overall grantmaking habits as a city should use this example of real time editing as a best practice across the entire city. As it relates to the office of community and civic life. We need all our partners that receive grants to align and deliver on the core mission of the office. Being an objective convener and building civic

engagement. I've asked the bureau to work with the district coalition offices, diversity and civic leadership programs, Multnomah youth commission, new Portlanders policy commission and east Portland action plan to ensure alignment on shared goals and outcomes to increase the impact of the city's investment and grant making. I look forward to all of you being thought partners as we improve accountability and build community results when partnering with our community organizations. Budget note reads outgoing city grants policy and process review the office of community and civic life in partnership with the office of management and finance grants, management division, will develop a comprehensive process and transparency framework for community grants in the city of Portland in addition to ensuring equity and inclusivity, the new framework will require clear accounting, measurable goals, robust community engagement and transparent reporting. We aim to ensure accountability and fiscal responsibility and mutually desired goals. Update attachment d as appropriate.

**Speaker:** Second, commissioner Ryan moves commissioner Rubio seconds Ryan to and then I have a joint one Ryan and Rubio.

**Speaker:** Do you want me to start it here?

**Speaker:** Okay. I was pleased to work work with commissioner Rubio and the mayor's office to bring this amendment forward. The funding shift, along with the reallocation of civic life funds, we were able to overcome the budget shortfall caused by the shift in liquor, noise and cannabis to bts and prosper. Thanks to the combined work, civic life will maintain full funding of the diversity and civic leadership program in the upcoming fiscal year, while also investing in district coalition offices, serving historically under-resourced areas of our city as well as a small grants program which serves thousands of Portlanders, including members of bipoc immigrant and refugee, lgbtq plus and other at risk communities. These

adjustments will cover the budget gap for the upcoming fiscal year. We will work together to determine a long term solution. On one time, the reads as follows one time funding for the diversity and civic leadership program. The diversity and civic leadership program and the office of community and civic life will receive \$250 \$250,000 of general fund, one time discretionary funds to support it. The program grants in fiscal year 2324 to recognize these resources increased general fund beginning balance by 250,000 on a one time basis. The resource supporting this increase is under spending in the intergovernmental agreement with the joint office of homeless services. Increased program expenses in the dcl program in the office of community and civic life and general fund discretionary resources update attachment b and c as appropriate. Very good. Commissioner Ryan moves.

**Speaker:** Is there a second? I would assume, commissioner Rubio, since you joined introducing it, you'd be happy to do that.

**Speaker:** Thanks. Great. Commissioner Mapps do you have any amendments? I do indeed.

**Speaker:** I have an amendment to the Wheeler Wheeler amendment six, which is the issue which deals with parking meter rates and for those of you in the room or listening at home, here's an intuitive understanding of what's happening. So the mayor has introduced and commissioner Ryan has seconded a budget amendment which would forego a 40 cent increase in parking meter rates. I am introducing what I hope is a friendly amendment to reduce the size size of that reduction from. \$0.40 to \$0.20. And the language for this, which we can call Mapps amendment one, is now here's the title reduce on street metered parking by \$0.40 per hour in the Portland bureau of transportation fiscal year 20 2324 budget transportation operating fund and the language of this amendment reads as thus the Portland bureau of transportation general transportation revenue forecast and the fy 20

2324 proposed budget assumes a metered parking rate increase of \$0.40 per hour, which was approved by this council in February of 2024. That would be resolution 137564, the last metered parking rate increase occurred in 2016. In this, the amendment reduces the increment increase of \$0.40 per hour in metered parking to \$0.20 per hour. To enact this reduction, the parking fee revenue in the transportation, an operating fund will be reduced. By \$4,150,000 to balance continuing to balance contingency in the transportation operating fund will be reduced by three. I think there's a typo in there, but I would assume that should read \$4,150,000 in fiscal year 2023 slash 24, adding to ongoing program reductions, including reducing positions for fiscal year 2024, 25. Update exhibits b, c and d as appropriate. May I get a second? Can I do a point of order on this?

**Speaker:** Sure. And I see what you're trying to do, and I appreciate I think there might be a legally cleaner way.

**Speaker:** I'm seeing lots of twitching. Yeah I'm happy to do this simpler.

**Speaker:** Why don't why don't we hear from, um, budget office and legal counsel?

**Speaker:** I think what they're going to suggest I realize what you're proposing competes directly with the amendment that I put on the table. And I think what they're going to recommend is that they be two separate amendments voted on separately in. Is that what you're go go for it.

**Speaker:** Clarify, sir.

**Speaker:** Christian assistant budget director I think our first question was, is this an amendment to amend Wheeler six or is this the introduction of maps one for a 20 cent that is a great question and I think in the hustle and bustle of this afternoon, I don't know when I read this, it looks like a separate amendment, although I think it has been framed.

**Speaker:** That would be that would be my preference because I think it gets because it gets messy to amend an amendment and I would rather they be separate competing structures.

**Speaker:** Yes, I think one point that we discussed briefly was only one can pass because if both pass are mutually exclusive, I agree with that.

**Speaker:** But this isn't the first time we've done that. Okay. Right. I mean, a point of order.

**Speaker:** Whose amendment gets voted on first? I think we were one.

**Speaker:** Are we in the order of introduction?

**Speaker:** The order of what?

**Speaker:** Sorry?

**Speaker:** In the order of introduction and the order that we've read them, they'll be voted on. And as legal counsel, I would also rather see it as maps amendment one and not an amendment to an amendment, but as its own. I'm fine.

**Speaker:** Do I have to read this again or can we give them what I put on the table? Are we good to go? I think as long as you can clarify that you're moving forward with this as maps amendment one and not an amendment to Wheeler six. Sure hi folks. Thanks for sticking with us. What I'm going to do today is introduce a separate amendment, we'll call it maps. One. And what it basically does is it proposes a 20 cent increase in our parking meter rates. Great. And commissioner Gonzalez did you have a question before I ask for a second?

**Speaker:** I mean, it's a little bit of procedural or point of order and then it's a question for the chair as well.

**Speaker:** The point of order, is there any fundamental barrier to an amendment to amendment. So I would really only want to see an amendment to do an

amendment once the initial amendment had passed or have we gone on for further colloquy on that issue?

**Speaker:** It's not procedurally appropriate right now, so I hate to argue against myself, but I'll tell you why you can't do it, because in order to get the amendment passed, you have to vote for my base amendment first.

**Speaker:** And. It's just cleaner.

**Speaker:** If we separate these and colleagues, it feels messy.

**Speaker:** But we do this a lot, actually, in budget processes where there's an honest disagreement of opinion about a particular aspect of one of these, and we put them up as competing alternatives. It's it actually isn't that messy. It may feel that messy, but I'd prefer that rather than amendment to an amendment.

**Speaker:** That's just me.

**Speaker:** But if he feels strongly about it and I'll defer to my colleague commissioner Mapps on this, the primary and this is as much a question for the chair isis suspect, or at least I'm hopeful that we will be at something more than 3 to 2 on this.

**Speaker:** At least that's my hope at and so the interest in in getting it all tidy in one was that it affords us an opportunity to show some agreement on this. But I may be mistaken, an and where people stand and take seriously your your general point about usual process here.

**Speaker:** Can I ask a question so we're going to vote in this is the first amendment.

**Speaker:** We vote on is commissioner Wheeler six which couch eliminates the increase in parking meter revenues and only one amendment here can survive.

**Speaker:** So if we vote on Wheeler six and it passes, then. 20 minutes later we vote on maps. One one. Or do we still vote on maps? One if Wheeler six passes this procedurally, at that point you could move to withdraw your motion or you could



go through the formality of voting on it, knowing what the outcome would already be. All right. Um i'll keep my amendment on the table. We will vote on Wheeler six if Wheeler six passes the first time around. Um that seems to negate maps. One is that the basic dynamic here? Correct right. All right. I hope my colleagues understood that. I vaguely do. And we can let this thing play out.

**Speaker:** We do need a second. Oh thank you.

**Speaker:** Second second. From commissioner Gonzalez two maps. Number one, all right, our colleagues, are there any other amendments?

**Speaker:** Okay. So why don't we do this ordinarily? What we would do here is we would take initial questions. Then we'll hear public testimony.

**Speaker:** I think we have, what, 15, 20 people signed up for public testimony, then a second round of questions. So are there initial questions people would like to ask staff while they're sitting here and comfortable in their chairs?

**Speaker:** And then we'll go to public testimony and reopen it for discussion and or questions of staff?

**Speaker:** Yes, mr. Mayor, I have. Thank you. I'll direct this to tim probably most appropriately. I think a quick explainer on Rubio to me, this deals with a new system or a centralized system for coordinating budget forecasts. And the confusing thing for me here is I think of our economists as developing fiscal forecasts and revenue forecasts. So how is this different? But how is the amendment proposed by Rubio here different from current practices? And what problem are you trying to solve? Current let me start by saying that the way we forecast the general fund is our city economists collaborate with other economists in the state and they try to get a fix on assumptions that they're using in their forecasts.

**Speaker:** State has some different forecasts than we would have, but nevertheless, they're looking at economic trends. We don't have a forum like that currently within the city and we would like to formalize having the forecast oysters in water. The forecast, oysters and environmental services pbot wherever those people are that they come together to collaborate out on what economic trends are looking like, what they're seeing, and changes in their assumptions is and then coming to council and reporting on their findings as well as their methodologies for how they're going to go forward in the forecast and presenting their financial plans. We want to do that earlier in the process. As soon as we think we can get a good grasp on trends. So that's what we're trying to create here.

**Speaker:** Okay. I'm I'm it sounds like a good idea. The only does this impact all bureaus and are we so you mentioned a question is general fund versus let's say utilities and whatnot.

**Speaker:** I think bds actually has some very sophisticated and kind of interesting forecasting models. So in general, this would apply to it would be mostly the larger bureaus that either have fees as a primary source or rates as a primary source.

**Speaker:** And in the case of the general fund, we have all kinds of resources. We have to do assumption is on this is an aim to having every bureau in the city be participating in this. We would share our findings with everybody.

**Speaker:** All right. That's fine. Thank you. I appreciate I appreciate the clarification.

**Speaker:** And we'll be providing more information as we go forward on how this will operate and what the procedures will be.

**Speaker:** All right. Very good.

**Speaker:** Any other questions at this particular juncture?

**Speaker:** If not, we'll jump right into public testimony.

**Speaker:** How many folks do we have signed up?

**Speaker:** Keelan?

**Speaker:** We have 15. Very good. Good good. I'll call the first three. I believe they're all joining us in person. You're welcome to come up to the testimony table. Kevin mckay, rob martineau and susan johnson. There should be a powerpoint slide.

**Speaker:** Kevin matches. What's missing there.

**Speaker:** You said there was a powerpoint slide. Yeah, let me check. Do all three of us come up here plus or. D.o.j.

**Speaker:** Okay. Should someone else go first, third?

**Speaker:** Should someone else go first while you're waiting? Oh

**Speaker:** Oh, sure. Hello mayor.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler. Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan.

Commissioner Rubio and commissioner gonzales. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the city's 2023 2024 budget. My name is susan johnson. I am co-chair of the Portland bureau of transportation's bureau of budget advisory committee. I'm testifying on behalf of myself and I am not representing the back. It is extremely disappointing to see a last minute amendment. Well, several last minute amendments to the pbob's budget that would cut 4 to \$8 million from their budget without any discussion with the community, much less a volunteer community. I co-chair fema that is tasked with helping the Portland bureau of transportation director develop a yearly budget. As you know, the Portland bureau of transportation's financial situation is untenable and unsustainable well into the future. But this very modest increase to parking rates is crucial to maintaining key services in the bureau. Please do not support either of these amendments and please support the Portland bureau of transportation coming in the coming year as we grapple with its future and what services we will need to cut to balance the budget in the future years. Thank you. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Shortened to the point.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Okay Keelan. Are we waiting for a powerpoint? Is that.

