



March 8, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:30 am

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

Item 190 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Commissioner Rubio returned at 10:08 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:52 a.m.

Council adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Communications

181

[Request of Frank Blackston to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village](#) (Communication)

Document number: 181-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Peter Blackston to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village](#) (Communication)

Document number: 182-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Julie McConnell presented to Council for Item 182.

183

[Request of Michael Galizio to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village](#) (Communication)

Document number: 183-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Evelyn MacPherson presented to Council for Item 183

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[Request of Allison Rockwell to address Council regarding the importance of honest and informed health care workers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 184-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Elizabeth Adams to address Council regarding property safety concerns](#) (Communication)

Document number: 185-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

186

[Appoint members to the Independent Salary Commission for terms to expire August 31, 2023](#) (Report)

Document number: 186-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

187

[Authorize Request for Proposal and contract agreements for the Vehicle Towing and Storage Services and Abandoned Vehicle Towing and Storage Services](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191207

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

188

[Proclaim March 2023 to be Women's History Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 188-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

189

[*Authorize sixty-five month lease extension with Columbia Square, LLC for Office of Management and Finance Revenue Division office space at 111 SW Columbia St through October 31, 2028 for an average of \\$786,738 annually \(amend Contract 10066\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191191

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

190

[Authorize contract with Farber Specialty Vehicles to purchase two police Mobile Command Center vehicles not to exceed \\$1,600,000](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

Item 190 was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be referred.

191

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Aldena Apartments located at 4636 N Albina Ave](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191192

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

192

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Powell Heights located at 3320 SE 90th Pl](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191193

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

193

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Transportation for the Washington Park South Entry Redesign Project for \\$560,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191194

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 176.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

194

[*Grant revocable permit to Portland Saturday Market, Inc. to use portions of SW Ankeny St and SW 1st Ave for market operations and to close portions of SW Ankeny St, SW 1st Ave, and SW/NW Naito Pkwy during certain hours](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191195

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

195

[Proclaim March 8, 2023 to be Islamic Heritage Day](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 195-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

196

[Appoint members to the Fair Housing Advisory Committee for terms to expire April 1, 2025](#) (Report)

Document number: 196-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

197

[Accept bid of T-Edge Construction for the Farragut Parks Improvements project for \\$1,738,000 \(Procurement Report - Bid 00002008\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 197-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

198

[*Pay settlement of Dominique Bouchard bodily injury lawsuit for \\$55,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191196

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

199

[*Authorize contract with Just Bucket Excavating, Inc. for the ADA Accessible Sidewalk Rebid Project for \\$1,122,180 \(Bid 00002033\) \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191197

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

200

[*Authorize financial assistance grant agreements in support of the Clean Air Construction Program for five years not to exceed \\$100,000 per year](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191198

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

201

[Authorize water revenue bonds to finance water system capital improvements not to exceed \\$425 million and to refund outstanding water revenue bonds](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191199

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Second reading agenda item 178.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

202

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the NE 6th Dr Pump Station Upgrade Project for an estimated amount of \\$4,540,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191206

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading March 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Order

203

[Reassign City departments, bureaus and liaison duties as stated in Mayor Executive Order dated March 7, 2023](#)

(Ordinance)

Document number: 191190

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Disposition: Executive Order

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Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Good morning, everyone. This is the Wednesday March 8th 2022 morning sessions, Portland's City Council Keelan 2023, please call the roll. Good morning. Rubio here, Ryan Gonzales. Here here here. Now we'll hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Good morning. Good morning. 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's 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, a timer will indicate when your time is done disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others, testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. Testifier is joining virtually please un mute yourself

once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you. First up is communications first item 181 request of frank blackstone to address council regarding northwest nato parkway safe rest village. Hey everybody. Do you want to click sound check and you hear me loud and clear and we see you as welfare and good morning. Great. Thank you. Good morning, everybody. Thanks for allowing me to speak. I hope I keep this under three minutes. My name is frank claxton. I live in the pearl area. November 30th last year me and for my neighbors presented to you about about our opposition's the proposed srv and northwestern nato and the reasons why I'm here again to remind you that it does. We support shelters, and when I say the word shelter, I'm using a very broad term, uh, basically not housing first. We need shelters. We do need a surveys we need, uh, the concept is sanctioned campsites. Up but a little barrier shelters and residential neighborhoods are not working. Uh we're not mendis, which I know people like to throw that word around. Never mind everybody. We already have a shelter in our neighborhood. We have the horrible of hope navigation center. Shelters provided vital service. But our experience with the shelter has proven the city and county cannot and will not ensure the safety livability and security. Sorry sorry safety security and with the ability of the neighborhoods around shelters. When we contact the county led issues. They point to the city. When we go to you, you point to the county. There's a matter of fact that are November. 30th presentation. I think, mayor you came into this. They're like, yeah, it's everybody's pointing at each other up, so there's no one to help the neighborhood when we have issues. Is that it? That's a major concern. Up the good neighborhood very much. I mean, I don't know I was gonna be blind. It's not worth the paper that it's printed on. It's unenforceable. It's in effect. And now you want to put it s ivy right next to that existing shelter. Yeah we can't absorb another one. We just can't. We don't. We don't have the capacity for it and it's we've

seen this movie before. We know how it ends up. We've had no choice but to get a petition started against the srj. We have over 800 signatures delivered this petition to see the council up. Even our neighborhood association has issued a resolution against the srj for these concerns. It's not just our neighborhood. Other neighborhoods are having the same issue and all these concerns look at the arbor lodge shelter in north ireland and imprints in the orlando week article. When they're having serious issues there. He points to the county and the county points to the city. Meanwhile the neighborhood suffers the southwest nato srj dates, serious concerns that neighborhood serious concerns and had a reasonable request while the camera was responsible for that request. They're sitting. You still allow them to cite that srj there and open it up without those requests being mad at from my I don't want to put words in anybody else's not. But there's other residents from montavilla that are about to speak their some of the same constraints. It is not just our neighborhood. So summary, try to wrap it up. Past behavior is the best indicator of future performance. We don't see anything has changed where you're just trying to introduce more issues into a neighborhood. The neighborhood already has a shelter. Do not cite the northwest do not put the proposed srj northwest nato. One last statement. I do feel like the city. You bear a lot of the blame for issues that the county believe that but you do have a responsibility. Don't cite more shelters until you're on the county get on the same page neighborhoods where shelters deserve better. I hope I need sense. Thank you for my time. Thank you, frank. Appreciate your being here. Next individual, please 182. Request of peter blackstone to address council regarding northwest nato parkway safe rest village. Peter good morning. I am so sorry. I'm jumping in. I need a request to swap peter blackstone's spot without evelyn or julia. They should be present there. Understand? I was told we can make this request here to swap

spots. We're just past the cut off. Um, is one of them present? Yes. Yeah. Come come on up, then, um, just just one because we only have the five slots come up together and share the time if you'd prefer thank you. And figured, just introduce yourselves for the record. My name is julie. Thank you. Press and social media as we know has published information about sanctions camps considered in the montavilla neighborhood. Three sites have been mentioned within 18 blocks or less of one another. Information given from the media says that the city has been in conversation. With the volunteers of America. Seeking the use of their building at 8815, northeast glisan. The v o a issued a statement. That these discussions remain preliminary. And no agreement has been signed. Personal email to me. From the video a says that no plans have been made, however. Other conversations with the voa indicate their board is currently working with the city of Portland. Now whatever the actual details are, whatever the actual plans are, you have made clear that you intend to put camps in Portland neighborhoods. Illegal campaign. Will now be called sanction camping. The site on glisan, owned by the volunteers of America that you're considering the use of is across from a school and a church. It borders. Condos owned by elderly people and an apartment complex. It is right next to homes. It is down the street from a park and a community center. And one house away from Multnomah university. Our Portland's neighborhoods suffer from shootings, toxic waste. Profoundly ill drug addicts fires we, just in fact, evelyn, I just drove by a fire underneath the bridge this morning. A severe lack of police protection and response, virtually no access to drug treatment by those who seek it. And the closure of businesses that can no longer survive with rampant shuffle shoplifting. And so our question is how the sanction camping. Contribute to the livability of our neighborhoods. I have been a resident of the montavilla neighborhood for more than 40 years. We and by we I mean I and several people

who have talked to businesses and neighbors in the area. I would like the city to talk to us about sanctioned camps within neighborhoods. We are initiating a conversation. We want clarification from the city. And the county on what they intend to do with these properties. I am asking the city and the county to communicate with the community. Prior to making their plans. We are meeting on March 18th one to three p.m. At the columbia christian school at 9101 east for inside st you are invited mayor were Wheeler. You received an invitation last week. Have you looked at your calendar? Are you available, so I don't know if I'm available, but I want to be very clear. I'm focusing my time and attention on the service hubs, which is a completely different model that we're pursuing. And i'll let you finish the time that that you have. No, that's okay. But I want to be very clear. My intention is to work with the community prior to it being announced. In fact, we just bobby do we just send out yesterday? Flyers for one of the locations that we will likely use or considering that we hope we can use but we haven't even announced it to the press yet we have announced it, however, to people in the immediate area and we hope to meet with them and get their input and feedback. Okay well, we will have a confirmation inmate at the end of your presentations. Collectively he may have more to say about srv. Yeah so on March, 18th will be having the meeting. Regardless we do hope that the county and the city will attend. Neighbors will be there. We have put out 5000 door hangers. We've talked to a lot of businesses and neighbors and they really want to have a conversation about this. I appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you. Are you gonna next? Individual please 183 request of michael gallizio to address council regarding northwest nato parkway safe breast village, and I believe evelyn mcpherson. I was going to prison for this. Is that you? Yeah come on up. If you want. Great terrific. Apparently you signed up. Thank you. I wasn't sure actually glad you got a chance to speak. My name is evelyn mcpherson

and I also live in the montavilla neighborhood, um, quite close to the base of mount tabor and we have people ranging from very affluent to very low income to very diverse area of town and people are very upset as as julie mentioned, we've handed out a bunch of door hangers and spoken to a lot of neighbors to the local businesses, including stark street pizza, who was very alarmed that they were going to be so close to all three of them. Um my children attend a jujitsu location at um, that intersection of stark in 92nd, and they will be just 10 blocks from one of the camps. And so it's very concerning for those of us who live very close by a live one block from the one that will be at the view a location if that goes through, um, but it's one of those things where the conversation prior meaning, like even before the view was contacted, the neighborhood would like to know that that was even being considered. Because what we know from you what we've heard from the City Council is that you're not going to put them near parks. And don't worry, it won't be right by your house. But this is quite literally adjacent to people's homes. It is. Backed onto a condominium with elderly it is backed onto a parking lot where they share uh, little ledge between them and housing with children. People are very concerned about what's happening already at that site, even with it being unoccupied, there have been multiple fires there. People have camped overnight left all kinds of debris, toxic waste. I currently have a camp on burnside in the very entry of columbia christian school. All along, burnside. There's a bunch of rvs. They're they're behaving themselves this time around, but it's the same campers that ran their, uh, generators all night long that have left their their stuff you know, on the sidewalks that have blocked access to the side block block access to that bus stop. And that's a safe route to a school. When I called 311, they said. There's no way that there should be a camp there. We've cleared it. When they clear it 48 hours later, they come back. The largest break that we've had in 2.5 to 3 years has

been two weeks. So there's no relief because these people leave their rvs and they come into the neighborhood and they steal from us. It's not. They're not neighborly. These aren't our neighbors. They're not people that ever lived in our area, and I've talked to numerous people that are camped around us, and they're not even from here. They're from there from other places, and I just want to close with the good neighbor agreement that I read online. I was absolutely shocked that that the wording is just so useless. Good neighbor agreements are unofficial documents on your website that outlined a set of guidelines between a business and another party neighbors, neighborhood associations, businesses and associations and other businesses. G and s are not legal by of Portland and they are not enforceable by the city of Portland's staff. As a community member or business agenda is a tool for having a conversation for concerns and expectations, then coming to an agreement on whatever issues arise. I know how this goes because I know people that live near these s rvs you call them and tell them a concern. They say they've talked to their staff, and they say it's fine. That's how it goes. So thank you for your time. Thank you. Appreciate it next individual, please 184 request of allison rockwell to address council regarding the importance of honest and informed healthcare workers before we do that. Commissioner Ryan wanted to talk to the srv issues. Thank you for all of you testified. Well first of all, for the one specific srv testimony was 1 81, frank. Thank you for coming back to the diocese and coming in front of us and giving your point of view. We hear you. We, uh we are well aware that the good neighbor agreement with the provider of harbor of hope, um hasn't been strong over the last year. And. We keep working together the city and the county to make the good neighbor agreements. Um resourced. First of all, they weren't resourced in the past selected do that. That was in the bump. Not last year, but the year before. And I can report that the s rvs that we've opened in Multnomah village. And

in southwest nato and also um, they're working when we're getting good reports of the cooperation because it takes cooperation to make good neighbor agreements work from the provider. To the systems that exist in the city and the county. So you're right to say our history is body between the city and the county on good neighbor agreements were in a crisis and we're figuring out how to continue to improve. And that's what we're doing right at this moment. And so I appreciate your feedback on what is going on in perl? We're listening. And we well have four open soon and we'll have to. We have three more to go. So we have four open now, and we have a few more to go and we will keep re sourcing the good neighbor agreements. We will keep building this system. That is a cooperation between the provider and the systems of the city and the county. And you're right. We have to make them good, and I appreciate the other testimony that was stated today because we have to continue to have transparency about the good neighbor agreements. And they are important because as a city we're in a crisis. And we've got to figure out how to have shared sacrifice and shared commitment. Getting our city to get our city to move forward, and it's proving already that these on ramps with services are actually working and that people are getting into permanent housing, and they're doing much better when they get into permanent housing by having a chance to have a place to be safe and to receive services. It's a very humane way to help people move from chronic homelessness to actually having sustained housing. So we're on the right track. As we keep building the system. I really appreciate the 50 support that we had at the very beginning of this. This sustained support. And mayor. I know that you and the chair are now the two point people on homelessness. I do know that two of the shelters are talking about our county shelters that perhaps or in your weekly meetings or biweekly means with the chair. And so that's an example where the county's running two of those out in

