



June 28, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, June 28, 2023 9:30 am

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: Beth Woodard, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Motion to elect Commissioner Rubio President of the Council: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-5)

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

Council recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:19 p.m.

Communications

522

[Request of Alexandria Bradley to address Council regarding Normandale Park memorial](#) (Communication)

Document number: 522-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

523

[Request of Dajah Beck to address Council regarding Normandale Park memorial](#) (Communication)

Document number: 523-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Susan Griffin to address Council regarding downtown Portland](#) (Communication)

Document number: 524-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

525

[Request of Martin Lopez to address Council regarding requirements for union representation in Ordinance 190700](#) (Communication)

Document number: 525-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

526

[Request of Joseph Sponsler to address Council regarding transition from diesel to solar generators](#) (Communication)

Document number: 526-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

527

[Proclaim July 4-9, 2023, to be National Veterans Wheelchair Games Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 527-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

528

[*Approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission FY 2023-24 Fund Budget](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191354

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Previous agenda item 520.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to add an emergency clause because it is necessary to approve the budget without delay in order to provide authority to transact the financial affairs of the Commission for FY 2023-24: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

529

[*Authorize five-year grant agreement with Portland Community Media, dba Open Signal, for public, educational, and governmental access resources, and to provide culturally responsive, relevant, and affordable media training for and with mediamakers and non-profit organizations on a citywide basis, not to exceed \\$6,239,438 in operational support](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191355

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Previous agenda item 521.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to add an emergency clause because the public interest would be harmed by a delay in authorizing the grant agreement, resulting in a lapse of provision of services: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

530

[Reappoint Chandra Robinson to the Portland Design Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2027](#) (Report)

Document number: 530-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Disposition: Confirmed

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

531

[Reappoint Julia DeGraw to the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2026](#) (Report)

Document number: 531-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Disposition: Confirmed

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

532

[Proclaim results of the Municipal Non-partisan Special Election on Measure 26-240: Renew Portland Children's Levy](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 532-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Disposition: Placed on File

533

[*Ratify Letter of Agreement between the Department of Asset Management/Fleet Services with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District W24 and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 189 to provide represented employees reimbursement for prescription safety eyewear purchases](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191336

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

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

534

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement between the Office of Management and Finance, the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Prosper Portland for continued administration of the Community Opportunities and Enhancements Program \(amend Contract 30007251\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191337

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Disposition: Passed

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

535

[*Pay Workers' Compensation Claims of Michael Thompson for \\$25,039 involving Portland Parks & Recreation](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191338

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Disposition: Passed

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

536

[Amend Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services Code to remove the need for continual delegation and clarify responsibilities \(amend Code Section 3.15.070\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191339

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 494.

Disposition: Passed

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

537

[Accept the 2022 Title 11 Trees Fund Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 537-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Accepted

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

538

[*Certify and transfer delinquent sewer system user fees to the Multnomah, Washington, or Clackamas County Assessor for collection pursuant to ORS 454.225](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191340

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

539

[*Accept disbursement of State of Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds for Portland Streetcar from TriMet and authorize a subrecipient agreement](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191341

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

540

[*Accept grant from the State of Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary Fund for \\$400,000 to support Portland Streetcar Rider Ambassador Program](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191342

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

541

[*Amend Location of Sidewalk Vault Openings Code to remove a 2-foot setback requirement and amend Sidewalk Elevators Code to increase the load-bearing requirements for doors over sidewalk openings \(amend Code Sections 24.65.010 and 24.65.030\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191343

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

542

[*Authorize contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the NE 102nd Avenue Corridor Lighting Project between E Burnside St and NE Sandy Blvd](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191344

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

543

[*Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with Central Eastside Industrial Council Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee for use of the district annual permit surcharge](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191345

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

544

[*Designate the Director of the Bureau of Development Services to represent and act on the City's behalf as the Special Advisory Group for the Cascade Renewable Transmission System](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191346

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Disposition: Passed

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

545

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for AM/DRI Block 45 located at 4030 S Bond Ave](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191347

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

546

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for MNN46 Minnesota Apartments located at 4611 N Minnesota Ave](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191348

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

547

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Shortstack Belmont located at 2755 SE Belmont St](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191349

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

548

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Shortstack Mississippi located at 1017 N Revere St](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191350

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

549

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program for a five-year extension of the limited property tax exemption for Albert Mixed-Use at 3600 N Williams Ave](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191351

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

550

[*Authorize subrecipient contract for \\$5,153,525 for the provision of grants in support of land acquisitions for affordable housing development](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191352

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

551

[*Authorize 22 subrecipient contracts totaling \\$7,734,373 for the provision of services in support of providing affordable housing.](#)(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191353

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

552

[Amend Joint Office of Homeless Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to implement County revisions \(amend Contract 30005335\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191356

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Second reading agenda item 514.

Disposition: Passed

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

553

[Appoint Yume Delegato to the Police Accountability Commission](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37622

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

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

554

[*Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with Portland Police Commanding Officers Association relating to terms and conditions of employment of represented employees in bargaining unit for 2023-2027](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191357

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance; Police

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to substitute Exhibit A with the updated agreement dated June 27, 2023 that addresses issues raised: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

555

[*Amend contract with SAP Public Services, Inc. to increase the not to exceed amount by \\$873,651 for cloud software and related services through June 2026 \(amend Contract 30005306\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191358

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

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

556

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County not to exceed \\$12,500,000 for the Justice Center Bus Duct Replacement Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191359

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to make item 556 an emergency ordinance to address fire safety issues for residents: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

557

[*Authorize contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Cully Public Works Improvement Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191360

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

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

558

[Add Dry Wells and Other Underground Injection Controls Code to regulate dry wells and other stormwater facilities \(add Code Chapter 25.10\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191370

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

559

[*Increase the cap on number of applications allowed within each fiscal year under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program to 500 units](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191361

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

Wednesday, June 28, 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: Maja Haium, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Commissioner Ryan left at 2:51 p.m. and returned at 3:16 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Time Certain

560

[Pursue analysis and creation of new Tax Increment Finance districts to advance equitable development and inclusive growth in East Portland and the Central City](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37623

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

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

561

[Accept the Bull Run Treatment Projects 2023 Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 561-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (1 of 6)

Disposition: Accepted

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

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

562

[Extend Contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for Program Management and Support Services for the Bull Run Filtration Projects](#) (Report)

Document number: 562-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (2 of 6)

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

563

[Authorize the Bull Run Filtration Facility Project construction in two phases with two guaranteed maximum prices and update estimated total cost of construction to \\$1,069,000,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191368

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (3 of 6)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

564

[Authorize the Bull Run Filtration Pipelines Project construction in two phases with two guaranteed maximum prices and update estimated total cost of construction to \\$404,000,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191369

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (4 of 6)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

565

[Accept Guaranteed Maximum Price of \\$286,245,376 from MWH-Kiewit JV for construction of the first phase of the Bull Run Filtration Facility Project \(Procurement Report - 00001428\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 565-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (5 of 6)

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

566

[Accept Guaranteed Maximum Price of \\$51,792,077 from Bull Run Conveyance Partners for construction of the first phase of the Bull Run Filtration Pipelines Project \(Procurement Report - RFP 00001634\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 566-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (6 of 6)

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

567

[*Amend Public Order and Police Code to add provisions regulating the consumption of controlled substances on public property \(amend Code Sections 14A.50.010 and 14A.20.060\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 3:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

Thursday, June 29, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

June 28, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List

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Speaker: The Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 morning session of the Portland City Council.

Speaker: It's good to see you, Keelan. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, Ryan. Here. Gonzales here. Maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: We'll now hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome to Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [ww dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council/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, 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 counsel may take a short recess and

reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. Please 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 testify others joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you and colleagues, since we are approaching six months into the year, this is an auspicious occasion. This is when we switch the presidency of the council from one committee member to another. Commissioner Ryan I want to thank you for your service as council president. Over the last six months. You've done a really great job and you've filled in many times and I have appreciated being able to rely on you as a very, very able council president. So thank you for your service in that capacity. Colleagues, I'd like to move that Commissioner Rubio be elected council president for the following six months starting July 1st, second, so moved.

Speaker: We have a second from commissioner gonzales any further discussion?

Speaker: Please call the roll. Ryan. I

Speaker: Gonzalez I Mapps I Rubio I Wheeler.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Rubio. This will be your second. This time serving. So you're coming back really as an emeritus council president. You know the ropes. You know what it means to fill in. And I'm grateful for your service. I vote I and the motion passes and congratulations, madam president. Next up, communication options. First up, first individual item 5 to 2, please.

Speaker: Request of alexandria bradley to address council regarding normandale park memorial. They canceled their request and how about 523?

Speaker: Did they also cancel or are they here?

Speaker: Yeah. Request of d.o.j. Boec to address council regarding normandale park memorial. They also canceled. Okay.

Speaker: Very good. 5 to 4. Next individual request of susan griffin to address council regarding downtown Portland.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome

Speaker: Yeah, please come on up and we'll get a chair out of the way there for you. One moment. Thank you for being here. Thanks, Keelan. Could you grab.

Speaker: Yeah, sure. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Thanks for being here. I'm sorry.

Speaker: It's all right. Keelan. Thank you. Anything else? This is good. Good morning.

Speaker: My name is susan griffin. Hi, susan. I'm a resident of downtown down. I live three blocks from the courthouse. I've lived there for in the apartment building I've lived in. I've lived there for eight years in the apartment I lived in. I've lived. For six. And so I'm here because I would like to request that the City Council and the mayor recognize the trauma that downtown residents have endured. When under a mandated lockdown. We were unable to have our part to leave our apartments, and we were forced not to even stay with friends or family during the violent riots of 2020, I mandated lockdown. Our friends and our family didn't even want us to come and stay with them. And so for over 150 consecutive nights, downtown residents were confronted with tear gas. We were subjected to months of hovering helicopters, flashbang, nils, mortars, ranting and chanting, violence. As I listened to, no lives matter until black lives matter so many times until I actually believe that about myself. And as a result of that, I took some really huge losses physically, I went from 178 pounds down to 104 for because of the stress, the sleep deprivation and the fear. And we still live in fear because we know that at any time that that can

that can come right back to our neighborhood. And we now deal with the aftermath and the fallout from them. And also from defunding the pbem and decriminalizing drugs as I live around the south park blocks, it used to be one of the safest and nicest places that I enjoyed walking. I used to be able to walk five miles a day and I did. Before the riots and now I'm in a wheelchair. I'm braced and I've easily become a walking target in downtown Portland. I'm very concerned for my safety and my neighbors safety. I've been assaulted five times in this city in the last three years by homeless, aggressive men who wanted nothing but money for their drugs, fractured a breast bone. Had that man hit me one inch to the left, he would have fractured my sternum and probably killed me. And that's all I have left.

Speaker: Okay. Recently I've seen six dead men on downtown streets and sprawled out in safe ways.

Speaker: Door entrances. It is still traumatizing to live downtown. Two of those men, I'm pretty sure, died of their overdoses as I woke up every morning for over two years with tears dripping into my ears, exhausted from months of sleep deprivation and suicidal and literally having to choose whether or not to live another day or jump out of my 10th story window. Multnomah County crisis line hung up on me when I called them in a crisis and cascadia behavioral health laughed and scoffed at me. Today I'm happy to say I'm getting some mental health care through different insurance. I've taken care of that. But to be very honest, the last. Three years of my life have been harder than the first three years after my only child died in 1982. As you can imagine, a mother saying that. I want you to hear that and I want you to see me as a human being. Everything else in this city has been addressed rioters, anarchists, jail inmates, birds, treats, trees. Businesses, large and small. Even gutter rats have made news. But downtown residents, human beings, we've never been addressed by this city, and our trauma deserves to be addressed.

I've emailed you guys for three years, contacted your offices for three years, and never heard back. So I'm sorry. I went over three minutes. My neighbors in my building now call their apartments pre casket coffins. Because they know that they're just old and waiting to die and that nobody gives a about us. And I am the only person in my building that's had the nerve to stand up and say, this is not right. We deserve some help. Because one of my neighbors recently described downtown as a death camp and we survive amongst Portland's walking dead. So in closing, I just want to say if downtown businesses cannot thrive or survive in downtown, how do you expect human beings, the residents, to? And so I ask for as please acknowledge us, apologize to us, act on our behalf and assist us all I would like personally is just some assistance so I can get relocated out of the downtown core. And I'm sorry that I went over my time.

Speaker: Not at all. And if I may comment, first of all, thank you for being here and you've done a public service because you've highlighted something, I think, about all the time. I'm not ready yet to talk about. 2020 or 20 21 or 2022 in terms of the personal trauma that that I still feel personally and what it did to my family. So someday I will be able to talk about it. But I haven't really processed it fully yet. But like couch you from a different perspective, I also still have nightmares. I still remember people trying to blow up my house. I still remember people chasing my daughter at and my now ex wife as my small child was trying to get to her car to go to school. All. I remember them being followed. To middle school by self-described anarchists, adult men. I remember them throwing rocks at my daughter's window and screaming that her father was a sympathizer. Her i. I remember them shooting mortars us at my building when I lived in northwest Portland. One blowing up and we still have the 11th or 12th floor of the building in which we lived. And there was a small child standing on the porch. But fortunately it had a plexi glass porch cover

instead of just railings because it it blew up with such force that it left permanent marks. I remember people trying to occupy the intersection in front of my house while holding up signs that I cannot describe and screaming that black lives matters while all they destroyed a business owned by an arab American and vandalized one owned by vietnamese Americans, but curiously left the other businesses untouched. I remember people marauding down martin luther king jr boulevard, mostly young white people wearing black, destroying, black owned businesses, and then having the audacity to spray paint blm on the remains of those businesses. I remember standing with black leaders the next day in front of the microphones, denounce saying that kind of activity and having the media barely cover it. There's a lot of trauma. And you experienced it up close and person you and your neighbors because downtown. Was ground zero for all of that. I cannot imagine what you as a disabled individual, as somebody who had the courage to express work through some behavioral health issues. And I appreciate your your honesty and your courage and your fourth and rightness on that. You do have my apology. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. You have my deepest, sincerest, most personal apology that you had to experience that you should not have to experience it.

Speaker: Nobody should have to experience that. And as we go forward, I want to give you some encouragement. This council is unified. I speak for all of us when I say we want our downtown recovered. We want it back. We want it back for the people who live here, the people who work here, the people who play here, the people who pay the bills around here. We want it back and we're working hard to do that. We're increasing our police presence. We're making significant investments. We're working with our business community to make sure they stay here. We're working with residents to make sure we keep the streets clean, that we

improve the situation, that we have alternatives for people who are living on the streets, that we are addressing the drug problem in our city. And we're going to actually talk about that a little bit later today. We're going to we're going to get it right. And it's because of people like you that we're going to do it. The first step is you said is acknowledge and we have to do more than that. We have to say, look, this is this is not where we want to be. This is where we want to go. We want a safe community. We want a clean community. We want one where people don't feel all that their only option is to live outside in an unsanctioned camp. I don't want any unsanctioned camps anywhere in the city of Portland. We want the litter cleaned up. We want the graffiti cleaned up and we want people to feel safe again regardless. Nils of their personal conditions. Everybody deserves to feel safe in this community. And everybody here has a place and everybody deserves to feel respected and that's what we are working towards. And i, I just i'll close by just saying thank you. I know it was hard for you to get here today, but it's an important statement that you've made, and I appreciate it. Thank you. You're welcome.

Speaker: Can I just say one thing?

Speaker: Yes, of course. You know, we still hear mortars in the middle of the night explode downtown on a regular basis.

Speaker: And I'm not sure what that is, but it it's and it gets really bad when I get to the point where.

Speaker: I don't know, was that an explosion or was that a mortar? Should I call the cops or not? You know, but on a regular basis, we hear them and they rock me out of bed. I mean, it reminds me of the very first night of the riots when the first flash grenade rocked me out of bed. You know, and then it just never stopped. I mean, and all of that just triggers this ptsd that I had prior for to the riots, you know? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. I appreciate it. Hopefully we'll see you again. Thank you. All right. Next individual, please Keelan. 5 to 4, please. Thank you. Um I think we're on item 5.25.

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry.

Speaker: I apologize. Yeah. 5 to 5.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Request of martin lopez to address council regarding requirements for union represents motion in ordinance 1907200. Hi, mark.

Speaker: Thanks for being here. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you, guys. Cully. Thanks, megan.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Just a quick second. Okay okay. All right.

Speaker: Cool.

Speaker: All right. Good day. Thanks for being. Yeah. Thank you, guys. So last week, our company has a lopez campa llc received a notice of intent to negotiate and award a contract to provide provide janitorial services for the city of Portland's fpd r fire and police, disability and retirement bureau department at the harrison square building. Solicitation number rfp. Number 00002086, along with multiple other requirements that are needed to do business with the city of Portland. This contract is also requiring the awarded contract to use union represented staff per city of Portland council. Ordinance 19070061.3. This was established February 16th, 2022. And in addition to that city of Portland's council made a resolution to the sustainability of procurement policy to include a labor peace agreement which was established March 25th, 2020. Um, although these resolutions seem fair in their own right, we as a small business do not believe that this ordinance and resolution adheres to small businesses, is looking to procure business with with the city of Portland, which from what I just heard, is kind of a main initiative right now here in

Portland, Oregon. Um, I would like to refer to the regional workforce equity agreement, which is usually for construction based projects, but in section 13.4, this part of it exempts minority owned small business firms from union workforce requirements and I kind of want this to be kind of amended or however you guys work that in the ordinance too. So this is some of the language that it includes part a and 13.4. It s equity contractors may utilize corps employees without regard to the order and ratio set forth in section 7.4. B b equity contractors\$ employees shall not be required to join any union, including the unions and no contributions to unions. There benefit programs or trust funds shall be required by or on behalf of equity contractor employees and c equity contractors and their employees shall not be required to pay representation fees in the initiation fees, union dues check offs, fines or any other payments to union benefit programs or trust funds.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner gonzales. I think has a comment. Yeah.

Speaker: Mr. Lopez, thanks so much for testifying. I was just briefed a little bit about about your situation. Nick from my office is in the back there, so I would ask if you could connect with him on it and let's see what we can do on this matter. So appreciate you testifying. I don't know all the details, but the that is the fire pension and police pension building, I believe, or space that this refers to. And there's some I know there's some history here. I don't know all the details. I just I want to acknowledge the issues you've raised and if you could connect with nick on my team, we'd like to see what we can do to help. Yeah that'd be great.

Speaker: And I just wanted to know as to, like, a timeline of how you guys, like, run things as far as, like, you know, like, would an amendment be a, a possible for the ordinance or what does that look like exactly? I might need help from my colleagues in the city attorney's office on that question.

Speaker: To a certain extent, procure isn't there. I think is some further history on that particular space that I that we'd like to get a little bit up to speed on because there was a little bit of a question as to whether the union mandate would apply in that situation. So there's more to that story that we need to unpack separate from the separate from the ordinance. In your reference thing. So I appreciate the time, sensitivity and the challenges of small business trying to navigate the city procurement requirements. So we sometimes talk out of one side and it conflicts with the other. I get your point there, but please coordinate with nick and we'll coordinate with the other offices on this.

Speaker: Yeah, appreciate it. And yeah, it really is just something also kind of looked through the sustainable procurement procurement policies here in Portland and me as a government contractor here in the city. I have noticed that most awards have been going towards larger sized companies and I'm not saying that is purposeful on the behalf of city of Portland, but it is something to look at as to how we can adhere better to small businesses, specifically minority owned and small businesses, women owned small businesses and veteran. What is it? Veteran disability owned businesses. So yeah, if I feel like if little things like this can be adjusted, it could really help in this space. Yeah, because government contracts is a it's a it's a great platform for small businesses to do better here in the city and a faster way to do it too.

Speaker: Thank you. That's all I got.

Speaker: Thank you, sir. Appreciate your being here. And last but not least, 5 to 6, please.

Speaker: Request of joseph sponsler to address council regarding transition from diesel to solar generators. Welcome. I believe joseph was planning to join in person. Is joseph here on line.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Doesn't look like it. Let's go to a 5 to 7 or actually let me get rid of the consent agenda. If any items have been pulled off the consent agenda, no items have been pulled. Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

Speaker: Ryan hi, Gonzalez.

Speaker: Hi. Maps hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler. All right.

Speaker: The consent agenda is adopted. First time certain item, please. Item number 5 to 7, proclaim. July 4th through the ninth, 2023 to be national veterans.

Speaker: Wheelchair games week. Awesome colleagues.

Speaker: Our next item is a proclamation honoring national veterans wheelchairs, games week, which will be held in Portland this year, from July 4th to July 9th. So just right around the corner, I'd like to welcome David Holt, who's the director of the VA Portland health care system. I'm Sean Benson. Also from the VA Portland, and the local chair of the national veterans wheelchair games, as Mika Asher, who's the vice chair of public affairs and Heidi Frawley, who's a nurse and administrator officer. When you're ready, go ahead and begin your presentation and thanks so much for being here today. We appreciate it.

Speaker: It's great to be here. Mayor Wheeler and commissioners, I'm David Holt. I am the new director of the VA Portland health care system up on the hill. Excellent. I was previously in southern Oregon as director of the White City VA Medical Center. So grateful to be here in Portland with all of you. We are excited next week to host along with the city of Portland and Paralyzed Veterans of America and the VA. Our VA national wheelchair games. And with that, I'm going to turn my time over to Mr. Sean Benson as the director. Sean welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. And thanks to the city of Portland, the national veteran wheelchair games is co presented by the department of veterans affairs and the

paralyzed veterans of America on behalf of the more than 400 wheelchair veterans that are coming to compete from around the country, puerto rico and great britain, to compete in the 23 events that we have not only at the Oregon convention center, but the surrounding several surrounding venues. I would like to thank the support we've received from the rose city, including travel Portland sport, Oregon and our own pva chapter, the tri state pva. And i'll turn my comments over to my colleagues.

Speaker: My name is mika asher public affairs vice chair for the wheelchair games. Just like to encourage everyone to come out to the games. We're kicking things off on July 4th with an opening ceremonies. It's going to be a parade of athletes, of all our athletes that are arriving from all across the united states, great britain, puerto rico. We're going to have the lighting of a cauldron. And in addition, we have several other events occurring at the games in addition to the athlete events. So we're going to have a kids day event, which is a great opportunity for kids in wheelchairs to be paired with athletes from the games to try out some of the different sports. So that's going to be a great opportunity. We're also having guest services, so we're going to have guest service stations that is going to be providing information to spectators, spectators and our local athletes about the city of Portland and various landmarks, parks and just information about the city of Portland and to encourage everyone to explore what the city has to offer and hopefully provide information to our athletes to explore the city and the state of Oregon outside of the games. Thank you.

Speaker: Heidi frawley. I am so excited along with my colleagues, to just welcome our veterans. 411 of them will become rolling in, literally will become rolling in to enjoy our beautiful city. We're going to be at mt. Hood community college. We're going to be at par. We're going to be at kingpin. And we just have an omsi and so

they're going to get a great taste of what our city has to offer, where the city of roses we're recovering. We need to bring our tourism back. And this is such a great way to do it. So thankful for the va, Portland health care systems and the paralyzed veterans of America to partner with us and all of the community that's coming out to help volunteer and to come. We need spectators. We need people to come and root them on. As a nurse, it's amazing to take care of somebody at the bedside and to see them in competing and the camaraderie between all of our athletes. So please come and join us and thank you for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Thank you.