**Speaker:** Yeah, I think it's ready. We're getting it pulled up right now. Sorry for the delay here comes.

**Speaker:** I see it.

**Speaker:** Thank you. I'm Kevin. Matches I'm a CFA charterholder council has been discussing the desire to reduce tax burden here in Portland. I know how the city can reduce \$2 billion of property taxes. I'm going to show you how. Turning to the next slide. Look at a property tax bill. Portland fire and police pension comprises about 10% of the total bill, according to the mayor's proposed budget. This will consume over 30% of the city's annual property taxes. A city run pension system called FPD covers police and firefighters first sworn before 2007. Turning to the next slide, the charter defines the funding policy and puts the plan on a pay as you go basis. Property taxes pay benefit payments as they come due in retirement, but no money is ever set aside to fund pensions before benefit payments are due. This is a curse on the long term financial condition of Portland. I urge the city to request its actuary, provide an analysis of a comprehensive actuarial funding policy. The only two places in the United States using a pay as you go funding policy are Portland and Puerto Rico. Next slide. One important benefit to getting off of pay as you go is reducing cumulative long term costs. Next slide. Portland has the most costly public pension system in the United States. On the left side of this chart shows police and firefighters across Oregon. The right side shows Portland police and fire the important difference is the ludicrous annual actuarial costs associated with Portland's pensions shown in red. It's costing Portland more than twice as much to employ a single member compared to the rest of Oregon. Next slide. Under the current funding policy shown here in green cumulative costs of PDR total \$6.1 billion

over the next 30 years and over \$8 billion through the end of the plan's life. Examples of alternative funding policies are shown in red. Next slide a cursory analysis indicates that alternative policies could eliminate 1.9 to \$2.6 billion of costs. That's property taxes. Next slide. I've urged the city to request its actuary, provide the analysis at the January 23rd pdr board meeting, one trustee made a motion to get a quote for such an analysis, but the mayor's designee was absent and the other trustees did not second the motion, so the motion died. Any discussion about tax burdens would be woefully incomplete without an analysis, there are steps council can take immediately. First, fill the vacant board seat with someone who will support a culture of transparency. Second, demand transparency in the form of an analysis of potential cost savings. Next slide. Finally three independent national experts can engage directly with the city, but only by invitation. Thank you.

**Speaker:** First of all, I just want to applaud you as somebody who spends a lot of time on on pension systems that was about the most complex issue, explained very simply in three minutes, perfectly well done.

**Speaker:** Thank you. And I appreciate it.

**Speaker:** All right. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Uh, next up, we have rob martineau. Welcome um, welcome.

**Speaker:** All right. Thank you. My name is rob martineau. I am a member of local 189, and we represent thousand hundred city employees across numerous bureaus. I want to start talking about those employees or start by talking about those employees. I think it is insincere to bargain in good faith contracts for those employees and then effectively lay them off by failing to fund the services they provide. Add these amendments are going to harm Portland as a whole and undermine the ability of its bureaus to provide and maintain the service levels that they currently do. Budgeting is a challenge. I mean, that's an understatement in the

current climate and it has been, and I expect it will continue to be. But these changes would be a diversion from the short and long term needs of Portlanders and the collective goals of our city. I think this will hurt our bond ratings. It will have impacts on the general fund. It will have impacts on the infrastructure bureaus. Absolutely see, this could absolutely be a spark for generational financial inequity that we would begin by doing this and then moving those costs further and putting those on on future generations. I think this will artificially hold down rates and we will again be faced with the same issue next year and the year after. And the year after. The time is now to fix this. And this was done in a responsive way. These amendments, it's feel like a knee jerk reaction in that I fully don't I will say I don't fully understand the need for this. I understand tax fatigue. I understand. I don't want to pay more taxes than I have to. I don't think I'm alone in that. But these are necessary things to have our city be the place we want it to be. Deferring this is not the answer to we've got to fixing our streets program because we fail to fix our streets. We don't need to defer this again. I think that these amendments will harm those that they purport to help. And I think that the really accurate analogy to what these amendments will do is be is to press the skip a payment button on our obligations. They will compound. It's always a bad idea to take that skip a payment if you're, you know, offered that. And we would just compound that bad idea by pushing this forward onto future generations. So I would ask that you reject these changes and not take the opportunity to compound our obligations and further encumber Portland. Thanks thank you.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have michael anderson, followed by kyle johnson and zach lesher. Go ahead, michael.

**Speaker:** Hello, mr. Mayor. Commissioners, my name is michael anderson. I'm a senior researcher and transportation policy lead with sightline institute. I'm here to

comment on parking fees. Sightline takes no position on the proposals before you, though, we agree with the many people you hear from today saying that public services have value and deserve funding instead. Want to make a broader point, though, raising fees will never be popular. Parking fees are a little unusual in that higher fees can sometimes have an offsetting benefit to people driving. My son is six. He's obsessed with minecraft. The other day I drove to the downtown powells at 6 p.m. In search of the next volume in a series of minecraft novels. I thought car would be faster than bike until it took me 20 minutes just to find a parking space every curbside for half a mile around was full. I ended up driving parking in the underground lot by whole foods and stopping to get some bacon to avoid the parking fee. This is stupid. I shouldn't be paying jeff bezos for overpriced bacon so that I can park for free. After 20 minutes of driving in circles around downtown in instead, the city should be opening up curbside space by charging another dollar per hour to park on the curbs in the south pearl and extending paid hours into the evenings and using that revenue to continue providing valuable public services. If Portland's curbsides were a hot dog stand, then in some neighborhoods you, the City Council, would be selling out of hot dogs before dinner every day, as any business owner in the city would tell you the thing to do in that situation is to raise the price of your hot dog and reinvest the revenue in your operation. That's especially true if your hot dog stand is going broke and you are considering laying off the guy who cooks your hot dogs. I'm not saying Portland should raise every parking price, some curbs in some hours are nearly empty. Don't raise those prices or lower them. People are currently overpaying for parking on those curbs. In other words, I'm urging you to use the policy that this council passed in 2018 but has never actually implemented to create new meter and permit districts and regularly adjust parking prices in all districts based on demand, as in san francisco, Seattle.

Vancouver. Calgary. Los angeles. Baltimore, dc. Madrid. Rotterdam and elsewhere. Not everyone will love this, but it is a way to make city life work a little better and boost access to businesses while raising money for public purposes. That's why you pass that policy in 2018 and that's why you should direct your staff to implement it right away. Thanks nick.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have kyle johnson. Hello mayor and City Councilors.

**Speaker:** I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is kyle johnson and I'm on the board of bike loud pdx. I'm here today to express my concern about removing the proposed parking rate increases. Is taking away this revenue from the Portland bureau of transportation would cripple the bureau for many years and make it nearly impossible for us to achieve the modal and safety goals we need to do to create a more livable city. The loss of personnel and experience at pbot would take significantly more resources to retain in the future the bike loud's mission is to hold the city accountable to its goal of 25% of all trips being made by bike by 2030. A city where 25% of all trips are made by bike is one where our roads have less, where where our kids can walk and bike to school, or the park by themselves, and where community is built into our streets. According to the latest bike counts, we are moving backwards on this goal, so we needed to be dedicating more smart funding towards pbot to achieve this goal, not less. It will not be possible to make any meaningful advances towards this goal or other important goals, such as reducing reducing traffic deaths. With such a huge drop in funding as the one being proposed today. As people who ride bikes, these cuts are especially impactful for how we design our streets as a matter of life and death. Right now, too many of our streets are designed only for private automobile nils these cuts will mean more Portlanders are putting their lives on the line each time they go out and use our streets by bike. And too many others will decide it's not worth the risk. The



city's parking survey found that 96% of people would not be influenced by this increase, but when you ride a bike, you notice when there is glass on the road. Because because it has not been maintained or protected. A bike lane that has been scaled back because of funding and the project just ends in the middle of nowhere. Making a city where the only way to get around by car will make it more expensive to live in Portland. Triple a puts the cost of car ownership at \$10,000 a year for Portlanders should not have to pay \$10,000 a year to access our roads. It's this council's job to make sure these public goods are used to the maximum public benefit, not forcing such a large cut to a bureau that is already underfunded and backlogged is not a good way to manage these public goods. The full 40 cent parking increase is fair in line with what our peer cities are charging for parking improves access to our central city and creates its value several times over in community benefits. Please do not defund our roads. Thank you for your consideration. Next up, we have zach lesher. Hi there. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is zachary lesher. I'm testifying regarding the planned parking fee increase that's being put into jeopardy by the meeting. I'm concerned about this because the narrative that is being put forth is that commissioners need to make do with less in order to be good stewards of public funds. I object to this, particularly when it comes to parking fees, because the cost of not implementing the multi-modal safety projects that the parking fee increase would pay for is high is far higher than the cost of the fee increase. There are high cost to community that result from unsafe streets. There are medical costs to residents mounting maintenance costs for roads as people wear them down from choosing inefficient modes of travel, worsening air quality and the mental and physical health toll of sedentary lifestyles multiplied by tens of thousands of people every day. All of these have costs to our cities, both in terms of real expenditures

and lost revenues and in external costs in terms of the well-being of Portland's residents. I'm fairly new to Portland, and when I moved here, I made the decision to not buy a car. I personally saved money doing this because I'm not paying for car payments, fuel maintenance, insurance and so on. Our region saves money from this decision because don't contribute to congestion, worsening air quality, noise, pollution or unsafe streets and statistically more likely to shop at neighborhood businesses than at big box stores. I say this to emphasize that this decision was only possible because the products that are paid for by the revenue sources, like the one that's on the chopping block today, I use the blumenauer bridge, the couch street, rose lane. The nato protected bike lane and our wonderful greenway network on a daily basis. And every day when people are encouraged by projects like these to make a trip somehow other than a car, this creates a virtuous cycle that makes the streets safer and more welcoming to the next person who considers making the same change. I urge the commission to not to gut these crucial programs and instead invest in our city's future by raising the parking costs. The \$0.40 that were planned. Thank you. Next up, we have chris smith followed by rachel whiteside and mark paurus.

**Speaker:** Go ahead, chris.

**Speaker:** Mayor Wheeler, members of council. I'm chris smith. I sometimes appear here as a lobbyist for the no more freeways campaign. Today I'm testifying on my own behalf. I had the privilege of serving as a citizen budget advisor to this council, all for six years under the ten years of mayor adams and hails. And prior to that I also served on the pbot budget advisory committee. The trajectory three of pbot budget has been clear for that whole time and for many years since, and we find ourselves at a very dire place that was delayed by the introduction of a local gas tax commissioner Mapps, I would note, was also a member of the last task force to

look at utility fee that collapsed under the effort to find an equitable and politically viable rate schedule that would apply to different land use types. If you're brave enough to try that again, I commend you. It will be hard work.

**Speaker:** Um, absent this overdue increase in parking fees that my friend michael has so well articulated pbot is basically going out of business.

**Speaker:** I would urge you not to allow that to happen. And I would also point out that parking fees are good policy, not just for the reasons that michael articulated, but both under the city's poem effort and in metro's research on pricing methods for the transportation system, parking fees align very strongly with our city and regional goals. They are, in fact a climate policy. So I urge you to allow the full 40 cent fee increase to go into effect. It's overdue and it's a good policy for the city and has multiple benefits. Thank you very much. Next up, we have rachel whiteside.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Good evening. I'm here on behalf of protect 17 and I speak today to urge you to vote no on all of the budget amendments that have been put on the table. All that would dramatically reduce the city's ability to provide vital services for the people of Portland, protect 17, represents over 900 city of Portland employees who provide the professional and technical services across almost all city bureaus. A large portion of our members are engineers and technicians who work on the design, inspection and maintenance of the city's infrastructure. This includes water and wastewater pipes and plants, ice streets and transportation facilities, a wide range of parks, facilities and affordable housing projects, and permitting these professionals are directly tasked with finding the most cost effective way of performing these essential city services as they have directly faced the dramatic and unexpected increases in construction costs over the past two years and the impact it has already had on their project delivery under the incredibly difficult constraints of rising external costs, countless hours have already

been spent to optimize the city's plans for cost effectiveness during the regular budget cycle. The amendments before you today disregard this professional expertise as well as the public input from budget advisory committees and the public utility board and the long term planning that is built into these programs to make sure that rate increases are both responsible and that the city is spending money wisely by cutting utility rates and waiving sdc's council is demanding budget cuts without the benefit of proper planning and the pressing constraints on project delivery will only increase and city work will slow. And I'm speaking from experience here because I was at bts during the great recession and I saw it firsthand. There will be less maintenance of critical water and sewer pipes, fewer safety improvements to transportation facilities and a slower inspection process of affordable housing projects. That is, this council is rightly prioritizing in the budget short term cuts to maintenance budgets never save money. They only defer costs to a later date. As the backlog of projects grow and result in more expensive fixes later. This isn't politics. This is just engineering. Our members are working people who are subject to the same economic stresses that all Portlanders are facing. They experience the same rent hikes, shocking prices at the grocery store and high fuel costs. And like most Portlanders, their wages have not kept up with inflation and they feel the burden of increased taxes. But to see their work undermined by sudden budget cuts, which always come with the potential threat of layoffs, is tremendously harmful to both your workforce and the community. The people of Portland do not want slower permitting and degraded infrastructure either. They want vibrant parks, accessible streets and safe drinking water. I urge you to take a step back from this hasty plan that will undermine and underfund the city's critical response abilities and core services. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have mark paris.