montavilla, and the other one is discussions that have been taking place. Well, look, I'm going to be honest, I have nothing to do with those particular sites at all that being said. Somebody's got to take a leadership role. So March 18th, I'll be there. And I will hear what people have to say. I see a lot of smiling because I actually predict it will be a very wild and interesting evening, but I will be there. I'm not afraid to be there and listen to people. A couple of quick thoughts, number one. This is a conversation that's taking place in many urban cities all across America. I just got back from Coral Gables, there was a meeting of mayors from around the country. This was just this last weekend. We're all talking about exactly the same issues number two. Our publics are heavily divided. Even then, this room if you could sit where I'm sitting right now, you can see people are of two very different general views on this there. Are those who are concerned about community safety and livability. There are those who are worried about a humane approach to ensuring that people can get connected to whatever services they need to get off and stay off the streets. I will tell you my opinion. We need to do both. We need to both protect and respect our public right of ways. My goal as I've stated many times that ultimately there should be no unsanctioned tent camping anywhere. In the city of Portland's that is my goal. But to get there you can't just sweep people from place to place to place. That's not an effective strategy. This strategy. We excuse me. This is my turn to speak. The strategy should be to create opportunities for people to connect to services, and we know from the surveys we've done of people who are living on the streets today that they need access, obviously, all of them. To some housing something better than excuse me. Excuse me. This is my turn to speak. I get to speak. I was asked a bunch of questions, and I want to use my time to speak. I believe that we need to both create opportunities for people to better connect to services, whether it's behavioral health, whether it's substance use

disorder treatment, whether it's job training, obviously navigation towards housing when people are ready for that, and when we have the housing on the other side. I also believe that unsanctioned camps create dangerous and squalid conditions for the people living in them. We've seen that with over nearly 200 people dying on our streets last year, and it also creates public health, public safety and livability issues for the rest of the community. I hear all of that. Reflected here at these microphones. I hear people saying we're desperate. We need our public right of ways cleared up. I you know we're under ah, and some like this. We're working with advocates for those who are disabled in our communities say they can't even access our public sidewalks. They have to go into the street. I hope nobody here thinks that's acceptable. I also hear from people who are on the streets who say look, don't just keep sweeping me. Give me the opportunity to connect to services in a humane way so I can recover my life. And we know that we can do that. So it's both now we have to do it at scale. We have thousands of people on our streets. That's why I've proposed our service hubs. It's a new model. It's one where we have just found a service provider through an rfp process. We have just identified our first location through an extensive process. We are now working with the community and that immediate area. On this particular location. And I believe that will create both a safe, stable, humane. And ineffective way to help people get off the streets, so I just want to acknowledge. I understand. We're all very divided on this subject. This is a tough one. It's multifaceted, but I believe is a community if we listen to each other. If we work with each other, we can solve it. We can help show other cities around the country how to do it. That's my goal, though. Thank you. Yeah I just to add. I hope everyone can agree on this. We have over 101 150, people that are now safe and safe for us villages today and they are getting services. They are being seen. And they're moving into permanent housing. That's what we want

to build. Our job is to ability to do this. Let's let's not have a shouting match. Council. I'm just asking you. Let's give it a try. I've got people who are ready to go people on the streets who are interested in the a. We know that people excuse me. We know that people excuse me. You do not represent all people on the streets and I'm telling you through our surveys, people are ready to do it next individual. Excuse me if you keep disrupting what's going on. You talk about how you want. I'm listening to the people who signed up to testify them responding. You aren't testifying. So be quiet. Thank you. Next individual 185 c myself. Are you guys thank you. Please do 185 84 184184 apologize request of allison rock well, to address council regarding the importance of honest and informed healthcare workers. Um I believe allison was going to join us in person. Is alison alison, you here today? Nope alright. Thanks we'll move to the consent agenda. First communication 185 great. Sorry request of elizabeth adams to address council regarding property safety concerns. Welcome, elizabeth. Thanks for being here. This is tara. Okay um, don't be terrified. Look, it's this. This is democracy, working the way democracy works. Um but people will respect what you have to say. Everybody who comes to this microphone phone gets to be heard. Regardless of their opinion. Everybody gets to be heard. So please thank you. Thank you for your time. My neighbors and I are desperately in need of your help. The property adjacent to us at 13828 east burnside, the owners of the property have neglected the property to squalor conditions. We fear for our lives daily. Three weeks ago, there was a major fire that nearly took our home within 12 hours. 50 ft away another fire. 48 hours ago, there was a drive by shooting. You can take your time. What? We'll stop the party. We feel victimized. By the irrefutable safety issues, which happened so often. We cannot stand by and continue to report and report without change. The property owners and our leaders need to step in. 138 to 8 at best and eyesore. Dependence

structure has been the epicenter of our neighborhood crime and illegal activities such as thefts, drugs, crime. Fights guns and countless fires two major ones that threatened the neighboring homes. The property is a dumping ground for biohazard, trash, unkept, uncapped needles, feces and flammables, not to mention the drive by shooting on Monday. We call the police and when they have time to respond to the are amazing, we're just told we don't own the property and there's nothing they can do. The owners are. The owners are erin mitchell and rosa. Because aras their business owners. They own the lamotta marijuana dispensaries all over Oregon and reside here in Portland with the plans of demolishing the structure and building a retail store. Which is not the problem. That's fine. When the problems began increasing in frequency in 2020. We asked for their help, and mr mitchell told us to move. But the losing of property value makes that impossible. Because of her house sits on the cannabis policy oversight team for the city of Portland's and bolstering her career and reputation. It is unacceptable to do business in our city will victimizing our neighborhood. At this 23 minutes. We've reported to 311 px reporter 911, not emergency in the bureau of development services, 311 comes and provide support to the homeless by feeding them and encouraging them to stay. First responders have been amazing and empathetic. To the unsafe living conditions yet lack the ability to enact change bureau. The development services is outstanding and has worked tirelessly to help us. Yet they're equipped only to enforce city codes and cleanups and find the owners, but the squatters are allowed to stay. As taxpayers as you know, in the one of the highest tax cities in our country. We are not receiving the support we need. We need in order to feel safe in our homes. My husband and I are trimet bus drivers. We have a deep compassion for homeless. But that doesn't mean that we should have to live in fear for our safety each and every day. I understand. I'm a small fish

in this ocean of concerns and I understand I live in the poorest. Most crime ridden neighborhood in earth city, and here's a word. Competing for him. Please hold these property owners accountable for the responsibility. They have to keep this property free from safe free from problems. And constant safety concerns at 13828 east burnside. I do believe it's possible to defense what's called a lot of it. But they won't help us. And I have all of my documents in case you care to see everything we've done. I have photos for three years. Nothing. Nothing so, um, let me commit to this. Let me see what I can do for you, can you? I don't know if bobby is still here, bobby, or you can you do me a favor and see megan right there. Megan can you wave on your way out and can I get your contact information? Let's see what we can do. Sorry it's a pretty intense thing. Commissioner Gonzalez I think had a comment as well. I just want to thank you, mr adams for testifying today and the videos of the 10 fires you showed I am so sorry for what you've gone through. And just have a few comments on it. First of all, I want to thank commissioner Ryan Rubio for their leadership of bds. It sounds like they have stepped in and have been helpful, so I appreciate my appreciation for their leadership there. But your story is reflective of the single biggest challenge in Portland today. How do we balance compassion for those in crisis, including those in our homeless community while restoring and protecting public safety in the city? The basic function? Civic civil society. Unfortunately, your experience is also entirely predictable. Between 2019 and 2021. Portland's fire responded to 2560 homeless fires 2560. As long as we continue to hand out tents and tarps as long as rvs and vehicles are being used as housing much, much less screws me. Excuse me. Last week, we went through this. He's speaking, then you need to leave will take a three minute recess while they were vacated from the children. Recording stop. Mm hmm. Okay. Hmm. Hmm hmm hmm. Hmm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Mhm. Yeah. Mm hmm. Yeah mhm. Mhm.

Yeah. Mm hmm. Okay? I just want to reiterate thank you again. Um this is not a game show. True when you are here as a member of the public, it is expected that you will not do any of the things that were identified right at the beginning of the meeting. The rules were read and people agree to those rules or they don't if you don't, please don't come here. This is not the opportunity to shout or scream. I'm very disappointed that the disruptions, then lead to violence. Just there's absolutely no place for violence. In this chamber. I don't care if you disagree profoundly. With everything we say violence. Is not acceptable. And I will ask again for this. Form of democracy to work. We have to abide by the rules. Everybody has to have. The rules are universal. So we all have to abide by the rules. If you want to testify. You can do that through the county or for the through the city clerk's office Keelan over here. She'll show you how to get signed up and you can speak to anything you want to speak to. We ask you not to swear because we have an fcc license to broadcast we want to be able to broadcast to the public. There's a lot of people in our community. You can't come to City Council. On a Wednesday morning or they can't easily leave their homes so that that broadcast is their link to our local democracy. And if we keep having the disruptions if we keep having people shout. At the end of as they walk out that puts our license in jeopardy our ability to be able to broadcast and I really appreciate the open signal people for working with us on that they do great work. We get all flavors of testimony at this diet. I guarantee you you will not agree with everybody who speaks at this diets. That's the sign of a healthy democracy. By the way, when everybody at the diocese agrees with everything you think and believe all the time. That's when you have a very unhealthy democracy, so I'm glad we have differences of opinion that are better here in our chamber about for it to work. We have to be respectfully. The other let's let's do that. Let's commit to the rules that were read up front. A lot of thought and energy went into those

rules to make sure that everybody felt welcome and safe in this chamber, so I think where we and it's ed exactly where is jake? Jake can get louder. Get louder. Excuse me can get closer to the mic. Don't think it's you're speaking of listening stuff.

Question here. I believe commissioner Gonzalez was speaking. When you were interrupted. Well, thank you as well. Mr adams. As I was saying 2560 homeless fires and to your period Portland fire studied it as long as we continue to allow rvs and vehicles to be parked extensively, continue to hand out tents and tarps. We're going to continue to see this problem as long as folks are staying and unsanctioned camps for housing. For using tents for drug use and manufacturing. We're going to continue to have too many fires. We're going to continue to have too many public safety events. Unsanctioned camping, and many tent cities is dangerous for homeless individuals and neighbors period. Your experience is tragic. Collectively we have to do better. That is why I fully support the mayor's direction and unsanctioned camping in the city in transition, everybody on the streets to service hubs where individuals previously living on the streets and blatantly dangerous environments can instead live in safe, secure environments complemented with services. People need to get back on their feet. The mayor's direction is the right one and unanimously supported now by this council. Is also a I have. I have asked the fire department to partner with the community safety division on fire prevention stands standards in our service hubs. This is a really important thing. Anytime you have a large number of folks whether in a sanction or unsanctioned environment, we've got to think through fire prevention, so we're asking the fire department to work with the community safety division to think this through and learn from what the un has done in refugee camps on this topic. I want to remind everyone that 2021 1 in three fire deaths were in the homeless community one in three. This is less than 1% of our population, but one in three of uh of deaths from

fire wearing homeless camps. This is why I impose a moratorium on tent and tarp distribution by my public safety bureaus. His wife, commissioners masses, pbot is increasingly addressing rvs parked in right aways while living with substantial enforcement constraints. It's why we have to continue an ongoing discussion about how we hold property owners responsible when they let their properties go this badly. So with that again, I appreciate your comments. We feel it and hear it every single day. We are going to work for the next 22 months in this form of government to address this issue head on, please keep testifying. Don't give up on the city and thank you again for coming. Thank you. Thank you. I hope you'll come back. It's not always this wild. Just so you know, okay, but it is memorable. Okay thank you. I hope I don't need to other avenues over. Did megan get your contact info? Perfect thank you. I really appreciate you being here today. Thank you. Thank you. All right. That completes communications. If I'm thinking correctly, and then the consent agenda, I feel like there was something I'm pulling off the consent agenda. Bobby was there something I'm pulling off the consent agenda. Did it already get pulled? Mayor there was a request for item 1 90, which 11 90. Yes yes. Um so I would like to pull 1 90 back to my office. There's some further discussions we want to have. So 1 90 is off the consent agenda have any other items been pulled off the consent agenda? Very good. Please call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda. Rubio. Bye, Ryan. I gonzales. I Wheeler consent agenda is adopted, will move to the time certain please. First time certain is item number 1 86. Appoint members to the independent salary commission for terms to expire August 31st 2023 colleagues. This is a report appointment of the independent salary commission. Marks yet another important milestone in the implementation of the city charter reform passed last November as prescribed by charter. The salary commissioners comprised of five human resource professionals with compensation experience.