Speaker: Does that complete your presentation? It does. Very good. Well, thank you for this presentation this morning and being here to highlight what is obviously a really important event, not just for the athletes who are participating directly, but for the entire community. And we're so pleased that you're doing it. I'd like to open the floor first to my colleagues for their remarks. I'll speak last and then i'll read a proclamation on behalf of the council, but we'll start it off with commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: S well, thank you very much. Let me begin by thanking our guests for today's presentation. And I want to say this, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, I'm delighted to join you in declaring July 4th through July 9th, 2023, to be national veterans wheelchair games week, Portland, as we heard, will host this year's games. These games will include more than 400 veterans who will compete in 23 sports. Um, these games have been around since 1981 when the department of veterans affairs launched the games and in the past 40 years, this event has grown to be our nation's largest wheelchair sport and rehabilitation event for military veterans. As these are true heroes who will be competing this week, competitors include veterans with spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis and other

neurological conditions. I am proud and delighted that Portland will host this year's games as we heard, this is part of our recovery and part of celebrating Portland's great sports traditions. And I encourage all Portlanders to attend the national veterans wheelchair games at the Oregon convention center and other local venues. Thank you very much, mr. Mayor. I'll turn the floor back to you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: First and foremost, I'd like to thank all the participants and organizers of this event for their service to their country, to our service, to our vets. I'm so glad Portland is hosting such an uplifting and celebratory event for our veterans. My brother was a two tours vet from in iraq. Many of his colleagues came back hurt. Some didn't come back. So taking care of those that come home is a central part of our collective responsibility for those who who who didn't serve so directly, we often hear about the bonds between folks in armed services is unbreakable and lasts a lifetime. It's inspiring for all of us to see our vets coming together and competitive spirit to lift each other up and enjoy each other's company and to enjoy competition in the event truly illustrates the unstoppable character of our vets and brings into focus the opportunity, respect and visibility that all people with disabilities deserve. Many people focus on the new limitations after sustaining a serious, life altering injury. Rather, this event illustrates new possibilities and just one avenue for folks to thrive and live to the fullest. With that, I wish all the participants the very best of luck this week. I hope you enjoy your time in Portland. For those listening and leave with some great memories and maybe a few medals too. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you and thank you. May we alert and presenters for being here today? I want to welcome the veterans and your families and supporters to our city

for the first time in your 42 year history of games. That's really, really important to us, especially right now. And I want to lift up the city nificant economic impact that you're bringing to our city with an event of this size. Comes to Portland for a visit. It's incredibly meaningful. I was reading about your event and that it provides military veterans, veterans the opportunity to continue demonstrating your strength of character. The spirit, and resolve that you all have in competing for medals and recognition. So that is very heartening and very much aligned with our values as our core values as a city. And every time a city hosts these games, the institution of adaptive sports and culture of support is strengthened and has more permanency. And it also creates an important ripple effect that positively enriches all the lives of veterans living with disabilities. So thank you for lifting this up. Thank you for allowing us to host you and engage with you and have a wonderful time.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you, mayor. Thanks for bringing this forward. It's good to see all of you. It's not lost on me that you do this over the 4th of July holiday at and what an awesome opportunity for our city to be around this big event. Thank you. On behalf of the what, 411 participants who are coming. Thank you for organizing. I'm sure you're in touch with some of the local folks like adaptive sports northwest. There's they really want to be a part of this. I know. And like commissioner gonzales said, I have five older brothers who are veterans and many a couple of them definitely had severe mental health issues that were triggered by and they hated this holiday. I'm sure that it's not just dogs, right? It's yeah, it's a tough holiday for a lot of vets. And so thanks for being here. Like commissioner Rubio mentioned, some of the little concrete data that we got like contracted 4667 total room nights, 650 on peak nights. And this is an estimated economic impact of 2.3 million. So as we know, we're we're struggling to get the heart of our city downtown back. And so

it's really an honor. May you be safe, may you have a joyful time and may we all are. Compassion be moved and lifted by your presence. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, thanks, colleagues. First, I'd like to thank the department of veterans affairs and paralyzed veterans of America for choosing Portland to host the 42nd annual national veterans wheelchair games. It means a lot to us that you would select Portland as a place to do this and we think you're going to have a fantastic time. And it looks like the weather is just going to continue to be outstanding here in the great city of Portland. Obviously, as my colleagues have said, this is a really inspirational event and it celebrates what I think is really the indomitable spirit of the heroic men and women who have served in the us armed forces and behalf of all of us here in the city of Portland. We want to welcome the athletes, the coaches, the spectators, the volunteers, the caregivers hours, the friends and the fans who I know are going to turn out in large numbers to witness this great event. I hope that you find Portland to be welcoming and you find it to be enjoyable. I'm told that over 500 veterans will participate in this year and venues like the Oregon convention center, omsi and the Portland international raceway, as you mentioned, and I wish you all the best of luck in your competition, as I know this is going to be an exciting week and full of memories. And so now it is my honor to read the proclamation on behalf of the City Council. I want to thank all of you for helping to draft this proclamation on behalf of the council and by extension, the entire city of Portland to you. Whereas as the national veterans wheelchair games is the world's largest annual wheelchair sports and rehabilitation, an event solely for military veterans. And. Whereas the event demonstrates the unstoppable character of veterans and seeks to foster wider respect and opportunities for all people with disabilities. And. Whereas, the national veterans wheelchair wheelchair games is open to all us veterans with spinal cord injuries,

amputations, multiple sclerosis or other central neurological conditions who require a wheelchair for athletic competition. And. Whereas, in 1981, the department of veteran affairs launched the wheelchair games with seven events and 77 athletes. This paralyzed veterans of America joined the va in 1985, expanding the event's mission and reach. Today, hundreds of veterans and veteran athletes compete in nearly two dozen events. And. Whereas, the wheelchair games has flourished and helped veterans become more active in their lives and communities and in some cases reach higher levels of national and international competition and. Whereas, over the past 42 years, thousands of veterans with disabilities have gained the skills, confidence and experience to take on the challenges in the spirit of opportunity rather than limitation. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim July 4th through ninth 2023 to be national veterans wheelchair games week in Portland and encourage all community members to attend the national veterans wheelchair games as a spectator at the Oregon convention center to celebrate our nation's veterans as they compete for bronze, silver and gold medals. Medals. Best of luck to all of you. And don't forget to have a lot of fun, mr. Mayor. Yes commissioner Mapps mr. Mayor, just a quick point of order.

Speaker: Um, I want I see a couple of folks who appear to be part of this, um, proclamation online. I just wanted to see if tammy or ann or hack were hoping to testify today or if they're just watching this is national vice president of hack alverson.

Speaker: I'd like for our president, charlie brown, to, to address the committee.

Speaker: Thanks, zach.

Speaker: Hi, charlie. Hello

Speaker: Thank you. Portland commission and thank you for honoring us and the and the national veterans wheelchair games especially the week of the fourth through the ninth for giving this proclamation an it's an honor to be there to come to enjoy your city. I'm sorry I can't enjoy you today, but I'm joining you online and saying thank you. Thank you to the director of the va and thank you to all the volunteers there. You inspire us by all the hard work and dedication you give tri-state chapter. Keep rocking it out there, guys. You're doing great things. Thank you, Portland. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, Charles. And I just want you to know you're missing a picture. Perfect bluebird day here. But I looked at the weather this morning and it looks like it's going to be this way for days and days and days. So get on out here.

Speaker: Looking forward to seeing you soon, sir.

Speaker: All right. Thank you all. Anybody else want to chime in? All right. Thank you so much. Best of luck.

Speaker: Really appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you. Have a great time. Thank you so much. Thank you.

Colleagues. We'll move next to the time certain item, 5 to 8.

Speaker: I thought we were going to keep them.

Speaker: What happened? The instructions. You're like that game. Telephone is back. Oh, they go back 5 to 8, please.

Speaker: We were just showing it.

Speaker: Approved the mount hood cable regulatory commission. Fy 20 2324 fund budget commissioner Rubio, thank you, colleagues.

Speaker: Today we are welcoming representatives from the mount hood cable regulatory commission to present the commission's fiscal year 2324 budget for council consideration. Before I make my comments, I would like to first introduce

an amendment due to the postponed of the item last week. I move that we add an emergency clause because it is necessary to approve the budget without delay in order to provide authority to transact the financial affairs of the commission for fiscal year 2324. May I have a second? I'll second any further discussion on the motion, please?

Speaker: Please call the roll. Ryan. Hi gonzales hi.

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

Speaker: Motion carries its amended.

Speaker: Right. Thank you. Colleagues the city's allocation from the general fund for crc operations budget is \$354,728 and the amount is included in the city's fiscal year 2324 special appropriations for the mount hood cable regulatory commission is exemplary of a long standing intergovernmental partnership among east county jurisdiction asians, the county and the city of Portland and Portland's special appropriation goes to administer about 12.6 million annually in community technology related benefits throughout the city and county derived by cable franchise agreements. We have a few people here today to present and I'd like to hand it off to mh crc commissioner julia degray, one of our three Portland Portland appointees to the commission.

Speaker: All right. Thank you so much for that introduction. Then I will go ahead and dive into the presentation of the bhr trc budget presentation. So good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is julia degray and I'm one of three city representatives on the mount hood cable regulatory commission. I'm here today to seek your approval for the mhc 2324 fiscal year budget and to highlight for you some of the mh scs plans, activities and activities for the coming year as a reminder, the mhc is a regional commission representing the cities of fairview gresham, Portland, troutdale woodville and Multnomah County. The mhc was

formed in 1992 through the intergovernmental agreement to provide oversee site enforcement and public benefit responsibilities under the cable services franchises. The commission is a group of eight volunteer was appointed by the cities and the county. The city appoints three members and each of each other. Jurisdictions appoint one member to and we are staffed through a staff services agreement with the city staff. Is currently housed within the bureau of planning and sustainability. The jurisdictions currently have cable television franchise agreements with ziply fiber, which serves east county cities, and comcast, which serves countywide over the years, the commission has mentioned, has monitored the changing technology and public policy landscape to support community needs for local authority over public right of way and compensation for its use by for profit cable companies. A consumer watchdog to assist subscribers with billing and service issues and local solutions for addressing local representation in media and digital equity issues. Each year we present the commission adopted budget to each of the jurisdictions for approval. This is an opportunity to share with you in more detail the services we provide. Over the past year and the and to answer any questions you might have the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the fiscal year 2324 budget. At our meeting on may 22nd. In your meeting packet, you have the proposed budget, our annual report goals for next year and the tech smart initiative impact report. I'll take the next few minutes to provide an overview of the proposed budget and some of our planned activities for the coming year. The mhc proposed fiscal year 20 2023 and 24 budget is on page five of the budget document.

Speaker: Julia, could I do something somewhat extraordinary and I apologize in advance? As you know, we just had a group of individuals here for a proclama summation and they very much had hoped to have a photograph with the City

Council and they're willing to wait till after this item. But I know a number of them have places they need to go. Would you mind if we took a three minute recess? So the council can go out into the hallway and take that photo and then we'll come right back. Okay.

Speaker: I'm. I'm personally fine being flexible in that way. Like, it's. I can absolutely make that work.

Speaker: Thank you. I apologize, guys. It's embarrassing. So we'll be back with you in, like, three minutes. Okay.

Speaker: Just got through the Oregon state legislature. So you can survive anything appalling behavior.

Speaker: All right. So we'll go into recess for about three minutes. We're in recess. Thank you. So. All right, julie, are you sorry about that. Thank you for accommodating and helping us make that happen. Sorry to interrupt, julia.

Speaker: That's all right. I got I got a couple more sips of my coffee. It was all good. Perfect

Speaker: Um, all right, so i'll just dive back into the budget presentation for the mhc. Um, which, as I said, can be found on page five of the budget document. Um nearly all of the mhc scs resources are funds collected from the cable companies and the expenditures are the dispersed amount of those funds to the member jurisdictions, the community and media providers metro east and opensignal and the community grants recipients long term trends continue to reflect a slow decline in the number of cable subscribers. As more and more people receive their media content in other ways, the franchise fees collected are calculated based on the percentage of gross revenues, so drops in. Subscriber counts continue to be slightly offset by the annual rate increases implemented by the providers. The city is projected to collect about \$5.2 million in franchise fees next year. Resource is that

support the city's general fund. The projection is about \$280,000 less than last year. Through the intergovernmental agreement, each jurisdiction agrees to fund a portion of msc's operating budget. The city's allocation to the commission's operating budget for fiscal year 2324 is \$354,728, combined with contributions from the other jurisdictions, the total operating budget is \$545,734. The proposed budget includes a slight increase in staffing this year from four fte to 4.9 fte and we are carrying and we are using carry over funds from the fiscal year due to staff vacancies to support this additional fte. Our staff are tasked with conducting cable franchise agreement compliance, handling consumer complaints, overseeing the commission meeting meetings and finances and implementing public benefit programs such as the grant programs that support technology usage in schools, community and nonprofit efforts, and in our community media centers, metro east community media and gresham and opensignal in Portland. Funding also supports limited professional services such as legal counsel, advocacy, work and participation in national organizations. In the coming year, we are kicking off a strategic planning process for the member jurisdictions to engage with us to develop a strategy for addressing these trends. Evolving public policy and community needs. We will be reaching out to each jurisdiction in the coming months to have these discussions with the resources collected through the franchises. The commission provides capital and operating support to metro east community media and open signal to vital community based organizations that work to ensure our communities have access to the media, technology, training and training. Diverse local, engaging video content on the cable system. Next up on our agenda today is a recommendation to support a five year grant agreement with opensignal to support the people. Time to deliver government programming such as the live coverage of today's meeting and critical meeting. Critical media training

supporting education and workforce training with a particular focus on our bipoc community members. The commission is funding. The commission is a funding partner in this work. We provide annual capital funding to ensure opensignal has a facilities and equipment to deliver these services and we provide capital grants to schools, libraries, public agencies and community nonprofits to support access to technology and training that promotes civic engagement, equity and economic opportunity. Excuse me. The commission anticipates awarding \$2 million to community technology grants. This coming year. A summary of grants awarded this last year included the annual report is included excuse me, in the annual report included in your meeting packet. The commission wrapped funding and an evaluation of the text smart initiative this last this past year, you may recall that since 2014 we have been funding innovative classroom technology grants through a strategic partnerships with each of the six school districts in the county. The grants were designed to use technology and innovation and innovative teaching and learning techniques to achieve better academic outcomes for students. The tech smart initiative invested nearly \$16 million since its inception, and it was cut short of its goal to invest a total of \$19 million due to a federal law change under the trump administration that took effect in 2019. The commission in participation in partnership excuse me, the commission in partnership with an outside professional evaluation team, spent the last couple of years closing out the projects and working with the districts to assess the impact. Want to share what we learned? The impact report was included in your packet. That concludes my presentation for today. I'm happy to answer any questions and thank the council for its ongoing support and consideration of the budget this afternoon before we close out, I'd like to invite rebecca burrell from opensignal to share a few words.

Speaker: Thank you. I will share my screen quickly for some visuals. So hello mayor and commissioners. I am Rebecca Burrell, the director of strategy at OpenSignal. Thanks to the magic of our hybrid meeting technology, I am delighted to join you today from the Alliance for Community Media Conference in Brooklyn, New York. OpenSignal is Portland's community media arts center. Of course, you all know us best as the people who broadcast City Council meetings like this one. But we also provide powerful media and technology training and content distribution for members of our community, particularly those who are least likely to see themselves reflected in the mainstream media. You will hear more from my colleagues in the next agenda item about what we've been up to lately. But for now, I want to share with you specifically why our relationship with the CRC is crucial to the work we provide to both the capital C city of Portland and also to the people who live here. In essence, this entire message is a tribute to the work that we've been able to do. Thanks to your support. So within the community media field nationally, Portland is known as having one of the very best cable franchises anywhere and OpenSignal is known as a leading innovator. I'm reminded of this since I'm currently at the Fields National Conference. Other media centers are constantly looking to us to learn how we maximize our cable franchise capital funds, how we assertively address racial equity, how we leverage our public dollars to raise private funds, how we honor the technology and artistry of media in equal measure. They look to us to learn how cable broadcast can continue to stay relevant in 2023. In fact, in the past three years, two of our team members have received national awards from the Alliance. This includes Catherine Garcia, who you will hear from in a few minutes, who received the award for cultural diversity in honor of their trauma-informed pedagogy and a demeanor that makes absolutely everyone they interact with, feel welcome and feel seen. It is because of our

partnership with the crc and the city that we can be this kind of national leader with the capital funding we received from the crc on a daily basis, we are able to offer the community the largest publicly accessible production studio and soundstage at 2000ft² with our annual capital funding. We run five cable channels with all the significant hardware, software and networking capabilities and data storage required to broadcast 24 over 7 to 400,000 cable customers in the area. We provide the community with field equipment to help them make high quality work and build marketable skills with additional support from an mh crc community capital grant. We are currently in the process of making a complete upgrade to the studio as well as our smaller 500 square foot studio, which will dramatically modernize the spaces and make them more user friendly for producers of all skill levels. With a \$136,000 community capital grant from the crc and the leadership of our staff member, tiffany bell, we were also able to launch a fellowship for black filmmakers in 2018 and provide the program with some of the highest quality cameras available in film since its launch, this program has leveraged their capital funding to raise over \$1 million in grants and individual donations, enough to move out to become a standalone nonprofit, a transition that the labs team are taking on in earnest this year. We consider this a huge success. Our capital\$ also allows allow us to broadcast meetings such as the one we are currently part of and pivot when needed to create remote and hybrid meetings as we've done during covid. Our equipment enables us to cover meetings for other city bureaus and to offer affordable production services for community partners like the urban league candidate forums, which are pictured here. And we own our our own building on an increasingly valuable lot on mlk junior boulevard, which is such a gift for a nonprofit that we'd like to develop this property for greater community use in the coming years. And we'd love to talk with you all about the best ways to do that. Soon it

takes a lot of money to make all of this work happen and these costs continually increase along with the rise in inflation. Unfortunately as mentioned, we are facing declining cable revenues and a new federal American broadband deployment act of 2023, both of which threaten to take away our capital funding completely. This makes it more important than ever that the city continue to strengthen its support for our work. Of course, our annual operations grant comes from the city's general fund, which doesn't stretch as far as it used to. This chart shows a historic deficit to our operating funds during a period of 11 years in which we did not receive any overall increases in funding. Despite rising inflation. So you can simply compare the 0708 number and the 1718 number and see the lack of change. Couch a pay equity study we took on two years ago revealed that we had been paying many of our staff a less than living wage with our increased commitment to equity. We ethically cannot any more pay any of our staff below the poverty line. It is clear that in order to take on the work we need to do to complete our operating grant agreement with the city and to do it well even even with our significant private fundraising efforts which we take on in earnest, we still have a funding gap. So all of this means that the city and the crc's commitment to citizens media has never been more important. Opensignal exists because of our partnership with and the mh crc. We have the absolute most incredible partners and the staff and commissioners who stand with us as we reimagine what community media can be. Staff rebecca gibbons and raina dubay, cable commissioners julia degraw, who is our liaison to our board. Carol chair carol studenmund and the amazing people in commissioner Rubio's office. They stand with us as we take risks, as we constantly reassess how to steward our funds for the greatest community. Good as we figure out how to assertively focus on partnering with communities least likely to have access to media tools or to see their stories reflected in the mainstream media. As we look at

how community media can be a vibrant tool for creativity and a powerful mechanism in the quest for racial equity. None. None none of this success could be possible without the strength of our franchise and the commitment of the city. So with your continued support that together we can keep Portland a national leader in the community, media space. Thank you for making us who we are and thanks for your time today.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: And i'll stop sharing. I can figure out how to do it. There we go. Um thank you so much.

Speaker: Very good. Is that complete? The presentation is.

Speaker: Is that all? Julia is the guest speakers.

Speaker: That is the. That's what we have. Okay.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Do we have any public testimony on this item? No one signed up. All right. Any further discussion? Questions? Thoughts? Commissioner Ryan. Thank you, julian.

Speaker: Rebecca, great report and congratulate us on your awards. A couple questions. I heard you talk about your strategic plan. I was listening for a couple of things and maybe you said them and I just missed it. But in your strategic planning, are you talking about the charter reform implementation that we'll have for district? And so the way we conduct business in the public sector, the in the government in Portland will look different. I imagine there'll be less centralized locations and more hybrid or that's a bad word since this is what this is anyway. More satellite locations. So has that been discussed in any of your strategic planning conversations?

Speaker: We're going to be doing a strategic planning process and I'm certain that that adapting to this transition is going to be a very large part of that. But we

haven't really you know, we haven't started that strategic planning process yet, but I imagine that's going to be a major okay of it.

Speaker: We're talking about a lot here. So I just had to make sure I shared that why we're in this moment. And the other one is so many people are cutting their cords right. And obviously, that's something we have to adapt to. And with so many cutting their cords and if this trend continues, how will the public continue to reach and have access to this public access station? And maybe you've adapted and this is probably part of your strategic planning conversations as well.

Speaker: I feel like that's kind of a combo question is that do you want to take that? Rebecca because it's more about open signal or I guess I want to make sure I'm clear if that was an mhc or an open signal question. And rebecca, would you like me to take that?

Speaker: Sure, sure. Good morning. Council and mayor. I'm rebecca gibbons. I am the strategic initiatives manager with the bureau of planning and sustainability and staff to the commission. Um and yes, the to the strategic planning is going to take into consideration the fact that cable subscribers ship is declining and fortunately federal law has not kept up with the transition of technology to a broadband based service and, and we're seeing quite a bit of federal activity going on at both the fcc and in the legislature right now about franchising ability, rights of way management. So we're going to have having a much more robust conversation with each of the jurisdictions about how we want to approach it as a community, how we will approach both the loss of revenue, but also consumer protection for access to broadband and our digital equity elements as well.

Speaker: Okay. Sounds like it's an active conversation, as it should be. Thanks you pretty much outlined the agenda for the strategic planning process in your

questioning. That's it for me. Thanks Keelan was was there somebody signed up to testify?

Speaker: No, no one. Okay very good. Thanks, colleagues, please call the roll emergency. Ryan. Hi.

Speaker: Thanks. Thanks for answering the questions. Thanks for the dialog. I vote i.

Speaker: Gonzalez. I Mapps.

Speaker: I want to thank julia and the rebecca's for the presentation today. I vote I Rubio I'd like to acknowledge all the presenters and staff working on this, including julia, rebecca burrell and rebecca gibbons.

Speaker: I'd also like to thank our current commissioners for their service on the commission. I vote aye. Wheeler great work.

Speaker: Thank you. Happy to vote. I the ordinance is adopted as amended. And next we'll go. To 520. Item number 529, please. Is authorized five year grant agreement with Portland community media, dba opensignal for public educational and governmental access resources and to provide culturally responsive, relevant and affordable media training for and with media makers and nonprofit organizations on a citywide basis.

Speaker: Not to. Exceed \$6,239,438 in operational support. Thank you, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. I'm happy to introduce our next item approval of the operations contract for Portland community media, otherwise known as opensignal. First, I need to introduce an amendment out to this item to make it add as an emergency clause due to last week's postponement, I move that we add the emergency clause because the public interest would be harmed by delaying in

authorizing the grant agreement, resulting in a lapse of provision of services. May I have a second?

Speaker: Second, commissioner Ryan seconds and did you also have a question, commissioner Ryan no, I just forgot.