**Speaker:** Yep. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners.

**Speaker:** My name is mark. Boris I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch.

**Speaker:** According to the most recent Portland police bureau, sworn staffing report that was posted online today, there are 77 sworn vacancies and 98 officers in training who are not yet on the streets. These 175 positions comprise around 20% of the bureau. The city budget office's analysis of pbs's budget states that the inherent trade off of carrying too many vacant funded positions is that the funds will not be spent on additional new hires but on vacant positions. They state that it is not expected that the bureau will need funding for the 43 positions in fiscal year 20 2324 and we urge you to remove funding for those 43 positions. So even for people who want to undo the lessons the city supposedly learned in the black lives matter uprising, who somehow believe that the answer to crime, poverty and violence is to throw money at police instead of redirecting it. You must first wait for these 175 officers to be out on the streets before you take more money away from human needs and give it to a militarized branch of our government. This morning we testified on a police brutality settlement that cost the taxpayers \$50,000, not including the amount of money spent by risk management in the city attorney's to settle the case on this morning's settlement also raised the total paid out for behavior during protests between 2018 and 2020 to at least \$1,254,405. And we also noted that the d.o.j. Settlement agreement states the city make available the number nature and settlement amount of civil suits against officers, regardless of whether the city is a defendant in litigation. And we're still waiting for the city to make these data readily available to the public and street roots actually recently published data showing that the city spends more paying its lawyers than it does making whole those who file city civil claims and that should alarm everyone. And

there is no way to discern this from the budget. You're presenting to the public today. Furthermore, every settlement for police misconduct and brutality should come directly out of ppb's budget. That includes includes any and all legal expenses. As in minneapolis, they talked about needing to acquire insurance for each officer so that those who committed the worst or repeated acts would become uninsurable and lose their jobs. Portland should consider adopting this model as well. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have jacob brostoff, followed by kimberly going alban and will hollingsworth. Welcome

**Speaker:** Thank you. Mayor and commissioners. Greetings. I'm jacob brostoff. I'm a member of local 189. I work as a safe blocks program coordinator at the community safety division, and I appreciate giving you giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. Thank you. I'm concerned about the intergenerational equity impacts of these proposed amendments. It's unfair to people who previously paid in and it's unfair to future Portlanders, whose money will go less far than it would have otherwise. As we defer things that are going to break more or suffer from inflation and potentially impacted bond ratings, pbot reserves are dangerously low, and this is kind of creating a rainy day for a bureau with no rainy day fund. I'm very concerned about the ripple effects of layoffs and bumping our city. Coworkers are already quite understaffed. For example, there are mandatory 12 hour shifts at the wastewater treatment plant right now because they can't hire enough workers and I'm also concerned about the safety impacts of having fewer Portlanders at work for the city. So we here in our union repeatedly from workers all the time who are isolated and in unsafe conditions due to lack of colleagues. Folks at pbot complain about that. A lot. In summary, I just want to say I think this is a really bad idea to

make these cuts and I would appreciate you reconsider, bring these ideas. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Appreciate your being here.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have kimberly going alban.

**Speaker:** Yes, this is kimberly. Going alban live, citizen of clark county, your sister county.

**Speaker:** I took an oath and I'm a senior citizen and I'm going to be speaking about your budget, of which I do not claim to begin knowing much about it. The citizens are doing a good job. That's all I'm out to do is wake up citizens to what's going on. And this is what's going on. This council is a united nations member of the iclei, and it's not following the constitution on anything. They pass. And i'll quote mayor Wheeler, whether good or not so good will pass. That gives the government telling we the people how to spend our hard earned tax dollars instead of we the people governing our local government. My goal is to wake up all citizens up, to assemble as their local governments such as Portland, is not the only iclei membership undermining American cities as there is Vancouver City Council. There are 15 year members of the united nations as nato. So is Seattle, bellingham olympia. Name a few in Washington state under criminal linly. Oregon city. Milwaukee eugene salem newberg and bend to mention a few cities across America with local governments that comply to the united nations and not the constitution. That's the problem, folks. When you wake up and stand up now, you'll understand why all this. It'll answer all of your questions to take down America for their agenda, which is a twofold and this is not me. This is them to have a one world order through the mayors and councils and then to depopulate it. And that's another whole nightmare, right there. They want to depopulate us. This council must get out of the united nations membership to the iclei and transition back to following the

constitution and gain back the trust in our local government, not all American cities are following the criminal Biden and by the way, citizens must discern for themselves and listen to our local FM radio station 101.1 daily to the truth and a better understanding of what is really happening. This United Nations agenda requires the government to control every aspect of your lives, include our police, our fire department, notice how the government is intertwining our own services and when citizens assemble it lets the government know that they are overreaching by making policy changes that sound good. But actually float hard earned tax dollars among themselves. Much of the American rescue plan uses our hard earned tax dollars and must be spent within a certain amount of time, or it's gone. They won't get it. And that's why they try to push these right now, because pretty soon America is going to wake up. On a sadder note, citizens must also look up geoengineering. What's [.org](#) and view the video the dimming and you'll better understand and why lead in our water is minute compared to how we have polluted our earth and how climate engineers are killing us. Just killing us flat out. It's a it's a nightmare. But knowing the truth will make you free. Amen the change of subject. But solar panels put solar panels on schools and other public buildings. As you purchase those. Okay

**Speaker:** Next up, we have Will Hollingsworth. Hard act to follow.

**Speaker:** Uh, good afternoon, commissioners.

**Speaker:** My name is Will Hollingsworth. I'm a resident in Portland.

**Speaker:** I'm commenting today to strenuously oppose Wheeler amendment six.

**Speaker:** The amendment removes the 40 cent per hour rate increase to the city's parking meters and will deprive the Portland Bureau of Transportation of approximately \$8.3 million during the next fiscal year.



**Speaker:** The bureau is already overburdened and underfunded and a further reduction in potential revenue will only add to the bureau's troubles. Depriving pbot of revenue at this juncture is wildly irresponsible. This amendment endangers critical active transportation programs, basic street maintenance and the ability of pbot to carry out its major responsibilities. Maintaining the right of way is a core municipal function. It is not a nicety. It is not a luxury. It is not a thing we afford ourselves only when times are flush. It is a bedrock city service. S Portland streets, sidewalks and active transportation infrastructure are an obvious states of disrepair. We've seen an explosion in deaths in the roadway and the collapse of active transportation and bicycling within the city. Every dollar deprived to pbot compound ends these problems. Fiscal austerity doesn't fill sinkholes. It doesn't sweep bicycle lanes. It doesn't build missing sidewalks. It doesn't protect our children on their way to school. But it does let those sinkholes grow. It does let the bicycle network fester and crumble. And it does leave Portlanders to walk through the mud as cars stream past them. It leaves our children and our seniors all of us vulnerable to the ever increasing risks of doing such incredibly reckless things as crossing the street. The mayor's amendment reeks of craven politicking, and it endangers the ability of the city to carry out its bedrock functions. It should be rejected by the council. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Next up, we have indi namkung, followed by laura galeano de lovato.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Good afternoon, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. For the record, my name is indi namkung. I'm the transportation justice coordinator for verde verde mission is to serve communities by building environmental wealth through social enterprise, outreach and advocacy. I'm here today to comment on mayor Wheeler's amendment six and now the newly proposed amendment one from commissioner Mapps commission

owners. I urge you not to adopt these amendments. Our understanding is that these cuts would likely impact climate safety equity, maintenance and operations. First from active transportation programming, safe routes to school, Sunday parkways to plowing roads in east Portland after a winter storm so people can get to work. Pbot has already cut \$20 million from their budget over the last four budget cycles and an additional cut of this scale would be devastating, particularly when the bureau has had little opportunity to plan for a cut like this and has reasonably anticipated this revenue since early 2022. Equity and climate work are often cut first in deepest in these situations, but these things aren't fringe to basic transportation functions. They are essential to meeting our climate goals, reducing the air pollution and traffic violence that disproportionately harm communities of color and low income communities and building a transportation network that will work for us for decades to come. The funding challenges facing pbot are not unique to our city either. For the Oregon department of transportation's budget is anticipated to enter the red in the next couple of biennia in Oregon and in many other states across the country, legislators are contending with a crisis in transportation funding as cars get more fuel efficient, electric vehicles become more common and remote and hybrid work options have opened up to more people. Funding mechanisms like the gas tax have seen revenues go into freefall across the country. This is a crisis that's been taking shape for decades, and it will require partners at all levels of government to work together to build thoughtful and creative solutions. It's also critical that these future funding mechanisms are tuned into burden equity and environmental justice. Incentive rising and supporting clean, safe, affordable transportation options for everyone, and particularly communities who have been overburdened and underserved by the system of the past. But today, we can't throw our umbrella away in a rainstorm, and we can't afford to throw away a

reasonable mechanism to keep the lights on at pbot and sustain the critical safety maintenance and climate work that our communities are depending on. While this larger conversation takes place, commissioners, please reject these last minute cuts and retain the current parking rate in the 2023 and 2024 budget. Thank you. Next up, we have Laura Golino Day Lovato good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

**Speaker:** My name is Laura Golino de Lovato. I'm the executive director of Northwest Pilot Project. I'm also a commissioner on the city's rental services commission and serve on the county's continuum of care board. The mission of Northwest Pilot Project is to provide a life of dignity and hope to extremely low income seniors in Multnomah County by providing housing and transportation solutions. We serve older adults aged 55 and over who are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population often and very heartbreakingly, we are seeing more homeless older adults over age 70 on our streets who need access to rent assistance and case management support court in Multnomah County. After 53.5 years of experience providing services to older adults and low income people, we know that the best way to address the homeless and housing crisis we have is through permanent housing. We are a small but mighty organization that serves about 600-700 seniors a year, both placing them in housing from homelessness or temporary housing or shelter, and also preventing them from eviction. One of the best upstream ways to prevent homelessness. We were really happy to see that the city continued to fund the joint office. We believe that the city's funds are really critical to the joint office funding, despite the massive infusion of funds that the joint office has gotten from the very important supportive housing services measure. I personally wish that we weren't seeing a 24% reduction in the joint in the city's joint office funding relative to last fiscal year. But I understand the one

time issue I'm here today to advocate that the commission and City Council reconvene for adding back. In addition funds specifically earmarked for direct service workers of social service and human service organizations to increase their wages to livable housing, wage in Multnomah County so that we can retain staff and better serve the low income homeless people that we work with. I also want to recommend that the city engage with us at service providers and leverage our expertise. We know this work. We know the population and we're open, ready, willing and able to partner with you to address this issue. Thank you. Mayor.

**Speaker:** That completes testimony. Very good. Can we get our amazing staff back out.

**Speaker:** All I go ahead and start out couple off the top of my head. First of all, a lot of the testimony is related to the parking. Thank you, Keelan. Sorry about that.

**Speaker:** A lot of the testimony we just heard was related to the proposed increase choices in parking meter rates in downtown Portland. The current proposal is \$0.40 per hour. The fiscal impact of not accepting that increase, I understand, is about \$8 million. Correct what percentage of the operating budget of pbob is that?

**Speaker:** I can verify this with staff, but I believe the operating budget of pbob is right around \$200 million.

**Speaker:** So 8.3 million would be the percentage of that. And I sadly cannot do math in my head like that. So it'll be just a moment.

**Speaker:** 4.1, 4, basically 4. So give or take. So there's a couple of things I just want to clarify that I heard repeated as people were testifying.

**Speaker:** Number one, this is not a cut out. This is holding the line on proposed increases. The reason that services would be reduced as a result of this increase not going through two is because the cost structure is growing at a very rapid rate. So isolated from what happens this year, we still have a problem with the cost

structure in the delivery of services. That's a point I just want to make others had suggested that without this fee increase, pbot is broke. And again, you just made the case that they're not. Yes it would require some tough choices and trade offs, but it's hardly them being broke and it's certainly not as a result of cuts. I also want to be clear because people said, well, this this will bring to an end critical projects around making sure that our city meets our climate action goals. Et cetera. Et cetera. It does not have to the cuts do not have to come out of those critical projects. As you indicate. There are are substantial other resources. When you say the budget is 200 million ish, that's just the operating budget. That does not include the capital budget. That is a completely separate amount that it totals what the capital budget is about 202 million, I think, and about 81% of it is either a dedicated or grant resource, but 20% of it does come from general transportation revenues.