These hr professionals are tasked with setting the salaries for the incoming 12 City Council members. The mayor and the auditor starting on January 1st 2025. The commission must conclude their work by August 31st of this year. Today I'm seeking council approval of five members to serve on the independent salary commission. In addition, I'm recommending the appointment of two alternate members, which will ensure the salary commission is able to complete its work within the very short timeline. Prescribed by the charter without any delays because the timeline is short. I want to thank the charter transition team, including diana chiclet and jamie duma hill, my staff my council colleagues for working with my office to select this group of what I think are very impressive appointees with that. I'll turn this over to jamie duma hill. Duhamel sorry, special project coordinator from the charter transition team in the office of management and finance and, of course, cathy bless, our director of human services to introduce our salary commission nominees. Thank you for being here. Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Thank you for that introduction. Good morning, commissioner Mapps, Rubio, gonzales and Ryan. I am honored to be here today. I think Keelan is pulling up our presentation. My name is jamie do hamill. I am a staff member with the charter transition team, housed in the chief administrator's office and the office of management and finance. And it is my privilege to work closely with the bureau of human resources to help stand up the salary commission and I will continue to work in partnership with them, as the commission does its work for the next five months. Before we begin. I want to thank the many people who in addition to the bureau of human resources, of course. Help to bring the recommended commission appointments to you today. This process would not have been possible without assistance from the office of civic life. City Council staff, particularly haley bob lansley of the mayor's office and my coworkers on the transition team. So

thank you all for your collaboration. Next slide, please. So as you know, in November, 2022 registered voters supported a broad range of charter reforms by approving ballot measure. 26-2 28. And among those reforms was the appointment of an independent salary commission that will set salaries for elected officials. The salary commission must include five commissioners who will be seated no later than March. 15th 2023 and they must complete their work by August 1st 2023. The process this morning ensures that we meet the required March 15th deadline. Moving forward. The bureau of human resources will reconvene a salary commission every two years to evaluate the methods and salaries and make adjustments as needed. Next slide, please. So according to the charter amendments, if at least three salary commissioners agree on a salary proposal than those salaries will take effect, starting with the newly elected body on January 1st 2025, however, if after two votes, the salary commission is unable to reach a majority, the most recent version of the proposal is forwarded to the City Council for consideration and adoption. And now I'd like to turn it over to the chief human resources officer cathy bless to describe the selection process and to introduce the selected commissioners. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. I am cathy bless, chief human resources officer. I appreciate the opportunity to present this morning and I also, um oh, good. Thank you for changing the slide. Didn't um, I also want to thank the chief administrative office. I want to thank barb sipple's the interim classification and compensation manager, your office mayor and all others who have helped us to get to this point. The bureau of human resources partnered with the office of civic life, the chief administrative office to help develop a job posting to attract qualified commissioners. Applicants responded to questions relating to their background as human resource professionals, their experience setting, pay their engagement with the principles and practices of equity and

inclusion and their involvement with their respective communities as part of the recruitment plan. B h r and the chief administrative office began outreach to community stakeholders, personal and professional networks, private industry and compensation professionals as well as public organizations, nonprofits, trade organizations and utilities. Several paid advertisements were also posted in local trade organizations. The salary commission. Job posting was open for nine weeks and closed with 18 applicants of those 14 applicants met the city of the Portland residency requirement, and these 14 also met the requirement of human resources and compensation experience. Applicants were reviewed and ranked by b. H r and the chief administrative office staff. In the scoring included qualified hr professional criteria was experience in setting pay experience and working or with mission based nonprofit, public or volunteer organizations experience with community engagement or involvement. Experience engaging with diversity, equity and inclusion, principles and practices. Yeah. No oh, yeah. Okay. Okay? The process resulted in a recommendation. See the highest scoring seven applicants, which includes two alternates, applicant information was provided to the mayor's office in February of 2023 for his selection for your selection. Next slide. You may be wondering why we are asking for the appointment of five members, plus two alternates instead of just five is required, and there are two reasons for this first, the commission is working under a very short timeline. The newly amended charter requires that their work be completed no later than August 1st of this year. This gives the commission roughly five months in which to complete research. Public input and discussions by having alternates already appointed who can quickly step in to fill the vacancy. This ensures that the work of the commission will not be delayed. Secondly, the plan that the salary commission approves affects all Portland's orders having extra voices seated around the table with lived

experiences and connections to Portland communities is incredibly useful even if they are not voting member. Next slide, please. We are pleased to be able to briefly introduce the nominees for the salary commission. Apologies that we will be going through them rather quickly, but their biographies are attached to this council item, and we will also have them posted on the salary commission website later today.

The first nominee is Johnny Marie Johnson. She has retired now, but has worked for the Oregon Historical Society and served on Portland Parks and Recreation Vision 2020 Plan and City Arts Advocates Committee. Laura Sampson currently works for Multnomah County and serves on Washington County's first salary commission as well. I'll be Angers currently works for Boli Welt with a variety of local businesses and nonprofits to address HR issues and opportunities. She is the creator of two hiring-themed zines in a workshop series focused on job search. Next slide, please.

Roseanna Gilles. Current career focus is in HR technology, and her projects include talent enablement, recruiting, technology, and compensation. More Cooney is drawn to service and comes with experience in HR. He worked for 20 years for HS. You next slide, please.

Moya Wang currently is consulting with a variety of diverse organizations. She is dedicated to infusing diversity, equity, and inclusion into HR solutions. Route Martinez, Alicia currently is working at Oregon Food Bank, and she designed and implemented the NEA Unique ER. The statewide 24/7 bilingual hotline for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Next slide.

B. H. R. is ready to welcome the appointed commissioners for our first meeting on March 28th and provide framework to support their work for the next five months. We are pleased to engage in this historic process that will provide transparency and opportunities for community to engage with the process and help ensure the pay for the city of Portland's elected officials is neither a barrier for the prime nor the primary incentive for seeking office. Next slide, please. Thank you for

your time and commissioners. We look forward to partnering with your offices on the work of the commission and hope to find many ways to engage you and your constituents. In this process. We welcome any questions about either the nominees or the upcoming work on the commission and that concludes my remarks.

Question thanks so much looks like a great group of appointees. One sort of architectural question. Um as I understand what is before this commission. They are assuming that the elected will be full time. No outside compensation is that is that correct in terms of the assumptions going in I believe that that is correct. Yes that's a carryover from the current. And um I assume that there's no real space to evaluate alternatives, given the tight timeline and constraints and the fact that charters in fact saying it up to be that way, I would just put it out there is, you know is the city evaluates in the coming years. How we attract the right people to run for City Council. Whether we need to revisit that at some point in the future, whether legislator without executive responsibility, which is what City Council will be in in January, 2025 whether we should open the door to folks to have outside compensation so that we can attract quality candidates and again. It's not a decision for this commission to make for this group to make. I just put that on the record as we continue to evaluate how we attracted people and keep good people to serve the city that thank you. I have a just a basic question. First of all, the nominees are great, so I'm going to support the nominees. I really appreciate I was honestly a little nervous because unlike some of the other commissions that are overseeing parts of the transition, this one had very specific and narrow requirements. They had to have experience with the compensation structure they had to have experiences. Hr professionals. And I started thinking about how many people I know who actually meet those qualifications and I couldn't get to the full. The full number of people that we needed to fill this commission, so I'm really glad

we had just outstanding people apply. And ultimately I think this is a good group. So it is the basic charge here to look at other similar structures. Do they? Are they going to spend a lot of time looking at comps? What sort of that? What's the basic process that they'll go through? In order to come to conclusions about what the appropriate salaries are? Absolutely so we have a teacup answer, but I'm going to introduce barb sipple's the interim classification compensation manager, and she'll have all of those answers. I'm just curious, just in general sense. I'm sure other people are curious as well. Good morning. Um again. I'm barb cycles and the interim class camp manager for the bureau of human resources. Um, and our plan for, um the salary commission is to provide information to them about how the city currently sets pay the methodology that we use, which is based on market studies, and also to provide information to them how other neighboring salary commissions have arrived at their determinations, so to provide information on other methodologies that may have been used. But essentially, we're looking to the commission to determine their method with our support in providing them the data that that they will need to do so, but my expectation is that they will use standard best practices, which typically revolve around market data. Great thanks. I appreciate it. Colleagues. Anything else? Commissioner Ryan has a question. Thank you for that presentation and thank you to the nominees. Uh bios were very impressive. I want to make sure that I understand the timeline in terms of our engagement. We've had a lot of commissions lately, and I want to understand when we have a chance to share some point of views that would help with the process. And I didn't. I don't recall seeing that on the and maybe it's because we don't get to say anything. Yeah. I do believe that as the workgroup begins to meet, as of March, 28th that there will be opportunity. I think to set the timeline working from that August date and going backwards, so I think we'd be able to provide some of that

information to you very shortly, but it probably won't be until the commission meets. We're building something, and obviously I think all of us up here have some uh, lived experience and perspective, and we just want to make sure why should just speak for myself. I want to make sure they have a chance to weigh in. And I didn't want to have to do that at the end, so I think there's been a couple of processes lately where there's been confusion around that, so I just want to make sure sure that we are transparent. So thank you, director blast for ensuring that there's will be engagement with the council. I think you're a big challenge, right? Just as you're going into it is that we have these responsibilities of being the executive pretty high up in elevation since we don't have the day to day benefit to really be the head of the bureau this just in and then we're also doing engagement and we're also doing legislative work, so we're simplifying the roles to be more legislative and you know that's a big change. So my question also is with the people that you have assembled, which have great skill sets. Their experience with change. Management really matters to me, and I couldn't see that in the brief bios did that come up in dialogue when you're recruiting, folks, um, it came up in in conversations that I had, um and I'm I'm quite certain that everyone that that did outreach um was was also committed to the same narrative about the engagement and the collaboration and that this is a change. Yeah moving forward in a very short period of time as we transition to a new form of government. And I'm really happy to hear that because we have people here coming up later today talking about the transition, and it really does require a certain lived experience with skill sets when you re organize a big organization like this. So when the people in these roles obviously would want to have some lived experience themselves to have some insight into that, so I appreciate what you're presenting to us today. I'm just trying to put it into the bigger picture of what the voters were really asking for, which is for our services to

become better for the people who are living here and visiting here in paying taxes. And so they want to see those efficiencies improve, and this is all part of it. So I'm just hoping they went beyond salary. But also we're looking at some of those bigger dynamics. The nexus of what the position currently includes. And what it will become really is different. Um and so it will really take that thoughtful change management. Okay thank you so much. Commissioner um so thank you, dr. Director bless and jamie and everybody for the presentation. I just have a couple of questions first, are you is there a role is going to be space to hear directly from elected staff and elections as well to kind of inform your deliberations. Potentially we haven't quite established the entire work plan for the next five months. But again, we'll be looking to the commissioners for their requests about who they want to hear from, will certainly be offering suggestions and that could be one of them. They want to hear from current elected. Do they want to hear about the lived experience, potentially even former elected in these positions and any recommendations that they have but we haven't really set that full work plan, but we can take back your request to them. I would offer it as a request to, you know, just to be helpful and support anyway that we can be the second question I had is about the alternates. Um, well, they have an opportunity to be a part of every discussion. And then they just step in when, um it's needed. Yes we intend to include them at all levels, including if they're subcommittee conversations will be full acting members of the committee. The only difference is that they cannot vote unless an acting commissioner is unable to do so and has to step up. Okay, great. That's that's great and relieving to me because they bring much needed diversity to this body. So that was a big concern of mine. So I'm happy to hear that. Thank you. That's funny. It almost sounds more like understudies. So at any given moment, they'd have to come perform. Will be another rehearsals. Alright great. Very good.

Thank you. We have one person signed up for public testimony is that correct? Yes that's correct. We have Janice Thompson. Terrific. Thank you appreciate it. Janice, are you with us? She's joining us online connecting now. Janice, can you connect? There you are. I see you. And you're still muted. There you are. Hi, James. Hello um, good morning. I am Janice Thompson, representing the League of Women Voters of Courtland. The League would like to thank the City Council for your timely confirmation of this solid group of human resource professionals as members of the independent salary commission. We also thank the salary commissioners for their service and Eco Commissioner Rubio's comment on the importance of full involvement of the alter its League has every confidence that this commission will meet its August 1st deadline that begins the new practice of HR professionals setting the salaries of Portland's elected officials as a 2025. The work of the independent salary commission. Um is an important component of the voter approved charter reforms. This group also plays an important part in taking a look at the roles of the Mayor and City Councils, which the League sees as all being full time jobs that are not simple at all. Equity is also an important priority since as human resources professionals, this group has valuable insight into the need for robust and fair pay levels. Finally we want to emphasize the benefits to Portlanders of the larger City Council after all, the current five member council translates to 132,000 residents per member. Compared to 55. That was an important is per each of the 12 new City Councilors. This will facilitate the council members capacity to gather public input and problem solving and policy development and important improvement over the, um, that is bolstered by ending citywide council elections. Thank you for confirming the independent salary commission. And again we the League extends our great appreciation to the commission members for taking on this important task. Thanks that's it. Thanks, Janice. Appreciate you being here.