Speaker: Oh, okay.

Speaker: Very good. The motion is on the table. Any further discussion seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan Gonzalez hi, I a Wheeler. All right. The motion carries. The emergency clauses added all right.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, open signal and city staff have an amazing presentation for us to highlight some of the deeply impactful work they do in the community. Open signal has been the city's long standing partner for broadcasting government programming, and I'm excited to continue that partnership for the next five years. This grant amount is included as part of the proposed budget through the bureau of planning and sustainability. I'd also like to note that this contract does not include any additional funding needed for technology upgrades related to the change in form of government and new facilities. Before the presentation begins, I want to express gratitude to opensignal production staff for pivoting their service models. During the past few years, folding in initially virtually virtual City Council meetings and later hybrid meetings for the broadcast broadcasting out to the community. I also want to thank the mount hood cable regulatory commission and staff for developing this agreement and being our funding partner in supporting this work. I will once again turn it over to commissioner julia degraw to share more on this item.

Speaker: Hello everyone. Commissioners and mayor Wheeler, it's julia degraw again. Commissioner and before I dive into the more official statement, I just want to say I've had a privilege as a member to attend the open signal board meetings

and I just have to say it's one of the most enjoyable experiences I get to look forward to. It's an incredible group of people that just make you feel good and welcomed and their passionate about what they do, and it's kind of a treat to just exist in a space that's so intentional, equitable and inclusive and just committed to those values. I really, genuinely look forward to those meetings every time I get to attend. So anyway, I just wanted to put that out there before I dive into my more official introduction. Um I'm pleased to be here once again to lift up the work of open signal as a member of mhc, I serve as the appointed liaison between the commission and open signal, and I attend board meetings as a non-voting member and as such have the privilege to become well aware of the impact and the work that they're doing for Portland as one of the designated access providers under the cable franchise agreement, open signal is responsible for broadcasting government programming to the community, as well as providing relevant, affordable and culturally responsive media training for media makers of color and nonprofit organizations. The commission and its staff have engaged in robust negotiations with the open signal staff and stakeholders with both within and without the city to reach consensus on operating operations contract presented today for your approval, the mhc reviewed the contract and its public meetings on may 22nd and is on its public meeting excuse me, on may 22nd and is recommending the city the Portland City Council approve it as presented. The mhc is a funding partner in this work as we provide capital funding support to open signal under the cable franchises. Now, I would like to turn it over to catherine garcia, director of community media at open signal to walk us through the presentation highlighting the role of this essential nonprofit organization.

Speaker: Thank you, julia.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and council.

Speaker: My name is catherine garcia, aka cat meow in the streets and I'm the director of community media at open signal. Thank you for having us today and for your more than 40 years of support for community driven media. Open signal is located on northeast martin luther king junior boulevard and has been there for over 30 years. We're the only organization in the city of Portland that provides free access to state of the art media, production, studios, equipment and training artists, residencies and vibrant events. We provide Portland a cable broadcast airing local and independently produced content in seven languages, reaching over 400,000 homes in the metro area. Our facilities include two media production studios editing rooms in a media equipment library stocked with professional cameras, lighting hard drives and laptops. We teach camera skills, studio operation editing and animation, both on site at our space and in partnership with local schools and nonprofits. By entering media makers of color in our work, we ensure that our cable channels are fully representative of all Portlanders. We know that by altering who gets to create and share media, we can collectively strengthen our social fabric, highlight social issues and shift power to create lasting change. As we emerge from the hardest days of the covid 19 pandemic, our building is once again fully engaged. We continue to move away from services open on a first come, first serve basis, knowing that the so called free and open access privileges, those with time and transportation, we focus on an obligation based services that center those who are least likely to see themselves in the mainstream media. Our successful train the trainer program was a covid era pilot that endured it is our training for mission aligned nonprofits. This provided 100 hours of media education to organizations like pdx, women in tech and street roots. This program includes equipment instruction and certifies that nonprofits to check out gear from open signal on an ongoing basis. It also provides trauma informed media literacy training

designed to prepare nonprofits to teach media skills internally to their own communities at their own centers. And this allows us to exponentially support the city's media education needs across all of our programs. More than 50% of the people trained who completed the survey identified as bipoc and 27% speak a language other than english in the home. This work is crucial to the health and future of this city. Your continued commitment to open signal ensures that we can continue to thank you for your time. Your support, and we look forward to continuing this work in the coming year.

Speaker: Good morning. My name is daniela serna and I'm the communications manager at open signal. Thank you for your time today and for supporting open signal as an essential broadcast and civic engagement and education education service to Portland, our new production cohort is an opportunity for people to get customized training, long term equipment, check outs and weekly project support from our staff. We meet students where they are and provide the quality of support needed to help people complete a project for broadcast led by staff member melissa salazar last year, this program provided nearly 1000 hours of one on one education for media makers. Our cohort members created television programs designed for children of color. They documented indigenous lives and community work. They created a comedy variety show for women and a spanish language outdoor adventure program, just to name a few. Last year, we also screened a series of shorts directed by youth in partnership with local nonprofit outside the frame, which works with homeless and marginalized young people at the incredible omsi planetarium. This was the triumphant result of a 35 hour training we led to help the youth produce 360 degree films opensignal's government channel broadcasts provides essential civic communication and engagement to the city. Last year, our city net channel aired 1580 hours of government programs, including 175

City Council meetings. Spanning 747 hours. The channel also features content from trimet metro council, the Portland committee for community engaged policing and other government entities. These broadcast bridge the digital divide as they are accessible to constituents who face barriers to accessing information on the internet. We program for more cable channels 24 over seven with local and independently produced content that can't be found anywhere else on local airwaves. Absolutely. Anyone in Portland, Oregon, may submit content to air and all of this work also streams online at watch.opensignal.pdx.org. Last year we premiered 6925 hours of brand new content at 2710 of which were created at our facilities in the process of creating this work, our producers become local leaders and stewards of the stories and histories of their communities. You can see here an image from blind kitchen, which is a cooking show for blind and vision impaired people produced with help from open signal staff in order to ensure that these channels represent all Portlanders, we must provide significant equipment and training support to individuals and local organizations we are so happy to have with us today a series of community members who can share with you the ways that these resources have enhanced their lives and work and strengthened communities, beginning with james apple. Welcome

Speaker: Thanks for being here. All right.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is james apple and I work for the bureau of technology services. About four years ago, myself, opensignal and others started conversations and estimate exercises for audio visual improvements in council chambers is just about the time we were feeling that we had good direction on how are we going to address the needed upgrades, covid hit and everything shut down. We all know that story very well as we adjusted to life and work, it became apparent that we needed an avenue to bring Portland

citizens into the discussion, since in-person was not an option. I knew of open signal from my years of supporting the city as a private contractor, but never had the opportunity or pleasure to really get to know the support crew meetings were scheduled and conversations began. I didn't realize at the time, but this was the beginning of a relationship. The message was clear from leadership create a hybrid environment that allows remote and in-person participation for all that wish to have a voice in council proceedings, and that can be effectively distributed for public consumption via cable tv and youtube. The open signal production crew and bts collaborated with council end users to define a starting for starting point for equipment and infrastructure improvements. Work began, testing ensued and a hybrid meeting environment was delivered. During this time I had the pleasure of getting to know the open signal production staff friendly, professional, accountable and even more importantly, adaptable. They are just a few words that come to mind when I speak of this team. With charter reform efforts steadily moving forward, the aforementioned attributes are clearly indicative to the needs of the city and my team. Please accept my testimony as proof of opensignal's unwavering dedication to the city of Portland and City Council proceedings. They truly are a partner. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: And by the way, thanks for your great work. I know just setting up this room and making virtual and then hybrid work was was a ton of work. So it was but but it's worked really well. And I think the net result of it, by the way, is more people get to participate in council sessions. It was good to be here at a particular time in a particular place, so thanks for your hard work. Thank you. You bet.

Speaker: Next up, roman dominguez.

Speaker: Hello. Go. Hi

Speaker: Hello. My name is roman dominguez. I am 23 years old and a proud son of two hardworking immigrant parents. I have the privilege of living and being raised in north Portland. To many, north Portland is the ghetto and an active war zone, but to me it is home and my safe place where I can be myself and many forget how big of a community there is in north Portland and st. Johns. Thankfully me my show true north that will air later this year on open signals channels. We will change those negative narratives. True north is a reality show based in north Portland. About six individuals talking about their community. We they will discuss social issues they face as a group and individuals. They will showcase the importance of friendship while having fun. The goal of our show is to have the viewers at home feel like they are connected to us and feel the community me and my friends have built amongst ourselves as if it was their own. I am grateful that open signal has allowed me to showcase my talent as a producer and a creator. Throughout my journey of filming and producing true north, I felt supported by my community and open signal. I don't think true north would have made it out the notepad if they didn't believe in me. But then again, I also couldn't have done it without the love and support and commitment of my five friends that are on the show with me. So shout out to them. I i am appreciative that open signal has given me the opportunity to showcase my north Portland that I live in every day and not the north Portland that is made out to be dangerous by the media in the news. Most times people of color on television are made out to be aggressive, uneducated and hard to work with. But on true north, we are here to change those negative narratives. Last summer I was a part of the cohort program at open signal while being there, it reminded me a lot of north Portland. They allowed a safe place for people to be themselves without any judgment. You feel supported and heard at all times and sometimes you barely know who the people are. There but you get

a sense of community. People. There are always supporting and uplifting one another with their pride projects. So let's continue to support one another because as life is a little bit easier when you have community around you, I think open signal because they believed in me when sometimes I didn't believe in myself. So shout out north Portland, shout out, open signal, shout out true north coming to your television screen this year. Once again, I am roman dominguez and thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. Yeah. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Hi, roman. I'm curious the I love the term true north as somebody went to roosevelt high school and when I just had I graduated from roosevelt high school.

Speaker: Nice to meet you, fellow writer.

Speaker: Hey, so when we were making the aquatics park decision in north Portland, I was explaining one of my reasons was true north but what's your definition of true? North like what? What's the. I think it's north and west of portsmouth. Is that fair?

Speaker: Yeah. Yeah definitely. I think true north also means like, staying true to yourself and staying true to what? Well thanks for going beyond the geography.

Speaker: I love that.

Speaker: Yeah. Yeah. So.

Speaker: But yeah, there's so many. There's so few assets when we get to that part of north Portland. So yeah, I appreciate that.

Speaker: Unique.

Speaker: When does it start?

Speaker: When does it start or is it already on this program?

Speaker: I just know hopefully come out this September, September. All right. Look forward to seeing it. Thanks

Speaker: Thank you, guys. Thanks thank you.

Speaker: Roman, is bronwyn carver there. If bronwyn is not there, then I will introduce jamie plakos. Hello I'm jamie plakos, director of operations at opensignal.

Speaker: I'm here to share with you how our programs and facilities also benefit the city's effort to support the tv and film industry in Portland and workforce development. Providing low barrier access to professional quality media resources strengthens the local tv and film workforce and helps people secure employment in the city. We actively facilitate a network of media professionals that support each other to advance their careers as this year, opensignal labs with very significant additional support from private foundations and donors, completed production on a feature length film of an inspiring and true story about black Portland in the 1990s. The production included training with ten youth from outside the frame who supported every department in the film. The labs team anticipates premiering this film on the festival circuit in early 2024 by supporting open signal, you're supporting filmmakers like inci matengo, a local musician who has always wanted to work in film but didn't have access to the skills and equipment until they found open signal. They worked through our cohort program to create a docu series called speak your truth, that features a diverse cast of local musicians, arts educators and community leaders speaking openly and frankly about their experiences of race and racism in Portland. Now, inside is at opensignal. Every week working on their project on top of their paid video work from stories like inside, we can see that works created by our community is an essential complement to the government programming that we broadcast and simply opening up the cable channels for the public to submit content isn't enough if we are to

ensure that the airwaves are filled with voices as diverse as our city, we must continue to proactively provide training and equipment to producers like nc and roman and bronwyn. And we need funding to do that. The new five year grant agreement that you will be voting to approve today includes an increased commitment to working with media makers of color to ensure that we are using our power to advance racial equity as media makers. We are storytellers and we are also culture makers. Shifting those stories, shifting whose stories are seen and heard is making long term social change. So together with our producers and partners, we are creating and sharing new stories, inspiring conversations about topics that matter, topics that matter most. Together, we are building careers, changing the direction of our lives. We are supporting the houseless. We are building community. Thank you for your time and your enthusiastic support. I will now open the floor for questions.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Any questions? At this point, do we have public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Excellent presenter glisan. I appreciate hearing the different perspective. Nils with that, we will call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan yes, great work. Opensignal team, including our partners at bts. I especially want to acknowledge you, james. I was like, oh, that's james all cleaned up. You're constantly troubleshooting and you always do it so calmly. So thank you so much for your service and I'm really excited about that. North true north program, and I look forward to tuning in in September. I also am looking forward to hearing how you're going to continue to adapt to the district form of government and how you'll adapt to the market trends so public access can continue to provide access to all the public vote. I Gonzalez I maps.

Speaker: I want to thank our guest for today's excellent presentation. I vote i.

Speaker: Rubio I want to thank you all for that informative and impactful presentation and just to summarize, funding this agreement is including in the proposed 2324 budget through the bureau of planning and sustainability and is focused intentionally on engaging and supporting people and community organizations through workforce development, training and community capacity to use technology in the digital economy and I want to take a moment to thank the accept bid staff at opensignal for their innovation and their dedication to this access. This this work ensures that we are able to broadcast City Council meetings and budget forums to increase transport agency and public engagement in local government. And I also want to thank karim hassan and jessica lagunas for their service on the opensignal board as the cities appointees and for their their contribution of hundreds of hours annually for this community service. So very happy to vote. I Wheeler yeah, me too to everything.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio just said not only does opensignal provide just exceptional programs to the community and add terrific access to technologies that people might otherwise not have access to, but this is also a difficult time to be part of opensignal the technology has changed so rapidly, just in the last few years, and as I indicated, we've we've rewired everything here at city hall in terms of how we conduct our meetings and how information gets to the public. And we have people here in person. We have people online and our bts staff working with opensignal, I think have done a really, really terrific job to make make this chamber and our deliberations, such as they are accessible to the public and just on sort of a personal note, I have a lot of respect for the people who sit in the booth upstairs as they they're with us from the very beginning to the very end of these meetings. And oftentimes there are technological issues that have to be sorted out with which one

would expect, given the complexity of our systems and they work really well with with our council clerk team. Um, and, you know, I have my office up on the third floor right next to where the open signal booth opens to the hallway and I sort of compare notes as I see the open signal people come out of the booth. At the same time I'm going upstairs. So it's a real toss up as to who looks more exhausted, me or them. And so I just really want to appreciate the good work that they're doing. And I'm happy to support this and continue what I think has been a very positive and outstanding relationship. I vote I in the ordinance is approved as amended. Thank you all. Next item 552. A second reading to amend the joint office of homeless services intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County to implement county revision colleagues. This is a second reading. We've had a presentation, a fairly extensive discussion. Public public testimony on this item. Is there anything else before we call the roll? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan. Yes, we're on 552552.

Speaker: Sorry, I tuned away for a sec. Thank you, mayor. Especially in your staff. I don't see them in here, but I want to acknowledge skyler. Sarah and bobby in particular. And to my chief of staff, kelly torres, who spent many hours on the phone with chair vega peterson's chief of staff, chris fix. So thanks to you, too, chris. I'm really pleased that the county unanimously voted for this agreement after sitting in these negotiations going back two years. I can say we have come a long, long way and I can live with and support this legally scrubbed version. Why I can live with this after the surprise to the edits they saw, I did have conversations with chair vega peterson and with joint office director dan field. The intent of the original language in all three amendments, I was assured, remains that the action plan and that is the path for our next touchpoint, which will be in December as such, allow me to read the original three amendments that we approved in our extension that

went to the county before it was scrubbed. One produce quantitative of community wide indicators so we can align our shared goals and monitor progress towards the agreed upon goals. Two once community wide indicators are determined and in order to reach popular action results, the city is requiring the joint office of homeless services to establish subindicators as provisions in service provider contracts. And three because one size does not fit all that was me editorializing now beginning to read the amendment because different populations deserve different strategies. The joint office for homeless services will coordinate with the city and the community solutions to determine effective and efficient intervention strategies, targeting specific segments of our city and county's homeless population, including, but not limited to individuals who are chronically homeless. Definition is over two years essential frontline workers experiencing housing, hardship and individual nils living on fixed incomes, inclusive of people with disabilities. Elders and individuals with dual diagnosis for mental health conditions. Again, in my conversations with the chair, we agree that the voters and taxpayers need to know where we are and where we are going. As such, I'm thrilled that we will finally be committed to providing data sets for our community that our voters and taxpayers have been seeking, provides us will now align their work to these metrics. Each provider plays a part, and I want to acknowledge the work of those on the front line. Thank you so much. And now we have accountable city and transparency in the system so we can all improve together. Again, I'm content with this amended iga with this much healthier partnership with the county who has now seen us as an authentic partner, not simply a donation and a rubber stamp. Let's keep building, innovating and improving as we lead during this complex humanitarian crisis. I want to pause. I become a big fan of the dragon boat races for many reasons, but one in particular is the beauty of seeing a team in rhythm

rowing in the same direction. Thank goodness the general narrative is moving from housing first to services first at a direction voters and taxpayers desire for. Here's to hope. We see a lot of progress on this work when we gather in December, I vote I Gonzalez the city remains willing and eager to partner in confronting homelessness and stepping up collective efforts to address unsanctioned camping on our streets.

Speaker: Yes, however, it is also city government's responsibility to make sure our dollars are spent effectively and efficiency to address the various crises we are facing. Despite the potential impact and positive impact of this partnership with the joint office and homelessness, there are significant concerns that prevent me from supporting the proposed agreement as currently written. The city has spent directly a total of nearly \$1.6 billion on addressing homelessness since declaring an emergency and continues to bear substantial social expenses directly as a humanitarian humanitarian crisis plays itself out on our streets. Despite these efforts by the city and ongoing commitments, large sums of money remain unspent at the county, while the city continues to lack meaningful, say, contractual and real influence over how its dollars are spent at the joint office. During one of the most challenging periods in its history. This is a flawed contract, plain and simple, and it continues a pattern where the city capitulates at the last, at the last moment and difficult but necessary contract negotiations. We need a better contract to act as a basis for and reflect the type of productive and mutually supportive relationship we should have with our county partners. We owe the residents of Portland more transparency and accountability in how our city dollars are allocated and spent better contracts also help build better relationships and is with this in mind that I vote no today.

Speaker: Maps colleagues, I am going to vote no on this item.

Speaker: Let me be clear. I believe there's a need for cooperation and coordinate action between the city of Portland and Multnomah County on homelessness services. I also want to say I'm hopeful about the new leadership at Multnomah County. At the same time, I strongly suspect that every member of this council and every member of the Multnomah County board of commissioners agrees that the contract that we are voting on today is deeply flawed. In addition, I would argue that the failure to reduce the absolute number of people who sleep on our streets is in part a product of the flaws which are baked into the contract that we are voting on today. I also contend that when it comes to houseless policy, it is time for this council to stop doing the same thing over and over again and expect to get different and better results. In addition, I assert that it is past time, um, that the city of Portland and Multnomah County sign a joint office contract which clearly specifies the part of the homeless crisis which are a city responsibility. The parts of this homeless crisis which are a county responsibility, and the parts of this houselessness crisis, which are a shared responsibility. Finally, this contract should provide the city with some control over how the more than \$40 million this council allocate to the joint office every year are spent now. So I look forward to the day when this council is asked to vote on a joint office contract that contains these common sense safeguards. Guards, unfortunately, the contract we're being asked to renew today does not contain these common sense practices, which is why I vote no. Rubio. I want to appreciate the mayor's leadership on this, including his team bobby and sky, as well.

Speaker: I've also stated, as I stated during the original passage of this ordinance, I'm really hopeful about the leadership at the county and joint office with chair vega peterson and director fields, and about our increased partnership and coordination with them. And this means engaging with transparency, clarity and collaboration on

and as the mayor stated, it's absolutely necessary that we partner due to the scope of responsibilities. Each jurisdiction is charged with. It's the leadership that Portlanders have clearly told us they want to see from us. They want to see us working together. And I believe this amendment keeps us moving forward to support urgent work and as a bridge to the deeper renegotiation that is needed and is already set to happen later this year. I vote I Wheeler. I won't give my speech again.

Speaker: I'll spare you all, but we now have a completion date for these negotiations and that is December. And we either will get what we need from the county or we will not. And it is my expressed hope that we will that we will continue to collaborate and partner with the county. I will further just say we cannot solve the homeless crisis if the city and the county do not work together. We're responsible for safety and maintenance of the public right of ways. We're doing the cleanup work. The county has the expertise, us and the\$ from federal and state resources for behavioral health, for substance use disorder treatment for basic health care and importantly, transition into housing. Obviously we we're more potent if we work together, if our goal is ultimately to get people off the street and then help them stay off the street. I agree with my colleagues that we need more accountability with the\$ that we contribute to this venture. I think that goes without saying, but we also need to find a way to collaborate. And frankly, I think it's what the public expects us to do. Petty differences that cause us to not act in a way that's in the best interest of our community is unacceptable to the public. And frankly, it's an unacceptable to me. So i'll be pushing hard between now and December to make sure that we have a contract. All of us can agree is the right one come December, and I am willing to give chair vega peterson that extra space to give her time to get her feet under her director field to get his feet under him and he has,

from my perspective, said all the right things in terms of what it is we need in terms of a collaborative to make this this program work. And I'm willing to wait a few more months to see that happen. We've come this far. I've got nothing to lose by waiting till December. From my perspective. So I vote I the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next item if I can find my place here. Five, five three, please appoint you may delegate to the police accountability commission. An great joining us today is samir canale of the community safety division to introduce this item. Welcome thank you and good morning.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: For the record, my name is samir canal. I am the advisory boards and commissions manager for the community safety division, which administratively houses the police accountability commission. The police accountability commission began its work in December 2021 and is scheduled to conclude its work on August 31st, 2023. Having 20 active members for the remaining time in the commission's work will help the commission achieve its goals on time without placing too large a burden on any individual member or members. The commission has created a preliminary draft of the new system will eventually recommend to council and is working hard to finalize the transition plan and other details. Starting in July, it will shift to converting existing agreements into proposed legal text, ensuring legal compliance and revising previous ideas based on community council and other input into the process. More information on the content of the pac's work will be presented in a quarterly report in 4 to 5 weeks. Today's item focuses on filling one vacancy on the pac, the appointment process was that there were well over 100 members of the community who applied for the commission and the original solicitation glisan. And this pool has been used for all previous appointments and used again for filling this vacancy. Early life circumstances change. Sometimes a

volunteer must resign from a volunteer commitment on a city advisory board and unfortunately a volunteer had to resign from the pac a couple of months ago, community safety division staff reviewed the applications to ensure eligibility and that the council would have a pool of options who are eligible for the commission and fit the category is to ensure representation for council offices. Collaborated to support the appointment today, which continues the collaboration of all five council offices on this commission and its work. This new appointee will represent the members of overpoliced communities category on the commission and at this time i'll pass it over to the appointee. You may delegato to introduce himself and then we'll have a short closing comment after the introduction.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: I lost my voice over the weekend, so I apologize if I'm a little a little hoarse here. My name is yumi delgado. I grew up in Portland. I continue to work and play within the city and I'd for many years have been involved in a variety of nonprofit work throughout the city of Portland, both with faith based organizing actions and most recently as the artistic director of pdx pop now, which is a local music festival for the past two years, I have served on the citizen review committee, most recently as vice chair. I was reelected to a second term in that capacity this spring, during that work, I have learned quite a bit about the operations of the bureau, the operations of ipr and the necessary work that needs to take place to continue police accountability and transparency in the city of Portland. And my reason for wanting to be on the police accountability commission is that I want them I want to help them finish strong. I initially applied for this before I was on the crc, so times have changed, but there is a lot that is left to be done. There's a lot of work that is left to be done to get this process over the finish line. I share something in common with council and that the five of you are being asked to

implement a plan that you didn't you didn't design right. I'm sure there are things that you have questions about. I'm sure there are things that perhaps you would do differently. And I'm sure I feel the same way about some some components of this new system that being said, I have faith and trust in the work, the hard work that this accountability commission has done for the past two years. And is my intent to uplift and support their work and to help them get it across the goal line, get it through this difficult process of code implementation. And so I hope that if you vote for the item before you today, in so doing, you are also affirming your commitment to helping us get across the finish line because we will not be able to do it without council's assistance. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. So just in brief, and there are a couple slides for any member of the public who's watching this, the police accountability commission wants to hear from you. There are multiple ways to get involved in the pac's work and I wanted to take 30s or so to quickly mention on two of those next slide, please. First, if you are able to join a meeting or community engagement event of the pac, you can go to the website [Portland.gov/police hyphen accountability](https://Portland.gov/police-hyphen-accountability) and choose events. Each event page has a zoom link for the event and that includes both public meetings of the commission or subcommittees and community listening sessions q and a's and info sessions. The next slide, please. The pac meets most Mondays and Thursdays. The next community information session in q and a is in the upper right box July 11th, which is a Thursday. And then secondly and one more slide, please, if you're unable to join a meeting or would simply prefer to write down your thoughts, you can go to the same website and go to get involved to find ways to communicate to the pac online through a web form, through postal mail, through phone or voice mail as well. And ensure that your thoughts are part of the process as this concludes the presentation. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Very good. Thank you. Keelan do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Any further thoughts before?