**Speaker:** Very good.

**Speaker:** So a lot of the projects that people are referencing aren't in fact related to this at all. And I just want to make sure people understand that. So people are like, why are you doing this. We want people to stay and I think people acknowledge that we are at an inflection point in our city and studies now show that people are choosing not to stay here. They are moving their households and they're moving their places of employment aren't. And they are choosing to invest elsewhere. We're in an inflection point and I see this as a critical moment in the city's history. An unusual, unprecedented moment in the city's history that we should respond to. And from my perspective, active at a time when we are fairly begging people to come to downtown Portland and see that we have improved the situation and we have there's still a ton of work to do, but we have improved the situation. And studies show that when people come to downtown Portland, they are twice as likely to have a favorable impression of the city of Portland than prior

to coming to downtown Portland. So it's really important at this moment in our history for us not to send mixed signals to say, come to downtown Portland and oh, by the way, we're increasing the parking meter rates 40% per hour. To me, that just seems inconsistent and I agree with those who testified in commissioner Mapps made this point earlier, and he's 100% right that the current funding model is fundamentally broken down. And we had our good labor partners come forward and testify by part of the cost escalation is the fact that the city is predominantly see through operations providing public support, public employees who do the work of the city that cost structure is running pretty hot right now. And we discussed that, of course, when we're in our collective bargaining with our labor partners and so I just want to be clear. There's multiple problems here. None of which I believe would be fixed at in one year. Whether we approve the rate increase or don't improve the rate increase, we have a structural deficit that needs to be addressed. And it isn't just in pbot. And I also want to acknowledge I put commissioner Mapps in pbot not because it was easy, but because I knew he was up to the challenge and he's done a terrific job in my estimation, being the commissioner in charge of pbot. But I want you to know why I'm thinking what I'm thinking about this. I'm concerned and that people aren't seeing the value for the tax dollars. The fee increases, the utility rate increases. They're saying that is backed by studies. I believe that the programs and the policies that this council has put into place are showing good early results and a year from now, the public will see the outcomes of those results. But in the near term, I'm asking us to hold the line and do every thing we can to encourage people to stay here, to come here, to invest here, to bring their employees back to the city of Portland. So I don't want people to think I've lost out my fiscal bearings. I most certainly have not. But I also see a bigger the purpose here in terms of what we need to do over the course of

the next year to rebuild confidence in the city of Portland. That's where I'm coming from on this. And thank you for answering my questions about the budget.

**Speaker:** I'll turn this over.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps mr. Mayor, thank you for those comments and those questions. I think you raised some important issues which I'd like to dive into a little bit and I'm not an expert in this field. I think it might be helpful to me, but I do see some experts sitting in the audience. Do we have anyone from pbot who could maybe address some of the budgetary concerns that the mayor has raised and mr. Mayor, if I could summarize, i, of course, introduce yourself and whatnot.

**Speaker:** If I can summarize some of the questions that I think I heard you raise is I think there is you asked about the relative size of this cut versus the overall size of this budget. So it seems like we got a big budget, but this is a small cut and how do we think about that? So it would be great if we can get some views on that. Um um, there was also some concerns about the impacts that parking meter rates have on, um, people leaving the city. I'm not sure if we have information on that, but I do think that we have direct information on, on the impact of parking meter rates on people's likelihood to park. And I think that relationship is kind of small. So I'd be surprised if there's this larger relationship, but i'll let staff unpack that a little bit. And I also heard some claims here that pbot will not need to pbot is going to have some choices about where we take cuts like do they come in community program or do they come in maintenance programs? Do they come in operations colleagues, frankly, it's my understanding that given the depths of cuts that we face at pbot right now, we are likely there is no way for me to not cut community programs, not cut maintenance, not cut operations, and not cut real human beings like the ones who've shown up. So if we can maybe get pbot to come in here and help me

understand what's going on, do you need a sharper question or can you riff from there?

**Speaker:** Um, I think I can start with that, right?

**Speaker:** Answering your follow up questions again, jeremy patton with pbot.

**Speaker:** Maybe to start off with the first question, just around kind of the size of the overall budget. I think we all know budgets can be sliced and diced in a number of different ways. So when we're talking about operating budget, that \$200 million is operating budget, but it's all funding sources for the operating budget, not just the general transportation revenues. So when we're looking at a reduction, we're just looking at the general transportation revenue reductions of that pot of money of gt-r. It's about about 150 million or so of expenses backed by those resources.

**Speaker:** But we can really touch about 92 million or so because there's money locked up in debt service and inter agencies and overhead, etcetera.

**Speaker:** So when we start looking at reductions, we're looking at a reduction just for the parking meter rates of 8.3 million on a \$92 million base, maybe it's good to remind as well, we're already looking at kind of looking into next year some pretty significant cuts on top of this, which total right in that \$28 million range on top. So with the 8.3, we're looking at 36 million coming into 2425, which is if you're looking at that smaller base, 35 to 40% reductions, two to pbot programs supported by gt-r. So there are a lot of like differences in the numbers. But I just want to clarify that gt-r budget is a little bit different than the overall operating budget.

**Speaker:** Can I ask you a question on what you just said?

**Speaker:** Does that imply then that in the 2425 budget you have to come back and ask for yet another increase?

**Speaker:** Well, we plan on coming back with is with a large reduction options for council to consider.



**Speaker:** So the underlying problem here really is it's we're limited in terms of sources of revenues.

**Speaker:** And by the way, I'm aware that this is not a unique situation for pbot. I believe every transportation agency in the united states is looking at the same issues and potentially putting forward some longer term solutions. Yes, that's that's correct.

**Speaker:** Yeah. We're looking at a it's a structural deficit, I think what you talked about earlier, but it's it gets to my point.

**Speaker:** The real issue here isn't the lack of increases. The problem is on the cost side, we have a structural deficit and we have a lack of viable revenue sources. That's correct.

**Speaker:** So we're stuck with the parking. It may not necessarily be the best source of funding. In fact, I would argue it's not. Yeah, and particularly at a time when traffic downtown is anemic compared to where it used to be. Yeah we were looking at the parking.

**Speaker:** It's a short term bridge to kind of maintain as many services as we can before we can find that alternative revenue source to help backfill the other reductions that we'll be facing may maybe to clarify where we're at. Let me ask you this question.

**Speaker:** Let's say we pass this 40 cent increase in in parking meter fees, given that, how many people at pbot does the commissioner in charge need to let go next fiscal year? And then the fiscal year after that without the \$0.40, with the \$0.40, even with the \$0.40, just I think the mayor is right. Something which I think is important for everyone on this council and the people of Portland to know is that pbot is on life support. No matter what happens right now, until we figure out a new fiscal model for this. This is a bureau which is in decline. And I think one of the

lessons that I think that I hope everyone here understands is if we do not begin to support pbot, we take a bureau that is a bureau and a vital service service that's on life support, and we are pulling the plug and we are pulling the plug today. So I believe well, I believe there are some cuts that are basically baked into our financial situation in no matter what. So let's say I let's say we get this 40 cent, let's say I win today. The mayor's proposal goes down. This council follows through on the commitment that we made to pbot and we increase parking meter rates. Do I still have to lay people off or do we does the bureau stabilize?

**Speaker:** We're still in that, that losing position next year. So if you if you take an example, what we talked about last Friday with 8.3 million, it was 50 to 100 ftes. So you would triple that just to account for the. So if the \$0.40 passed, you're still looking at 150 to 300 staff members. And so 101 hundred, 150, even if we kind of even if we pass this thing.

**Speaker:** So what happens? How many people am I going to have to lay off over the next two years if we do not ot increase parking revenue?

**Speaker:** That's another 50 to 100.

**Speaker:** Another 50. So what's the total there? You're in a range of 200 to 2 and three.

**Speaker:** What is that? 333. 400 somewhere in that range. It's hard to like just come up with. Yeah, roughly in the programs, but just roughly what percentage of the pbot of staff over at pbot would that represent?

**Speaker:** Is that a lot of our staff that's 20 to 40% of the staff. Okay

**Speaker:** And budget director you know, I'm a relatively new guy on the on this body.

**Speaker:** I know we've had ups and downs in the city over time.

**Speaker:** Can you recall a time when we when a bureau is laid off like for three, 400 people? Yeah, three. That's not something that has happened in Portland before.

**Speaker:** Recall that. But we've had big layoffs, like with bts and the when the economy failed. I don't have those numbers in front of me, but it was a significant percentage of their workforce. So there has been times in the past, okay, so but this would be amongst one of the biggies that that that we've seen.

**Speaker:** This represents something extraordinary in Portland civic history is my impression of what's going on.

**Speaker:** Would that be a fair assessment?

**Speaker:** I can't tell you right now how what levels of reductions have occurred in the past. But perhaps christie knows from her recent experience. But bts is the one that sticks in your mind.

**Speaker:** Bts is the most sticking in my mind. I was just going to chat the bts service manager to see if my recollection was correct. I really don't want to wing off a number, but I want to say it was over 25% of their workforce was laid off when bts fund balances went to a very, very low level and there wasn't the general fund resource to support. So there was layoffs as a result of that.

**Speaker:** Did I seem to recall that there were some significant a significant deterioration in services over at bts once we made those cuts?

**Speaker:** In fact, I kind of feel like this current moment, trying to get back on top of permits is sort of a product of that can you evaluate that statement? Is that your understanding of where we are? We are to or can you repeat that again?

**Speaker:** I'm sorry. Sure

**Speaker:** Good. Cutting bts by 25% hurt our ability to serve to get permits out the door were there operational and service implications for this?

**Speaker:** In other words, if we cut a bureau by 25, should we expect the quality of services that the people of Portland receive to be undermined by that? Well, if we're talking about cuts that was economically driven reductions because people stopped doing permits, they stopped building, they stopped doing all kinds of things, which was nationally what was going on.

**Speaker:** And that led them to be taking a closer look at how they do forecasting, how they do funding. And they started building reserves and pbot had reserves that they're using to offset some of these cuts, as they do have contingencies. And that's put pbot in a much more stabilized situation. But even in their case, they could lose their reserves and have to convert to reductions in an economic situation depending on how long the economy problem is. Sure.

**Speaker:** Let me ask a question to pbot. I know and thank goodness we do have reserves. How many how much do we have in reserves left and how much do we expect to have in reserves in two fiscal years?

**Speaker:** So we had about 63 million pre-covid. Yeah, that that balance is basically down to zero by the end of this fiscal year, just given kind of where we're at. Yeah we still have our reserve fund, which is supposed to be 10. And so we're still kind of maintaining that because that has a lot to do with bond ratings, etcetera. And we haven't touched that. So there's another 9 million in that, but we typically hold that aside. But the balance reserves we have for our forecast were 63 and those will be down to zero. Okay.

**Speaker:** So we're kind of at we're out of reserves. And colleagues, i'll just point out that I think if we continue down this route, we are talking about layoffs in pbot of more than 100 people, maybe many hundreds of people in the next couple of years.

**Speaker:** You know, I am not against belt tightening and reimagine learning how we do our work, but if one of the expectations of the people of Portland is that they pay their taxes and get good services, I can just guarantee you this is going to undermine our ability to provide the people of Portland with transportation service charges.

**Speaker:** And I can also guarantee you there is going to be no area within the bureau, which is not impacted by this. This will impact community programs. This will impact maintenance, this will impact safety, this will impact bike lanes. This will impact freight. This is too broad and too deep to contain the to contain the this cancer.

**Speaker:** And I see my colleagues have their hands up.

**Speaker:** So I will put my hand down and allow the discussion to evolve. Thank you, commissioner.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Speaker:** Thank you, mayor. A point of clarification on commissioner Mapps. Sometimes I heard \$0.20, sometimes I heard \$0.40. Where were you in that dialog?

**Speaker:** My point there is, is I think the mayor basically suggested, amongst other things, is that we got to cut the fat in city government.

**Speaker:** And I agree. We got to cut fat in city government. I will also point out to you that even under the best of circumstances over the past couple of years, pbot has been one of, if not the only bureau in the city of Portland that has consistently taken cuts over the past three, four years. So pbot if you want to shrink pbot good news. Pbot is on a glide path to be cut no matter what happens. What we are doing here today is that, you know, and in our wisdom about last fall, I believe, or maybe I think it was the fall of 2022, this council recognized the challenge that pbot was

facing. We decided to raise parking meter revenues for the first time since 2009 2016.

**Speaker:** I believe, to help stabilize the bureau.

**Speaker:** Now we have proposed to actually forego that rate increase, which, you know, arguably should probably happen every year, every two years. So we are accelerating the deterioration of pbot.

**Speaker:** And I would argue that I think it was Chris Smith who might have said, you know, pbot is a bureau that is on life support.

**Speaker:** We are a bureau on life support and should we if we do not embrace the financial plans that we adopted as a council and that are contained in the mayor's proposed budget, not only is the bureau on life support, we are pulling the plug today. I have not seen something like this in an urban setting ever. Certainly I think this is a truly remarkable moment.

**Speaker:** So is that argument for your amendment, which is \$0.20 or \$0.40?

**Speaker:** My argument for my argument for the reason why I brought forward the 20 cent piece is, is to try to stem the harm that we are doing here. So instead of laying off 300 and pbot workers over the next two years, maybe we could only lay off 150 pbot workers over the next couple of years. As you know, we're still doing the math over here. You know, I am going to do everything I can to keep community programs like safe routes to school tool and bike busses and Sunday parkways going. Frankly, given the plans and the proposals that we're about to vote on today, I really don't know if I can do that. I know Commissioner Rubio cares deeply about meeting our climate goals, which means building green infrastructure. I mean, I can tell you that all infrastructure green or brown, is going to be deeply rolled back.

**Speaker:** Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Sure. I was looking at I wish we had data is the data that we're dealing with today with these was projected pre covid, was that right? The meter suggestions those were analysis was taken pre-covid correct.

**Speaker:** You know which which analysis are you speaking to.

**Speaker:** The analysis that I was reading that I was digging into it was parking rates that were pre-covid, the parking rates, pre-covid.