Does that complete public testimony? This is a report on all entertain a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Mapps moves the report. Can I get a 2nd 2nd commissioner Gonzalez seconds, the report further discussions, saying none. Please call the rule. Rubio. I want to thank all the presenters for their great work on this and thank you to the appointees for stepping up and serving the city of Portland on this incredibly important task. Um, it's also great to hear the alternates have the opportunity to be a part of these decisions. Are these discussions as well? Um these commissions are really time intensive work. And work intensive but so critical to the next chapter of our city government and for the next council members, so we appreciate the dedication, the commitment and, um, we're here to support you. And I vote right, Ryan. Yes thank you for the presentation and definitely thank you to the volunteers who stepped up. It's going to be quite a lift, and I personally have always enjoyed assignments where there is an end date that's coming up soon. Um however, it really does put a big strain on your life, so I want to thank them for stepping up and also for your families and your loved ones for supporting you in that service. I loved what you're talking about in terms of the alternates, because because of the short timeline and it's inevitable that someone might need to drop out. It's just great to hear that they'll be ready to jump right in. I really appreciate that answer anyway. But I thanks. I want to thank the volunteers and for the team finding, recruiting and putting them in place I vote high. Um I want to thank these volunteers for agreeing to serve on this important committee. I vote I so thanks to diana and jamie and the rest of the charter transition team for your work on this important process director blessing your team as well. Also I want to thank my staff and my fellow commissioners for continuing to work with my office to appoint what I think is really outstanding panel. Of folks within our community to help us move the charter transition forward. I also most importantly, want to thank

those who are stepping forward to serve on this important commission over the next six months. I appreciate your time. Your talent, your energy, your commitment to the city of Portland and your willingness to do this great work. I vote I in the report is accepted. The appointments are approved. Thank you. Next item, also a time certain. Item number 1 86, please. I'm sorry. We just did that 1 87. Authorized request for proposal and contract agreements for the vehicle towing and storage services, an abandoned vehicle towing and storage services. Commissioner Mapps thank you, mr mayor, colleagues. This item comes to us from pbot, and it could not be more timely. This ordinance deals with towing abandoned vehicles in the public right of way. You may not know that pbot manages the basket of contracts. The city of Portland, Multnomah County. Oh dot report of Portland and trimet used to procure towing services to remove vehicles obstructing public streets. Today he bought six council's approval to issue every quest for proposals for the towing and storage of abandoned vehicles in the public right of way. The services to be provided by these contractors will include accident recovery, doing hazards from the public right of way, broken down or damaged city equipment and vehicles transporting vehicles that are evidence in a crime towing abandoned vehicles from the right of way and removing dangerous rvs from the public right of way. Colleagues you will be glad to know that these contracts provide three layers of protections to Portland's orders. First this contract caps based towing fees at \$230 2nd. This contract creates a mechanism to help financially strapped Portland's orders paid down towing fees. And finally, this contract would allow a broader range of businesses to compete to provide local governments with towing services. This ordinance limits the total cost of these contracts to \$5 million or less here today to tell us more about this proposal. We have mark williams pbot regulatory division manager. Tim moore, towing administrator and wendy serrano pbot

external equity services. Thank you. Um thank you. Staff. Please tell us more. Alright excuse me. Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Uh good morning, mayor Wheeler and good morning. Good morning commissioners. My name is mark williams. I'm the regulatory division manager for the Portland bureau of transportation. Commissioner Mapps mentioned with me today is tim moore or towing administrator and wendy serrano, who is the pbot equity and inclusion manager. The ordinance before you to this morning is to authorize solicitation and execution of contracts for towing. Storage is or excuse me for vehicle towing and towing of abandoned vehicles and storage services. We would also like to take a few minutes minutes to talk about the program in highlights some of the changes we're proposing, as well as the rates that will be offered to our vendors with the new contract agreements. Pbot manages towing contracts used by for towing services for the city bureaus as well as our external regional partner agencies through intergovernmental agreements. In addition, pbot regulates and issues permits for private property impound tow operations throughout the city of Portland. All rates associated with the towing agreements and the private property impound toes are established by the city. This means that towards can only charge constituents and established set rate plan to present recommendations recommended changes to the private property impound code to City Council later this year. Telling can be complicated, so I want to take a few moments to explain to three basic type of toes that take place in our city. We have contract and abandoned vehicle toes. These are toes associated with her contracts in which the city regulates the rates that the tours can charge. Then we have private property impound toes. These are toes that are provided to private property owners and occur on private property. The city regulates these services and the rates in the city of Portland city code. Finally there are constituents who request private toes. These toes represents services through

roadside assistance programs like triple a or anytime a constituent calls any time, licensed to operate in the state rights associated with private tows are not regulated by the city. These are a few services that the contractor towards provide. They range from accident recovery on our roads and freeways within the city and Multnomah County to removing debris. Garvey's from the right away. As I stated earlier, all these services provided through our tow contract agreements are available to our city bureaus and our regional agency partners, including the porta, Portland's Multnomah County and the Oregon department of transportation. These organizations can request towing services through our automated dispatch system. This chart shows a number of the number of tows through our contract over the past two years. The blue bar represents tows by our city agency partners in the city for services such as accident recovery, removing hazardous vehicles from the right away vehicles told as evidence to a crime or towing city owned vehicles that have broken down and need to be towed back for repair. The green bar represents abandoned vehicles and abandoned rvs told almost exclusively by parking enforcement. Much like other industries. The towing industry is facing challenges, for example, recruiting and retaining qualified cdl drivers and the rising costs of insurance bonds and insurance and insurance bonds and the rising cost of the fuel. As you can imagine. Some of those challenges impact their ability to provide service to our bureaus and our agency partners agency partners can experience delays in response time that can be a negative impact on our communities and the safety of the public and our first responders. The new contracts issued as a result of this, rfp will contain changes designed to be more inclusive, improve service levels and maintain consumer protections. I'd like to take a few moments to highlight two of the changes that we're excited about. We have redefined the company qualifying criteria to attract wsb owned tow towing companies by reducing the number of tow

vehicles. A company must have to be issued a city contract. We hope to open the door to smaller companies to fill the gaps in service that larger companies are unable to respond to. Furthermore we hired a consultant to research and identify these companies licensed to operate in the state of Oregon. That way we can alert them when this rfp is published. The second change we're excited about is our new financial hardship program. Let's face it for many constituents, having your vehicle impounded for any reason can be life altering for many working families, a vehicle is needed to get to work to get your children to school to pick up food for your family qualifying, individuals can apply and receive subsidy to reduce the cost of towing and storage services. This program will be funded by a \$5 hardship be added to the city service fee. As stated earlier. The rates towards can charge are established in the contract and regulated by the city in 2016. We hired a consultant to conduct a toll rate market study the lessons we learned from that study in 4016 are still applicable today. The cost to companies pay for insurance and insurance bonds have increased substantially the cost of trucks and specialized equipment to provide this toast services continues to rise. The city of Portland's currently lacks behind other comparable cities and rates. In response to the study in 2016 in 2017, the city issued a toll rate increase of about 6.8% plus just over a 2.1% cola. And in the fall of 2019, a 3.35 cola was applied. There have been no additional increases in the toe rates since 2019. Hotel rates are complicated. Okay so I'm illustrating here. The cost of a class a tow class a toe is a standard passenger vehicle and represents about 85% of the toes in Portland's. This comparison represents toe rates for class, a toes and a number of American cities. It does not include storage fees, mileage fees or additional services or administrative fees. Smith specifically like to highlight the rates being charged and nearby Washington and clackamas county. Our goal here is not to lead or lag the market, however, a rate adjustment is necessary to

attract and retain qualified tours. For that reason, we recommend the following rate adjustments. A 3% increase upon execution of the agreement and an additional 3% increase on the anniversary date for the next two years. This gradual increase of 9% is specifically designed to get Portland's closer and alignment to the rest of the market. Additionally we recommend a maximum 5% cost of living increase annually based on the CPI for the term of this agreement should council approved this recommendation. This graph illustrates will will help portly will compare to the other cities over the next three years. However this graph does not take into consideration any rate increases that will occur in those other cities. So my fall of 2023 of 3% cola would be applied plus the 5% cola. By fall of 2024 3% increase would be applied plus up to a 5% cola and of by 2025. The addition of 3% and the 5% are up to a 5% coehlo. Now the rates on the previous side represent what the towards could charge for a class a tow. However what really matters, the most is the cost that the consumer pays to get their vehicle out of impound the city of Portland's, like many other cities, charges administrative fees. So on this slide, we illustrate the city service fees that we add to the cost of every toe every toe and what those fees are for. The parking enforcement fee. This fee applies to parking enforcement toes, with the exception of abandoned vehicle toes and is used to offset because of parking enforcement operations. The city service fee. This funds the towing program within pbot, among other administrative duties. This program investigates consumer complaints, attends code hearings and helps coordinate logistics between our bureau and agency partners and our contractors. Tores towing administration is a cost recovery program and does not receive any transfer any drink general transportation revenue. The dispatch fee. This fee is passed through to cover the cost of our dispatch technology, which is the software and mobile application used to request and assigned toes. Per license. Uh this per this

per told licensing approaches used by other cities that also use a that software support dispatch system, and this model offers unlimited user licenses. The derelict rv fee. It's currently at \$9, and we recommend an increase to \$15. This fee helps offset the cost to toe in demolished dearly. Garvey's the derelict rv program currently cost the city around \$1.2 million annually. With the increase from 9 to \$15. We hope to offset the cost by \$260,000 during the next fiscal year. The hardship v. This is a new fee that will be used to fund the new financial hardship program. If council approves the fee rates proposed today, a standard class a tow vehicle or his class aito would cost the consumer about \$144, plus city service fees again. This does not include storage fees or any other towing related expenses. So in closing, I'd like to recap our main objectives. One is we want to maintain consumer protections by continuing to register to regulate rates. Adjust rates so that towers can the rates that towers can charge to align better with the market. We want to provide opportunities for w. E s b tours. We want to improve safety and response time and we want to provide support for people facing financial challenges. That concludes my presentation at this time, I'd like to introduce wendy serato or pbot equity and inclusion manager to say a few words and tim and I will remain here to answer any questions that council might have. Good morning, counsel. Good to be here today. I just want to highlight that we're really excited about the equity lens being applied to both the increased opportunities for contracting here in the city as well as the opportunity to really support those residents that face financial hardship when needing to retrieve their vehicle. Last year, the city budget office actually had a fellow from Portland state university who conducted research around fees here at the city and also at the national level. It is through this research that we know that fees when applied, um, service punishment for committing offenses and levy to support operational expenses and

in jurisdictions across the entire us, we see the fines and fees too often, um, are implemented disproportionately in those effects really impact low income communities and communities of color. Um we really hope that this hardship fee is going to help us rectify that. And um, just to highlight the oftentimes series can really enforce reform and their policy and fees through the transportation department's. It's usually the first, um, area to go to, um so I'm excited that you all will be finding support for this new, um see, and again. Thank you for your time today. It's good to be here. Does that complete? Your report? Yes. Awesome thanks questions at this juncture. Commissioner Ryan then commissioner Gonzalez. Hi thanks for that report. I wanted to make sure that when you looked at the fees when we added, let's see their tow fees. And then there's a city services feeds. So when we looked at that chart comparing to other cities did it include both of those it did not include. Excuse me. Thank you, commissioner. It did not include any of the additional service fees or administrative fees on that chart. That's what I assume. But I wanted to make sure I asked that question. So it's just what the that was just the first part correct. What was that called? That was four that was for a standard class a told that represents about 85% of the toes that occur in Portland's, so we were trying to simplify the chart a little bit because part um but you know the consumer is the consumer and their consumer in every city, and they experience whenever the big enchilada is so I am missing that information. It wasn't because it was just too hard to do apples and apples. When you started looking at that, that's exactly what it was. Those fees range depending on the city from 25. I've seen him. Uh huh. As high as 185. I believe that was in sacramento, california, and that was on top of the cost of the toe. But one of the things that we also discovered is that a lot of programs have of the towing administration. If you will blend it in with another program, so it might be ran by the licensing bureau, as it used to be in Portland

several years ago. Uh and then, in some cities, it is also blended with the law enforcement office, so that program is likely funded with part of those those budgets. Thank you for explaining that it makes sense why you did it that way. But I had to get to the heart of the matter because it was confusing when you brought up the additional fees. Thanks thank you. Commissioner Rubio. Thank you. So I'm I'm interested first. Thank you for the presentation was very informative. Um I'm interested in understanding how the hardship fee or program will be operationalized. Can you talk about from a consumer perspective. How? How you get relief. Sure thank you, commissioner, so we are still in the process of developing and that's why we have our expert here next to us. But our initial approach is to look at individuals that already qualify for other state, county or federal benefits, for example, if you already received snap services or some sort of housing assistance, you would automatically qualify for that hardship program that makes it quick. That makes it easy. That's usually documentation that a constituent could provide, and then we would help subsidize the expense for that individual. Okay but what they would that be when they go to pick up their vehicle? Or would it be having to come somewhere separately? They would likely have to. I'm sorry they would likely have to apply online. We'd have a really short application process where they would upload that documentation. And then once we were able to verify that we would work with them, but probably directly with the toe or to reduce that. Cost to the tour before they even arrived to pick up their vehicle. Ideally that's how this this program should work. Commissioner Gonzalez then commissioner Mapps number of pieces of this are really exciting. I love the hardship program. I'm excited for that. You know the balance out the potential in it inequalities in application, opening to smaller ours is a very exciting as well. Um a couple of questions, you know, at first blush looking at the base field strikes me that that

maybe it's not high enough. Um and given some of the important things that you know. We need to fund here one. We need to attract tours right, so they are willing to work in the city of courtland. Um and then also my language. I should be more precise, so the towing fees as well as the administrative fees when they're paying for, you know, the derelict rv fund. It sounds like that's still going to be a gigantic deficit for pbot, right. This isn't even anywhere close to covering. Um but people it's going to have to pay to tell those rvs. I guess that's the question is are to you all. Are we charging enough here particularly when we're going to address hardship, right? We're gonna we're gonna work. It sounds like we're gonna work hard to make sure those on the lowest end of the economic spectrum are not going to be, you know, lives are going to be completely turned upside down. Um but others who have more ability to pay. I'm just wondering if they should be charged more here. Thank you, commissioner. And that is a wonderful question. So um, this is something that the city probably should have addressed several years ago. So as a result of that we are behind. We should. We should probably be somewhere in the neighborhood where black miscounting and Washington county is today to provide these services for tours. It's very expensive. And I've heard historically because we don't allow a high enough charge for these tours that some of them have actually left the contract and they're not here. Here with us today. So our approach was really not too. I guess we didn't want to issue like a sticker shock, but to kind of gradually get us where we need to be over time, which is up there were collect. Miss county is in Washington county is ideally that's where we should be today. Okay I mean, so I would submit to my fellow commissioners and the mayor here as long as we're comfortable that we're going to address hardship adequately that that's my brie big precondition here. Um I would be supportive of, uh, faster timeline for increasing those rates and certainly want to think about the administrative fee the city's