Speaker: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. My mistake. Yes, we do have one person signed. Oh, great. All right. Mark paurus.

Speaker: Mark, go ahead.

Speaker: Yeah. Good morning. Can you hear me? Yep great. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is mark portis. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. We have no objection to the addition of yume delegato to the police accountability commission. We appreciate mr. Delgado's intimate knowledge of the existing system from his work on the citizen review committee and his regular appearances as an interested community member at police accountability commission meetings, he's well suited to step into this role at this crucial time as the police accountability commission finishes up its work over these coming few months. According to the 2023 q1, police accountability commission report to council that you received last month. This 20th seat has been empty since early March. As such, the city's promise to fill empty seats. To be sure, the commission could meet its quorum has not been fulfilled. We continue to urge council for a resolution to allow all city commissions to set their quorums to a majority of seated, inactive members. So while the police accountability commissions work wraps up in two months, unless you extend their deadline to October 29th, as they requested, other bodies, such as pcep and the oversight board being designed by the pac, should be able to use this sliding scale quorum model. We've heard and we understand your concern that this quorum change might disincentive eyes the city from quickly filling positions. We want to

remind you of the letter sent to you by the members of the police. Accountability commission last year in which they also recommended adding a required minimum number of members, along with the maximum group size. This would allow these volunteers work to continue in the face of inevitable resignations and the amount of time it takes the city to replenish the group. So in this spirit of engagement is there anyone on council willing to champion the effort to fix the quorum issue?

Thanks. Thank you.

Speaker: Any further public testimony ? That's all. Any further discussion on this item. With that, please, is a resolution. Please call the roll. Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, well, thank you, you may, for stepping up. And also for your work with the pdx pop. You youth advocacy in the arts. So I really appreciate that. It's a great lens to bring into this work. I would i.

Speaker: Gonzalez I vote I maps.

Speaker: I want to thank miss I want to thank our guests for agreeing to serve on this important committee vote. I Rubio I want to thank you for stepping into this role.

Speaker: It's I think you're going to be a really important addition to the work that's happening as we bring it across the finish line. Happy to vote. I Wheeler I want to thank you, samir, for your presentation and I also want to thank the accountability committee for their work.

Speaker: They're in their home stretch and their ordinary circumstances. The appointment of a new member at this stage would be a tall order with a steep learning curve. But fortunately for all of us, yumi delgado has stepped forward and I just want to express, as you've heard, other people say today, uma has been serving in the community in many ways for years now, including as a member of the citizen review committee. His significant experience with the current system of

discipline allows him to hit the ground running. It's also going to provide an important perspective to inform the final phases of the pac's work. I've enjoyed working with yumi and other capacities, and I greatly appreciate kate your willingness to serve in this new capacity. So I'm very happy to vote I on the resolution is adopted. Thank you once again for your service. You're a super volunteer in the city of Portland and you don't always take the easy jobs either. I really appreciate you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah. Why don't we take a ten minute break? We're in recess. Okay.

Speaker: Where were we?

Speaker: Item five, five, four. An emergency ordinance ratify collective bargaining agreement with Portland police commanding officers.

Speaker: Associate relating to terms and conditions of employment of represented employees in bargaining unit for 2023 through 2027.

Speaker: Before I turn this over to our panel of very esteemed presenters, I do have a motion to amend this item after some very helpful feedback from community members, we worked with pcoa to modify some language in the agreement attached to this ordinance as exhibit a based on these modification. As I move to substitute exhibit a with the updated agreement dated yesterday that addresses the issues raised. Can I get a second? Second. Any further discussion, please call the roll. Ryan hi, gonzales hi.

Speaker: Maps. Hi.

Speaker: Rubio hi, Wheeler hi.

Speaker: It's amended. Thank you. Colleagues labor relations manager gerald gattis, labor relations coordinator sidney khan, deputy city attorney lisa rogers and pcoa president casey hartman are all here to present. Welcome thank you. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: And thank you. Council we are here today to present the biko contract and to seek your approval on this contract. We've worked tirelessly over the last six months to come to this agreement. The pcoa had a new president and which he was very collaborative, working to come to this agreement and there was some challenges, but we overcame the challenges. And that's why we're here now. And I'd like president casey hedman to say a few words.

Speaker: Yes, good morning, mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity. Be happy to be here today after a long time to be a very long six months of work. But at the end of the day, collaboration won out and I think productive conversations happen and we got to a place where I believe we're respecting the dedicated leaders that are within the police bureau as lieutenants. So thank you for your consideration and support. Thank you.

Speaker: I'd like our city attorney to say a few words as well. So yeah.

Speaker: And thank you. Good morning, mayor and council. I did want to address the reason for the amended and exhibit a, and as you, I believe, already know, mr. Handleman raised some concerns recently that the pekoa contract did not reference the community police oversight board in the same manner that the ppa contract does, and we felt it was better to address this issue now and we appreciate mr. Handleman raising that concern. We also appreciate the responsiveness of pcoa to these concerns. And we were able to very quickly get updated language into the cba for your consideration and those that amended language brings the treatment of the community police oversight board in line with the treatment that you find in the ppa contract. Thank you.

Speaker: I have a quick question. Oh commissioner, the commissioner gonzales has a question.

Speaker: Uh, could you just clarify in terms of accountability matrix, that's the term I'm using and I want to make sure it fits in this scenario. But what can you just clarify what's going on at the state level with respect to accountability of police officers and how it impacts this collective bargaining agreement? And is accountability matrix the right way to frame it or what's the technical term we're using in terms of what's coming from the state in this area? Yeah I might have to rely on ac leisure for a portion of that response.

Speaker: Our corrective action guide refers to or sorry, the cba refers to the to that material as a corrective action guide and it is just for your knowledge. It's the ppa and the biko have the same corrective action guide and I don't know if you can comment on the activity at the state level. Yeah I'm not sure what it is across other jurisdictions, but we're consistent here with the ppa and the biko.

Speaker: Okay. And well part of it is just understanding our, our our community oversight board and how it will interact with mandated discipline that may come through statute or under the rules. So that's I just want to make sure as we're updating things that we're reflecting on some of that new regime and we're dealing with it on fire right now a little bit, but it plays out differently on police. I just want to make sure I was following how how those pieces all connect.

Speaker: Yeah. And I think my understanding is that the exact act structure and mechanisms that the community and police oversight board will use are still being developed. And so the efforts that the change language that we added is to address broadly how that how the community police oversight board might impact the members due process rights and other rights under the police officer's bill of rights, which is a statutory provision in providing certain due process to officers. So we believe that the amendments that were made would do a very good job at

addressing the community. Police oversight board. And then as specific conflicts or bargaining needs might arise, we'll address those in the future.

Speaker: Got it. Thank you. Mayor.

Speaker: I want to make one additional comment in regards to two individuals that are not here. We have chief from he was on our bargaining team and stephanie howard as well. They were very instrumental in getting us here. Now

Speaker: So thank you. Thank you for acknowledging that. Yes great. Is that complete your presentation.

Speaker: That completes our presentation.

Speaker: I love the brevity and directness of your presentation. I just want you to know that. Do we have anybody signed up to testify on this item?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Mark porras hi, mark.

Speaker: Yes, hello again, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is mark paurus. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. On Monday we sent you written testimony urging you to delay approval of the contract until inconsistencies are fixed. The collective bargaining agreement originally attached to the item and signed on may 25th, contained at least four significant inconsistencies with the settlement agreement. The Portland police association contract or the state charter. And we believe these problems would not have occurred if the city had conducted public meetings around the contract, as was done with the ppa in its initial stages. The contract before you today, which was signed yesterday, still contains a few issues. First, the contract refers to the corrective action guide, which is not attached to the labor agreement. Will this be word for word the same as the one adopted by the ppa? And should council be voting to ratify the contract without that document attached? And second, in article 41 termination and duration, when there is a reference to negotiations beginning

no later than March 15th. But no year is given. So we assume that's 2027 when the contract ends. Um, I was just going to finish up by reiterating the importance of public input and we appreciate the acknowledgment that mr. Handelman's comments led to this new version of the collective bargaining agreement. Thank you. Thanks, mark.

Speaker: And that completes public testimony, is that correct?

Speaker: Yes. All right. Any further discussion on this item? Great. We're as brief as you were. Please call the roll. Ryan hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Hi. Maps. I Rubio, I Wheeler now, I'm going to break the trend.

Speaker: I want to express my gratitude for all of you who worked on this agreement and I also want to thank the community members who provided feedback that helped shape this amendment. I appreciate the information very much, and I'm glad for the quick work by the bargaining team to ensure that all of the concerns were addressed. This agreement is a solid foundation for the partnership between the city and pepco's newly elected union leadership. It also effectively addresses recruitment promotion as well as professional development needs within the rank. I vote I in the emergency ordinance is adopted as amendment. Thanks for your great work.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Thank you. Next item. 555 amend contract with sap public services incorporated to increase the not to exceed amount. By \$873,651 for cloud software and related services through June 20th, 26.

Speaker: This is an emergency ordinance. The city's current procurement and supplier registration system, called bipoc speed, is reaching the end of its useful life revenue and finance and technology services have agreed to replace the current system with sap. S ariba system, which offers industry leading functionality that can be closely integrated with the city's existing financial system. So I am told the sap

ariba implementation will generate many benefits for the city. Increased opportunity for contracting with historically disadvantaged businesses, improved pricing and staff efficiencies are just a few that have been identified. I'll turn this over to procurement business excellence manager paul stewart to take us through the details of this ordinance. Thank. Good morning. Thanks for being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Paul stewart procurement services also have a note here from bts enterprise business solutions division. So what we're asking council approval for today is. To amend our contract with sap to replace this existing e-procurement system, which is aging. It's getting long in the tooth. It is about eight years old and really only provides a base level of functionality that's needed for a city of our size and complexity. So so this is a key piece of procurement services as strategic plan to modernize our technology, to invest in our staffing and our processes, to modernize procurement in the city. So it bears pointing out that this council has previously supported procure in that strategic plan in making investments into to the staffing side of that that strategic plan. And this is just another piece there. It's going to allow us to move forward to replace this system, which really touches every bureau in the city. So I think it's important to make clear, first off, that we are not requesting any additional funding through this request of council. Procurement services. And bts has set aside resources both for the one time costs of implementing this new system, as well as the ongoing costs to support it and administer it. Going forward. So. There are significant benefits that we will take advantage of as soon as we get this system up and running. It's no secret in the city that the existing tech nology frustrates our our suppliers as well as our internal customers and we are looking forward to resolving a number of those issues. So some of the things we look forward to are improved pricing on contracts through

reaching a broader range of suppliers through this new system and platform that will cost savings back to the city that we expect to pay off the costs of the one time cost of this system going forward, as well as returning some additional resources. On top of that. And as in as short as perhaps a year, we expect there to be a much better interface experience for our internal and external users. And to provide a lot of the functionality. We just don't have right now to manage the billion dollars of procurements that flow through the city each year. And we'll also look forward to being able to better access data to understand the procurement, the, you know, the range of procurement activity that happen day to day throughout the city so that we can address issues that that are known around the city with regards to just the length of time it takes to get contracts executed. So I mentioned before, it's a significant project that touches every bureau in the city and we've been engaged pretty intensively over the last several months, reaching out. We've been we briefed the council advisory board, bureau directors, the biz ops leadership team, as well as other bodies to ensure that at the front end of the project they understand this is coming. What it is, what it offers, what we're going to be asking of them and going forward. We have significant resources deployed to the implementation of the implementation team so that that engagement with stakeholders internally and externally as well as the communications, the training that's needed for this to be successful, all are in place and continues throughout the project, throughout the rest of this year. So i'll pause there. Thanks for your support of procurement services and i'll actually ask if tang is interested in in sharing anything at this point. Thank you for the opportunity for us to be here.

Speaker: And paul mentioned this will really increase this. The system procurement for the city. So appreciate being here and the opportunity.

Speaker: Thanks thanks thanks appreciate your work great colleagues any questions, any public testimony? No one signed up. All right. Very good. Well, you had me at the name of the old system being by speed, that that is certainly an awkward thing to google these days. So I'm glad we're changing. Please call the roll.
Ryan

Speaker: Yeah, I heard no budget implications and the system of procurement will increase its efficiency. Improve its efficiency. I vote i.

Speaker: Gonzalez I vote. I maps. Hi Rubio.

Speaker: Thanks for all your work on this. I vote aye.

Speaker: Wheeler I am glad that we have technical experts like you who are in charge of procurement systems like this.

Speaker: I don't pretend to understand the half of it, but I'm glad that we have experts like you who do, because this is an area where if we screw it up, we're going to screw up big time and we're going to screw up publicly. So thank you for your hard work. I vote i. And the ordinance is adopted. Thanks. Thank you. Thank you.
Next up, five, five, six.

Speaker: Authorize intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the justice center bus duct replacement project.

Speaker: This is a non emergency ordinance. The justice center was built in 1983. Is a public condominium with the city of Portland and Multnomah County as the principal owners. The justice center provides law enforcement court and correction functions for both the city and the county. As such, all of the building's major systems, particularly its electrical backbone, are considered critical. Condominia some common elements under the terms of the condominium agreement, the city is responsible for 57.91% of all costs expended on these common building elements. This interagency agreement will allow the city and the county to proceed

with the bus duct replacement project. Matt solder is solder manager of the division of asset management, is here to field questions in case anybody has them. Are there questions for maddie? And I see maddie there online. Hi, maddie.

Speaker: Hello. And actually just a short correction to the record. It's actually 41.34% of the common element costs that we are responsible for. Okay well, that's good news.

Speaker: That's less than what I said, so that's good. Yeah. Commissioner Gonzalez has a question.

Speaker: Hi, maddie. Or is the county and city share based on the overlying documents for the condominium? Or how is the shared? Was that negotiated or is that specified elsewhere?

Speaker: Yeah, it was specified in the original condo agreement and I believe it's based on square footage. There's also a third party owner who has a very small sliver of the agreement. But for the most part, it's predominantly county owned and we're the minority owner in the building. Got it.

Speaker: And is the what is the time frame right now for electrical replacement here? I know this is there's some anxiousness about the risk here we face. If it fails. So I was just curious on timing.

Speaker: Yeah. So the you're right, the hazard was originally identified, I think, in 2019. But because of the you know, in part because of covid and covid and in part because of the complexity of the project, it's taken this long to fully identify, peel out funding and scope the work. I believe the replacement, the furthest out estimates are 5 to 7 years to get the project completed. I know that the goal is to try to get it completed in a faster timeline, which is part of the reason that we were looking at cash flows and trying to make sure we had cash reserved in advance. So I believe the actual goal was around three years. But because of constructability

issues, for example, they're decommissioning one of the entire electrical shafts to help with routing. It could be more complex. We also this is a pretty professionally estimated cost estimate, but we are not actually going out to bid until all the summer. We have to approve the iga before we can go out to bid. So obviously when it goes out to bid, we'll find out more because people will be doing their due diligence associated with the construct ability of the work.

Speaker: Got it. Thanks so much and for your work on this.

Speaker: Very good. Any other questions on this item? Do we have public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up. I had one question is, is the county side of the justice center still boarded up?

Speaker: I think that's actually changing on a daily basis.

Speaker: I just walked by it yesterday and saw some things were coming down. I know we've been waiting on glass for a piece, pieces of our portion of it. So the glass is a highly technical glass and so it has a long supply chain. So I don't actually know. But I think everything is starting to come down slowly.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: I won't amend this. It was it was tempting for me so to do, but thank you. I'm glad to hear there's progress. Commissioner Gonzalez and then. Okay.

Commissioner Mapps think this question is for maddie.

Speaker: Um, would it be helpful to make this an emergency ordinance and i'll tell you, this is an issue I've been looking at since I've been on council. Um, I'm deeply concerned about some of the public safety or public health and safety issues involved in this space. It kind of keeps me up at night a little bit. Um, it sounds like we have a really long time line on actually getting this work done, but i'll just say too, depending, depending on maddie's response and, and I will share with

members of council if it would help us move more quickly or keep costs down. I'd be willing to make this an emergency ordinance. So, um.

Speaker: You're welcome to make things an emergency if you want. It's it's not necessary. The ordinance is really moving forward to authorize us to sign the iga. There are a couple elements of the iga. We're still working on with the county to make sure that we're both in agreement on its contents. Um, so I think we're actually more waiting on the iga at this point than this ordinance. But if you would like to make it an emergency, we will we will follow suit. So, um, i'll just defer to the mayor who brought this one forward.

Speaker: I'm not sure if it makes a substantive difference, but if the mayor, who's managing this project, thinks it would make a make a difference, I would be inclined to vote. I I'd be fine if you want to make that a motion. Sure. Okay. Um, just to move things along, colleagues, I moved to make five, five, six an emergency ordinance. The reason why I think this should be an emergency ordinance is the inadequate ductwork we have here. I believe poses some fire safety issues for folks who are residents of the justice center. This just seems like a very bad situation to be in. And I'd like to get it resolved as soon as possible. Um do I have a second?

Speaker: Second. Thank you. Any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none. Call the roll, please. Ryan hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Important public safety investment. I vote I Mapps.

Speaker: I. Rubio hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Thanks commissioner Mapps I vote I or the amendment is adopted. Any further discussion on the main motion? Seeing none, please call the roll on the main motion as amended. Ryan hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Hi, matt. Apps hi Rubio hi Wheeler. Hi

Speaker: The motion passes as amended. Five, five seven, please. An emergency ordinance authorized contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the cully public works improvement project. Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Mapps. I apologize.

Speaker: Give me just one second to pull up my notes on this one. We have five, five, seven, which is a very exciting project that brings important infrastructure improvements to a long neglected neighborhood in east Portland. Colleagues the item before us today authorizes pbot to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the cully public works improvement project. Now with this project, pbot water and urban forestry are collaborating on a long overdue infrastructure improvement improvements in Portland's cully neighborhood. This initiative will improve over three miles of local streets by adding sidewalks, paving gravel roads, calming traffic with speed bumps and installing 17 new sedimentation maintenance holes, 24 new sumps 60 new inlets. And 1830 linear feet of storm pipe. Now these improvements will upgrade 11th street segments, which are likely to suffer from nuisance flooding when it rains in addition, 7250ft of 80 to 100 year old water mains will be replaced as part of this project. And finally, 37 street trees will be planted as part of this important initiative. Today we have staff from pbot and water who will tell us more about this really exciting initiative. With that, I will turn the presentation over to staff.

Speaker: Great. Thanks. Welcome. Hi

Speaker: Thank you. David bacchus.

Speaker: I'm the pbot capital project manager here.

Speaker: I'm here representing the overall cully public works improvement project. But we have many colleagues who have worked on this from water forestry. We have funding from metro. And with that I think we can go to the next slide to kick it

off. Thank you. So this is actually a package of capital projects funded by the three main infrastructure bureaus, bts and water, along with pbot all have money in the pot on this one. They're being combined and these capital projects and elements of the projects so we can deliver them more efficiently to better mitigate neighborhood impacts. So for the public, this means we're going to have one point of contact on the project. We're going to have one construction manager and one prime contractor on the job. It's a large area, so people in the neighborhood aren't going to be kind of running around trying to figure out who to call if something is going on. It's going to be clear for everybody involved. Next slide, please. So this is all located in cully. Our borders are just north of sandy. You can see prescott kind of in the middle cully to the west and 73rd to the east, sort of as as the commissioner noted, we're paving several gravel streets, adding stormwater infrastructure. We're adding sidewalk and multi-use paths in various areas to better connect to schools and neighborhood amenities and replacing and upgrading outdated water mains in the area also. So this is really a project where we're opening things up underground. We figured know, let's take care of as much as we can within our budget out to keep things as efficient as possible. Next slide please. So this is just a couple examples of what things look like today. On the right, you can see 72nd avenue, a wide shoulder. So in a couple of years, what you're going to see here is it'll look like a really wide sidewalk, 12ft wide and will be used for biking and walking, young kids going to school and that kind of thing. This is a great shot of dry weather, I think in the summer. It does not look like this in the winter and on the left, 64th avenue is probably one of the best looking gravel streets because I believe this was taken right after pbot grade and gravel service. So it's looking really nice here, but we do have issues kind of from time to time with potholing and that kind of thing on the gravel streets. Next slide, please. Yeah. So you already heard the

numbers. I'm not going to go through all of this again. I do want to just point out a couple of things. We're having a net gain of 37 street trees. We're actually planting well over 100 trees as part of the project. Some have to come out for the sidewalks. So we're trying to balance things out. And urban forestry is also looking at a future planting program in the neighborhood to come in and offer even more trees for residents, it's depending on if they are up for taking care of them for the long haul. So next slide, just a few notes on public involvement. So to set the context for this project at one of the capital projects kicked off in April 2020, the other one kicked off in July 2021. So I think, as everybody heard the mayor's comments earlier, there was quite a bit going on at the time. Transportation didn't necessarily rise to the top of people's thoughts in early 2020 and 2021. So we kind of had to retool how we did public involvement, everything for the most part was either online or in person outside for a while we developed a mapping tool so neighbors could pull up their address and see exactly where sidewalks and driveway connections and that kind of thing would lay out adjacent to their properties. Is today that map has over 17,000 views. We held an online open house for a portion of one of the projects for normal open house. If 50 people showed up, I'd be pretty excited for this one. We actually had over 500 people fill out our survey and many more read the materials that we provided and we've been kind of bringing people along the way with email updates, letters and we've sent personalized letters to everybody receiving a new street tree, kind of telling them about the species and what it'll look like and all of that of a couple pictures here. The top one is me just laying out a tape measure and somebody's driveway showing about the width that their new pavement will look like. We visited with somebody else with a she had a huge stick in her yard because she was trying to get an idea of how big the trucks coming through to lay down asphalt would be to see if she should get out there and prune this tree that she's a

big fan of that kind of overhangs the roadway. So we've been pretty high touch out in the field, meeting with dozens of neighbors over the two years of engagement that we've been out there. And next slide, please. I think this might be the last one here. So we're looking at wrapping up design in winter 2023 with a target of bidding in early 2024. So about a year from now or a little less, we're looking at being under construction in as far as our schedule and funding. This project is looking to land right around the \$20 million mark with funding coming from local transportation infrastructure charge on the pbot. And besides, we have funding from water bureau for portions of the project out of the mud funding from pbot regional flexible fund allocation administered by metro. I think that might cover it on this one. So yeah, that's the presentation. It's a really exciting project working with all of the other bureaus and our partners in neighborhood and we're excited to get this one built.