**Speaker:** We made budget budgets based on a reality that we're not currently in.

**Speaker:** It was pre-covid. Is that that's correct. Right

**Speaker:** I'm sorry. Maybe I'm not understanding your question.

**Speaker:** I don't get.

**Speaker:** Well, I might help. Maybe it would help. I haven't done anything to manage parking rates since 2016.

**Speaker:** So one of the problems here is that this council for whatever reasons, has taken about seven years off from trying to manage this issue. Okay

**Speaker:** So the analysis is pre covid. That's fine. I think here's what I wish I could get from pbot is what was the usage pre-covid of our the usage of meters period? And then what has been the change since 2020 after the first hit of covid in March? And then it changed, right? Because that's when we saw a dramatic decline in not because of the rates, but because people weren't really easy. Still to get parking places throughout Portland in the last few years. Correct. It except my pals on a Saturday. But for the most part, it's really pretty easy to get parking spots. And so it would be helpful to just see what that usage is because that's obviously a big factor in how we could forecast going forward. That's what I would like to see. So I just wanted to make that point. And commissioner, I really hear that the pain and I would like to put the word in there. I think we all care about Sunday parkways and I

know that parks bureau could be really helpful to making certain that we don't drop that program. So I hope no matter what, we can look to how we can work together with cross bureaus to continue such programs as Sunday parkways, I appreciate your your spirit of collaboration, commissioner Ryan and I will certainly reach out to everyone on this council to see what we can do to preserve the vital services that Portlanders love, like Sunday parkways, like paved roads, like safety improvements, like clean water, like protecting our river from polluting pollutants.

**Speaker:** These are all the things that are on the table this afternoon on commissioner Gonzalez.

**Speaker:** Let's see, I want to make some space for the rate decreases or the reduction in proposed increases. But before pbot leaves, has there been analysis done in terms of predicting behavior of the original 40 cent increase? Or, you know, how meaningful is that to people who park downtown, anticipate parking downtown and I was privy to some summary of projected behaviors but I could you update us on what what parkers tell us about that price increase and what they don't tell us.

**Speaker:** Yeah we've done some polling on it recently and some of that we talked about last Friday. I just pulled it up just so I would have the numbers in front of me. It said only about 4% of the surveyed people said parking influenced their decision whether or not to drive downtown. An 80, 82% didn't know the exact price of parking. And once they knew the price of parking, 94% would still choose to park. But as far as the. Yeah, any more analysis on top? That's just the polling number.

**Speaker:** That's a polling of the \$0.40. Or just to be clear, I was passing polling of current.

**Speaker:** Yeah it wasn't saying and if we increased it that's the polling of just the current parking rates.



**Speaker:** Yeah.

**Speaker:** Got it. So you know the percent option here is that based on what you're summarizing there, that \$0.40 isn't necessarily going to drive of substantial behavior in the choice to come downtown? Is that I mean, or to park somewhere in the city? Not substantial.

**Speaker:** Yeah. We always do build in our forecasts as parking rates go up. We do build in a little bit of people less parking happening. That's just something that we do from a financial point of view. But I couldn't give you I haven't done any in-depth analysis about like the percent of people with a \$0.40.

**Speaker:** But the polling, the polling and I'm sorry, could you just repeat it one more time? What was the polling of that? Was was that it wasn't related to the \$0.40? What was the what was the specific question that was asked on the polling?

**Speaker:** The specific question was, did parking influence, did the price of parking influence whether or not you came downtown? Did you know what the price of parking was? And then once they told him the price of parking, saying did that, would that have influenced you to come downtown or not got it.

**Speaker:** Got it. You know, and we did some quick analysis, \$0.40 per hour to our parking downtown, \$0.80, you know, often less than the price difference between a grande and a venti at starbucks. Right and whether that's really going to impact parked behaviors. I think we concluded maybe not. That was our back of the envelope calculations. The bigger concern is that we're what does it say about our brand as a city where we're struggling mightily to get people to come downtown? And one more increase, you know, while marginally might not impact decisions, what does it say about the city? And I would just leave that as an observation that we don't have good data that the 40 cent increase is going to reduce parking downtown or people visiting downtown. But it may hurt our perception of our

willingness to retain people in their behaviors with respect to the rate increases. This is really for you all. So walk me through this. We have we have we had forecasted rate rate increases for best in the water bureau, and that was baked into the budget. Right. And so we learn of reduction in that. I think I learned of it 36 hours ago or so. What the magnitude of this reduction we what is the what is the aggregate impact on water bureau and bts of those reductions? Give me a moment.

**Speaker:** You got that the aggregate on each reduction for so for pbot, that's 8.3 million. There is 2.4 for bs. And then another eight, I mean 2.4 for water. And then another \$8 million for bs. So those are the ongoing reductions. The sdc cuts are represented as a one time reduction. However there could be a case for some of those to be feeding into an ongoing rate impact.

**Speaker:** So what is the ongoing aggregated impact of mayor's budget notes? Four through six. Just a second.

**Speaker:** And while you're doing the math, I'm going to make an observation on all of these fall on infrastructure and so when I take a step back and I look at our budgetary priorities as a city, we are if these passed today, which I suspect they're going to pass in some version, then we are choosing to take the entire burden of these cuts on infrastructure to and I have deep concerns about that choice as a budget and such short notice and I'm previewing where I'm ending up.

**Speaker:** But I want to understand the aggregate impact.

**Speaker:** I tim, I just added that up. It is 18.7 million across those three funds. Okay

**Speaker:** And I think it's while much of it could be infrastructure, they should be looking at their operation costs as well. It should be a combination and that's part of some of the way we pose the budget notes was to make sure that they come back and inform council all longer term how they're going to offset those cuts. Got it.

**Speaker:** So it's you're saying that will likely be people as opposed to assets with these with these decisions? Right

**Speaker:** And but you are right that a large portion of both water and environmental services is about maintaining infra structure and building new infrastructure that's regulatory required and in and i'll just leave it on the table, I am deeply concerned about the business climate and our ability to attract and retain cities, regions and taxpayers for the city of Portland.

**Speaker:** I am also deeply concerned on any cuts that materially impact infrastructure and public safety and you know, these would not be my budget priorities aren't reflected in the decisions that seem to be baked here. But but i'll leave it at that at the disproportion impact on infrastructure here.

**Speaker:** So we're going to take a break because I've had two requests for people to take a break.

**Speaker:** There's two things I want to ask. First of all, your study says there's no real impact on parking meter increases. Is that's not what I've been hearing from pbot. If that is true, why haven't you increased the parking meter rate since 2016? And ameliorated some of these budget crises that we're now wrestling with? Yeah, and that's the polling that we did just recently of what those increases are that the public didn't know as far as kind of all the reasons why we haven't, I'm probably not the best person to answer that question just as far as why we haven't done it.

**Speaker:** I know we held parking rates flat during the pandemic just because of the lack of, you know, people parking downtown and everything else that was going on. I do want to maybe say one thing is that the \$0.40 is really just it's inflation trying to catch up to 2016. So that's what we're trying to do is we should have probably increased parking by a little bit every single year since 2016. That's the process and I appreciate that.

**Speaker:** I'm not putting this on you specifically. You know that I like you and I trust you. And I think you give excellent analysis and I thank you for me, the part of the problem that we're experiencing here and part of the larger point I'm trying to make and what's changed for me and I'll just speak for me, is that it's not any one of the literally hundreds of tax fee.

**Speaker:** And utility rate increases that are currently underway just in the city of Portland. That doesn't include metro, it doesn't include trimet. It doesn't include Multnomah County. It doesn't include other jurisdictions. And the problem is the cumulative impact we now can measure to what that impact is having on the people who live here, the people who work here, and the people who are making decisions about whether they want to invest here and what they're telling us loudly and clearly is cumulative. Cully these increase sources are choking the life out of this community. People who are picking up and they are leaving our community and we have to turn that and we have to turn it by encouraging people to see the work we're doing and believe in the work we're doing. And believe the value they're getting for their very high tax fee and utility rate increases in this city are worth it to them. And while I understand that we're talking amongst friends about our fellow employees, about the programs that we hold dear, about the process and the work we do here, we have to remember that the public is struggling and they're waiting for us to show them that we understand and have empathy for what they are experiencing. And that's the root of my interest in doing this. And again, I just want to underscore, these are not cuts. These are fee increases that I'm proposing we not take. For one year. And what I'm hearing is if we don't keep increasing our fees each and every year, even for one year, it will have a catastrophic effect on our ability to deliver services. And so I would just say collective cully for all of us. We shouldn't be in this position. We shouldn't allow ourselves to get into this position.

And so whatever we vote on today, may, we have a lot of work cut out for ourselves. I will not turn this over to the next City Council and mr. Mayor, in that regard, if I could, you'll find in the budget notes that we believe in the budget office.

**Speaker:** I think transportation agrees that they have to redo their strategic plan given their financial situation. Okay. You're still using and they'll have complete excuse me, why don't we colleagues take about a seven ish minute break?

**Speaker:** Commissioner Mapps has his hands up.

**Speaker:** No, no, no, no, no. That's fine. Oh, sorry. I was. All right. We'll take about a seven minute break.

**Speaker:** We're in recess. So we have. We've taken the public testimony money. We've put amendments on the table and seconded them. So now we're in discussion. And if we're done with when we get to the end of the discussion, we'll vote on the amendments up or down.

**Speaker:** That's so i'll wait till commissioner Gonzalez is back and make sure he doesn't have a further oh, shoot, i'll have my phones upstairs. That's disappointing, huh? Couldn't hurt. Hey, bobby, can I talk to you for one second. Oh wow.

**Speaker:** Discretion. Anybody. Me discretion is simply.

**Speaker:** Yeah, it's. I thought they were all on board with that. Shows how people know no one is really disconnected with this cycle.

**Speaker:** All right. Is that tomorrow yourself? The dalles. Well I got. I got to get mine loaded in a computer to.

**Speaker:** Oh, hang on. That's all right.

**Speaker:** That's the questions of operations. Levy, please. Wow. Is that the final?

**Speaker:** Yeah, I think it's going to be g.

**Speaker:** That's surprising. That's surprising.

**Speaker:** That is that just shows how hard it is to pass. Yeah right now.

**Speaker:** Yeah. Bts. Absolutely. Sorry that's right. I'm still in the hot seat.

**Speaker:** All right. If you don't mind. Yeah, you might as well. We may or may not have further questions for you. So, colleagues, I have exhausted my questions and my comments on that particular subject. Are there other issues people would like to raise? What's the next step?

**Speaker:** Or, mr. Mayor, what's the next step?

**Speaker:** So we have put amendments on the table and seconded them. We've heard public testimony be the next formal part of this process is to go through each of the amendments individually, see and vote in favor or opposition. Then at the end, we'll we'll go to the main motion as amended. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** You appreciate that. Are you telling me what that question so commissioner Mapps. Go ahead. Sure

**Speaker:** It's getting late in the day and the stakes are high. And we got lots of people in the room and it might just be helpful. And frankly, a lot of the things that I manage are on the table. And it might just be efficient it for me to be transparent and offer this council and the people of Portland my best and most constructive live thinking about how to move forward. And first, I want to say I appreciate what the mayor is trying to do here. It is certainly the case that Portlanders are frustrated with both the amount of taxes they pay and the services that they receive in exchange for those taxes is completely fair. And I do indeed think that that is one of the things that is driving Portlanders to move across the river or to lake oswego go or someplace else at the same time know. So I think it's completely reasonable for this council to look at lowering the rates that we charge in taxes and we should bring a critical eye to doing that. At the same time, one of our things that we're also trying to manage is the quality of services that we provide to folks. So, for example, we've heard in the context of pbot today, we can save

Portland's hours, maybe \$0.80 per parking trip, um, which is probably not going to be the thing that keeps us staying in Portland. If you're thinking about moving out. But it will have by forgoing that \$0.80 over two hours increase in parking meter revenues, we will actually see a dramatic and profound and unavoidable reductions in services to the people of Portland. So I think we need to balance this out. And today we have a range of essentially tax and fee cuts here. Some of the benefits are kind of small and widely diffused. And I would argue, for example, the parking fees, the parking fees and the rate increases are very small increases our cost to individual Portlanders. And frankly, by forgoing them the quality of service that folks are likely to receive here in town is going to decrease dramatically. So I actually think that space for the rate increases for parking and utilities, it actually doesn't balance out. We are not helping ourselves and indeed, when you take a look at some of the specific compromises that you're likely to see, water and bts in particular take I would argue these are not necessarily cost savings. By the time we actually do our books over the course of like three years or whatnot, we will, I think in some cases actually wind up paying more. So colleagues, but that is not the case with every proposal that's on the table today. And I this has all happened so fast and it has been, which is an issue in and of itself. Um, so I think we're all trying to catch up with this process. Haven't had a chance to have a dialog with everyone on this council and things have changed so much. Colleagues here's my suggestion for how to move forward and this represents my best thinking here. Um, and I'm trying to be authentic and constructive. Um I really do think that the proposed, the proposed rate increases for the utility fees that are contained in the mayor's proposed budget are wise policy that we should follow through on. You know, the total savings that you're likely to get send to individual Portlanders by freezing king

bars and water rates are about. \$2.25 a month on the other hand, that will cost those two bureaus about 2012.