charging, um, if that's gonna that's financing some important pieces there, so whether we're talking to towing fees to attract tours where the administrative fee I ah, if we're comfortable that we're going to address the equity piece and the hardship piece, um I would be supportive of more aggressive rate increases, whether we do that today or later juncture. Thank you, commissioner. We appreciate that. I'm sure the tours that represent some of the local partnerships that we have right now. Also appreciate that comment will be more than happy to work with any of your offices as we continue to refine these rates and also include your input on what we're doing with the financial hardship program. We'd love to hear your thoughts. Commissioner Mapps first. I want to thank commissioner Gonzalez. For opening up that territory as to whether or not we are, uh pbob is doing full cost recovery runs the services that we provide. That's a concern to me, too. I am engaged in dialogue with the bureau around that, and I can pretty much guarantee you that over the course of the next 18 months will be back before this council. Um um, exploring ways to place pbob on stable financial ground, but in the meantime, I just wanted to point out to my colleagues and ability. We have some public testimony on this. Pretty good. How many people do we have signed up, kayla? We have five people signed up three minutes each name for the record, please. Thank you very much. First up. We have devin edwards. Welcome, devon. Thank you for being here. Good morning. My name is devin edwards. I'm the owner of speeds telling, uh, a family owned business here in Portland for 65 years and we are on the Portland contract for towing. Ah we are also a member of the towing advisory board city of Portland has and that does towing advisory board did propose rates that are not the rights that were proposed today. So you might want to look at that. We've got other members that we're talking about that later. Um in our industry. Our goal here is a family owned business. We want our employees to

have a good wage here in Portland and you know, we've talked about housing earlier today. It's expensive. Uh the according to mit, they have a living wage calculator here in Portland for a single parent and child. That's \$40 an hour. Are starting wages 20, and we increased that about a year ago from 15 to 20 to 33% increase and the 20 just isn't enough. And not having an increase on that city contract for four years. It just it just doesn't it doesn't pan out. And we end up cutting and cutting and cutting and cutting. And then during the pandemic, we didn't cut anybody. We still have drivers that come in. We still had people. Um, so our goal is to have better health. Uh benefits for employees, better wages for employees and to serve the city of Portland. Better it was already you know that the timing was already talked about response times. And we have a hard time attracting people. This job is tough. We're out in the snow. We're out in the rain. You guys know probably heard about the move over slow down law. We have drivers hit everyday northwestern touring had somebody hit recently, so we are. Wanting more than that, 3% it just it just isn't enough. Um. We need more drivers into attract those drivers. We need to pay better end up forward to pay better. We need to get paid better. Um so my enclosing my thought is, please do not adopt. The rate that they proposed today. Look at the report that was unanimously voted on by the toe advisory board. And look at that rate structure and please go with that rate instead of the one proposed today. Could I ask, uh, just approximately how different what's the delta between your proposed rate and what's in the proposed ordinance? We it's a lot, uh, we asked for approximately \$90 increase, which are better set the 2 24, which puts us slightly less than, uh, anything in the state of Washington, and about the same slightly less than clackamas county and Washington county. Okay. Thank you. That's helpful. Commissioner Mapps did you have a comment? No, I would say thank you for number one. Thank you for your

testimony. Thank you for your service. Um I think it might be wise to hear the rest of the public testimony we have today. And if I have any concluding thoughts, I'll share them then. Yeah of course. Thanks. So how many employees do you have? Total. 37 okay. And do you work in Washington and clackamas county? We do. Clark house canada. We used to do Washington county, but we consolidate a few years ago and focus more on the east side of the of the willamette. Thank you so much. Commissioner Gonzalez did you have something only question clackamas county in Washington county. What is your perception of their administrative fees relative to the city of Portland? Boy so the clock comes. County only has a dispatch fee. They do not have the other city fees, but I believe that because the county the county sheriff runs it, and so they're funded from the sheriff's office, not their own, you know, not not their own funding. But i, you know I'm not 100% on on that. Um so if I understand that correctly in clackamas county, where they have a larger towing fee they're paying. They may be paying a substantially lower administrative and I'm sorry. I don't have it with me, but I believe it's \$40 for their dispatch fee. Um but yeah, thank you. That's helpful. Just trying to look at the total cost of the tours. We totally support this hardship thing. We've been talking with tim moore and mark williams about it. And you know, we've suggested all sorts of things from waiving part of our storage fees. Uh you know that kind of thing to help these people, we already do that. I mean, I don't want somebody's car. You might have got a single mom comes in and her car was told I don't want her car. I want her to have her car. You know, so we work with them already, and to have a hardship thing with the city where the city is actually willing to pitch in a little bit to help us to get those cars back to those people. That is a that is a huge, huge thing for us. Thank you. This this is really helpful testimony. I'm glad you came in. Thank you. Next to individual next up. We have michael porter. Michael welcome. Thanks for being here. Good

morning morning. Thank you for having us. My name is mike porter. I'm with newhouse. Towing speeds towing at one time I actually ran our toe desk back in the nineties. So I've worked with marianne gaylord and just wanted and commissioner Gonzalez. I almost wanted to come up here and give you a hug. When you asked your questions. I wanted to state that the council has already approved a higher rate for towing. The private property impound rate right now is \$194 to do a hook. Our current rate is 133 for a police call. Now the difference between a private property impound call in a police call is lots of things. The number one is I can choose to turn down a private property impound call. I just can't get there right now. It's not an emergency with our city toes. They generally are in emergency. You have someone broke down on the road that is stopped all traffic and I wish I could give you the statistics for when traffic is stopped, and people are trying to get to work. How much it costs our business center city when we can't get through and just the snow, you all know that was a royal pain. So we're being paid less on something that is a high priority. In fact, and most tours myself included. It's the number one priority. We will drop everything to help the city of Portland's and we do it at a fairly reduced rate. And so this increase, we're asking you not to approve this rate when you've already approved 194 for a private property impound, which is not an emergency tow and then i'll echo. We have dealt with a 30% increase, and not only are labor but 35% for a new truck, and that's just the last two years. We all know if you walk all over drive all over the city of Portland, everybody has helped once signs the taco bell that is about two miles from my office is offering \$21 an hour. To work at taco bell. And our drivers are out there. In fact, 52 drivers were killed nationwide last year. This is a dangerous job. So attracting them. We want to be able to do that. And, gosh, I'm running out of time. Second thing I wanted to also say what devon said. We support this hardship. We already do it new house and at

speeds I consistently in giving back the toe and releasing the vehicle to people who were in need, because we are here. We've been part of Portland. I've been hearing my basically my entire life. I love this city. I love serving the community. And so we're already on board but to add ask us to do this at this rate. Which I'm gonna i'll be honest. I'm gonna do it anyway, because you know what? I gotta go to bed at night and I like to see and feel good about my company and that we're serving the community. Thank you. Thank you. Can we ask the same question that commissioner Gonzalez asked. How many employees do you have? 25 25. Thank you. Quite honestly, we're looking. We would have more if I could attract more took credit. It was actually dan's question. So sorry. Good thanks. It's just helpful for us to understand. Yes, absolutely. Employees were talking about their next individual. Thanks for being here. Next up. We have donnie callahan. Hi, donny. Thanks for being here. Thank you. And put my eyeballs on. Morning mayor commissioners appreciate your time. Uh my name is dani callahan. I'm with gerlach tone and heavy haul here in Portland. Sorry. Too loud. We've been around for 75 years serving the city. I am also the most recent past president over the Oregon tow truck association. And the current chairman of the board. I also chair the board for the advisory for this contract. And through the advisory board. We put a rate committee together and decorate survey. From Washington and the local contracts. Yeah. And worked as a group together we had multiple agencies. Um citizens. Mark and, um, was on there, helping us with city administrator. And we came up with what we felt was an acceptable rate for what we need. Uh um. And again listening to devon and mike. These guys can't hire anybody. I mean, they literally if they want to if you went around and talked to every tour that's still on the contract. They can't hire anybody. They they would hire 15 to 20 guys out of all those companies put together. Anyway so we did a race survey we went through. It came up with what

were we felt like we're right in the middle. We this rate that we proposed. Is under every rate in the state of Washington. Every rate. Uh um. So we put the subcommittee together. We came up with a rate sheet and it was voted in unanimous. By everybody on the committee. We brought it back to the advisory board. Sold it to the advisory board voted unanimous. This is citizens agencies towers. And. When we were when we were doing these rates. The number one thing that the agencies were saying as we got to get trucks out there faster. It's dangerous out there. Just like mike said. I mean, it's a it's a tober a week. There's been six towers hit in the northwest, and just in the last few years, five of them have died. Two of them were within 30 miles of this building. And you probably never even heard about it. Unfortunately, so um. Never run out of time. I apologize so we got unanimous. We've tried to put ourselves right in there with Washington county, clackamas county. Like I said, we are under all of the state of ah! Oregon and I really want to stress that this low rate that is being proposed. Is not going to fix the response times, and it is dangerous for your police officers. It is dangerous for the o dot workers. It's dangerous for the for just the general public because every minute. One lane is shut down. It takes four minutes to get back to normal, right? And so I'm sure we all watch the news in the morning, right? And it's you're looking on the news for somebody that's broke down the side of the road, and it's like I'm thinking. How long does it take to get a tow truck there? Because there is nobody we have. I mean, that's what I'm saying. Every agency was all aboard on the rates that we submitted. And for somehow from the advisory board to here. They're gone. And I don't. I don't understand what happened and we're pleading to you guys for the safety and this is an environmental impact, right? Huge environment. The bigger the backups. Sorry the bigger the backups. We all know it's just putting the air and the faster we can get in there. It's going to save lives. I'm

telling it's going to save lives. It's going to keep people secondary accidents that are going to go down. But we got it. We got to get these rates up. Thank you appreciate it. Can I ask you the same question? Because commissioner Ryan will be mad if we don't? How many employees do you have employee total employees? Um, where 30 ish 30. Great. Okay cool. Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. Next step. We have clark tenny. Welcome. Thanks for being here. I'll tell you a little more nervous being here than I am on the road towing cars so there would be for a second more days, a come with their own risks or some question about it. Almost as like to tell you are there earlier. So I'm clark tenny, my wife. Judy and my son, bryce. We own and operate 21st century coin. We started the tow company. I worked at a car dealership. I had a gentleman. Come and want to sell a tow truck. I thought, what a great idea. I went to my boss and I said, hey, we should buy a tow truck. Here's the lease payment. Here's the driver we could to our own cars to the shop. We were paying out almost \$5000 a month just in towing, and he said clark. No, no, no. Dealership down onto trucks. And we argued back and forth. If it's a good idea, clark that you buy the tow truck, I said okay. I called my wife, judy. What you think should be by a tow truck, she said. Absolutely. So we start with one tow truck. Now we have 28 employees and we own. We have 14 trucks have been on the city contract in Portland for 25 years. Love. It started here built our company here. I'm here today to talk to you about the new proposal and I'm here to talk about the rate. So in our existing contract in 2018 that we have a c p I and that cp I was given to us every year. So they talked about we gotta raise in 2019 the c p. I in 2020 was 7. Normally they would just add that to the towing fee and we would move on to the next year. So we didn't get anything in 20. 21 the cpi was 7.1% the 20 to the cpi was 6.5. So that's 20% increase that we haven't gotten in three years and I don't know what 23 is going to be. But this contract doesn't go into effect until late of 23. So

that would be another cp that we're gonna need to look at. So we're getting really close to 30% of where we should. The only way that we can serve the community. All our agencies will be able to keep the employees that we have, like you talked about four to retain good employees to keep them with us and to hire more employees. But we can't do it with a 3% increase, if you mean to tell me from four years from 2019 until 2 2023. The increase in products across the state was 3. We all shake our head and say you're crazy. Just a gallon of milk went up 11% in 2021. Then it went up another 7% in 2022. That's 20% increase just in the products that we buy. We're not talking about insurance, fuel release payments, everything that we deal with has gone up a truck in 2018. I paid \$82,000 for in late 2022 because we buy it for the tax break. I paid \$114,000 for the same truck we bought. Oh that's a that's \$34,000 increase and. It's going to get worse as time goes on, so I'm encouraging you please don't adopt the rates that have been set forth today. We had we want the hardship program. We are all for that idea. Absolutely we have people show up every day that can't afford the tow bill that we have, and we discount them to try to get them back in their vehicles. So again, I'd like you to not propose the rate of like you look at the rate study that was given to us by the board and thank you for your time. Thank you. We really appreciate you being here. Our last testifier is e f who was planning to join us online. Um, let me see if they're here. No f question. Alright, bye rap final comment. But I wish to take public testimony or last testified. Yeah I'm just checking. Okay anyone here who signed up to testify? I think we're done good. Alright, commissioner Mapps sure. I just want to thank everyone who provided testimony today, I found, um your work experience to be quite compelling, and here's what I propose to do. Over the course of the next week, I will be over reach out to my colleagues on council to gauge the ah, the interest and willingness to adjust the proposed rates in this ordinance, and, frankly,