Speaker: Does that end your presentation? Glisan yeah. Mr. Mayor, um, I think this is a first reading, so i'll turn it back to you. I'm not sure if we have any testimony on this. I think we do not. Well let's find out.

Speaker: Do we have any public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: You were correct. Commissioner Mapps any further discussion?

Speaker: This is emergency.

Speaker: This is an emergency ordinance. First, any any concerns know, please call the roll.

Speaker: I just was saying actually.

Speaker: Yeah. No, it's a second. Thank you. Mr. Emergency thank you, commissioner Ryan. You're correct. I think I said this was a first reading. It's actually

an emergency ordinance. We will deduct the usual amount from your paycheck back to zero.

Speaker: I my question before we start.

Speaker: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Okay.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, I had a question.

Speaker: Um, you said you're adding 37 street trees, right?

Speaker: We're adding over 100 total. So we have, we have with the removals and the additions. So this was the net of 37. That was my next question.

Speaker: I was now it makes sense. Yeah. Okay. Because usually with the construction, there's some that are taken out.

Speaker: There will be, yeah.

Speaker: So the net gain is 37. Yeah. Okay. I'll take that. All right. Okay sorry. Keelan. Now should I vote?

Speaker: Yeah, go ahead. All right.

Speaker: I vote i.

Speaker: Thanks. Gonzalez a maps. Um of course I'm going to vote I on this.

Speaker: I'm really proud of the collaboration that we see between our infrastructures on this project. I'm colleagues, i'll also share with you. I have looked at some research which indicates how infrastructure projects like this change home values. And one of the things that we discover is that, unsurprisingly, building sidewalks and paving roads and planting trees has a significant effect on the livability and home values in neighborhood ads. That's one of the many different reasons why am glad to vote I on this item reveal.

Speaker: I it's really glad i'll just echo what my colleague just said. It's really glad glad to see the collaboration glisan by all the bureaus on this and also this is a part

of town that has long, long needed these improvements. I know very, very well. And so very excited for these to move forward. I vote aye. Wheeler

Speaker: I vote aye. Thank you. The ordinance is adopted. Appreciate it. Next up. Five, five, eight.

Speaker: Add dry wells and other underground injection controls code to regulate dry wells and other stormwater facilities.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you colleagues. Today I'm request that council adopt an addition to title 25 plumbing regulations as the bureau of development services historically regulated dry wells and stormwater facilities through the provisions outlined in the Oregon state plumbing code. However the latest version of the Oregon state plumbing code removed regulations for dry wells and provides language regarding dry wall construction as guidelines only. This ordinance adopts adopted guideline language for dry wall and other infiltration facilities for stormwater management from the Oregon state plumbing code permanently into the city code. Portland city code title 25. Adding the language under a new chapter 25.10. So with that, here to explain the changes in more detail is matt rozell with the bureau of development services.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Thank you for having me. For the record, my name is matt rozell. I know we're running up on lunch, so i'll keep this very brief. Um, the, the last code change with Oregon plumbing specialty code. They removed the section for dry wells and kept it in there as a pointer. Um through ors were required to cite a specific code section and when they removed this we had no cite for that and that's for inspectors as if they're calling a certain code section. So this puts us back into our code where we're able to point to that section and cite that when we're doing any

corrections on on inspections or plan reviews. So I'm happy to answer any questions.

Speaker: Colleagues, any questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps um, just very quickly, first, I want to share for something and then I want to pose a question to staff if, um, colleagues, environmental services is in charge of regulating large dry well projects sites. I also want to share with you the fact that environmental services has collaborated with bts around this and we got no problems with this ordinance and I will be voting yes. However, I was wondering, um, if we have any if there's any background on why I think the legislature made these dry. Well, um, regulations for small projects, um, guidelines instead of requirements as the way I think it historically has been, is was there a reason for that? Was this an oversight or I believe there was a conflict with because they have regulation over that and then the plumbing code was an additional regulation.

Speaker: So to clean that up, they removed the plumbing specialty code that wording in the plumbing specialty code, which it still cites, that they need to meet the standards which are ordinance also says that okay, kind of understand.

Speaker: Thank you for that. I got no more questions as great thank you.

Speaker: There are no further discussions. Any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: All right. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Five, five, nine, please. And that's an emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Increase the cap on number of applications allowed within each fiscal year under the homebuyer opportunity limited tax exemption program to 500 units.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Colleagues, I'm very excited to bring forward this proposal from the housing bureau to expand the city's homebuyer opportunity limited tax exemption program. Over the past decade, the program has helped over a thousand families achieve home ownership by offering an incentive for new family size homes that are sold to low and moderate income families. The program does this by reducing the property taxes at home owners pay for up to ten years. Currently, the city allows 100 newly constructed homes each year to apply for this program. If those homes are sold to a family, up to a family, up to 100% ami. But we know that there is much more interest. Our nonprofit and for profit home builders recognize the benefit of program the program provides, and when the applications for those 100 slots open up each July, they go very quickly as housing prices and interest rates rise and home ownership becomes more out of reach for Portland residents, it's clear that we need to do more, which is why my office has worked with vhb in our local housing organizations on a plan to expand the cap. This ordinance in front of us today increases the annual application cap to 500 for the next three years so that more Portland families can access the stability and wealth building that home ownership offers. Fb will then review the program to see if this change is achieving our goals. I'm particularly interested in seeing how this will help boost the production of townhouses and other family sized middle housing options in areas impacted by the residential infill. Changes over the last few years and how it will allow more families of color to purchase their first homes. I'll now pass it on to the team at fb to provide more detail before we hear public testimony.

Speaker: We thank you. Commissioner Rubio. For the record, my name is molly rogers, interim director of the Portland housing bureau. I'm joined here with dori hillier, the development incentives manager. This program increases affordable

home ownership opportunities for low and moderate first time home buyers, which has a generational effect for wealth building home buyers, accessing the whole ti earn no more than 100% of the area. Median income and must qualify. At the time of purchase. The homes must sell below the annual price cap, which is currently set at 455,000. In fiscal year 2122, the average family accessing the whole ti earned closer to around 85% of the area. Median income and purchased a home. Around \$350,000. The cost of the program does impact tax revenue, however, the tax exemption applies only to the structure itself, and so the land is still taxable and when new homes are built, the value of that underlying land increases, meaning that the tax revenue will still increase from what is being assessed before for the new construction, we would appreciate council's support for offering this opportunity to even more qualified home buyers who will benefit for decades to come. With that, we'd be open for questions.

Speaker: Thank you, colleagues.

Speaker: Questions at this point, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Um, how many applicants did we get to the whole program last year? Do we know? Or on average, how many do we tend to receive the applicant?

Speaker: Excuse me. Hi, this is dori hellyer commissioner Mapps. Thanks for the question. We had a fully subscribed program within a couple of months, so all 100 of those applications were submitted before the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. We have additional applications that are then submitted by nonprofit organizations because they have lower mfi levels or income levels that are not there exempt from the current cap. That's about another 40 a year.

Speaker: All right. Um, thank you very much.

Speaker: You're welcome. Thank you. Colleagues, any other questions ? Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: We had one person sign up. It's sorry, just a second here. Pressed corset. I think they were planning to join in person as preston here. Okay. Nope

Speaker: All right. Very good. This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you, commissioner Rubio, it was wonderful to see this on the agenda. I think you recall a couple of years ago is very different conversation. We were just trying to get the numbers up so we could get enough builders to actually participate and so two years later, we're having this exciting opportunity. And it's one of the few generational wealth building programs that we have a lot of influence over. And I've always been a strong advocate for building generational wealth through home ownership. So this is really exciting and I'm just really thrilled that we're here today. It also like you mentioned, the housing opportunities with middle housing that the state opened up. So that's a great example where this legislation at the state caught up to the reality of what we're dealing with on the ground here in Portland. And so I do see that we'll be able to expand this and hopefully we will reap that meet that threshold of 500. Good work. I'm excited about. I

Speaker: Gonzalez I'm excited to vote. I maps yeah I want to thank commissioner Rubio and the housing bureau for their leadership on this program.

Speaker: I support anything that we can do to help people buy their homes and build wealth that is why I vote. I

Speaker: Rubio thank you. I want to thank molly and dori for your excellent work on this and also thank the housing builders for their advocacy. I'm happy to vote. I Wheeler given our housing emergency, it makes sense to increase the cap on multi from 100 to 500 so that more Portland ers can afford to at the low and moderate income level can afford to buy a home.

Speaker: As we all know, home ownership remains a key household savings vehicle and the way to deliver intergenerational wealth, especially amongst historically underserved populations, is the holt program has been embraced by home builders, and this change will expand access to more homeowners over the three year time frame. That's proposed here in this ordinance. Although this program will forgo a projected \$5.2 million in property tax revenues over the three year period. Given our critical all local housing needs, I believe this is an investment. Well worth taking. I'm looking forward to monitoring the performance and impact out of this expanded program and therefore I vote aye in the ordinance is adopted. Thank you both for your great presentation. Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. We are adjourned until 2 p.m. Thank you.

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Speaker: Wednesday, June 28th. Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Good afternoon. Keelan please call the roll. Good afternoon, Ryan.

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

Speaker: Now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

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 [www dot Portland.gov](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) backslash council backslash 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 and 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 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 and 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.

Speaker: Thank you. Item number 560 resolution, please pursue analysis and creation of new tax increment finance districts to advance equitable development and inclusive growth in east Portland and the central city.

Speaker: All right, colleagues, we're going to start our afternoon session off with tax increment financing.

Speaker: I'm I'm pleased to introduce this item with my colleague and friend, commissioner Rubio, who i'll turn to in a moment for opening remarks. And facilitation of prosper Portland and the Portland housing bureau's presentation. This resolution directs prosper, Portland and the Portland housing bureau to explore the creation of a new tax increment finance district, a tif district in east Portland and the central city, respectively. As many of you know, the reinvestment resources that tiff districts can create can be effective tools to promote equitable economic development as well as an important source for funding affordable housing. The recently adopted advanced Portland economic development strategy, the 2035 comprehensive plan and the central city plan 2035 all highlight the need for community supported public private partnerships that tiff districts are in a unique position to be able to support. I look forward to learning more from prosper and bhp about what initial guidelines have been set for these to explorations and how the community engagement process would operate. Going forward. With that, i'll turn this over to commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm excited today to co introduce this resolution with mayor Wheeler that will kick off tax increment finance district exploration efforts in both east Portland and central city. I want to start off by

thanking the east Portland community for their continued advocacy, their commitment and for the great passion that they have for their neighborhoods and their neighbors. We're here today because of the sustained labor and energy from community members in east Portland who have time and again told us that their communities have been overlooked and are in need of resources. This resolution and the launch of the east Portland and central city tiff exploration process is a direct result of actions taken by this council in April of 2023, where we adopted advance Portland, the city's five year economic strategy, seeking to advance equity in climate action while growing our partnerships and economy council has already allocated budget for this exploration process and directed prosper, Portland and the Portland housing bureau to launch this effort under my leadership, the resolution before us sets the sideboards for this process and what council can expect to see by fall of 2024. We will do that by leaning on lived experiences ensuring community members are well represented and resourced to participate and having tough conversations about how to best utilize potential tiff resources where those resources would go. Transparency and accountability. And before we hear from staff, I'd like to turn this over back over to mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Is that that is very good.

Speaker: All right. So we'll have our staff presentation. We obviously have kimberly branam, the executive director of prosper Portland. And I see molly rogers, the interim director for the port and housing bureau. And lisa obhof is here as well. Welcome I don't know which order you're all going in. I'll just i'll go ahead and start. You talk.

Speaker: I'll go ahead and start. Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor. And commissioners. For the record, I'm kimberly branam, executive director of prosper Portland and I she her pronouns as was mentioned, I'm joined by my colleagues,

molly and lisa, and we really appreciate appreciate the opportunity to speak with you this afternoon about exploring the creation of new tax increment finance districts in east Portland and the central city. Next slide, please. Here we go.

Speaker: There we go.

Speaker: All right. This afternoon, we will walk through a brief presentation as we seek your direction. First, we're going to touch on some of the strategic and technical context and background for this work. Then we'll discuss tiff exploration parameters. Given this context and the proposed process in greater detail. And finally, we'll close with a timeline of next steps, which will include multiple touch points with City Council, multiple forms of community engagement and coming back with a more formal update and or actions to City Council in the fall of 2024. We should then have plenty of time for questions and council discussion. Next slide please. So we're going to ground today's presentation with some context and so I'm going to dig into that now. So next slide, please. As was mentioned in April, City Council adopted advanced Portland, a call for call to action for inclusive economic growth. One of the four key objectives of the plan is to foster a vibrant central city and neighborhood. Commercial districts with tailored strategies to create vital centers of employment, small business, entertainment and cultural amenities. The plan directs action to pursue tax increment finance as a tool for inclusive growth and stabilization within the central city and in alignment with community led tiff exploration in east Portland and the resolution directed us to return to City Council within 90 days of advance. Portland's approval to launch a tax increment finance district exploration process with early prioritization for east Portland, which includes 82nd and subsequent focus on the central city. So we are here today to launch that exploration process. This molly next slide, please. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: I am Molly Rogers, interim director of the housing bureau. I use she/her pronouns. The city's current set aside policy has 45% of TIF revenue going for affordable housing investments as TIF and the set aside policy are critical tools to the city's delivery of affordable housing. Since 2000, TIF has funded approximately 8500 units of affordable housing, the vast majority of which are affordable to households earning 60% of area median income or below. But it's also important to note that non-TIF set aside funds are critical for developing middle income and workforce housing through projects like the Fish or in Lents town center and while nearly 75% of the multifamily units produced in 2021 were added in the central city, gateway and north west neighborhoods, our state of housing reports shows that there's currently no neighborhoods in Portland where an extremely low income Black or single mother household could affordably rent a two bedroom unit. There are also no neighborhoods in Portland where a low income Black Latina, Native American senior single mother or foreign born household could affordably purchase a home. A low income household could choose from about half of the city's neighborhoods, all located outside of the central city and closer in neighborhoods. Next slide. So why east Portland? Communities of color continue to increase in our east Portland neighborhoods, where the current neighborhood composition in 2020 ranged from 40% to 48. Also increased in home prices and rents in many east Portland neighborhoods over the last five years may signal a growing risk of displacement and housing instability in 2020. Every census tract east of 82nd avenue was considered at risk of displacement. And this is where a growing portion of the Black indigenous and all persons of color in Portland are residing. On the commercial side, the pandemic brought a rapid increase in new small business formation and new home based businesses. While some areas have seen decreased demand for retail space due in part to safety and livability issues. Next

slide. And why the central city well, covid 19 and the shift to hybrid work had a strong impact on our central city, particularly in areas with imbalanced mix of uses. We're seeing vacancy rates increase as key employers downsizing or moving out of downtown due to safety and livability concerns as tax consideration, parking costs or employee needs with out intervention. Numerous areas will continue to experience persistent vacancy livability, challenge is deep fault risk and a loss in value and vibrancy at the same time, we have rehabilitation and major development opportunities that would unlock housing production in and could support our economic competitiveness and climate priorities. If key infrastructure needs were addressed and with that, I'd like to hand it over to kimberly, who's going to provide detailed background, specific to the status of the existing tiff districts.

Speaker: Thank you, molly. Okay. Now is when we get into the really exciting tax increment finance portion. So we're going to talk about maximum indebtedness first as a reminder, when new tax increment finance districts are created, geographic boundary is established for investment at and a maximum amount that can be borrowed over the entire life of the district or what we call maximum indebtedness is established. This table shows each tax increment finance district across the city with the size of the bar chart showing the allowable maximum indebtedness. In blue. You see how much debt each district has already issued and in orange you see the amount that could be borrowed in the future. It is important to note that just because debt has been issued, it doesn't mean it has been spent. So we might, for example, issue a large bond issuance at the end of the life of the tiff district and then use those tiff proceeds over time. But it does give you a general sense of where each district is in its ability to access more resource sources. So you see, for example, that cully has all of its maximum indebtedness remaining and

there is some additional maximum indebtedness in interstate north macadam, gateway and lents that still remains, while all of the other districts have already reached their maximum indebtedness. Next slide, please, on this slide, we are showing a map of where Portland's tax increment finance districts, current tax increment finance districts are located and the status of those resources. So not just the debt, but what is available to be invested in each tiff district. The status reflects both the 45% of tiff set aside that molly talked about for affordable housing across our tiff districts. As well as the remaining economic development and infrastructure investments in gray. You see tiff districts that are complete, meaning that all of the tiff resources have been spent and the plan's priorities are completed in blue. Are those districts that have defined priorities and tiff districts are fully committed primarily through action plans. So within in the lens tax increment finance district, there are a few remaining tiff districts. Those are largely dedicated and we've identified collectively how those will be invested, whereas as in gateway, where we have just recently we increased maximum indebtedness or increased the life of the district so we can reach maximum indebtedness. There are still resources that are being programmed and so that's what you see here is in green. The districts that have just been opened or still have significant resources are are are put in green. So interstate will move to blue in the next year or two, leaving cully gateway and north macadam that will be in that green or where there are significant resources available in the next few years. Next slide please. So these districts, as so sorry, the timeline that you see here shares the timeline about when debt will be repaid. So as maximum indebtedness is reached out, that is one key milestone. But then one, once the taxes are fully the debt is fully repaid and the taxes go back to the taxing jurisdiction is another key milestone because that is when that acreage becomes available potentially for use in new tax increment finance districts or or is

available to the taxing jurisdictions. We're at a transitional moment for tiff districts, many of which were created 20 to 30 years ago. They're being closed out or are in their final years. So by fiscal year 23, 24 and 24, 25 will see all property taxes from south park blocks. Oregon convention center downtown waterfront, the central east side river district lents and interstate returning to the taxing jurisdictions. And when the debt is repaid, even if there is still existing tiff in the districts to be spent, it's possible to amend the district to officially release lease all of the taxable revenue to taxing jurisdictions and to release the acreage and the assessed value to from the urban renewal area limitations calculation while remaining tiff resources can still be used to deliver on the priorities that have been identified. And next slide please. So given what we've just seen, this final slide summarizes where the city could be in July of 2024 if the district are fully repaid as anticipated. And we amend them as proposed. So as a reminder, Oregon state law sets the limit on how much a how much of a jurisdiction can be in a tax increment finance district at any one time. And the max is 15% of assessed value or acreage. So due to this limitation, as we look to explore new tiff districts, the timeline of when the other districts close becomes critical as closing districts is what allows us to release the acreage and the assessed value. So what we see here is that in 2024, approximately 3% of the city's acreage and assessed value would be within a tiff district that correlates to just just over 2700 acres and \$2 million in assessed value. So in relationship to the 15% cap, that means that there are over 11,000 acres that would be available and just under \$10 million of assessed value that would be available for inclusion within a tiff district. All right, so before I turn it over to molly to go into the process, are there any question around what I just shared? No. Okay thank you.

Speaker: All right. Next slide.

Speaker: Thanks, kimberly. As kimberly mentioned, we wanted to share both a high level overview and additional details regarding the process that is outlined in this resolution today. Next slide. As you may recall, City Council adopted the new cully tiff district this last November. This followed almost four years of engagement, led by and co-created with community. And we have learned a lot from that process. Many of these lessons have and will inform the way we move forward. In a few of these, I want to highlight here, it really does take the importance of community partnership and co-creation implementation, glisan and oversight. We need to be explicit, be accountable and measure who benefits us. It's important that we're being clear about roles and responsibility duties between community and public partners, supporting community leadership while not putting all work on them or lead them to do particularly some of the technical work involved in the tiff district creation, we learned that we could and should have brought our taxing jurisdiction partners into the process earlier and with the importance of deep and broad community engagement. It together with consistency of working group representation, particularly when working to develop reports or analysis. And finally, that community development efforts require a layering of financial and policy tools that include but are not exclusive of tiff. Next slide. So from a high level perspective, this is our framework and helping to guide the tiff exploration process based on some of the policies we touched on earlier through our work with community partnerships and engagement processes, we will center priority communities while balancing priorities with the financial impact to the city budget and other taxing jurisdictions. As we work with the community to review past plans and set potential investment goals, we will start with a vision of vibrant community and corridors as defined by each particular area where current residents and businesses are able to stay and share in the prosperity that growth and change can

bring. Where small businesses can grow. And there are opportunities for inclusive economic growth and wealth building. These value views form the foundation for our work. And now, kimberly will guide you through additional details on the approach.