**Speaker:** No \$10.4 million. I will tell you, some major capital improvement projects will be canceled, delayed, whatnot.

**Speaker:** And you're also going to look at the bureau's forgoing some requested positions that are in the contained budget and actually probably having to lay off real flesh and blood. Human beings all to save the average Portlander about \$2.25. You're not making money. You're not making money. There you're not really you're actually not improving our position in the real world. Um, and we've heard about some of the challenges with pbot pbot rate increase, you know, we've heard an amazing array of community experts who questioned the process. Yes. Raise issues about what this will do to the bureau. I find that compelling. It is also the case that if it is our goal to prevent Portlanders from moving out of town, it just doesn't pass the smell test to say the reason why people are Portlanders are leaving the city is because of parking meter rates. Indeed, we have surveys that show parking meter rates don't even impact where people park. This is just such a small expense for most Portlanders as this is what is not fundamentally driving the dynamics that we're trying to manage here on the other hand, I do want to say commissioner Rubio's proposal to freeze sdcs here you can see the benefit or at least the potential benefit. And let me explain what is happening here. You know, if we were to freeze these sdcs for my bureaus, I don't know the deal with parks, but if we were to freeze sdcs for water and bts and pbot, you know, you're probably looking at putting off about \$60 million in in capital projects at the very least. And it gets even worse when you add in pbot.



**Speaker:** On the other hand, you would dramatically bring down the cost of bringing of building a new home in Portland or building something new in commercial.

**Speaker:** So, for example, if we freeze sdc's for water and pbot, I think it would basically make it about \$1,800 cheaper to build your average residential unit here in Portland. And it would actually bring down the cost of freezing sdc's would also bring down the cost of building a new commercial unit by about \$24,000. And I will tell you that you know, I don't know if that is actually going to stimulate housing production or if it's going to stimulate commercial concerns on how. But I kind of get how that's an interesting experiment and an interesting play. And if we are willing to put off, you know, 60 plus million dollars in capital projects to see if this incentive works, that kind of makes sense to me. And I'm you know, I will actually vote for it. And I appreciate commissioners. Rubio's vision and to kind of propose this, I will I also want to say these, you know, freezing these sdc's also means real trade offs. There are important projects that we need to build which will not get built. You know, bts and water do not build and frivolous projects. You know, we we're in the business of moving clean water, one direction, moving dirty water, the other direction. There's not a lot of excess there. Um, so eventually, even in this context, we're going to have to build these pipes, but maybe we can kick it down the road, which means that they'll become more expensive. But maybe we can. It might be worth and I would argue to my colleagues who are eager to cut taxes today as I am freezing sdc's actually concentrates the benefits exactly where we want, which is to make it easier to build residential doors and easier to build commercial doors. It will come at some cost, but this is a meaningful experiment. And I will also say, just to be frank, I think the freezing of the pbot rate increase is one of the most mystifying policy proposals I've seen. This council bring forward in

the past ten years or so. Um, this really doesn't look like good policy to me and I would say very much the same thing about utility. The utility rates we're talking about saving the average Portlander about. \$2.25 a month and from that we are going to essentially just kick the can down the road to build these pipes, which we just are going to have to build, both because these pipes serve people. And frankly, the federal government makes us build these pipes. Um, so if I were to propose a, here's where I'm going to vote today and I hope that you find these arguments compelling, colleagues, why don't we get to the vote and then on each of the votes, you can tell people why you're voting.

**Speaker:** If that's okay. I'm just looking at the clock and I'm looking at our exhausted public employees and I'm mindful of the fact we've been in council since. Do whatever my colleagues want. If is that okay? Sure. Good. All right. Why don't we do that?

**Speaker:** So, colleagues, i'll ask one last time because I have two. Are there any additional amendments?

**Speaker:** Seeing none. Mr. Actually mr. Mayor, I promise this is a light one.

**Speaker:** I've been informed that I need to clarify the title of my amendment. Should I do this now or should I let this play out?

**Speaker:** What is it he needs to do?

**Speaker:** He. He just. He had a verbal typographical error that we're just trying to get correct. For the record, he read the title of his amendment incorrectly.

**Speaker:** So just to clarify for folks, I maps amendment one's title is reduce on street metered parking by \$0.20 per hour and the Portland bureau of transportation f.y. 20 2324 budget transportation operating fund get that one right. All right. Thank you so much.

**Speaker:** And that's that's maps number one. And we don't need to do anything else. We just take that as a scrivener's change. Perfect. All right. Good so now we will vote on each of the amendments.

**Speaker:** Certainly. You're welcome to share any thoughts you have. Are there additional is there any additional discussion on the technical change to attachment b. Seeing and expecting none. Keelan please call the roll on the technical change to attachment b, Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzales hi, maps. Hi Rubio hi. Wheeler hi. The motion carries.

**Speaker:** Is there any additional discussion on Wheeler one, this is update the policy on the five year financial planning, timelines and submissions. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll on. Wheeler one.

**Speaker:** Ryan hi. Gonzales hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** I vote I am.

**Speaker:** And the amendment is adopted. Is there any discussion on Wheeler two? This is the development of policy and process for the timing of revenue bonds and utilities. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzales hi, Mapps. I. Rubio hi, Wheeler. Hi.

**Speaker:** The amendment is adopted. Is there any additional discussion on Wheeler amendment three? This is the budget note around inventory and review of bureau specific fees. Any further discussion on Wheeler three?

**Speaker:** See none. Please call the roll. Ryan hi, gonzales.

**Speaker:** Hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi.

**Speaker:** Hi. The amendment is adopted.

**Speaker:** Is there any additional discussion on Wheeler four? This is reducing the rate growth for the water bureau. Retail rates to the fiscal year 20 2223 forecast of 7.7% growth and further discussion on this item.

**Speaker:** Yeah, colleagues, I just like to point out that this particular amendment would save the average Portlander \$0.63 per month. It would cost the bureau. About \$2.4 million. The bureau would also lose 11 requested positions as and we would either have to fire six people over here at water or we'd have to find another \$11 million in capital improvements, our capital improvement projects to kick down the road.

**Speaker:** Um, though that \$2 million, that 11 loss positions and that \$11 million in capital projects that are deferred is all in the name of saving Portlanders. An average of \$0.63 a month. And if our purpose here today is to prevent Portlanders from fleeing the city, I would argue this \$0.63 is not the camel that is breaking people's back. I think it has to do with crime and fentanyl and a bunch of other issues which we need to do better on to. But this will do real damage to an important life saving bureau and um, and it provides no benefits, especially if we take seriously what the claim that we are trying to prevent Portlanders from leaving the city.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Gonzalez thank you, commissioner gonzales.

**Speaker:** I'm just going to offer some comprehensive comments.

**Speaker:** Okay. For notes four and six so that I don't have to repeat them. Sure. Um so I appreciate the earnestness with which we're pursuing alleviating the burden on everyday Portlanders and businesses deeply concerned about livability in the city and the relative benefit and cost of and how that has become significantly undermined in recent years. In particular, we are facing the prospect of shrinking population and tax base and the prospect of businesses and residents

looking for other places to live and grow and build. However, these amendments, and specifically four through six before us today are late in the game, late in the day, and do not represent real fundamental reform or much needed shift in tax policy or policy at the structural level. And to have that discussion, we have to have it with county and metro. We can't do it alone. At the city level. We're talking to the total burden on taxpayers. We've got to do it at all three levels simultaneously. That's what really matters to ordinary residents in the city of Portland. That's what matters to large employers. That's what matters to high income that are flying the city's coop. Um, and so I welcome this conversation. I just wish we had created more time for a more thoughtful one, not 36 hours to respond to material changes in utility rates. Um, i, i, you know, in I think again, it's a tough time. We're trying to respond to the moment and I think the best way to do that is with good governance, good process, consultation with our partners. Uh, and at some point, you know, working to get concessions from them if we're taking these austerity measures and they're they're not the deepest austerity measures, but they are meaningful, what assurances do we receiving from our public partners as we have recently approved substantial\$ that leave the city every day? We continue to support the joint office on homelessness with despite pretty substantial questions about its effectiveness on the way it deploys\$ and we aren't really revisiting those items today. I think that is incongruent. And finally, the disproportionate impact on infrastructure is a concern to me. Infrastructure in the city has long been under supported, underinvested in, and that's where we're placing the burdens today. Um, I think I just would hope that in the future when we take on these significant issues of tax burden and fee burden, we create more space for planning for the bureaus and for our employees. So I am a no on number four. And, and that's a preview to my other votes coming. Thank you. Fair enough.

**Speaker:** Any further discussion on Wheeler amendment number four? Seeing none, please call the roll on Wheeler amendment four. Ryan hi, Gonzalez no Mapps no.

**Speaker:** Rubio hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** I just want to remind people, and I may sound like I'm a broken record, I somewhat object to calling these austerity measures I served as the chair of Multnomah County for four years during the great recession, and I've been the mayor of this city for six and a half years.

**Speaker:** And I've actually seen real cuts to budgets where we actually reduce the amount of funding for budgets. And when that happens, it gets really ugly and very uncomfortable for everybody.

**Speaker:** These are not austerity measures.

**Speaker:** This is me asking us to hold the line on on increases that we are passing on to households and asking them to make cuts. Uh, and so I just want to be really clear about the frame that we're using here. Second of all, I realize I agree with something commissioner Gonzalez just said. We shouldn't have to do this alone. I agree 100. But what I also believe is that if somebody doesn't take the lead, nobody's going to lead. And I think it's really important for us, since we have the data and we have the knowledge and we know what's happening at the street level in our community, we should take the bold action to lead. And I believe that would put pressure on others to follow and join us in this discussion. Because again, I don't think it's about one fee increase here or one fee increase there or a meter rate there or a utility rate increase there. I think it's the cumulative impact we're steamrolling families in our community and they're making choices to live and play and work elsewhere. And we're not hearing this occasionally. I hear it all day long. It's a value proposition. Are people getting the bang for the buck that they're

spending to live here in our community? And again, I believe the value here is great. I have taken some heat for being what some people believe is overly optimistic in the future of this city. I stand by that optimism. I believe that we're doing really excellent work together that will show good results. But in the near term, I just want to be really clear about what this is versus what it is not. I vote i, but the amendment does not pass.

**Speaker:** Next item. Wheeler five. Could you say that again? Oh, I'm sorry. It did pass. Yes. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I mean, if you want to change your mind, I think the first one has been a long day.

**Speaker:** Thanks for checking my homework, everybody. I appreciate that. Keelan please call.

**Speaker:** Is there any discussion on Wheeler five? Yeah my colleagues, I will point out to you that the intent of this amendment this will this amendment will cost environmental service rs \$8 million and 2324\$ and it will save the average Portlander \$1 and \$0.66 a month.

**Speaker:** And in in exchange for that, we will see significant cuts and actually even here, I will tell you, as I've taken a look at the portfolio of cuts that bts is likely to take here, I literally don't think we're going to save any money. I think we're just pushing projects that inevitably we are going to need to deal with down the road to a point where they become more expensive. I think we'll have to neglect some infrastructure which will frankly collapse on us and cost us ten times more than just doing the work today.

**Speaker:** Again, the dollar and \$0.66 that the average Portlander will save here.

**Speaker:** I is. I am deeply skeptical that this is the reason why Portlanders are going to leave the city. However there I do believe one of the reasons why

Portlanders will be leaving the city in the coming years is our crumbling infrastructure. You know, the value proposition for the taxes that Portlanders provides matters. And what we are consistently doing this afternoon is undermining the quality of services that this City Council provides to the people of Portland. We are not advancing our position here. We are shooting ourselves in the people of Portland in the feet, which is one of the reasons why I will vote no this afternoon on this item. Is that are we voting now? Yes

**Speaker:** Well, it's we haven't called the roll, but we get your point. Is there any other discussion? Very good. Call the roll, Ryan. Hi, gonzales.

**Speaker:** No. Mapps no. Rubio aye. Wheeler aye. The amendment passes.

**Speaker:** Next item, please, is item six. Wheeler six. This is to reduce on street metered parking by \$0.40 per hour in the Portland bureau of transport's fiscal year 2324 budget.

**Speaker:** Is there any further discussion on this item? Commissioner Mapps yes, mr. Mayor.

**Speaker:** I just wanted to hear you've heard already heard the speeches this afternoon. I just want to remind people of the process here.