if I got three votes to bump this up to make it more appropriate, um, that is an amendment. I will bring back when we bring this back before council and mr merrill, hand it back to you. Thank you. Very good colleagues any further questions at this point, commissioner Ryan, first of all, thank you. Commissioner Mapps. I think you could read the room that you probably wouldn't have enough votes to pass what was put out today, but I hope that the staff and you did a really good job with your report, and I heard what you said that the apples and apples were difficult when you added what the consumer impact was. Yesterday why not come up? I just hope that you and you try it try to explain it about a little bit more thoroughly because it was really hard to track the consumer impact of each city. So if you could keep trying that and also I found that the limitation on going back. We only went back two years. Is there a way you could go back? Further like to 2018, perhaps. When you looked at how many toes took place? How many more pounded that first graph that you showed? I was curious that it only went back two years, so we didn't have anything. Pre covid, for example. Thank you, commissioner. Yes we can provide that data to your offices. You're interested in seeing how far back would you like first produce that I'm comfortable with you going back at least additional 2 to 3 years. Okay they just think it gives us more context. And then when we heard from one of the people who testified that we didn't do any changes for it sounds like at least two. Three years. That was compelling. So thank you for that testimony. Thank you. Rubio I just wanna say thank you again for your report. It was really informative. Also want to thank the folks that testified it was very compelling your stories and really have shaped my thinking helped us shape my thinking around this and also want to appreciate commissioner Mapps for pulling, pulling this back to his table to rethink into and we're open for the conversation. So thanks, everyone. Commissioner Mapps just

clarifying point. We're not planning to vote today, anyway. So not emergency ordinance. Do you want me to move it to second and let's move it to mr mayor colleagues? Here's the proposal. Um first reading today. Um I think we've heard some compelling testimony from industry around. Um some of their constraints. Um I'd like to talk to staff over at pbob and my colleagues on council to see the degree to which there is some interest and willingness to adjust the proposed, um, rates that are in this ordinance. Frankly, if I got three votes to adjust this upwards and it in that also meets the, um you buy some getting from pbob. I'll bring forward a i'll bring forward an amendment to the proposed ordinance. Yeah thank you. I appreciate that. And I also want to thank you for the presentation that clarified a lot of issues. I appreciate those who testified today. That brought different perspectives to the table. Commissioner Mapps thanks for your leadership on this. I agree with your strategy and for my own part, um we when we have advisory committees, we don't always take the advice of our advisory committees. Let's just be honest about that. Um, but this advisory committee, the tab has a very, very narrow charge. And this is the center of target for what we ask them to consider, and there seems to be a pretty wide divergence between staffs perspective. And the tabs perspective and I'd like to spend a little more time trying to reconcile that difference and see if there isn't somewhere where we could meet in the middle on that. All right. Thank you, mayor. Thank you. Commissioners I appreciate the conversation. I appreciate the consideration and commissioner Mapps. I look forward to working with you next week. Thank you. Before we wrap this one up. I just want to thank people and staff for all the work they have done in this space. I've heard some whispering from my colleagues, saying this is kind of complex and as a guy who was I learned a lot about towing policy in the last eight weeks or whatever it's been, it is an enormously complicated space. I got a heck of a lot of

respect. Uh um, and gratitude for folks from the touring industry who help keep people safe. Um I am the same thing with pbot staff who make this space work and colleagues our willingness to help this incredibly important service continue and function properly in the city of Portland is also quite meaningful. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Uh yeah, there's no easy solutions here, so we appreciate everybody continuing to work to drive us towards one that makes the most sense with that then colleagues, this is the first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. All right. Next item. 188 proclamation. Proclaim March 2023 to be women's history month. Our next item colleagues is the women's history month proclamation, members of the sponsoring group, the women's empowerment employee resource group, empower and inspire all women within the city of Portland workforce. Unfortunately they could not be here in person this morning to present but I want to give my colleagues the opportunity to speak. And for my own part, I just want to thank the members of the city women's empowerment employee resource group for drafting this year's proclamation, which commissioner Rubio will read in just a moment. We appreciate your incredible work, not only on this proclamation, but day today. Women's history month is certainly a menace occasion to celebrate the city of Portland. O a great debt. And thanks to the multitudes of women, employers that have worked employees who worked tirelessly over the years to improve the city. I'd like to thank and applaud the women's leaders. I've had the honor to work with here at the city of Portland's, and also when I was at the state of Oregon, I continue to learn from your leadership. Thank you for your hard work. And now I welcome commissioner Rubio. Mr. Rubio I'm not go ahead. Thank you, mayor. Um and thank you for bringing this important proclamation a council and I want to thank the women's empowerment group and deep for all the work that they do to advocate for, and

empower women employees here at the city of Portland. We've made a lot of progress since we first celebrated this month back in 1987, and yet the work continues to close the gender wage gap. Restore reproductive freedom, invite women to the table and ensure all women, especially bipoc women step into leadership, leadership roles and decision making spaces at the same rate that says white men do and I say this as the first latina to serve on City Council. Um we know that the pandemic has exacerbated existing gender, racial and economic disparities for women and girls. And as we emerge from this time we must keep that front and center and when I reflect on the theme of this year's proclamation, celebrating women who tell our stories and really grateful, and I think of several Portland's area women I know who are in their own way, shaping our community and telling their stories through activism, leadership and community and there's so many to name but here's just a few of them that are on the top of my mind this week. Um think about honorable marta gwen bez, who's the honorary consul of guatemala, and she's a community activist who traveled to every corner of the state to help guatemalans and other bipoc immigrant communities. Get the access to the services they need. Think about holly leave our who's a business owner and philanthropist who personally dedicates hundreds of volunteer hours to mentorship. Technical assistance and generous support to Portland area culturally specific nonprofits and women leaders every year for over a decade. Think about kali lad who is a co founder of cairo's pd x and also the ceo of the children's institute. Um and I think about her tireless advocacy at the state and local level on children's issues. And also, I think about the many dedicated and outstanding women employees here at the city of Portland, too many to name euro directors, managers, um, and frontline workers as well as my own majority women staff. Julian missan, angela michelle megan increased, christina. So today we honor all

groundbreaking women of all identities and abilities. Who everyday lead with their strength, resiliency and values to make this community better. And though the work continues, progress and history continue to be made here in our community. Thanks. Thank you, commissioner Rubio commissioner Mapps. Thank you, mr mayor, colleagues. I am proud to join you and declaring March 2023 to be women's history month here in Portland's Oregon during women's history month, we honor the legacy of women who have made a lasting impact on our city. That's why I'd like to take a moment to remember the women who have served on this City Council. In our cities 172 year long history only 10 women have served on this council in 1943 dorothy mccullough. Lee became the first woman to serve on this council and in 1948 commissioner lee ran for mayor and one which makes her Portland's first female mayor. In 1970. Connie mccready became the second woman to serve on this council when she was appointed to a vacant seat. Creedy was a maverick republican who broke with her party on issues like the equal rights amendment and gay rights in 1979. Mccready was also appointed mayor when ben mayor neil goldschmidt resigned in order to become the secretary of transportation for the carter administration. Now in 1972. Mildred schwab became the third woman to serve on this council when she was appointed to a vacant seat. Schwab was a lawyer and a crusader for women's rights who played an important role in forcing Portland's businesses and private associations to serve women and in 1981. Margaret strong, won an election to fill a vacant seat on this body, which makes her the fourth woman to serve on this council. Strawn was instrumental in the creation of the pearl district and in 1991 gretchen kaforey became the fifth woman to serve on this council. Of course, many Portland's are still remember gretchen well for ease obituary in the Oregonian erdan described her like this. She was a rebel rouser. A mother, a grandmother, a teacher and organizer and a friend of the poor

and in 1992. Vera Katz was elected mayor of Portland's, which makes her the sixth woman to serve on this council and our third female mayor. Vera was a refugee from Germany. And if you're sad advocate for women throughout her long career, she practiced something that she called the feminization of power, which basically boiled down to achieving her goals through consensus instead of confrontation under America. Katz's leadership Portland, transformed from a sleepy timber town to the vibrant, livable city we know and love today. And Amanda Fritz joined this council in 2009, which makes her the seventh woman to serve on this body. Of course, many of us including many of us in this room, know Amanda well. She was a champion for campaign finance, reform Native American rights and served as the commissioner in charge of the water bureau, parks and the bureau of development services. And Chloe You Daily joined this council in 2016, which makes her the eighth woman to serve on this body. Commissioner Udaley was a passionate advocate on behalf of renters. And in 2019, our colleague Joanne Hardesty became the ninth woman to serve on this body and the first Black woman to sort of Portland's City Council. Of course, Commissioner Hardesty was a passionate advocate for equity and inclusion. And in 2021, Carmen Rubio. There we go, became the 10th woman to serve on this council and the first Latina to serve on this body. Of course. Commissioner Rubio is a passionate advocate for immigrants and the environment now colleagues that 10 female leaders that we have discussed today or true Portland trailblazers. They have made our city better and by championing women's rights, they have people. The way for generations of female leaders who have served guard city as bureau directors and department leaders and council staff and volunteers. Now I also know that their quest to make this a better and fairer city is far from complete. And that is partly what Women's History Month is all about. And for these reasons and more, I am proud to join this clam tool and

declaring March 2023 to be women's history month here in Portland, Oregon. Thank you, commissioner Mapps commissioner Ryan yes. Thank you, mayor. And thank you. Sometimes I call commissioner Mapps professor maps. As a historian. I really appreciate that you went through each member of the council who's a female? And thank you to the women's empowerment group for bringing this forward colleagues each year. I really look forward to this proclamation celebrating women's history month in Portland. Every single day of every single year. Women create history. They mold our world. Thank goodness and outline our collective future. Women like our colleague carmen Rubio. Uh the soul, currently the sole female on the city as a city commissioner just at this time, and more importantly for me personally, my colleague and friend for carbon we met on was thinking about this. Serena cruz's, uh, county commissioner campaign in the late nineties like 98, yeah. And it's been great to be your friend ever since, and it's wonderful to serve with you. I also want to recognize the women on my staff. I think it's important for us to always lift our staff members, especially at this time. Those who are female carrying karen john chapman. She is now connected with parks has a really long history, working for the city and working in private industry as well. But she's also raising two children. One is in pre cane ones. An elementary student, kelly taurus, the chief of staff, who is also raised two children, they're now adults. Young adults living in Portland's and jill suede. Who's I think in the audience today? Thanks for being here, jill, and she has been with the city just a few months. But she also juggles this job and also is raising two children who are in elementary school charity. Montez is the lead to build our alternative shelters. She's opened four of them already against a lot of odds. And like me, she has lived experience and keeps it up and won't stop until all all of them are complete. I really appreciate you charity and then terry tyson, who is leading our efforts citywide to reform our permitting

system. She's hired to incredible females to join her team doing challenging change management mostly amongst men, so I'm just so grateful that Terri and her team are doing that work. Terry has also raised two children. And they are now thriving as young adults and the reason I brought up the fact that they have children is because it's something that I don't think it's enough attention. Women are able to efficiently manage their careers with also raising children, often as a sole person, and I just want to always acknowledge the wisdom that that gives women in our society. I'll end with my mother. I was like to lift her when I can and her story, which I didn't really become familiar with Charles older was that she was a foster child, lived in a dozen homes until she was reunited with her father at age 13. She went on to raise eight children received a degree after she raised all eight of us. I was the youngest went to University of Portland's got her degree as a social worker. And so she will always be my hero. And on those days when you just get the you know what kicked it out of you, but you're merely trying to serve this city at this most challenging time. You always remember you have your mother's love, even if she's been passed away now for 20 years, I hope that all of my fellow partners Portland's take time to show their appreciation and support. For who really does rule the world and that would be women. Thanks thank you, Commissioner Ryan.