Speaker: All right. So the resolution before you today proposes guardrails to provide clarity to community partners and city staff. Omf through the tiff exploration process in both east Portland and the central city with specific acreage and assessed value allocations. The proposal includes up to 7500 acres in east Portland. Just by way of context, that's 2 to 3 lents town center tiff district. So pretty sizable tiff districts and \$6 million of assessed value and up to 1500 acres or and \$3.8 billion for the central city exploration process. These parameters enable east Portland and central city conversations to move forward, either at the same pace or at different paces if necessary, with helpful clarity. Through those conversation options. Next slide please. As commissioner Rubio mentioned, the process that we're about to talk to follows a year or more of conversations hosted by epap and through smaller group and direct conversations with community partners. The east Portland exploration process builds on what we heard through those conversations and learned through the partnership with cully partners and acknowledges that east Portland is a very large area with multiple community rs as well as shared needs. So commissioner Rubio will convene a formally designated steering committee body focused on process alignment and exchange, which will include both community members and taxing jurisdiction partners in that which builds on some of those lessons learned and deep community work will occur via working groups, which will take on the areas that you see in blue. We anticipate at least that they will take those areas on which will be made up of business districts, school district, neighborhood district and housing partners, together with representatives

from the steering committee to make sure that there's a linkage there and interested community members who will be identified through an open call for participation during early engagement in east Portland geographic areas will guide working groups and the areas shown on the map. Generally resonated with people who we spoke to. But we will want to make sure that we ensure a broad area of east Portland is included, particularly east of 205, that it aligns with active conversations related to 82nd avenue equitable development tied to transportation improvement, both current and planned. Acknowledging that the park rose columbia corridor area is a really unique area with increased industrial land and jobs opportunities and want to ensure that some residential land is included in the final district boundary. And we finally want to build on the strong capacity organizationally that exists within each of these areas in community based organizations like the rosewood d.o.j. District and division midway neighborhood prosperity network, and the 82nd avenue coalition. One of the first tasks of the east Portland tiff steering committee will be to confirm that these broad geographies make sense for individual working groups to focus on. Next slide, please. Our approach in the central city will align with the objectives and activities aligned sorry outlined in advance. Portland with a focus on key central city subdistricts like downtown town and old town that have both opportunity and need for increased mix of uses, mix of housing production and tools to support the production of both affordable and market rate housing and retaining our major anchor employers and small businesses. We anticipate defining and refining this process over the next few months. There are also a number of large sites like omsi and lloyd center and lower albina, where we know that there will be need for new streets and new parks together with equitable development and where tiff could be a tool to support these public private community partnerships. So the map that you see here

highlights a few of those areas in the central city where tax increment finance could be a useful tool to achieve these goals. The exploration process will both define boundaries and identify where there are opportunities for housing production and business retention and competitiveness, infrastructure and other needs for larger sites. Next slide, please. So pulling it all together, this roadmap weaves together several work paths leading up to a more formal return to City Council in November of 2024 and will continue to update this process map as our work proceeds and as we learn more in green. You see our work path tied to the east Portland tiff exploration glisan in yellow. You see those that are tied to the central city tiff exploration and in purple the completion of the tiff impact analysis that econorthwest has been working on. And we spoke to you a bit about in our annual budget process. So starting from the top, we here we are today with the City Council resolution to kick off the exploration. We're looking to launch the east Portland tiff exploration steering committee in July. And then this fall will be kicking off the east Portland tiff exploration. Working groups as we anticipate also this fall kicking our launching the central city exploration process and expect to check in with council offices individually in launching that process in parallel to the exploration process, we're wrapping up the work with econorthwest. Looking back on past tiff district performance, they anticipate completing their report this fall and we're aiming for a work session with council later this calendar year. So you will have those findings before we are coming back with any decision points for you. We anticipate that these multiple efforts will run in parallel and will coalesce in summer of 2024. Throughout this process, we will work with advisory bodies, omf and partners regarding the analysis and balancing of potential financial impact to taxing jurisdictions, which we know will be a significant consideration for you all. And if there is deemed to be support for creating new tiff districts, we could begin the

legislative process of going to the prosper board and the planning commission to consider any tiff district plans that may result from the exploration process. And in that instance, we would be coming back to City Council in the fall of 2024, either as part of a formal process to consider the creation of new tiff districts and or to provide a status update based on where we are with the discussions at that time. So with that, we are very happy to take any questions that you might have.

Speaker: Cobid commissioner Gonzalez and then commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Well, thank you for the comprehensive report. Very, very exciting. We also really appreciate the space for different paces for east Portland central city. As we've discussed in some of our office meetings, the, you know, I think as we discussed, there's different constituents for downtown than east Portland, different breadth of communities. And is I guess to start off with questions, do you anticipate that central city would take the three years that cully took? And is it fair to assume that east Portland's process might be more similar to the to the cully process, just given the diversity of communities that necessarily need to be engaged in that process? Commissioner it's a great question.

Speaker: Thank you. I think we are hopeful that given all that we learned in cully, that the east Portland conversations will take less than three years, partly because we learned so much and there's something of a template, but also because it really asked a lot of community partners who were had other responsibilities as well. And so I think we're hopeful that that takes 1 to 2 years or that there's a decision point within that time period. And within the central city, I could imagine that we would be able to come back to City Council within the year with some proposals. As you mentioned, there are it's a smaller geography and so it'll probably take less time, but it will still take some time. And so I think the year is probably a realistic timeline for us.

Speaker: No, that's helpful. I i just thinking about the crisis downtown, you alluded to covid we also have a tax burden that exists in 2023 for downtown that didn't exist in 2019. And we're potentially dealing with the generation shift in how folks look at downtown. The crisis is very real. East Portland, we're dealing with generations of underinvestment. Some of it is outside the original shape of the city, even going back 100 years. So it's got a very different history, a different needs. And I appreciate that recognition of the differences there as well as the potential timeline. One other question. How did you come up with the caps for central city and for east Portland and what's proposed, is that formulaic or or just curious on on on how you reach those conclusions? Yeah.

Speaker: So lisa, can provide a bit more detail this is a mixture of art and science. We did sort of some analysis of what neighborhood tiff districts look like and where we've seen performance. So lents is a is a has been a performing district. It's a nice size of tiff district. And so we looked to see if you were to see 2 or 3 lengths ish size is what that would require. And then similarly, within the central city, I think we really identified downtown and old town and a few of those areas and sort of said within that, how many acres might that require? You know, we have to keep within the 15% cap. And so we wanted to be conscious of creating parameters that might make sense, but that also would not go against that 15% or where there where we would be disadvantaging the success of either east Portland tiff districts or the central city tiff district. So that was kind of those were some of the considerations.

Speaker: Yeah, got it. And I I'm just thinking out loud the difference in sort of multiplying effect potentially of the investment central city relative to the east Portland. It's just an interesting challenge like matching up the cap with the acreage impacted and it's clearly there's a different formula that you use there that I think is reflective of that.

Speaker: Yes, great question. So we were looking at the assessed value within the central city versus the assessed value within neighborhoods. And so we did look at and match up the acreage to assessed value. We tried to be conscious of that.

Speaker: And are you assuming a different multiplier in central city than east side? It looked like that when you looked at the acreage and what we're assuming a different density in terms of the assessed value per acre within the central city versus within east Portland?

Speaker: Definitely fall last truly last question.

Speaker: So when we talk about housing and spurring housing development in east Portland, central city, another very big difference here is that we have a lot of office buildings that at least theoretically are targets for conversion to housing. We're looking we've with with commissioner Rubio's leadership, we addressed some of the seismic challenges in conversion. But that is still a mammoth hurdle to get over. When you think about housing in central city and east Portland going into this process, what assumptions are we making? Well you know, how do you shape the process given the very, very different realities of where they're each starting and where they may end up as an outcome? Yeah, yeah.

Speaker: Thank you for that question. And obviously the very different demographics, very different housing markets, very different needs that we will need to explore and look at in terms of our housing production strategy going forward. The downtown core, we've got historic preservation needs. Like you mentioned, there's seismic issues. We've got commercial vacancy issues. We have some tools for office to residential conversion. We need more, frankly, they're not fully penciling out yet. There's other other components around the overall mix of concentration of different income levels. We do need to explore. We do have certain parts of our central city actually having a considerable affordable housing.

So we have to balance all those pieces out. We want to have a production strategy that provides for housing for all income ranges. Now housing in the outside, outside the central core, and you get into the neighborhoods, we're going to see we're going to see rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods. We need to pair this resource with housing retention and anti displacement kind of activities. So tiff has been used in this way. We do home repairs. We do help with down payment assistance loans to help people become homebuyers. But we also have been able to do a lot of new construction and be able to really meet that neighborhood composition in not go high, do high rises out there. We do see that some affordable housing in some of those nooks particular cully like the woody guthrie can be transformational and be a driver of economic development in in those particular pockets especially when we're aligning it with transit orientation and other other corridors. So we have to explore all those different needs.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps um, I want to thank staff for this presentation and I want to thank mr. Rubio for bringing this item forward as, as I think everyone on council knows is, um, I'm a big fan of tiff districts.

Speaker: Um, at the same time, I have some questions about the impact that tiff districts have on housing and economic development and frankly, gentrification. Glisan I want to throw this out there. I don't know if staff is going to be prepared to answer this question today or if this is something that we could address in the analysis that will come back to council in the future. Um, so here's my ask to staff. Help me think about out this paradox that I see around the impact of tiff districts. First I get the impression one of our goals here is to bring on more affordable housing. I very much support bringing on more affordable housing. At the same time, I'm looking at some research that comes out of prosper Portland. I believe this

is a slide. I'm not quite sure where this slide came from, but the title of the slide is takeaway to real estate values grew faster and tiff districts and generally the slide this slide shows um increase in building values and increase in land values in tiff districts versus non tiff districts. And what this graph seems to show is that in tiff districts in 2020, building values were 100% higher than they were in non tiff districts and land values were more than 100% higher in tiff districts versus non tiff districts, which just makes me wonder if by pursuing tiff districts, one of the trade offs here is that we build affordable housing, but we gentrify the neighborhood. Um, so i'll give you an opportunity to address this and recognize if we can't fully address this at this moment, maybe we can dive back into it in the fall. Do staff have any thoughts on that?

Speaker: Commissioner I'm happy to, yeah, I'm happy to start with that. So you're asking the million dollar question, which is what? What is the impact of tiff? And I think it is really the reason that econorthwest is doing the comprehensive analysis. So the slide that you're representing and we can pull pull up one that's similar, which shows assessed value growth, as you mentioned. And when we came to council at the budget presentation, the comparator being the rest of the city is challenging because so much of the central city has been within a tax increment finance district. And so you're comparing apples and oranges in many ways. And so what econorthwest is trying to do is to look a little bit at what are the driving factors. Is it was it really tiff, was it the zoning? Was it market forces? Was it a combination of all of the above? And so they're applying their brilliance to that question. And so hopefully have the ability for you to engage directly with them this fall. But just so the rest of council has it, this shows you assessed values within in tiff districts versus outside of tiff districts. And as was mentioned, they've increased significant cully and what you see reflected, there are areas like the pearl district,

which has had a very modest assessed value when it was an industrial area. And then today it has, I think you can correct me, but I think there's about \$3 million of taxable assessed value there. Similarly you have areas like airport way which were underutilized and now have become significant new investors int zones. So we will have more information for you about that question in particular, commissioner and it'll be grounded within in a third party analysis this.

Speaker: Great. Thank you for that response. And i'll tell you everything you said there strikes me as being very plausible. Um, in general, I think I've seen some analysis of our tif districts which show that we got very different results depending on the district. We're talking about. So just kind of clumping them all together I think loses some important nuance, especially when we're talking about creating, let's say, three or more different three districts, some downtown where I'd expect one dynamic, some east of 82nd, where I'd expect we would get a different kind of return on investment. Um, so I look forward to seeing the study out of econorthwest. Um, i'll just share one other thing that I look forward to seeing out of the northwest port study is, which is some guidance on our return on investments for tiff\$ yeah, for tiff\$ you know, as everyone on council knows, as the tiff program essentially diverts dollars that would normally go into our general fund and instead spends them on tiff specific projects. Uh, and all of that's fine. I think one of the things that I still get very different looking at the data, I still get, I think widely a wide range of estimates as to what the return on investments for\$ that are diverted out of the general fund and spent on tiff projects. I think sometimes I've looked at that and it looks like that number is really small. And, you know, frankly, if you look at the slide you just showed us, it looks really big. Um, I'm not quite sure where we land in this. It seems like it must be somewhere between 4% and 130% return on investment. So that's still not very helpful for me. I'd love to have hope to get some

guidance on on what our best thinking is in terms of that moving forward. Um, and with that, I think and i'll say one more thing and I do want to just here I'm going to speak to my colleagues on council. Um, I'm a big fan of tiff districts. Uh, at the same time, as we go through a period of, um, economic scarcity, we general fund dollars are really important. So I'm definitely, um, cautious when we make choices that will limit the amount of dollars coming into our general fund in future years, depending on the return on investment and the specific projects that we're able to catalyze, maybe it would be worth it. But I would say, and I truly believe that this is an important decision that will have a large impact on the future of our city. Um, and with that, why don't I return the floor to the mayor?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, commissioner well, well, just really briefly on on the question of the return on investment, you know, tax increment finance is a defined tool in terms of you can use it for sort of sticks and bricks, but it's still a pretty pliable tool in terms of the allowable resources.

Speaker: So at an extreme level, you could think about if you invested 100% of your resources of tiff in affordable housing, you wouldn't create any potential. There's not a tax return on investment because those are tax exempt investors. It's there are other community goods that you're trying to secure. With that, though, right? So and so I think that this question of what you're trying to do with tiff becomes a policy discussion and is a really important discussion for us to hear from council and from community in terms of what those priorities are. And so I think we can with econorthwest, be able to say the kinds of return on investment that you see when we're investing in transportation glisan versus a public private partnership versus a affordable housing project will look like the following based on leverage and assessed value growth. But what we noticed over time is that it really depends on the tiff district. There not formulaic and it really depends on the

objectives of a given tiff district. So look forward to having more conversations with you about that. But I do want to note that we'll be able to answer that to a point and then we get into that policy discussion of what our council's priorities and how might we rightsize or prioritize within a tiff district in order to achieve those along with the communities.

Speaker: Um, but thank you, director. And i'll just add one bit that gives you a sense of how I experience this. The policy choices here at some level, the thing I'm trying to figure out is, is the return on investment that we get. For \$1 and tax dollars being spent on, say, the fire department or our Portland street response versus \$1 invested in, um, in a tiff project that, you know, that's kind of the day to day dilemma that my office tends to think about. But I appreciate this dialog and i'll hand it over, I think, to commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Good to see you. Christian Rubio mayor, I'm glad we're here this is a good conversation and also great presentation by all three of you. Kimberly, molly and lisa. I, I came in on September 20th, 20 and it was the cully tiff district eight so experienced that and then being oversight of housing bureau. I got to hear a lot about the tiff cliff, I want to say, first of all, the questions that were asked specifically by you commissioner Gonzalez were some of the ones I was thinking about, so that in the slideshow you handled a lot of it. But would you say that we're taking some smart steps right here to address that tiff cliff by looking at the next two horizons? And I do like the mix of east and doing something in central so that is that where we are right now? Okay. And we're in the early stages because I think what's confusing, at least for me, i'll speak for myself, is that you're sometimes we're on City Council, you experience multiple meetings that almost feel the same and so I think with the cully one, what I enjoyed after enduring a few of those was how tight the stakeholders were that it really did come across authentically as a

community driven and so when I saw this on the agenda, I haven't been paying attention to this deeply because there's other priorities. This is the very beginning of this process, correct? That's correct. Okay. So there's people in this room and there's others that you will be cultivating that will give us some of that same experience that you had when you listened to the cully folks. Correct that's I don't want to put words in your mouth. And I'm also going fast because I have to go over next door in a minute.

Speaker: That's correct.

Speaker: Okay. All right. So that's good. So we're on this we're addressing the tiff cliff was something pragmatic and I like the mix. I think that's really good. There was something. Oh, I know what I wanted to ask you before I leave. So. Because the voters passed charter reform and there will be four districts which they're meeting about this and people are weighing in on it. And I actually know not as much as many people about that because I will see what they present to us. My point is there could be that the east side one could be within more than one district, correct. And so we're thinking about that. Right. On how this will feel different, the way it matures than when you just bring it to the City Council. But there'll be some district engagement. Yeah, you guys are talking about that.

Speaker: Commissioner. I think it's a good flag. I think we probably each individually thought about that. I've imagined that you might have a future council member on an oversight body, for example, or their staff really liaising with the districts that it's just more districts that would be one districts, but we haven't had a community conversation about that yet. So it's very, very nascent. So we're keeping an eye on it.

Speaker: Good, because that could be the difference. If I was listening correctly, it's the three areas those could be in the same area, but in the east, Portland. But park

rose and where do they go? You had a slide up that was lovely. What were the three areas? Park rose.

Speaker: Rose west and west and east of 205.

Speaker: That's it. West and east of 205. Yeah. So those are distinct neighborhoods and so in my picturing three distinct likely districts, likely. Okay

Speaker: I mean, I think we are just in this beginning phase. I think we wanted to come in and it came across as council, but I think that's what we're starting in terms of the conversation with the steering committee. And they will refine that.

Speaker: Yeah. And I don't think that's bad. So I appreciated that. And so I just I was observing that know, we got west of 205, east of 205 hazelwood got it. Yeah. There it is. Park roads columbia. Yeah. They're just really distinct. So I just wanted to say that I'm aware that this will feel different than cully, but because we experienced the cully process, I appreciate it. That was my issue that I thought I came with and then I really liked your answer that we hopefully learned a lot. You know, we'll open our seventh southwest village next week and the first two took a lot longer than the last four. So there is a multiplier effect of building capacity in any projects, right? Okay, great. Okay you're saved by the bell. I have to go next door for about 20, 30 minutes for something important for the office of civic life. See you soon. Bye.

Speaker: Just a comment. Not a question. I hope that as we go forward with this process, we'll explore the creation Keelan of workforce housing as part of this process, I see that as an important goal. So i'll look forward to continuing the conversation with you. Do we have any public testimony on this item? We have three people signed up.

Speaker: Very good.

Speaker: Three minutes each name for the record. First up, we have robert butler.

Speaker: Mr. Butler, welcome.

Speaker: So I guess you know, I'm Robert Butler. I'm native Portlander. So we're running out of projects. I was on the first project, which was Columbia Corridor Association, one of the founding fathers, the best one in the history of Portland, the most successful one, the best return on investment Columbia Corridor Association, the worst in terms of meeting their goals. South Waterfront 16,000 research and development jobs that probably weren't 100 yet. So we've really picked all the low lying fruit in terms of return, return on investment. So now we have a tool that has incredible duplication of goals because you didn't hear a single goal for which there isn't another department or team that has the same goal. So this is a phenomenal goal. Overlap of assignments. Okay. Well, we didn't talk about a lot of things. That's too bad. What's our major? One of our major problems in terms of homelessness, high taxes, high property taxes. So what we're going to do is continue all of these high property taxes for the next 35 years. Shame shame. So Cully Boulevard, I talked to you about the Cully Boulevard. Disgusting. The most disgusting testing project in the history of our city is that woke reparation and all of that stuff. The Oregonian said, remember, you're taking a big risk on Portland's takes a huge risk with the Cully \$300 million. One of the biggest ones I know of shame. What a shame. And we're going ahead with out knowing what the hell we've done wrong with Cully. So growth, you want, you want growth. We have growth. You want me to tell you about our growth? People are leaving the city, our finest cities, our most successful citizens are emigrating. That means leaving the city business is leaving the city. We what are we counting? Our growth. We have what? We're a sanctuary. So all of the federal convicts are criminals. Nils are coming here. Open door policy for them. We don't prosecute who we arrest. So there that's all on the growth. If we don't, we don't have the police force that we used to have to prevent

that from growing. What's worse is, is that the city of Portland has the about the worst education system in the united states and the united states. For an industrialized country. We about the worst in the world. So we are the worst of the worst. And nobody said anything about education. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

Speaker: Next up, we have jay clark. Mr. Clark, welcome.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Councilors, my name is jay clark, and I'm the director of government affairs for the Portland metro chamber. And I prefer he him pronouns. I'm here today to express the chamber's strong support for the establishment of the tif districts and the central city and east Portland. I want to be clear that while the chamber is highly supportive of both of these districts, I'm here today to speak about the urgency for a central city tiff district. It is now well established that downtown Portland's recovery has lagged most other big cities downtown in the nation. We have established that this is primarily due to the fact that our downtown was overreliant on office workers compared to other cities of our size. As we all know, this overreliance has caused a drag on our recovery along with the second highest income tax in the nation, which has made it economically rational all for numerous employers to move or downsize or their employees to work from home. The latest foot traffic numbers from downtown clean and safe bear this out. In may of 2023, it was reported that pre-pandemic levels are were rising but were at 67. For our visitor traffic and 43% only for office workers compared to what they were it is obvious that we're never going to recover to that previous height of 1.3 million workers downtown that we had in 2019. So it's important that we reimagine what we're going to do with downtown. The good news is we have right in front of us this opportunity and we have other opportunities like the broadway corridor, the lord lloyd district, ormsby district and office to residential conversions, a central city, tiff district that combined with several other policy arches that the mayor and

commissioner Rubio previewed at our annual meeting two weeks ago, most importantly of which a business license income holiday for employers who sign leases downtown is expansion of the city's of the city of Portland enterprise zone and deployment of the property tax incentives just approved by the state legislature for commercial to residential conversion zones. All of these things together, we feel, will send a very powerful message to the market that Portland is open for business and we want you to invest right here in Portland, Oregon. Approval of the resolution today. We feel, is a critical first step that we want to thank the commissioner and the mayor for bringing forward. This council has clearly made the recovery and sustainability of our beloved downtown a priority. Our members recognize that. Our staff recognizes that I recognize that. So again, we just want to thank you for considering this resolution and for your support, and we look forward to working with you. Thanks, jeff. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have arlene kimura online.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Council audience thank you so much for this opportunity. I am speaking in support of this exploration of the east Portland tif district for those of us that live here, the economic downturn has not come nearly quickly enough, nor has it become a widespread upturn. So we need to do something and this is a tool which can show us how we can develop better within the guidelines and the community that we have. We also know that it is not a perfect tool and it is a tool that needs to be cared fully monitored and become an open process. And I'm hoping that through all of the tiff district comings and goings that we have had in the last 15 years, we have learned that there are ways to provide that openness and that transparency while supporting the economic

development of particularly for us, our small businesses and our communities of color that rely on these small businesses. So I ask that you give considerable thought and support to allowing this exploration to go forward. It is certainly not a given that we will become a tif district, but right now we have nothing. And so anything that will help us is, I believe, something that I can support and the community behind me. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. That completes the testimony. All right. Any further discussion on this item? This is resolution. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan Gonzalez, I want to thank you, mayor and commissioner Rubio, for bringing this resolution to council today.

Speaker: I remain steadfast in advocacy for seeing economic growth intelligently, support it in east Portland and 82nd. And I see this analysis an opportunity for real conversation about the future for that rather large part of our city. I would also like to reiterate my encouragement for ways to accelerate the process for downtown. I think we are truly in a crisis created, really a once in a lifetime opportunity to reinvest and to redefine downtown. We have some rather remarkable opportunities in the new housing there and I'd really dramatic economic need for intelligent investment there. So I think these are two projects that we're going to have to treat as equally important, but very different timelines, potentially very different processes. Just given the nature of the required community engagement, looking forward to helping in whatever I can to push both processes forward. I vote, I maps.

Speaker: Yeah. I want to thank the mayor and commissioner Rubio for bringing this item forward. I appreciated the dialog that we had today with staff and I want to thank everyone from the public who testified on on this resolution. And I look forward to see seeing the results of these analyzes on the potential to build future

tiff districts. I look to accept the resolution. Rubio I want to thank Lisa and directors Roger Rogers and Branham for this presentation today.

Speaker: I also want to thank the east Portland community for their commitment to east Portland and to advancing equitable outcomes for our neighbors and to hold us the city accountable for the promises that we've made, both in the past and in the present. And I especially want to appreciate the folks who regularly attend and participate in the facilitated conversations and present actions led by ePAP and for all their energy in participating in and advocating on behalf of community every day. Also a big thank you to Prosper Portland and Portland Housing Bureau team and staff including Catherine Dana, Roger and Jesse for their work over the coming year to support east Portland communities in evaluating tiff as a tool and for implementing on their needs and priorities. And I also just want to take a moment to acknowledge the highly competent trust and thoughtful leadership of the directors and staff that presented today. Molly Lisa, Kimberly and your staff. You are all really the a team to be leading us during this time. That's really important at for housing and economic development projects in our city and I just wanted to really appreciate you and all you do. I'm also very much looking forward to getting this process off the ground and learning from upcoming reports on how we can continue to support Portland's localized housing and economic development needs and to do so in a community centered way. So thank you all again. And I vote i.