**Speaker:** We have two amendments or two amendments today which basically gesture towards the same thing.

**Speaker:** We have Wheeler six, which would forego a 40 cent increase in parking meter revenues is my amendment would basically allow a 20% or 20 cent increase in parking revenues. If I understand the way this game is structured, if Wheeler's amendment wins here, the, um, my amendment becomes moot. Is that correct? Yes, I think I don't know if I'm looking at the budget office or the lawyers here. So if this one passes, does do we even bother to vote on mine?



**Speaker:** We could still vote on yours as a formality. Or you could move to withdraw it.

**Speaker:** Okay.

**Speaker:** Um, I was just kind of clarifying the run of show. I'll turn the floor back over to my colleagues.

**Speaker:** Very good. Any further discussion on Wheeler six? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan. No

**Speaker:** Gonzales. No. Mapps no. Reveal. No. Wheeler hi.

**Speaker:** The amendment fails. Next next item, please.

**Speaker:** Is Rubio one?

**Speaker:** Is there any discussion on Rubio? One, this is to centralize coordination of forecasts for the fiscal year 2425 budget development.

**Speaker:** I think Rubio one is, yeah. Oh geez. Okay

**Speaker:** His notes aren't right. Hang on. I'm going to go back to my originals. Hang on. Oh, yeah, you're right.

**Speaker:** I see what I confused. All right. So Rubio one, this is the 2324 system development charges.

**Speaker:** Sdcs will remain at the fiscal year 2223 rates.

**Speaker:** Any further discussion on this item?

**Speaker:** Yes, mr. Mayor. Actually I want to compliment commissioner Rubio on this one.

**Speaker:** Um, I frankly, we haven't had enough time to really unpack and do an analysis here, but I understand the policy experiment that we're doing. We are are basically holding down some charges as or some fees and really concentrating the benefits on on an outcome that we really care about, which is building residential housing and building new commercial. All this makes a lot this actually makes sense

given the incentives here. I'm not necessarily convinced that this is going to trigger an explosion in new residential development, but it's a worthwhile experiment and one which I would actually I think is worth looking at. So I'm going to vote yes on this. I appreciate the focus and the you're okay with this relatively good design of this particular policy. Initiate active. I think it's also one for us to look at evaluate a year from now to see if we actually see an increase or change in the number of residential units or commercial units that are produced because of this. So with that, I'll turn the floor back to my colleagues.

**Speaker:** Please call the roll. Ryan yes, thank you, commissioner Rubio and I know we've had a lot of conversations about this.

**Speaker:** I just will say it again, I'm just so glad we're focusing on the bigger picture and that will really get us results, which is permitted improvement. I on this amendment, I Gonzalez I maps i.

**Speaker:** Rubio i.

**Speaker:** I strongly support this and I appreciate commissioner Rubio and her staff bringing this forward.

**Speaker:** And I particularly want to appreciate it. The introductory comments you made when you were introducing this about the call to action, the need to consolidate, the need to take advantage of the opportunity we have as we move from a fragmented commission form of government to a more consolidated city administrator form of government. And I agree 100% with your comment that this needs to be trued up and rationalized before we open for business on January 1st, 2025. And I think this is a fantastic step in the right direction.

**Speaker:** Happy to vote on the amendments adopted. Next up is Rubio two, which is the centralized coordination of forecasts for the fiscal year 2425 budget development. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez hi. Maps high. Rubio a Wheeler high.

**Speaker:** The amendment is adopted and we'll move to Gonzales, nils number one. Gonzales number. One is the director for call response and allocation review for medical response. Is there any further discussion on this item?

**Speaker:** Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzales hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler hi.

**Speaker:** The amendment is adopted. Gonzales to is the overtime analysis and reporting structure for Portland fire and rescue. Is there any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi. Gonzales hi.

**Speaker:** Maps. Hi Rubio i.

**Speaker:** Wheeler hi.

**Speaker:** The amendment is adopted and then Gonzales three is the realignment of 400,001 time general fund discretionary resources allocated to the community safety division in the office of management and finance to the Portland fire bureau for onboarding and training new firefighters. Any further discussion on this? I will signal that I think I might support this at some point. I'm not ready to support it today. There's questions I would have that I don't think I can answer in the time I've had to review this, I haven't had a chance to review it with my team or others in the budget office. Is that does not mean this isn't a good thing to do. And I believe there could be an opportunity for us to revisit this later.

**Speaker:** But I don't feel comfortable voting yes for it today. And I just want to be honest about that. Any further discussion on this item?

**Speaker:** Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Ryan hi. Gonzales hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler no, the amendment is adopted. And then.

**Speaker:** Ryan number one. Ryan number one is the assessment of the city arts program and future agreements. Any further discussion on Ryan number one amendment seeing none, please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Ryan yes, colleagues, I am pleased to begin streamlining investments in arts and culture in our city.

**Speaker:** I vote i.

**Speaker:** Gonzales. I maps. I Rubio i. Wheeler

**Speaker:** I greatly appreciate commissioner Ryan taking this on. I know that this has been something that a lot of us have been thinking about, but he's willing to step up and lead this. And I just want you to know, I know it's a big lift and you'll have my support, my team support in any way we can be helpful. I vote I and the amendments adopted and then Ryan too is the outgoing city grants policy and process review any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.  
Ryan hi, gonzales hi, Mapps i.

**Speaker:** Rubio i.

**Speaker:** Wheeler hi. The amendments adopted and then we have the Ryan Rubio joint amendment.

**Speaker:** This is one time funding for the diversity and civic life leadership program. The dcl program is there any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi. Gonzales hi.

**Speaker:** Maps. Hi. Rubio I want to thank commissioner Ryan for his openness to working on a solution and also thank the mayor and his staff who assisted our team in finding a financial solution to this challenge.

**Speaker:** I Wheeler I the amendment it passes now we'll go to maps one Wheeler or whatever it was is failed so maps one is still a viable option.

**Speaker:** This is the 20 cent increase in the parking meter rates per hour.

**Speaker:** Is there any further discussion on this item?

**Speaker:** Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Ryan hi.

**Speaker:** Gonzales hi, Mapps hi, Rubio. Wheeler I've spoken extensively on this subject.

**Speaker:** I think you all know where I stand. I vote no, but the amendment passes as colleagues. Now that we voted on the individual amendments, I'm seeking a motion to approve these updates to the change memo and the relevant attachments. We'll now vote to approve the changes. Our individual floor floor amendments have made to attachments b c and d of the change memo as associated with the budget.

**Speaker:** This has the effect of incorporating all of our changes so that the approved budget which we vote on next, reflects those amendments.

**Speaker:** Any further questions on this item? It's technical Keelan. Please call the roll. Ryan, you need a motion.

**Speaker:** Oh, thank you very much.

**Speaker:** Legal council. I move second. The change memo and relevant attachments and commissioner Gonzalez seconds it.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** Please call the roll Ryan. A point of order.

**Speaker:** So we are voting on the big the big enchilada right now.

**Speaker:** Right? The mini enchilada. What

**Speaker:** That's a mini. These are the this is to update the attachment, the technical a, b and c and d.

**Speaker:** That's why I seconded technical ami Gonzalez.

**Speaker:** Hi.

**Speaker:** That's.

**Speaker:** Hi, Rubio hi, Wheeler.

**Speaker:** I vote I the motion carries. All right. Colleagues will now vote to approve our individual floor. No, we already just did that. Sorry now I'm seeking a motion to approve. This is big enchilada.

**Speaker:** I'm now seeking a motion to approve the budget as amended. Can I get a motion?

**Speaker:** Second motion? I move.

**Speaker:** Commissioner Ryan moves. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Rubio seconds Keelan please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Ryan.

**Speaker:** I'm really proud of the City Council continues to focus on budget decisions based on our top priorities as it started. I know back when I first began in 2020, in the fall of 2020, it's economic development, it's homelessness, it's community safety and it's livability. We all envision and our building toward a city with thriving local businesses, job opportunities and entrepreneurial spirit with creativity and investments in the arts, in recent days, there has been a focus on tax and fee increases. This is not a new concern. The city of Portland has received no less than five audits between 2020 and last month on this topic. Common themes no central oversight, a lack of accountability, lack of consistent. See, lack of communication. If you lack clear lack of clarity, all of which contribute to a potential harm to the public. Even more troubling, there has been a lack of implementation of audit recommendations with the exception an of the audit on permit fees and the solutions came directly when I was working as the commissioner in charge of bts and thankfully commissioner Rubio is building on this much needed trust. We are building among the previously siloed permitting bureaus. As such, the culture

of the big team has been forming and streamlining is now possible and taking a broader view away from just the city bureaus and collecting fees for services. We need to look at how the collective we are spending taxpayer dollars and how we can make smarter choices. My expectation and personal commitment is that elected leaders from all local jurisdictions will have the courage to reconvene and to edit on a broken pattern of recently passed tax and policy measures and fee collections. I'll admit I voted yes on some of these. The counties concerning pattern of under expenditures of committed funding for the homeless solutions. The tangible fallout of measure 110. We all wanted treatment centers. That is why it passed so we have a backwards rollout at this time and this has caused a lot of buyer's remorse. The under spending of the county's pre-k for all tax. Perhaps some of those funds could be returned and the city's own inability to get Portland clean energy funds out the door as fast as they are coming in. We must come together as local government and state leaders and respond to the reality of our current humanitarian crisis that is bringing down our city and our state. The skyrocketing deaths by overdose over the past two years is enough to pause and reset it. We must act and reverse the horrible equation in of expenses going way up and services going down. Together, we can modify our expenses efficiently and land the services that our residents deserve. There is good news today. Our proposed budget allocates resources for immediate relief for the homelessness crisis, and we are united in our focus on long term solutions. We are committed to funding affordable housing initiatives. We are also committed to establishing opportunities for individuals to transition out of homelessness and into stable living situation as we can do both. And we will. Recent data proves that the safest village program is successfully transitioning people from the streets to stable housing. This is just one of the many on ramps we have committed to create. We have heard

recently by our city economist if you want to make a real impact, improve permitting timelines. I began this work over two years ago creating a permit improvement team with commissioner Mapps and we began collaborating with the eight permitting bureaus, using data to shorten permit timelines and improve customer service. Commissioner Rubio is now leveraging and building on this work to advance our housing strategy and is calling on all of us to do more to close the gap for affordable housing developers. Business owners and homeowners doing projects that require permits in all ranges of complexity. I'm all in for big changes in this area and will continue to advocate for reforms to improve our economy and our housing supply. We are determine to enhance community safety through strategic investments. We proposed increased funding for community programs to improve neighborhood outreach and activation, and we will prioritize crime prevention strategies, including community programs, enhanced neighborhood lighting and investment in recruiting in our police force, in this journey, we will actively engage with community leaders and advocates valuing diverse perspective and ensuring the equitable distribute portion of resources. I'd like to now shift my remarks to my assigned work area. I'm really thrilled to be the commissioner of culture and livability. I'm incredibly proud of the service area leadership team. They have been open to change in our coordinating services, working together and behaving with voter intent even before the official charter transition takes place. Our budget process clearly demonstrates their thoughtful collaboration and is demonstrated in the following ways. The city arts program budget will shape the future of arts and culture in the city. The city arts program has been working tirelessly to evaluate our city's arts related services over the last five months. It has become crystal clear the city needs to establish a centralized and robust office of arts and culture and entity that will serve as a beacon of support, empowering local



artists and talent to thrive and ensure our creative economy flourishes through the office of arts and culture, we will streamline initiatives, enhance efficiency and foster collaboration within the arts community, and the city will expand its commitment in providing direct services, resources and opportunities for growth and development for our artists, our musicians, our filmmakers, our poets, the vast beloved arts community, a sector who gathers and restores the heart of any neighborhood in our great city where they gather and create. I cannot stress enough the immense value and impact of investing in the arts ecosystem. I'm in addition to the incredible community service citywide, the bureau of parks and recreation is championed. My mantra that downtown is the heart of the city and neighborhoods are the soul, the healthy heart pumps lifeblood to the rest of the city and let's face it, our city's heart needs a resuscitation. That is the focus of this year's parks budget. Our investments embody the service area and combined community arts and economic development with an emphasis on downtown activations and commitment to the heart and soul of the city. I'm proud to have championed investments in the following areas the restoration of the thompson elk fountain port lands, new family theater arts center, the judy and the Portland art museum, rothko pavilion project. I've also championed support for the Portland parks foundation and this advocacy was shared with commissioner Rubio in the current and last fiscal years combined, the foundation has received 300,000 of operating funding support, with another 50,000 for events and 30,000 for small grants. Another 30,000 is budgeted for fiscal year 23, 24 for small grants and the mayor's proposed budget has another 25,000 in operating funds for next fiscal year. We highly value the foundation's engagement and advocacy. We, on behalf of Portland parks and recreation and look forward to continued collaboration as we revive and reactivate downtown parks and community sites and community spaces.