Commissioner Gonzalez uh, well, I just would like to, uh, celebrate our opportunity to identify the contributions of women to Vincent history and contemporary society, which is women's history month. I think we can seize on the concept of lifting up the next generation of Portland, Oregon women at this time, um and I would just like to call out I'm a father of two teenage girls husband to a powerful woman who runs the small business that keeps our family alive while I pursue public service, um and who stepped up big time when I moved to over to the public sector side, so I want to embrace the women in my life, including family members, and for all they

do. Uh also want to celebrate mother's in the city of Portland that navigated the pandemic, with closed schools, substantial disruption to their careers, their ability to support the organizations that they were involved in while they stepped in for over a year of closed public schools in the city of Portland, they deserve special call out and I would like to call out our collective responsibility to empower women to identify the next generation of leaders in the city of Portland. That is all our collective responsibility with that. I'd like to note the wonderful women members of my team greases are packed as a policy advisor has worked for a number of mayors in the city of Portland. Watch her. You're going to see big things from grace, come in the coming years, I believe uh, grace galvez. Maura is our executive assistant and operations director extensive experience in the city of Portland and, um as in a recent relatively recent immigrants, united states from ecuador and then finally edna velasquez as she is our she answers the phone. She does constituent interactions. She's a trained lawyer from mexico. Uh but we were successful in recruiting her to do our, um, constituent interactions, and I also see big things for her in the future. So with that, I would like to thank you. Thanks, commissioner. Alright so commissioner bot. It's uh, time to read the proclamation. Thank you. All right, thank you. Whereas women's history has been recognized in the united states since president jimmy carter issued the first presidential proclamation proclamation declaring March 8th 1980 national women's history week and has been officially celebrated as women's history month since 1987 and whereas each year women's history month is an opportunity to bring to light the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of people who identify as women and who have contributed to our communities, greatness and success while empowering all people, regardless of disability, race, color, ethnicity, religion, spirituality. Gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, culture or class. And whereas for

too long women were formally excluded from full participation in society and our democracy, and it took the courage of so many bold women who dared to transcend preconceived expectations. So barriers were broken discoveries were revealed in progress. Advanced and whereas historically historic, historically, women of color and women with disabilities have been limited, unacknowledged and often recorded in their contributions. Women such as mary mcleod bethune, who in 1936 was the highest ranking african American in the federal government, and only women of color to attend the first meeting of the united nations. Or leah hing, longtime resident of lads edition neighborhood who was the first chinese American woman to earn a pilot's license and become an instrument mechanic during world war two or maria van britain. Brown who invented the world's first home security system in the 19 sixties, or shirley chisholm, first elected in 1968 congress, and who fought for racial and gender equity. And the first african American women to seek the nominating nomination for president of the united states or fannie lou hamer disabled by about a polio in childhood, who helped found the mississippi freedom democratic party in 1964 and was a women's rights activists and key leader in the u. S civil rights movement, and many, many more who have been present in untold or oral histories and continue to play important roles and furthering the knowledge and leading fair and transformational change. Change for society. And whereas women's history month is a time for all Portland's is to recognize that people that identify as women regardless of socioeconomic status, or intersectionality, who daily navigate systems that were not designed to meet their needs and perform a disproportionate amount of unpaid care work, and these duties are in addition to their paid jobs, creating a double burden of work that results in having less time for paid labor. Political participation, self care, rest and leisure and whereas to lift up the next generation of women, the city of

Portland seeks to promote inclusive data collection so specific steps can be taken to improve the workplace for people that identify as women established ways to give women a seat at the table. Listen to them make their safety top priority. Ensure equal protection under the law and fund programs that provide access to equitable opportunity so that there will be will not be competition with one another over scarce resources and seats at the table, but rather an inclusive space for all to participate with a commitment to draw in women of color, empowering women to lead and making the city of Portland, an employer of choice while contributing to their well being and allowing them to thrive. And whereas a woman's gender identity is their innermost concept of being female, it is their personal journey into womanhood. Every journey is unique and different and should be embraced, whereas the 2023 women's history month theme celebrating women who tell our stories is chosen in solidarity with national women's history, alliance and women around the world. As women continue to build more humane, inclusive, respectful and fair communities. We are making a call to action. We invite you to celebrate. People who identify as women connect and create belonging and share the story of the unsung hero support and contribute to their well being and acknowledge their story. Thank you, commissioner for reading that, um that concludes the proclamation. I think you're supposed to read the last part. Therefore I tell you, Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland's Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby declare that this is women's history month and encourage all residents in the city of Portland to observe this month. Thank you. Thank you, colleagues. Why don't we do this ? We're now two hours and 15 minutes into this. We have not yet moved to a rather extensive regular agenda. Why don't we take a 10 minute break and we'll come back and we'll get to the regular agenda. Thank you were in recess. Mm hmm. Okay? Mhm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Mhm. Mhm. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Mm hmm .

Hmm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Point. Mhm. Yeah mm hmm . Mm hmm. Yeah. Hmm yeah. Yeah. No. Mhm concession. The next item, please is 1 95. It's a proclamation on the regular agenda. Proclaimed March 8th 2023 to be islamic heritage day colleagues. Our next item is a proclamation celebrating the 30th anniversary of the muslim educational trust. Commissioner Rubio will introduce the item commissioner Mapps er um and thank you for bringing this important proclamation forward. I'm so very honored to be able to co sponsor this proclamation today in honor of the muslim educational trust. 30th anniversary and recognition of 2023 islamic heritage day and thank you to our presenters and the founders and supporters of the muslim educational trust for your 30 years of service to our diverse islamic community members, many of whom reside in Portland's since 1993 m. E. T has been a leading convener, community builder and gathering center point for the Portland metro community, and I had the honor of meeting two longtime community leaders. Mr wash decide and ms leila cali when I first worked here as a City Council staff, um a long, long time ago. As a as a early in my career, and they were insightful, innovative and collaborative leaders then and still are now today, and they and they together with meaty leadership and communities are mentoring and investing in the next and future generations of leaders from the muslim communities in Oregon as Oregon's only islamic school. M e t campus houses the Oregon islamic academy for students, um, grades six through 12 and the islamic school of meat from grades pre k through fifth grade. The school serve students from 48 ethnic groups across the middle east africa, asia and eastern europe and speak 82 languages, and many are first or second generation immigrants. This center continues to be a transformational catalyst for cultural and spiritual understanding among various faiths and diverse communities, especially to erratic, eradicate islamophobia and promote interfaith dialogue, which has resulted in a

more peaceful and more inclusive Portland watch t. I believe you captured it perfectly when, after two Portland's lost their lives in the hate crime in 2017. That we are you said that we are one humanity. We belong to one world. So I'm personally appreciative of the muslim educational trust community and all it has done to create that inclusive vision. Now it's my honor to introduce our presenters today. Followed by colleagues from my comments or comments from my colleagues and then a reading of the proclamation. So now I would like to invite mr wash decide president and co founder of meaty up as well as introduced following his remarks. Leila cully, a trustee, and anwar bashar, an advisory board member for their presentation. Good morning, everybody and peace be upon you. What? Really a blessing to be here back in person at the City Council. Respected mayor and respected commissioner Rubio and respected commissioner Mapps. And Ryan and gonzales. It's really a blessing to be here for several reasons, one of them we remember the leadership that shaped our minds. And our hearts in our in this city and this state, I remember. You know when I came as a young man from yemen and native of human 19 years old to study medicine. I met. You know, governor, you know, i'll tell you given out there was a republican, but he was a good person, good republican and positive, engaging it also the founding dean of the college of urban planning, no hard to learn. Both have really shaped my mind as a young man made me proud of my heritage, and they positively integrated me and many others both women and men to become a beautiful Americans are successful Americans. Today we celebrate also, our african American muslims that have contributed to the success. Of what it means to be an American without the african American story without the latino story without the indigenous peoples story wouldn't have enjoyed many of the challenges that are facing us today, enjoying the challenges because challenges sometimes can be positive stance in our feet to be able to be

successful. The funding of the muslim educational trust was all about positive integration because we are coming from many colors and many ethnics. We don't condemn color of skin, but we appreciate you know that the diversity and the beauty of god's creation. We are the asians, half of asia if it's not almost 75% of asia is muslims. Half of africa is muslims, and also half of europe is muslims. Muslims in the golden age has contributed to the success of today. What we enjoy in our society and science, anthropology and music, it is very important to understand that our population today in the metropolitan area as American muslims, almost 125,000. Immediate contributed to almost 70,000 of registered voters from 12 4016 and 2020. When he became a census center. We were able to integrate money, many of our refugees and immigrants to become a loving and caring Americans. Many of Americans and refugees didn't come here by choice. They came here because our foreign policy has disrupted them. In africa and asia and europe. It is very important that we understand that we committee, the muslim education trust and the muslim community and the arab American community have co founded many organization developed and jewish muslim dialogue through the program. We refuse to be enemies in the history of muslims and jews and christians in the golden age of spain. We lived in co exist for 700 years. It is very important to also celebrate the institute for christian muslim understanding that there are many christians today live and coexist with fellow muslims in syria and lebanon in palestine and jordan and egypt and in iraq. It is very important to understand that the division that happens in our society it is because of politics and nothing else. It is very important to understand that today our students are attending many successful in verses the local level here at Portland. State reed college. Lewis and clark, Oregon state university of Oregon and many of the ivy schools in stanford and harvard and columbia and many others. It is very important to understand that

we as immigrant community, it is that we are an added value to our society. We are not a burden to our society. We have done it in the past. When we have done it today, many of immigrants that came from the arab speaking world from syria, lebanon, palestine and jordan. They have come here at the turn of the 20th. 20th century and they have contributed the cat food is the batons, the risks there isn't and many, many others City Council have to pay attention to the immigrants, refugees we co founded the new Portland's policy commission. But today the new Portland's policy commission is not activists used to be. American needs to help in improving our good system. We are improving the goods system and we are against the dismantling of the system because it's a coward behavior to dismantle the system. That is good, but it is very important to help and assist to improve the system because it's a man made not a woman made because women are the source of healing. But men are the souls of destruction. And unfortunately the system needs to improve to be able to accept boldly integration by design that the immigrant and refugee community needs to be helped and supported by creating the such programs and paying attention to this new Portland policy commission.

My dear, respected mayor and respected council. The african slavery today and the latino that, you know, have immigrated and some of them they are indigenous to this land, and now many refugees are coming to here to Portland, Oregon. It is very important that we create programs that will integrate him and to support them and to appreciate them and to make them feel safe and caring and responsible as well.

Six respected mayor and commissioner Rubio respected council. We are very appreciative of such recognition today when we recognize the muslim community where recognize many, many of my beloved former staff members and commissioners of this city, remember, you know, commissioner commissioner fish man, a gentle giant man that stood up in many ways to help integrate immigrants,

refugees and to recognize that contribute ocean. We remember also commissioner Charles Jourdan that helped and supported to integrate money of the parks and recreation to be able to integrate the services towards immigrants and refugees. We remember many, many, many of leaders that today are with us, and some of them have been departed. Very appreciative of this proclamation, and we hope to continue to be a source of healing and unifying restoring the human dignity that all of us are equal in front of God in respect of our color of skin or gender or any individual that divide us today in our society. Thank you very much. Commissioner we lost two of our, you know, founding members Leila Cali and what pressure because of the time and I took even a nap while we are addressing the towing companies and many others, but I'm joined with one of our young leaders. Mr. Jawad Khan is the chief programming officer that will also speak for a few minutes. You want thank you, brother much this. Um it is an absolute honor to be here and speak before you do respected Portland City Council respected Mayor Wheeler on behalf of the Muslim Educational Trust and the Muslim community in Portland's. We would like to express our gratitude for today's proclamation celebrating the 30th anniversary. The Muslim Educational Trust and Islamic Heritage Day. We appreciate the forward thinking and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion shown by the City Council, the Mayor and the city leaders. This year. The Muslim Educational Trust turns 30 years old. That's 30 years of faith based community building that has impacted the lives of thousands of Portlanders in Oregonians, Muslims and others. Since its founding in 1993 M. E. T has made a significant impact in the public square and has been a source of hearing in compassion to important community. Building community fostering dialogue is an M E T hallmark, bringing together people at the grassroots level from all walks of life from different ethnic, religious, educational and socioeconomic backgrounds around one table to

talk e in order to have meaningful discussion in proof of that is evident today at the seat of power and service to other city hall. Is issuing a proclamation about the muslim educational trust work. What acknowledged the growing muslim population in Portland, as by the way that he mentioned some who have come seeking education and employment opportunities and others who have come due to push factors and not by choice. The intentional integrity, ation and provision of services are essential to creating generational stability for the past 30 years, the muslim educational trust has been addressing her community social determinants of health to achieve this goal. The newcomers to this great city bring with them skills, different cultures, vitality, hopes and dreams. If integrated into society, given the services to build stability and seek opportunities, they will thrive. This has been the work of the muslim educational trust for the past 30 years work in its ideals that we believe we share with the city of Portland. We are especially grateful to hold to build city leaders such as the late commissioner nick fish, who always saw the positive potential of a growing muslim community in Portland and advocated for us his support was crucial in creating a welcoming environment for our community, and this legacy will always be remembered with the help of myriad partners in bold leadership, such as yours. Merely mayor Wheeler and respected City Council members, m e t has been able to build bridges and foster dialogue between the muslim and other communities. Important for 30 years, we have worked to dispel myths and stereotypes about islam. And have established educational programs to teach people about our faith, our diversity of experiences in cultures and life. We are proud of the progress we have made in furthering the understanding of our generous and compassionate community. Our monthly potlucks and forums are brought together. People of different faiths and backgrounds are rental support programs in partnership with counties and cities and states have distributed over

\$1.7 million in assistance in rental assistance since the beginning of the covid pandemic. Hello of food pantry and emergency food box program recognized throughout the state have distributed over 12,000 food boxes to families throughout the Portland metro area, muslims and non muslims alike. Counseling services have eased the pain of refugees suffering from the trauma of being ripped away from the only homes they ever knew. Having to navigate a new world, not knowing the language, not knowing the customs nor the systems. A full time islamic schools, the only fully accredited pre k to 12 islamic schools and the entire pacific northwest have graduated new emerging leaders. Who have attended or attending institutions of higher learning, such as harvard, stanford, cornell u c. Berkeley emery read, middle day claremont mckenna, harvey mudd and others. As we talk here today in city hall. We would like to remember the words of our prophet who said none of you will believe until you love for your brother. What you love for yourself. We believe that these values of compassion, understanding and love are the foundation of a strong and inclusive community. And it is what drives the muslim educational trust mission. Once again, we thank the City Council and mayor for their support and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. We are grateful to the City Council and mayor for recognizing the contributions of the muslim educational trust to our community. We hope to continue working together to create a vibrant and inclusive Portland for all. Thank you very much for your time. Please join us this Saturday for our gala and we have the co founder of the national woman, marsh. Ms linda's also a native of new york. And will be honored, you know, and I want to thank commissioner Rubio, specially and your staff michel de the past for her support and her love and her, you know, writing this proclamation and thank you, mayor for continuous support and all the commissioners here we really appreciate me and my beloved brother, dan Ryan go along for quite longer,

you know, and he used to work with Portland state university with didn't know how to land. Thank you very much for your leadership commissioner. Thank you. Watch dean. Thank you, john for your testimony today, i'll open it up to my colleagues. Commissioner Mapps you have your hand raised? Yes thank you, um, mr mayor and colleagues. Um I want to, um, um first let me start off by thanking the mayor and commissioner Rubio for bringing this item forward. I'm delighted to join this council and declaring March 8th 2023 to be islamic heritage day here in Portland, Oregon. And I appreciate this opportunity to reflect on islam's influence on our nation and the city of Portland's islam has had a profound and positive impact on our country, our culture and our city. For example, if you are close to my age, um you probably spent your youth cheering for sports heroes like muhammad ali kareem abdul jabbar. And now that I am in my middle age, I continue to cheer for ali and abdul jabbar, especially when I think about the challenges they had to overcome to become American heroes who happened to be muslim. Ali and abdul jabbar's journeys are classic American stories, and we should not be surprised by the fact that these classic American stories are also muslim stories. Muslims have been part of America since before the founding of this country. For example, many of the african slaves were brought to America during colonial times were muslim. And when the freedom when the right to freedom of religion was written into the constitution of these united states, our founders myth, freedom to embrace all religions, including islam. You can hear that commitment to inclusiveness and the words of benjamin franklin when he wrote even if the mufti of constantinople were to send a missionary to preach to us, he would find a pulpit at his service. Of course, America has not always lived up to this commitment to embrace pluralism. But that commitment to religious freedom for all, including muslim Americans, is baked into the mission of America. And it is the duty of each generation of