Speaker: Wheeler both east Portland as well as the central city neighborhoods in the business district associations have a number of what I would describe as complex and interrelated needs. That includes affordable housing, mixed use, redevelopment opportunities and tie displacement investments, stabilized business activity. And as some of my colleagues had indicated, equitable growth strategies and those are all broad areas as we unfold this process, I would expect us to drill

down and get a higher level of specificity, specificity I'd urge both prosper as well as the Portland housing bureau to advance the exploration process with speed so that the council consider both whether and how new tiff districts could effectively, fully and efficiently meet the needs in those two different areas of our city to the benefit of the city as a whole. I appreciate the caution that at least one of our testifier buyers had put forth. I think it's reasonable to enter this process with a degree of skepticism and. See this as a problem solving opportunity as we move forward. But I think it's ultimately very, very important that we do move forward. And I appreciate the hard work that's gone into this. Obviously I support it or I wouldn't have co brought it. So I vote I in the resolution is adopted. Thank you for your hard work. Commissioner Mapps. I have a question. According to my run of show, it looks like you want the next six items introduced simultaneously. Do I have that correct?

Speaker: That's correct, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Keelan take a deep breath and could you please read five, six, 15625635, six four, five, six, five and five, six, six. Together, please. Yes.

Speaker: Five, six one. Except the bull run treatment projects 2023 annual report. Five six to extend contract with brown and caldwell, inc. For project or program management and support services for the bull run filtration projects. 563. Authorize the bull run filtration facility project construction in two phases with two guaranteed maximum prices and update estimated total cost of construction to \$1,000,000,069 million. 564. Authorize the bull run filtration pipelines, project construction and two phases with two guaranteed maximum prices and update estimated total cost of construction to \$404 million. 5656 except guarantee and maximum price of. \$286,245,376. From m-w jv for construction of the first phase of the bull run filtration facility project and finally five, six, six except guaranteed max

minimum price. Of \$51,792,077 from bull run conveyance partners for construction of the first phase of the bull run filtration pipelines project. Welcome commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, before us today we have a package of six items from the water bureau which are related to the federally mandated bull run filtration project. Today's items and today's staff presentations will provide important updates on the status of the filtration plant project. Current cost projections and strategies. The water bureau is using to hold down cost and avoid raising utility rates beyond current projection. Nils. Today i'll start by reminding council how we got here and will remind council of the federal and state mandates. This council is responsible for complying with. First, here is how we got to this moment. Now, federal law requires unfiltered surface water sources such as the bull run watershed to be treated for cryptosporidium, which is a parasite that can cause illness in humans. Now, from 2012 to 2017 alone, the water bureau was granted a variance to these requirements by the Oregon health authority. However over in early 2017, cryptospira idiom was detected in the bull run watershed in response to that finding, the federal government withdrew the exemption, which allowed the water bureau to forgo treating our water for cryptosporidium and then the Oregon health authority and the environmental protection agency directed the water bureau to develop a plan and schedule to treat bull run's drinking water. Now now, past councils chose a filtration strategy for addressing Portland's crypto spyridium problem filtration was chosen because it not only addresses cryptosporidium filtration, also addresses other threats to our city's water supply and colluding threats posed by forest fires, sediments and climate related hazards. And a cascadia level earthquake. Now now, colleagues, I won't bury the lead here for all of your offices have been briefed on this package of initiatives. And as you

are all aware, the estimated cost of building this filtration plant have increased 24% over the past year. Now, here are the forces driving one water filtration plant. Cost increases. You know, first we have inflation. Second, we have increased demand. And for qualified contractors and labor. And third, we have schedule compression now. Now, I want to reassure our this council and the people of Portland that the water bureau has taken proactive, proactive steps to contain costs and keep future utility rates within the forecast. This council has adopted. So in other words, here's the problem. The water bureau is trying to solve. How does the city of Portland build this federally mandated filtration plant without raising utility rates beyond our current forecast? Now the water bureau has embraced several strategies for achieving these goals. These strategies include first, we've embraced value engineering, which basically means changing the design of the filtration plant to make it cheaper to build. Second, there's financing to keep costs down the border bureau will seek a low interest federal wifia loan to help building help finance the building of the water treatment plant and third, the water bureau will delay some capital improvement projects, which will help keep utility rates within current forecasts. Now these three strategies and more should allow Portland to build this federally mandated water treatment plant without raising utility rates beyond the levels adopted by this council. Now, I will turn this presentation over to water bureau staff who will walk council through the sixth water bureau items on today's agenda. Here to explain the council items and proposed actions, we have the director of the water bureau, gabe solmer, the water bureau finance director cecilia wynne, and the water bureau chief engineer, jodie inman. Welcome team of water bureau.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Commissioner Mapps and good afternoon and thank you, commissioners. Mayor I am gabe solmer. I'm the director of the Portland

water bureau. I also want to extend a thank you to those who are here to testify on this important topic. And I appreciate that. While we may have differences of opinion about how we think about this project, we are all here to respectfully convey our opinions and our recommendations to this council. We can bring up the slides. Excellent. We can move to the next one. So we have a few key areas to cover with you to bring you up to speed on the bull run treatment projects, and then we'll lay out the six items before you today and I do want to be clear, as the commissioner said, that we do this federally mandated filtration project is experiencing increasing costs at similar to many projects in our own region. And across the country. So we're not an outlier in that respect. I also want to be clear that during the recent budget process we heard the council's concern about rates and affordability loud and clear. We're here today to explain our plan for holding the line and keeping our rates within the forecast. While addressing these increased costs. The actions that you'll hear today will help the council and the city stay on schedule and help with cost controls moving forward. We'll move to the next one. So the main part of our focus today is on the filtration facility itself and the pipelines that supply it. Since the other part of the program, which is our improved corrosion control facility, was completed in April of last year, and the filtration facility and the associated pipelines are about 15 miles east of the city, just south of oxbow park. If that helps you picture it. And on screen you can see a rendering of the facility, the filtration facility. It's a 135 million gallon per day. Conventional water filtration facility. It's set on about 95 acre parcel that the water bureau purchase it in 1975. And on the right is a map showing approximately seven miles of large diameter pipe and a new inner tie as commissioner Mapps mentioned, over the last few years, the project team has made significant changes to the scopes of these projects to respond to stakeholder ideas and concerns, to

manage costs and to continually focus on what's needed and to be more efficient. Next slide. So a brief history. You did hear a little bit about this from commissioner Mapps, but I want to be clear about the history of these requirements and rules, because there have been some misunderstandings floating around about whether this project truly is mandated. So treatment not necessarily filtration, but treatment for cryptosporidium has been a federal requirement since 2006. And you can see on this timeline, it's part of the long term enhanced surface water treatment or It2 rules. And our monitoring in the watershed through 2014 demonstrated extremely low incidence of cryptosporidium in the watershed below the threshold that treated water systems were allowed to have under It2. We were cleaner than what was coming out of those systems without treatment, and that was key to obtaining the variance to complying with the federal requirement. But as you heard from the commissioner, the increased detections in 2017 can no longer supported that variance and led to a requirement to construct an improved treatment. And again, treatment was required. There are different options for complying with that treatment. So City Council held a work session in August of 2017 to look at those options, including ultraviolet. Or sometimes you'll hear it referred to as uv treatment and then also filtration treatment. And council then passed a resolution to construct filtration due to the significant additional benefits that filtration provides over the single benefit of uv. Uv deactivates. The crypto spyridium so it can't reproduce. That's all it does. Filtration has a lot more benefits that I will go through in just a moment, but with that decision, our regulator, the Oregon health authority, wrote a compliance document for the city to follow. It's known as the bilateral compliance agreement and that document does specify filtration as the approved treatment method. So when you hear talk about what kind of treatment do we need to do what we are, what is in our compliance document is filtration.

And last winter we did see increased detections of cryptosporidium. We've been in discussions with both oha and epa to look at the options until filtration comes online. Oha has also sent us, sent a directive to the city, reinforcing their expectations for us to meet or beat the current schedule. So that's where things stand. Next slide and just a brief digression into the benefits of filtration. As I mentioned, it was the approved method of treatment in 2017 and I think for some very good reasons, filtration will be a key tool for the water bureau and for the city to be able to adapt to climate change and to continually and reliably serve clean drinking water. Those are all goals that we share with the city and the community. And I think the last few years have have continued to reinforce that we have maybe the only true constant is change and that threats to our supply have continued to grow. So we've seen fires at the doorstep of our watershed. We've seen harmful algal blooms as close as salem, although fortunately not yet in our watershed. And then we know that winter rains continue to bring turbidity, some storms that are significant even now to prevent us from using the bull run for days or even weeks. Filtration is the best hedge against emerging contaminants issues that we haven't even seen yet, and filtration will also be seismically resilient and provide us with the opportunity to replace assets that are in poor condition. We also know that that if and when and I'd say it's more when than an if we have interruptions to our water supply, it's the most vulnerable in our community that suffer the most. We certainly saw that in salem with their harmful algal blooms minimizing disruptions with a robust system that anticipates the changes in our environment is the best way to support our community. Obviously, including the businesses, all the customers that depend on our services. As next slide. All right, so as the bull run filtration projects begin to transition from design into construction, we wanted to reflect on how the water bureau and our city partners and our legislative partners are working to help

support this important work. And one of the most critical pieces was done by senator merkley to establish the federal water infrastructure financing and innovation act. We lovingly refer to that as wifia, which provides extremely favorable loan terms and although that's not a grant, the program will save ratepayers almost a quarter of \$1 million and more once we look at a second loan, which cecilia will talk about in just a moment at the loan program, makes it possible to build these general improvements while managing rate impacts and the affordability to customers. Today and I should mention that there are not many federal direct funding. So grant programs that that support drinking water infrastructure in Portland. And however, the project team for these projects has been in partnership with office of government relations, the city budget office and others in the city to continue to investigate and pursue other funding opportunities, big and small, not only for these projects but for other water bureau work that can help us with costs and rates. We're also hiring a consultant to support this work and we work closely with og r and their team of grant specialists and with that, i'll transition over to cecilia, who can talk more about the costs and our funding approach.

Speaker: Thank you, gabe. I'll be covering the costs and the funding of the program so our current estimate program, estimated program costs based on the information that we have now is 351 million, which commissioner had mentioned typekit or 24% higher. We will have more certainty on the cost of the project when we receive the second gmp later this fall. Cost increases are in the direct capital cost. The program has carried a contingency in the program funding plan and with the increase in the program, we are still programmed to have 150 million in contingency. This is there's still definitely a potential for cost to fluctuate further before construction is complete. So contingency is being maintained to manage the

potential for changes going forward to allow us to better manage the fluctuate in construction costs. So why the increase? And the commissioner mentioned these and the largest being, you know, something that you've heard about for every project that's been coming to council escalation in construction costs throughout the pandemic, we had supply chain issues raising the price of materials. We have construction workers leaving the industry. So skilled labor pricing has been going up. The increase in federal funding for infrastructure projects actually means increased competition for what's already very limited resources on materials and laborers that are out there, further driving up the cost of construction. So again, some thing that you have heard multiple times, I'm sure that construction costs in general has gone up. This was actually experienced by tualatin valley water district and the city of hillsboro in their joint willamette water supply project. They actually saw a 46% cost increase within two months time from the time that they had final design to gmp. And this was in late 2021 to early 2022. So but we're definitely still in that environment where construction costs are still escalate. In fact, we learned that pwd adopted a 22% rate increase to continue to support their project. Another factor for the increase is the limited market and competition contributing to the increase to our project cost. There are limited resources. Again contractors and supplies. As far as resources, labor especially in the areas to meet the city's minority inequity contracting goals. So competition is driving up pricing. We have schedule compression. We have to meet the deadline of September 2027. We can't miss that deadline. So that is driving up the cost design progression. So the costs are now more refined as we have actual design of the facility. So those are the key drivers for causing our project costs to be going up. I'm going to digress very briefly on our rates. Commissioner Mapps mentioned that our goal back one slide, please. Our goal is to stay within our rate forecast and so I want to cover what our rate

forecast covers or pays for. Council approved a 7.9% effective rate increase for water for next fiscal year. That is starting next week. Our forecast calls for 8.1% rate increase each year. During this forecast period. And what rate pays rate increase pays for roughly about a third of our rate increases necessary just to maintain our current service level. Covering general inflationary cost increases is covering for salary adjustments that are called for in our contract. Labor contracts. About a third of the rate increases necessary to fund this project that we're talking about, or we'll be issuing revenue bonds every year to support this multi-year project. So a third of the rate increase to support the debt service associated with those bond issues. And about a third of the rate increase is necessary for us to maintain our water infrastructure. So our goal, of course, is to continue to be doing the ongoing replacement and investment in our water system. Again, the rate increase is necessary to support the debt service that will be issuing bonds for our plan, again is to maintain this rate forecast. Even with the increase in the project costs that is our goal. So how are we doing that? We will definitely be centering next slide. Thank you. Water rate affordability and gabe mentioned in 2021 we closed on our wifa alone with our first wifa alone we secured a very low interest rate for the life of the loan, saving our ratepayers about \$247 million. We'll be applying for a second wifa loan wifa will fund up to 49% of the project. So we can expect to secure 172 million of the increase that we're looking at right now through the program. And what's really nice is we are continually being in contact with the wifa program folks and speaking with their program directors. They're very happy to hear that we'll be working with them again. So that's something that we will be doing. Wifa also offers a payment deferral program up to five years after completion of the project. And that's so what that means is that the start of the payment related to the wifa loan will start five years after completion of the project. And that's also when we

can expect our rate increase to be much lower than what we're forecasting in the near term of 8.1. So that will help cover for half of the increase. The other half is we are reviewing our capital program again, something commissioner Mapps has mentioned that we are looking for opportunities there to defer projects is one of them being the willamette river crossing project that otherwise would be competing for the same resource. So it makes a lot of sense for us to just defer that until later to work on. We'll also be looking to slow down on our implementation of the seismic plan we have it currently programed for 30 years to complete the plan. We'll be moving to likely a 40 year implementation plan well within the 50 year that's required by the state. And our goal, of course, even with these changes, to be maintaining our system, that's very important to us to be maintain ing the system that we have in place. But certainly with the change that we will have reduced flexibility, we will have reduced ability to fund emergency work, interagency work that might be coming at us. And then of course, our ability to react to increase failure of our system will be limited.

Speaker: Like what?

Speaker: When you say emergency or new interagency projects that might be coming our way, what are you talking about? So some of those might be odot projects that comes to us.

Speaker: Southwest corridor light rail could start again. We would be challenged to fund a large project like that, but nothing that's currently anticipated. Know anything that we know of. We have currently started.

Speaker: So again, our goal is to maintain rate affordability. We will continue with our financial assistance programs with a dedicated team to assist customers with our low income discount program, including new ramp program that council approved with our rate increase and certainly will be continuing to assist our

customers to establish payment plans that we offer to our customers, especially for those that have fallen behind on their account. So that is our goal, is to maintain rate affordability. That's definitely a priority for the bureau maintaining our rate increase within the forecast that we have laid out that I'm going to turn it over to jodie inman, our chief engineer, to go over the project specifics.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. Again, I'm jodie inman. I'm the chief engineer of the water bureau. Can I have the next slide, please? So I'm going to talk a little bit about what we've been doing this past year and where we're going. What you see before you is the complete alliance agreement schedule. One of the big activities that we accomplished in this past year was we achieved our second compliance milestone of submittal of our 90% construction plans to osha in September. That was a critical milestone and I think it really is demonstrated the city's commitment. The water bureau's commitment to the epa and osha to stay on track with this schedule. We did look at potential. We have been looking at investing, dating, earlier completion. And at this point in time, we don't see that as possible, which really is in fact, we are relying on or we're hoping for a smooth construction process to be able to complete the schedule on time and some of the actions before you today are critical for us to be able to meet that schedule. Next slide, please. Some of the other critical component of us meeting our project schedule, managing costs and working with the communities, the land use process, the bull run treatment projects will be going through land use actions both at Multnomah County and in clackamas county. Much of the work of the past year has been has supported our submittal completeness review and preparation for the land use hearings. There are many technical components that went into these submittals, as you can see for the Multnomah County application alone, there are literally thousands of pages of narratives, applications and supporting documentations. In addition to this, there is

an extensive public input process where we have the opportunity and have had the opportunity to hear from our neighbors and the community about their fear and concerns.

Speaker: This is common.

Speaker: It happens on every large project with this fear of change and the fear of the unknown. So we continue to lean into the strong and diverse community engagement and hope to have and continue to have constructive dialog about opportunities to recognize, mitigate and minimize those fears when possible. We know that construction will be challenging for many as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. We share community, safety's or community's concern for safety and that is why it was a key factor in the selection of our contracting partners. We also know that we can build this project safely and these facilities will allow us to continue to provide safe, clean and reliable water for a million people who live in Multnomah, clackamas and Washington counties. And these will provide a generational benefit for all. We are confident that our land use applications demonstrate compliance with the applicable land use criteria and that we will receive approval. Next slide, please. This project is a new way to shake this. This is a mega project. It's not a large project or a big project. We now call this a mega project and it will challenge the contracting and diverse workforce community. The project team, including the water bureau staff, are contractors, owners, representatives, equity consults and in strong partnership with the city's procurement office. Have been proactively working to increase awareness, encourage participation in and support equity firms to maximize participation of both contractors and a diverse workforce. I cannot emphasize enough the collaboration that has been put into the success of this project and these opportunities. The effort and commitment has been demonstrated through weekly

meetings over the past year and significant outreach to prepare the community. We have all challenged each other and I would like to thank everyone, including biko and kathleen, who's here today, for their leadership and support. We do acknowledge that due to the pure size of this project, that we aren't sure if we'll be able to achieve the increased participation goals that are part of the new procurement regional workforce equity agreement. However we remain fully committed to the goals of these programs as we move through our bidding phase and toward our second guaranteed maximum prices that we will be bringing back later in 2023. And or early 2024. Next slide, please. So not only are these projects significant opportunities for our equity contractors and diverse workforce, these projects have significant benefit to the greater economy, including supporting business as, during and after construction on a previously completed economic study in 2019 indicated that these projects would bring in significant income as well as economic activity to support these projects at the time and again, these numbers are old. So before much of the last few years of inflation, there was over 1.59 billion in economic activity and 4700 or more estimated construction jobs. Our labor and workforce partners as well as equity contractors have been prepped for this work and we are actively bidding packages as we speak. A significant portion of the\$ are targeted toward diverse workforce and equity contractors and these projects will be a lead in the city and community in supporting future fundamental additional living wage jobs and success of equity. Businesses next slide please. And with that, i'll touch briefly again on the reminder of this package that we brought. We're here before you today for we have six actions, including reports that we are requesting, accepting and ordinances for approval for the first two actions are primarily housekeeping. They include the annual report or our update to you on the status of the bull run treatment projects. The second is a no

cost schedule extension for our consultant, providing our project manager and support services brown and caldwell standard contract city contract rules only allow a maximum of five years. So this was a planned extension to that contract and it is in our budget. Next slide, please. The second set of council items are related to key actions to help the water bureau control costs for these projects. These actions will allow the project to be broken into two phase two phases in early works package and a balance of project phase. Breaking the project into two phases are a key tool for us to be able to control the cost and maximize the amount of scheduled time that we can provide to the contractor to construct these facilities. We can't issue for the full scope of work of this package at this time as that would require having land use approval for early works packages allow us to move forward once we have the land use decision with a no regrets scope to stay on schedule and help control costs. This approach allows more time to work with the community on equity contracting goals. As we develop the balance of project gaps that will come back to the council again late or early late this year or early next year. And with that, I conclude our presentation and we are happy to answer any questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps why don't you jump in first?

Speaker: Um, I see commissioner gonzales has his hands up.

Speaker: I will just remind my colleagues on council that I think we have some invited testimony from the Oregon health authority. We can take that testimony either after questions or before we get to why don't we do it first, let's let's go ahead and out of respect for the time of the people who are here to for invited testimony.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps do you have that list?

Speaker: Yeah, I believe that we have the great privilege of inviting hearing from our partners at the Oregon health authority. I think we have andre orso, who is the

Oregon health authority administrator for the center for health protection administrator at. And we also have samina panwar, the Oregon health authority's drinking water services manager. Good to see you.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit our testimony since we have already been introduced. So I'm not going to do that again. So I would just like to start with that saying that Oregon health authority is the primacy agency that enforces federal safe drinking water act in Oregon state and federal rules require systems of public water systems using unfiltered surface water sources such as the bull run watershed to treat for cryptosporidium by 2014. At that time, crypto had not been detected in the bull run over several years of monitoring Portland water bureau requested an oha granted a variance to the requirement to treat for crypto. However however, when crypto was detected in 2017, osha revoked that variance and oac and Portland water bureau entered into a legally binding bilateral compliance agreement. The bca included interim protective measures and a deadline to install filtration. There was a treatment method chosen by Portland water bureau by September 30th, 2027. I just would like to mention that Portland water bureau is the only remaining unfiltered public water system in the nation without a crypto treatment crypto poses a potential public health risk and can cause crypto aspergillosis a serious illness. Symptoms can include diarrhea, vomit, fever and stomach pain, while people with healthy immune system recover without medical treatment. But people with severely weakened immune systems are at risk for more serious disease. Delays in the implementation of the filtration process will result in violation of the compliance schedule, which may lead to significant consequences, such as continuing risks to human health, as well as potential civil penalties for the bureau if crypto is detected and at levels where a boil water

advisory is warranted, the bureau customers will be advised to boil their water until crypto levels return to baseline. Again, this could be brief or for extended period impacting households, restaurants and grocery stores and hospital inls. Portland water bureau provides drinking water to over 1 million people in Oregon, including vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, infant eats and those with compromised immune systems. Portland water bureau must continue to make progress on constructing the filtration plant in order to meet the established schedule in the bca, which is essential to attain compliance with the safe drinking water act. And for protecting public health. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Do you want to ask. Yeah, go ahead.

Speaker: Thank you so much for the context. So the threshold here, looking at this mammoth capital expenditure for the city of Portland is the risk created by cryptosporidium. We recognize there are some other you know, resiliency benefits potentially to this investment for the city of Portland. But to your knowledge, since the testing in 2017, has there been an any recurrence? Has there been consistent recurrence of cryptosporidium detected? And this is much a question for the water bureau, but I was just curious if you knew or was that isolated testing that resulted in those outcomes or is that has there been continuous detection since then?

Speaker: Sure. Yeah. Well, the crypto was recently actually detected a few months ago in winter at a higher than baseline levels and Portland water bureau can speak to that but they have a continuous monitoring of crypto on a weekly basis a few days a week. They monitor for crypto and they we receive those results. But recently we did see as a result result of heavy rains in late fall and winter, there was a high level of crypto detected. Okay

Speaker: And you know, certainly we well not certainly, but a critique of this requirement from the epa that I it's really an epa requirements. I don't expect you

to know the ins and outs of it but I certainly would welcome your thoughts here is whether the agriculturally generated cryptosporidium is the real risk versus something that may be generated in nature. And I just wonder if you can speak to that. What's the again, it's really an epa requirement. I fully recognize that. But that has been one of the critiques of this project that, you know, bull run doesn't have agriculture where this has been deadly. It's been in the context of, you know, agriculture. At least I've heard that critique. I haven't. And I just was curious if you could speak to that. Sure

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez i, I think we recognize that there are differences in the speciation of cryptosporidium, but in the eyes of the environmental protection agency, we they don't see a difference nation. So crypto is crypto to them. And after seeing the levels that we reach or Portland reached this winter, that they're very concerned and they had some conversations with us as the regulator of Portland water bureau and they conveyed those concerns pretty clearly.