As one winning team in the office of community and civic life is advancing strategic alignment in returning to its mission of being an objective convener for and ensuring all Portlanders have access to city government, and while building the scaffolding for the four districts outlined in the voter approved charter reform in the voter approved charter will bring the creation of districts, and we will need to align our office to support this shift. It pleases me to see the purposeful shift of the office to truly be the bridge between Portlanders and the city. I'm also pleased to see the recruitment of new staff to positions that have been remained open for over a year. It's a new day in the office of civic life and I have confidence in the direction and focus as I want to thank tj mchugh from my office for serving as the acting director to help us dive in and support this new day. Our office also assets the office of equity and human rights as part of the 90 day resolution. This assessment determined that despite the fact that the office of equity was created 11 years ago, 75% of the workforce has completed racial equity 101 training their equity managers and 13 bureaus. There is a budget equity toolkit. All bureaus are required to use for budget planning and that there is a requirement for racial equity plans from bureaus. There is more work to be done by the city to reach its racial equity goals. This is an opportunity for the office of equity to work more closely and directly with the community to take further action for racial equity. In Portland, we have dedicated resources for community solving problem solving with the office of equity. At the table we look forward to building forward keeping equity at the center in all of our decision making. In closing, I'm a bridge builder and I like living on the edge of the tension and having dialog with passionate voices who are willing to compromise. I'm committed to collaboration and transparency as guiding principles. I understand the importance of working together with city bureaus, community organizations, as those in the private sector, as we work together to

ensure this effective implementation of our proposed initiatives, as I will continue to rely on data driven approaches and I will measure the effectiveness of programs and will be unafraid to make necessary adjustments, I will continue to build forward with a heart of service. Thank you, mayor and colleagues. It's an honor to work with all of you. I didn't get everything I wanted in this budget, nor did anyone to the right of me. And on a whole, it's a solid step forward for my beloved hometown. I vote I gonzales.

**Speaker:** I vote aye.

**Speaker:** Mapps I'm going to vote.

**Speaker:** I'm going to vote no on this one. And my no vote is a red flag and a warning to Portland ers. This budget contains some remarkably bad choices, especially around infrastructure bureaus. I'll tell you, even before the amendments that were passed today, our transportation system was on life support and we've essentially pulled the plug on on on on on that life support. This is a very sad day for the city of Portland and the people who sit in these chairs in the years to come will spend about a decade or so trying to dig out of this.

**Speaker:** And I wish them well.

**Speaker:** And for reasons that still kind of mystify me, this this budget contains some terrible decisions around funding infrastructure, both in the water and environmental services space in order to literally save pennies as we are going to spend tens of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance costs and deferred projects.

**Speaker:** None of this gets cheaper. None of these things that we've implemented here are going to convince a single Portlander to stay in town.

**Speaker:** However, for the city that we all live in and will hand down to our children will be in much worse shape as a product of the budget that we passed today. So I am very sorry to hear that.

**Speaker:** I know lots of people in this room and lots of people on this panel up here worked very hard and to try to come up with a spending plan that would serve the city well. But in my evaluate glisan, we did not succeed. And for these reasons and more, I vote or I vote no, we will want to appreciate those who testified today as well as the robust conversation of my colleagues.

**Speaker:** I also am very appreciative of the mayor and his team in our city budget staff and the leadership that each of our offices have taken in order to do our best to support our city and our bureaus, even if we have different strategies about how to get there. What is very clear, though, is that we all have a passion for Portland and we want Portland to thrive. And we're also in a moment that we require that we're required to act with boldness. And this is what I intend to do when it comes to catalyzing housing production in order to address the systemic issues of housing and stability, economic disparity and homelessness. And we all have our work cut out for us. But it's also on us to support the work of the city, to also engender trust and demonstrate outcomes. And so I'm hopeful that we can move in that direction through collaboration and transparency. I vote aye. Wheeler

**Speaker:** Well, like commissioner Ryan, I didn't get everything I wanted, but I got most of what I wanted.

**Speaker:** And so I'm satisfied.

**Speaker:** To be clear, I would have drawn a harder line than the line we drew today.

**Speaker:** We still increased utility rates to the people who pay for water and sewer services in the city of Portland. We honored all of the bond servicing for every

capital project in our utility bureaus that has already been approved. And even one major project, a series of projects actually that have not yet been approved by council. So I'm satisfied that the increase that ultimately has been approved by this council around both water and sewer utility rates is more than sufficient to hold us over for the next year. With regard to a pbob, I think I lost that one and that's fine. This is democracy. That's the way democracies work. But at least we had a conversation that I think highlighted that we have a much more serious problem in our transportation bureau than we've discussed in public previously. If we can't get by without a significant increase in parking rates at a time when we're begging people to come to downtown Portland and we also heard that just plugs the gap for one more year and then we get to have the conversation all over again. And next year we have much more serious underlying structural challenges to our bureau of transportation. And this is news to nobody in this room. We've been having this discussion for years, but the bottom line is we haven't moved to do anything about it. So I hope this conversation today actually, colleagues, it was a heated conversation, but it was a really good one. And I hope you'll at least agree with that, whether you were on the right side of this or the wrong side of it as I was, it highlighted the importance of a process that must take place in the near term about how we are going to fund transportation projects, infrastructure and personnel in the years ahead. We clearly don't have the right model or the model we have is not sustainable. It is broken if it is relying exclusively on parking meter fee increases, going forward, as was proposed by the bureau leadership today. I just want to be clear, that's not a model I want to turn over to the next group of city commissioners. That is not a sustainable model and we now know it. And so even though I lost that particular effort, I feel like I gained something in terms of spotlighting an important issue that we as a council must address. I really, as I said

earlier, commissioner Rubio, I applaud your leadership on on the system development charge conversation. This is one where we're you've given it great leadership and focus. And I expect my team to come around and support you in those efforts because as you know, it's the beginning of a process. And I think every commissioner here at some level has been involved with permits and system development charges and everything else, and there's a lot of work to do there. So I got most of what I wanted. I'm perfectly happy I will vote. I and the budget that has been approved as amended. So my colleagues as the budget committee, we also have to approve tax levies as the city shall levy its full permanent rate of \$4 for .5770 per 1000 of assessed value and 31,000 excuse me, \$31,883,178 for the payment of voter approved general obligation bonds, principal and interest. And \$210,018,597 for the obligations for fire and police. Disability and retirement fund.

**Speaker:** 0.8000 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the parks.

**Speaker:** Local option levy and. 0.4026 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the children's levy. Furthermore for the city shall levy the amounts listed in attachment e for urban renewal collections. I'm seeking a motion to approve the tax levies so moved commission owner Ryan moves and commissioner Gonzalez. Can I take that as a second? Sure

**Speaker:** Very good. Keelan please call the roll.

**Speaker:** Ryan hi, gonzales.

**Speaker:** Hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler. Hi

**Speaker:** The motion passes. All right, so, director grewe you get the last word here in terms of next steps. Why don't you tell us where we're headed?

**Speaker:** Well, now that you've approved the budget, we will go into the process of getting to the adopted budget. The approved budget will be sent to the tax supervisor and conservation commission for review. Tsc has 20 days to review the

budget at tsc will conduct a hearing on the city's approved budget on Tuesday, June 13th at 930. A m. The final budget adoption is set for Wednesday, June 14th at 2 p.m. Public testimony can be received at next Wednesday's approved budget hearing excuse me that that should be Tuesday June 13th.

**Speaker:** Good catch. What's okay budget hearing on June 13th.

**Speaker:** Scc hearing and I'm mixed up here now. June 14th budget adoption hearing. And that will get us to the final approved adopted budget.

**Speaker:** Very good. All right.

**Speaker:** Thank you, everybody. Thanks to our incredible staff who's here today. To our employees and their representative who showed up today, our commissioner, staffs and colleagues, to you. It was a long day, but it was a very productive one.

**Speaker:** Keelan you look like you've got something in mind. Oh, I'm sorry.

**Speaker:** Then let me just let me just also a cold beer for Keelan.

**Speaker:** Just once again, thank our council clerk and our legal counsel for all the great work you do as well as our security.

**Speaker:** We are adjourned.

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Oh, no.

**Speaker:** Okay. Well, wait a minute. We'll wait just a minute. Christina. Ready to go?

**Speaker:** Good afternoon, everybody.

**Speaker:** This is the may 18th, 2023 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Christina, please call the roll. Ryan here.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez here, maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

**Speaker:** Now, we'll read from legal here from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum.

**Speaker:** Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at w-w-w dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, and a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will



result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today suggest the matter being considered when testifying. One state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Speaker:** I'm now convening the prosper Portland budget committee for the purpose of oh, we didn't read it, go ahead and read 395, please. Christina City Council to convene as prosper Portland budget committee to approve the fiscal year 2023 through 24 budget.

**Speaker:** Thank you.

**Speaker:** This is a report I'm now convening the prosper Portland budget committee for the purpose of approving the fiscal year 20 2324 prosper Portland budget. Christina please call the roll. Ryan here.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez here maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here. The prosper Portland budget committee received the proposed budget and conducted a hearing to receive testimony on may 10th.

**Speaker:** The budget committee received the approved memo and exhibit a to resolution 7484 on may 12th. The changes included in the revised budget approval memo and exhibit a align the prosper Portland budget to the city of Portland budget approved by the budget committee on may 17th. The memo and exhibit a identifies the following change to prosper, Portland's general fund appropriations from the proposed budget, a reduction to prosper Portland's general fund, economic development appropriations of \$53,008 to align to the amount of recreational cannabis tax allocated to prosper. Portland and the city of Portland

approved budget colleagues. Are there any other individual amendments to the memo that you would like to propose. Christina is there any public testimony? Any.

**Speaker:** We have one individual signed up, three minutes.

**Speaker:** Name for the record, please. All right.

**Speaker:** Sarah hobbs. Hi, sir.

**Speaker:** For the record, my name is sarah hobbs, and I understand when it comes to the budget, y'all got issues that you want to address. Those of you I know some of you are new, but I know you. The majority know that my heart is for mental health. My best friend, when she takes me somewhere where we go out of our way to avoid west burnside because of all the potholes and night of that horrible fire that happened day before yesterday, I become very concerned and commissioner Gonzalez about older builds safety issues around fire. That building with 413 years old. I hear a lot of discussion about seismic improvements for safety for old buildings. But I'm thinking we need to address this fire code and safety issues. Thankfully we had great trained firefighters\$ and nobody died. But I do grieve for the person that lost their pets and for everyone who lost everything. So transportation, I understand. And that you got so much in a big pot. If it were up to me, I'd say put it toward mental health. But how many more people do we lose to fentanyl overdoses so we don't start putting money to drug treatment or psr is great for catching things, but we got a fire department and a budget crisis is so you know, how do we address this is, I fear some department is going to lose it. And because little pot, big concerns and that is concerning because I had a health condition that I would stand up on the bus going down west burnside because all those bumps made it very uncomfortable. And I'm not I'm trying not to ami people here, but yeah, personally, nothing personal. I think potholes can go to the bottom

of the list, but that's just me. It's really dedicated toward the livability issues and, and I've got 28 seconds left, but I've said a lot to say. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

**Speaker:** Good to see you here. We appreciate it. Thank you. And is there any other testimony or is that complete testimony that completes testimony. Very good. Colleagues. Is there any additional discussion? So seeing none, can I get a motion, please, to approve the report? So moved. Commissioner Rubio moves. Can I get a second, second commissioner Ryan seconds the report. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Christina, please call the roll. Ryan thank thank you, mayor and commissioner Rubio for bringing this forward.

**Speaker:** And it's good to see you out there. Director Branam and want to thank your team. I know Shay and all your team put a lot of work into this and also your board chair, Tavo, three years later, we're still dealing with a lot of unfortunate vandalism. I think that's what's big on my heart today. I have a lot of friends and small businesses and I know they're really suffering and if it wasn't for Prosper, Portland offering some assistance, I think we would have more small businesses who would have left by now. So so it's sad that three years later this is still such an active line item. And I realize it seems like every bump we have to reinforce it. But I just think I want to take a moment to really thank those small businesses in Portland and our central area specifically that have just been hit so hard by relentless vandalism. And some of them just can't even use their insurance anymore because it's just so high they can't replace their windows. So we really need to be there for them. And I'm glad that Prosper is nimble enough to be a part of the city. That's providing that service. So I know we have conversations about this so I just wanted to take time. While I approved this budget to say I appreciate that we've stayed present for that need. We know that three years later we thought that wouldn't be the case, but this is where we are because we want to get back to living

up to the name of prosper Portland and it feels like we're constantly stuck in the responsive ness to just helping people survive right now. And so we're all in this together. I know we have big ideas. I appreciate the conversation that were about broadway corridor and the ormsby district specifically, and we have to keep thinking big and keep building. So it's with that hope, that foot traffic comes back this summer like never before, that community safety systems wrap around those events so that people return to their cars safely and that they want to keep coming back downtown in the central area. So we really need you as a partner to continue to be responsive and resilient as we build the prosperous Portland that we all desire. I vote, i.

**Speaker:** Gonzalez I vote