Speaker: Got it. And do we have again, I jumped a step there. So we our water system comes from bull run. The assumption is that crypto that's in our water supply when it is there is non agriculture generated. Is that a fair assumption though? I mean based on what you know, I mean, given the full I mean that's my assumption. That's the way it's been explained to me. But it's are you comfortable with that assumption that the crypto is there is not generated from agricultural uses?

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez i, I guess I'm not equipped to debate the, the biology of cryptosporidium. Once again, I think that there is there is a debate there, but in in the eyes of our federal regulators, they they don't see that differentiation

in risk to public health and safety and that is us as the regulator. That is the line that we take as well. And last question there.

Speaker: Is there are are you aware of any national movement to continue that discussion about the relative risk associated with agriculture or non agriculture, crypto?

Speaker: I am not aware of any national discussion. And also when it comes to the regulation, it doesn't really, as andre also said, it doesn't really differentiate what it is for crypto and the treatment regardless of the source of crypto.

Speaker: Got it. I appreciate the answers and commissioner Mapps has certainly have been through this with me a bit, as is the water bureau. So thank you for your answers very good.

Speaker: And why don't we go ahead and finish the invited testimony?

Speaker: Oh, we're we're we're done, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: You're done. Okay. Very good. So I have a commissioner Mapps. Go ahead. Yeah let me I just want to jump in here.

Speaker: If we if we want to pin this down, I can invite water bureau staff back up. But I did want to address a question that commissioner Gonzalez asked, which is, are we seeing crypto in our watershed more often today than we have in the past? And the answer is yes. I'll tell you frankly, if you take a look at the history of crypto, the crypto finding is, you know, even over time it's been very low. In 2017, we had a couple of hot spots, but they were still kind of low. Um, in recent months, actually, it's increased pretty dramatically. Uh, I could really understand based on, you know, pre, let's say 2019 data being a little bit skeptical about the need to treat for crypto. But given the patterns we're seeing now, um, I am objectively convinced that it actually this is a growing problem that needs to be addressed and the water bureau

could, if we want to really been the state, we could invite water bureau staff up. But I just wanted to share that. And mr. Mayor, i'll just hand it back to you now.

Speaker: Yeah, I just have a general concern.

Speaker: I see the need for this project and I've always been a little bit confused about the cryptosporidium imperative here. I'm actually more persuaded by the need for filtration for some of the other risks that were mentioned by staff, and we saw the bull run watershed come perilously close to conflagration just a few years ago and there is always the risk of a major landslide and none of us like to discuss that possibility. But it happens in parts of the world on active volcanoes, which mt. Hood happens to be. And so, you know, I see the value here. But I would be remiss if I didn't say that at some point this project no longer becomes feasible, given an that the burden is being paid by the ratepayers and I wonder where is the federal government? This is a federal mandate. Why aren't they bearing some of the cost of this project ? Why is the cost of this project being borne exclusively by local ratepayers? And I appreciate this is in no way to discredit the great work of sen merkley and others who have extended a low cost loan, but saying, hey, you have to do this and we'll extend you the loan at a lesser rate than you'd pay for a market rate loan isn't it really be that helpful to our ratepayers who are going to see the entire burden of what is now \$1 billion project out? We're where are we in terms of being aggressive with the federal government? Isn't sure in helping to bear some of this burden along with our ratepayers.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler. I certainly appreciate that concern and it is a very real concern for citizens of the city of Portland. I would say that there are opportunities available for low interest loans. I cannot comment on what would be specifically available for the city of Portland as far as anything beyond low interest loans, aka grants. However, we do have a process for loan and grant assistance through our

state revolving loan fund and that, but that is available statewide for systems that are in need for infrastructure improvements across the state of Oregon. We have had additional funding from the federal government, from the bipartisan bipartisan infrastructure law that provides us an additional tens of millions of dollars over the next five years to bolster this state revolving loan fund. However, I have to reiterate again that this is for the entire state of Oregon and the entire state of Oregon is also it's de minimis.

Speaker: Yes. Relative to the cost. I appreciate it. And I agree with you. And you're right to point that out. But let's be honest, it's de minimis and so the question I have, I'm concerned that that. 24% in just one year and nobody sees the labor market going back to the way it was, was a few years ago. Anytime soon, particularly if in skilled trades and this entire project is being built by skilled trades. My concern is the 24% becomes another 24% next year and then another 24% the year after that. It and my question is, what's our fail safe? At what point do we pull the plug if the cost becomes too high.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I don't think I can answer that question for you, for the for the because our ratepayers aren't going to just indefinitely be able to pony up.

Speaker: And I understand, you know, we don't control those costs. It's inflation, it's market driven. But I just have to express that concern that the rapid escalation of the cost of our largest ever capital construction project is extremely alarming.

Speaker: We recognize those concerns, of course, and but we all have very unique roles in this whole process. And our role as a regulatory agency is to implement and of course, we, as andre also mentioned, we do have state revolving fund and bipartisan infrastructure law funding, but that amount compared to the price tag on this project is nothing. Basically, even if we provide some level of support to the project. So so, so the first time we heard this presentation and I'm not even sure

any of my colleagues were here, I was shocked to find out that the pipes were not included.

Speaker: It is every thing now included here is this I'm seeing head nods in the back. Yes. Yes. Everything is now included. There are no other additional ancillary costs that could be wrapped up into the cost of this project that I have not been made aware of.

Speaker: Hi mayor. Again jodie inman chief engineer. Thank you. We have included all of the components of the work in this project. The only thing we have are unknown unknowns is so we could always encounter something as we begin to dig, we could always encounter something as we do tunneling, we could always also have something come out of the land. Use process that we are currently in the middle of. That is why we have continued to include the contingency in this project, even though we have achieved 100% design. So we are pretty we are confident in what it is we're building. We recognize that there are still unknowns and we are requesting the funding to be able to continue that contingency, to help us be able to address those.

Speaker: And I appreciate that and thank you for your forthrightness on this. And last but not least and we'll move to public testimony, we just extended the control of our federal lobbyist in my opinion, they happen to be very good and they are very well connected. And I would really encourage urge you all to reach out to them and frankly, ask them to start putting the heat on the federal government, because I cannot believe we are the only jurisdiction glisan experiencing ing significant bleed out on our cost estimates as a result of inflation.

Speaker: We are not the only jurisdiction. I think one of the things you see is a lot of infrastructure financing has been to what is visible. The transportation network see bridges, failing, roads failing your buried systems, sewer or storm water are

typically less easy to see the asset condition deteriorate. Glisan I think there have been several national and local well, not local, thankfully. National events of the past few years that are really starting to raise awareness. Some of those utilities aging and needing investment as well. It's just now we need the federal government to help support that increased awareness. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you. Any commissioner Mapps did you have another comment?

Speaker: Yeah. Mr. Mayor, I want to state for the record that I share your concern and frankly, your frustration. I do want to reassure you and other members of council that we have been in dialog with government relations around this matter. Indeed even earlier this month I was in Washington, dc, where I met with our local congressional delegation on to talk about several projects that are important to the city of Portland including this one. And i'll also be transparent. Right now there is no silver bullet coming out of Washington at this moment to fix this, but we will continue to maintain that conversation with our partners in Washington. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate that. Public testimony. How many folks do we have signed up?

Speaker: We have three people signed up. All right. First up is robert butler.

Speaker: Twice in one day. Thank you for being here. Before I start, I'm going to ask for 1.5 minutes, as in addition to three minutes, because the last time I was before City Council, you probably know where it was.

Speaker: The person before me went long and the bell ringer made it up for that by cutting me in less than half of my testimony. Okay, i'll tell you what, since we only have three people all we will give all three of you for minutes.

Speaker: How's that for a compromise?

Speaker: 4.5 minutes for you're on. Go so well. I was glad. I was really relieved to hear some questions from City Council. Just appointed that the commissioner is having terrible luck in Washington dc and so I'm going to say, first of all, it's all hands on deck. That's all hands on deck to put pressure on Washington, dc. Okay, so, so yeah, I really wish we had a better report, not a terrible report from home health authority authority. No facts, no figures, no charts. No no statistics, no lab results. Just it's important. So so that's too bad. And I think they owe us a report. I thought they owe us a reexamination of where we are today and the results of the tests today. I'll give you an example. Crypto very common in the united states. Do you know that? Very common when all common 700,000 cases a year. What is the medication for or treatment for crypto? Do nothing. You don't take medication. You don't do anything wrong because it just goes away. God takes care of it. Yeah. They mentioned if you were had aids and crypto, you're going to have diarrhea for maybe the rest of your life. If someone going to die in Oregon because of crypto and the water for the best watershed in the united states, is someone going to die? Well, if you look at the percentage, 700,000 people at 3.2 million population of the united states states and the fact that Portland water bureau is only a million people, the chances of someone dying in the united states, well, there will be only be 1000 cases of it in the state of Oregon. So the chances of someone dying. Zero essentially only zero. So what is the point? What our health authority is the one that revoked us. Good god, what was the first thing that governor ketok, what's her name? Kate tok dead when she became in office. What was the first thing she did ? She fired. She fired him. That incompetent was fired. And they come here and they expect my credibility. I hope not. So they got a lot more to show now. Now way too much reliant upon them all. Hands on deck. This is a huge waste. This is not our first rodeo. So. Do you remember retsin brettton? That's why all our reservoirs are

out of water. Retsin was a poison that all this reservoir work was for. And the most stupid idea in the united states. No one in Oregon has ever died or will die of retsin no matter what. This is not our first rodeo. So I'd go on this report is incomplete. Thank you, sir. We need better analysis and we need the facts and the figures. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next individual, please.

Speaker: Uh, next up, we have carrie richter.

Speaker: Carrie, four minutes. Name for the record, please.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Honorable mayor and commissioners. My name is carrie richter. I'm a long time land use attorney who's represent the cottrell cbo, the recognized clackamas county neighbor hood association of roughly 2000 households and over 200 farmers and business owners whose livelihood and livability will be devastated by the Portland water bureau. Proposed improvements. What the water bureau failed to disclose is that the process for obtaining land use approval for this project has only just not begun. This project is located almost entirely on high value farmland and multiple use agricultural land that is protected under state and local land use laws for farm and forest uses as a result, this development is not permitted as a matter of right, but can be approved only where demanding condition or use criteria are satisfied. And these criteria favor protection for farmers. As this project was mentioned, also spans two counties requiring two separate discretionary conditional use review processes before hearings. Officers in both Multnomah County and clackamas county. The initial hearing for the Multnomah County review will start this Friday as a preview farm protection groups from around the state will be testifying in opposition to the detrimental impacts this facility will have on the highest quality and most productive agricultural land in the state of Oregon. It's the nursery stock industry,

one of the state's most lucrative activities. Farm farming activity. The clackamas county review, which has yet to start, has been placed on indefinite hold, meaning that the city is months away, at least from getting approval. Both of these county decisions are appealable to the land use board of appeals, which will is are appealable to the land use board of appeals, which review typically takes 5 or 6 months. I believe a strong case can be made for asking luba to stay all all future construction pending review. Given the irreparable damage construction of this scale will have on the farming economy. According to the public water Portland water bureau, current program funding needs have increased by about 24% from the 1.483 billion to 1.839 billion, which is coupled with the 116 million spent so far for the new grand total will be 1.955 billion. This total does not include additional costs imposed by conditions of approval for the two county land use reviews, attorney fees or costs associated with this delay, the cmc contracts provide for site preparation and earthwork to begin on September 1st at and the risk contingency provides that any delays in this schedule will be solely the response ability of the owner. I understand that these work deadline nils can't be missed and they are likely reverse engineered to meet the terms of the 2017 bilateral compliance agreement with the Oregon health authority. But by the plain terms of the agreement, this agreement is renegotiable. While it is a bilateral agreement, it can be renegotiated to provide a different solution. At the very least, the unknown cost and time with associate with obtaining the necessary land use approvals that will fall entirely on the city. Demand delaying execution of any further construction commitments at this time. I thank you very much for your time and attention. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have david shapiro online. Welcome. Hello. This is david shapiro.

Speaker: I am a resident of Lusted Road. I will be directly affected by the construction of this project. But my main concern for addressing you, Mayor Wheeler, and honored Commissioner Kors is the gargantuan waste of money that is going to happen. And then the unspoken environmental impact waiting and not only the construction of this facility, but how they plan on executing the continual maintenance because nobody is addressing the fact that these caking chemicals that are going to need to be imported to filter this water, they're going to come on a boat, they're going to come to the port of San Diego. They're probably going to be made in China. Think of the environmental impact of the continual delivery of these gigantic boats bringing over the caking agents so that it could be trucked up from the port of San Diego to Portland and then driven on country roads that cannot support the weight and the amount of vehicles, all hours of the day and night. I will be speaking on Friday to the impact on the animals themselves, which nobody has brought up because lots of animals will die. Elk, bobcat, mountain lions. You name it, they're all there. I have lots of proof of that. But again, I want to speak to the continual maintenance of the caking agent and then when it is spent, it will be taken to Pendleton to a dump out there. So again, the environmental impacts of the continual trucking needed to maintain these contracts that they are so worried won't be fulfilled. Maybe everybody does need to go back to the drawing board, refigure this thing. There's a way to build it. There's a way to do it. And it's a lot cheaper and it's a lot more environmentally efficient. And it probably is the I don't know why that was thrown out in the first place that is the end of my testimony. I thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Colleagues, any further questions on any of these six items at this point? Mayor I only have one commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: This is back to the water bureau. So in looking at the three major contributions to cost growth, the identified, it looks like we're looking at about \$351 million. Delta inflation in contract tracing practices. And there was a third one. I just wanted to I think your pie chart kind of told the story, but I'm just trying to get a picture of those three main factors as what rough cully what are what's the order of importance on driving on the cost changes.

Speaker: So commissioner, the, the largest piece of the increase relates to the construction cost increase. Okay. And then we have competition limited market availability, and we also have schedule compression. So the deadline and then of course with design now that we have design, we're finding that the cost is higher than what we had originally estimated. So those are the four pieces that contributed to the increase. Largest again being the cost increase to the cost of construction. Okay

Speaker: And I make sure that we're comparing apples to apples. There was, I think early in the presentation there was a reference to three different contributions. Inflation essentially equity contracting, and there was a third one that was a little bit more conceptual. It was, I thought, that predated the pie chart, but no, those were there for.

Speaker: Okay, yeah, okay.

Speaker: And I guess the question is, is there elements of that that are discretion at the cities? You know, we can't control inflation. Put that in its own bucket. But are there other procurement required amounts that are self-imposed, that are material contributors to these overall costs as well as the increase in costs issue?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez so thank you for your questions. Related to this. We do and are actively trying to figure out how to control the cost of the work. Part of the effort that we've done has been a significant amount of outreach with the contracting community and I would say that one thing that we have noted is it really is competition across all contracting, all skilled contractors, all labor equity is a particularly tight equity contracting, a particularly tight component of that. But it is not limited to just that pool of contractors. So it's really difficult to say. What we really do know and do have some evidence and I think we had it in our slide presentation on what really makes brings the cost of a project down is the number of bidders. So if you have multiple bidders on the project, but then your costs will be lower. If you have a single bidder on a project, you're going to pay a 15 to 20% estimate premium over what your cost would be. So those are the factors that we have come to identify as part of moving into the 90 and the current estimated construction cost is the acknowledged that there are just not that many folks out there that can do this work. And so we're expected to have or anticipating the potential for a limited response to some of our bid packages, which is why the work that has been put into to increase that to find bid packages that are going to be marketable will increase the participation or component of it. Have been so critical in this past year. The equity in contracting is a component of that, but we won't really know. And I think one of the key pieces of breaking the work up is it allows us the biggest cost will be with the balance of the work, the balance of project. We will have time some of that work is already going out to the bidding community, so we will have time to reflect on the participate glisan and the response we get and then work with the contract and community, work with city procurement, work with you all to sort of have that conversation then about where we're at, where we think we can achieve and the potential trade offs related to that. But at this point in time, if

we get a robust, we're hoping that we'll get a robust response and that won't be a factor. Okay

Speaker: I appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Very good. Any further questions? Thoughts, comments? S with that then, did you have something? Dan yeah, go ahead.

Speaker: Sorry that I came late. Are we bundling all these together?

Speaker: No, we have to vote on them separately.

Speaker: Well, I know that part, but are the topics blended together? You know, sometimes the topics blend together, and then we vote quickly. We I'm not sure I'm following. Maybe I could ask. Yeah

Speaker: Mr. Thank you, commissioner Mapps sure.

Speaker: Let me jump in here today. So what we're going to do, we have four reports today, right? 361 or no, 561 five, 62, 565 and five, 66 or vote. So are the work before us for the remainder of the day is to vote on accepting those four reports and then we have two items that will move to second readings. 563 and 564. Okay

Speaker: That's helpful because some of my questions might be in the other ones. Yeah. All right. I think when I was listening to what you were saying, I was preparing myself. You said it's hard to find in the market that minority contract hours for this work. Is that what you were saying?

Speaker: I think, you know, the there's so much work that's being targeted and especially as you move to the regional type efforts that's focused at the firms and infrastructure in particular is an area where I know we're really hoping to see some success come out of the cap and other funding programs to really grow equity contractors in those arenas, because it does tend to be an area that can be challenging to find a deep pool. But I know that's been part of why it's been so

critical to work with the cpo, our chief procurement office and fair contracting forum, all of those to build that pool.

Speaker: Okay. Well, the comment here then is that because, as it was mentioned, this is our largest project ever and it's approaching 2 billion, it looks like, and we've talked since I've been here a lot about the importance. And we obviously need to do a lot of extensive outreach to land that. So it's more of a comment, but I just wanted to not put words in your mouth, but just make sure I was present for that moment. Okay? Yeah. Sorry I missed the beginning of your presentation. All the other questions I appreciated that were asked. Thanks great.

Speaker: Item number 561, a report. I will accept a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moves commissioner Mapps moves.

Speaker: Can I get a second?

Speaker: Second?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan. Well thank you all for this report that I walked into.

Speaker: It was well done and I know you've also met with me on a Friday a couple of weeks ago at 430 and it was apparent that the cost overruns were obviously out of our control in many respects. I thought the testimony that really did talk about all hands on deck with the federal pers, obviously everyone was celebrating the infrastructure bill passage and we think we have a good case to make here. So commissioner Mapps know that we're all here at least I know that I'm here to work with you in any way I can to help with that. We know that the upgrade of this infrastructure is so important. I know one can think of a more important asset than having clean water, and it's also Portland playing to its strengths since we're so fortunate to have this in our backyard and this project needs to keep moving along, I don't want to get in the way of it. I vote. I

Speaker: Gonzalez, I vote.

Speaker: I maps.

Speaker: I want to thank staff and our invited guest for their testimony today. I also really appreciate the dialog that we have had with members of council. I do want to reassure council and the people of Portland that I will continue to work with the water bureau and especially our federal partners to try to leverage resources to support this mission critical project vote. I reveal.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Mapps and director ulmer and the team at the water bureau for this presentation on. I want to appreciate all the complexities of this project and I also want to acknowledge the work and the problem solving that you all have done for hours and hours that has gone into addressing all of these issues, especially the cost overrun. This is really a critical piece of our infrastructure and we have a commitment to meeting these requirements and so we need to move forward on the project. So I'm here to be a partner. We'll also continue hoping that we find unexpected new ways to mitigate the financial impact of this. And I'm hopeful that the measures laid out today will allow the city to get started and secure contracts so that we keep our costs contained. So also just would appreciate continued updates on the progress as we continue moving forward. So with that, I vote I Wheeler. I vote i.

Speaker: The report is accepted next item, please. 562. Also a report. Can I get a motion to accept it?

Speaker: So moved commissioner Mapps moves.

Speaker: Can I get a second? Second commissioner Ryan seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi, Gonzalez.

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

Speaker: If the report is accepted. Item 563 is a first reading of anonymous urgency ordinance. It moves to second reading item five 564, please. Is a. Read 564. Sorry

Speaker: Do you want me to read it again?

Speaker: Yeah. Mr. Mayor, I think that's a second reading. No it's a first reading.

Speaker: But don't you have to.

Speaker: Whatever. I read it as part of save time.

Speaker: 564 is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. 565 is a report. Can I entertain a motion to accept it?

Speaker: So moved five, six.

Speaker: I have a motion from commission. Commissioner Mapps to accept 565. Which is a report. Can I get a second, second, second from commissioner Ryan? Any further discussion? Mayor?

Speaker: Clarification 565. Is that five?

Speaker: Six five is the first reading of an emergency ordinance that's been moved to second reading.

Speaker: So it's not acceptance of report. This

Speaker: That's 565 is an acceptance of a report. We now have a motion from commissioner Mapps and a second from commissioner Ryan. Any further discussion on. So to clear five, six, five, it's a report, it's been motioned, it's been seconded. Is there any further discussion on five, six, five.

Speaker: I think I'm clarified very good. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan hi, Gonzalez.

Speaker: Bear with me one second. I vote I Mapps. Hi, Rubio.

Speaker: Hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: My previous speech still stands. I won't make it again. I vote i. The report is accepted. And last but not least, five, six, six. Also report. Can I get a motion to

accept it? So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Ryan second. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Hi, Gonzales. Hi. Mapps hi, Rubio hi, Wheeler. I the report is accepted.

Speaker: Please read five, six, seven. Amend public order and police code to add provisions regulating the consumption of controlled substance.

Speaker: Ashes on public property.

Speaker: Colleagues, I'll be pulling this item back to my office. But first I want to share for some context behind this decision use of illicit drugs in public spaces especially dangerous and highly deadly substances like fentanyl create significant public safety and public health issues in Portland, while measure 110 is challenged the way cities across the state address drug use, I believe that the city of Portland has an obligation to do what we can to protect our community. Now, the six week walk out at the Oregon state legislature stalled the passage of numerous bills, including house bill 2645, which was an important bill for the city of Portland. This bill gives local law enforcement important tools to better address open drug use in our city. With the legislature stalled and the police bureau and I were increasingly concerned that little to no action might be possible to respond to Portland substance abuse crisis with the urgency needed. Accordingly, this week I plan to propose an amendment to the city code in Portland that would prohibit the consumption of a controlled substance in public spaces, hoping to address a loophole in measure 110, this ordinance would have likely been challenged because of an arcane state statute potentially limiting the authority of local government to create laws regarding the public use of drugs. Nonetheless, I was willing to take that fight to the courts if necessary, based on the advice of legal counsel. Fortunately, in the last days of the legislative session, the legislature was able to move forward and

pass house bill 2645, which makes possession of fentanyl a misdemeanor crime across the state. Punishable by a fine in excess of \$6,000 or a prison term. Up to a year. Moreover, the legislature, given its broader authority, was able to make possession the standard, whereas at the city level we could only make use of the standard possession is a broader standard in consultation with local law enforcement as well as our city attorney. We believe that hb 2645 addresses our primary concerns about the public health crisis unfolding on our streets, and it restores necessary law enforcement tools that were envisioned in the ordinance that I had proposed. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to pass an ordinance at the local level, and I will be withdrawing my proposed ordinance. The city will instead focus on effectively implementing hb 2645. I applaud our state leadership for approving hb 2645. I expect this change will positively impact the city of Portland by expanding local law enforcement's abilities to make Portland both safer and healthier. For as would have been the case with a local ordinance enforcement of the state law will take time and patience as we work to continue restaffing the Portland police bureau. I'm equally committed to increasing resources and support for our partners to better connect Portlanders to much