Americans to do our part to work towards that mission. Colleagues before we wrap up today, I'd like to take a moment to thank the muslim education trust for their service to our community for the past 30 years as we have heard since 1993, the muslim education trust has worked to enrich the public's understanding of islam, and if you are looking for an opportunity to celebrate Portland's islamic roots I encourage you to attend the muslim education trust annual fundraising and cultural night dinner, which, as we heard, will be held on Saturday, March 11th 2023. I believe tickets are still available and can be found online. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Ryan. Thank you, mayor and commissioner Rubio for bringing this forward. I was delighted to see it on the agenda today and what a great opportunity to actually just take time to celebrate muslim education trust. And the end, of course, the broader islamic community but today I'm going to make it more personal about your organization that you founded. I appreciate your acknowledgement that we go back a few decades now. I guess we're both young when we met. I have enjoyed watching your journey. You've always been a great partner in this community. Um and thank you for giving us more information about that journey that you've been on. I know I've had the pleasure of being there now three times and every time it's distinct, and it's um and I was come away reflecting quite a bit. I know I attended the event that commissioner Mapps has mentioning last year. And uh, you just you bring so many people together. And at a time where I think we're putting too much attention on our divisions, you've always really held that beloved community in your heart I one of my earlier meetings with you was at ainsworth united church of christ, and you are part of a multi cultural, multi religious, um panel and what I saw in you. There's that you were there with people from different communities of faith. And you all were coming together to say what you have in common, and that's what I always

see about you and what I feel when I go to the m e t center, and so thank you for being that person and continuing to be that person. We need that type of beloved community action. Now, more than ever. So you're a big part of the healing journey that the city and this community is on, and I really do appreciate you. So I also want to end with a promise. I inherited a bureau that depleted the commission that you're talking about the staffing of that, and we all know that those things don't happen without some professional staffing. I promise you that the civic life will continue to know that serving the community and the new Portland's jersey is essential. You can't pretend to serve 94 neighborhoods without acknowledging all the new Portland's hers. Our country is a much better place because we've always figured out how to accept the resilience, the persistence, the innovation that creativity from new arrivals. And so I thank you for being a voice for that, and I promise that we will get that restored. I appreciate you being here. Thank you watching. Thank you, commissioner commissioner Gonzalez. Well from science to math starts and letters. Islam's heritage is that of scholars and poets. Of art and medicine. Of true community pillars that has been true the case for centuries across the globe. And it is just as true right now in Oregon. Because of our community, state and country are stronger and more vibrant, thanks to the contributions of our muslim community members, whether you're talking about people working with the muslim educational trust and elsewhere. It was said it is true, and it's true about lifting up women in Oregon is just as true for our cities, islamic community communities. And those like them. Portland Oregon and America are great because of the sum of our parts from each individual community. Recognizing that and public quickly calling it out is crucial, especially right now in an era of high highlighted and heightened, divisive rhetoric. Commissioner Rubio is absolutely right. We are one humanity. One community

proud to lend my voice in support of this proclamation. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioners. Thank you. So it's now my honor to read this proclamation on behalf of the entire Portland's City Council, and by extension, the city of Portland's and watched the I want to thank you and congratulate you on your 30 years. I'm sure it went quickly. What? It's nice to see you here today, even though it's only virtually and I want to thank you for the great work that you do to educate young people in our community. And I appreciate the civic engagement opportunities that you hold dear at the muslim education trust. And last, but not least, I just want to thank you for bringing the community together, particularly during challenging moments. At a time when our community could be divided. You've brought us together. And that's what I hold, dear. That's what I think about when I think about the muslim education trust. It's become a touchstone, not just for the islamic community. But it's become a touchstone for all of us, and that's because of your leadership and your hard work and I want to thank you for it. Whereas the muslim educational trust is a cultural, social and educational institution founded in 1993. With the mission of enriching the public's understanding of islam and dispelling common myths and stereotypes. The muslim education trust also serves the muslim communities educational, social and spiritual needs to develop generations of proud and committed muslims who will lead our community to the forefront of bridge building dialogue. Faith based community service and stewardship of earth and humanity. And whereas for 30 years the muslim education trust has worked to be the balanced voice of islam through its work in bridge building, dialogue, outreach, civic engagement, positive integration. And the education of both the youth and the public at large. And whereas the muslim education trust has developed into a leading contributor to enhancing the quality of life for the muslim community in the Portland's metro area and into a leading contributor in building

connections between the muslim community and other religious, ethnic and cultural communities. And whereas. The muslim education trust has made its mark in the public square as an institution that seeks faith driven solutions for today's challenges. And an institution that works to make the Portland metro you're one of understanding of compassion of love. End of unity. Muslim education trust monthly forums have attracted citizen and immigrant groups that represent over 48 different ethnic groups who speak over 80 languages and dialects to gather and share ideas related to a diverse and broad spectrum of topics and we're as muslim education trust through its full time islamic school that serves students and families from over 40 different ethnic, racial and social economic backgrounds, is raising the next generation of young leaders who are competent, confident, well rounded and well vested in their citizenship. And their communities. And we're as muslim education trust celebrates this year. The 30th anniversary of the creation of its fully accredited islamic school, a metropolitan educational trust, and that's pre k through fifth grade. And the 15th anniversary of muslim education trust Oregon islamic academy, which is sixth through 12th. Grade. This year muslim education trust will have graduated 13 consecutive classes of seniors. With and hear this a 100% college admissions rate to schools such as harvard, stanford, cornell, carnegie mellon, emory university, bates college, amherst college, usc. Middlebury college, u. C berkeley, Washington university, new york university. Harvey mudd college reed college, the university of Washington and lewis and clark college, among many more. And whereas muslim education trust youth ambassadors club comprised of high school students has built a record of civic achievement and engagement that works with other Portland's nonprofits in serving persons in need, while helping its youthful members develop a sense of achievement and pride. In themselves individually and collectively. And whereas. Muslim education trust has forged

strong partnerships with over 55 local organizations, both muslim and non muslim. And provides a cohesive bond for our diverse community that opens channels for communication and promotes dialogue across differences. Muslim education trust has co founded numerous interfaith organizations like the institute for christian muslim understanding cmu. Arab jewish muslim dialogue. Interfaith council of greater Portland's the I c g p between women interfaith group. And the beloved community coalition. And whereas muslim education trust serves as a cultural hub for the Portland's metropolitans growing muslim population of over 100,000 individuals and served as a u. S census 2020 center to help count the undercounted population and has helped mobilize more than 50,000 new voters during the 2016 and 2020 elections. And whereas the newly established center is an icon of islamic heritage and civilization and embodiment of positive integration of the American muslim community, a source of healing and empowerment for children, youth adults in the public that will transform their lives for the better and help them thrive and to become well engaged. Citizens now therefore be it resolved. Ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland's Oregon, the city of roses. Do congratulate. The muslim educational trust on its 30th anniversary and do hereby proclaim March 8th 2023 to be islamic heritage day in Portland's and encourage all residents to celebrate this day. Thank you. Washington. But you have much, mr mayor and thank you much. Commissioner rovio. I know commission Rubio for quite long. And the commissioner Mapps. What a beautiful history, you know of our beloved african American community. Thank you, commissioner Gonzalez and commission. Ryan you know, I really appreciate this. And I hope that we are going to continue of service and for another 100 of years, you know, thank you very much, everybody. If you don't mind, I would like to take a group photo video with the proclamation. Sure if that's possible, I can come in the back of their if you want

me. Okay. No problem. See you. Where was it? I'm sorry. Absolutely now you're gonna pay. Alright uh, item 1 96 a report, please. Appoint members to the fair housing advisory committee for terms to expire April 1st 2025 colleagues. Our next item is the report to accept the appointment of six people to serve on the Portland's housing bureau's fair housing advocacy committee will now turn this over to commissioner Rubio to introduce the item. Commissioner Mapps housing advocacy committee f pack is a multi jurisdictional committee tasked with review of our regional fair housing planning processes. Implementation of the fair housing plan, recommendations and advocacy for fair housing policies. I'm delighted to announce six new nominees for appointment to this committee, each of whom bring their invaluable experience and perspective to our important work and fair housing colleagues. I ask for your support today and appointing the following individuals: arena. Ensco althea kinney kina. Stephanie grace, caroline jackson, jesse nielsen and christina dirks, all to the fair housing advocacy committee. So I will now turn it over to leslie goodloe equity and operations business manager for the Portland housing bureau for additional remarks. Good morning or I'm sorry. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I am leslie goodloe, the equity and business operations manager for the Portland's housing bureau, and it's wonderful to be here today to support the nomination of these folks to our fair housing advisory council. The fair housing advisory committee is a multi jurisdictional. I'm sorry. I'm reading the wrong thing. Um. As council is aware the fair housing advisory committee is tasked with review of our regional fair housing, planning and advocacy of fair housing policies in Portland's and in our part partner jurisdictions with this in mind, it is critical that we elevate the voices of our communities that have been systematically disadvantaged in our efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. I am grateful for the commitment and willingness of each appointee to

help us with the mission and look forward to their service to our city and our residents. Thank you, mayor for in commissioners for your support and continuing this work and the fair housing advocacy committee. We do have several members either on the line or in council chambers. Um here today, so thank you so much for your time and appreciate your support for this report. And these appointees. Thank you. I appreciate it and colleagues. Do we have any questions on this item? Could I just see a show of hands of who is, uh, potential appointee to this committee?

Great I don't know if you did you want to come up and say anything or um, you don't have to. I want to be very clear on that. Not true. Great. Commissioner Mapps great, encouraging them to come on. I'll be brief. We appreciate your being here. Thank you. Thank you. So I'm jesse nielsen. I just wanted to say I know you have kind of been able to review our our materials and the packet that was put together. But if I'm confirmed, I look forward to contributing to, uh, housing landscape in Portland that prioritizes fairness and dignity. That redress is a history of racial and social socio economic injustice and embraces accountability. And with that, I just request respectfully your support and my confirmation. Thank you appreciate it.

Great thank you. Um this is a report. Does anybody have any? Is there any public testimony on the report? No one signed up any further discussion. I want to thank the three of you for being here in person. Can we just get your names? Just can you say who you are, caroline? Thank you. And claire's, please. Thank you, nikki.

Appreciate it. Thank you for and is there anybody else here? Who's an appointee? Yes. Oh, barbara. Thank you. Thanks for your service. We appreciate it. Great. Um, please call the roll. Did you want to make a motion to accept? You know whether to report commissioner Mapps had already moved commissioner Gonzalez and seconded. Were you not paying attention? I wasn't I'm sorry. Please call the roll.

Rubio thank you, leslie for the presentation, and I really want to thank um the three

of you that are here today were really appreciative of your survey. Current service and those of you who are about to serve and a deep appreciation for sticking it out here with us this morning into the afternoon as we got to this agenda item and, um just, you know, working on the on these kinds of bodies is absolutely critical to ensuring that fair and equitable housing policies in our region are implemented are watched and that we know where our work is. So we deeply appreciate your service in this this work and to our community, so thank you again for being here and, um, I'm very happy to vote. I Ryan. Yes thank you, jesse for coming up and saying a few words, and it's really nice to have caroline and barbara here and also for the staffing that you do. I had the pleasure of having a few conversations with some of you over the past year, and it was really enlightening. On what your role in your purposes. I know they're eager to make a difference, and I could tell you were doing some systemic updates on how your voice could be more profound in this journey of fair housing. So anyway, I'm I'm delighted to vote high. Gonzales I just want to thank you so much for your service and stepping up. I vote. I um, I want to thank these volunteers for agreeing to serve on this important committee. I vote I Wheeler. I really appreciate it important committee hard work pays not very good, but this is one of the most important things were working on. Obviously as we seek to increase the amount of housing. We want to make sure that that housing is broadly available to the public. I vote either. Reports accepted. The appointments are approved. Thank you. Next item and colleagues. I'm gonna push this along a little bit because I know we have an executive committees told at one we might see if I can move that back to about 1 15 so that we can power through the remainder of the agenda. Next item. 1 97, please report accept bid of t edge construction for the farragut parks improvement project for \$1,738,000 colleagues. This project is part of a Portland's parks and recreation effort to address growth and maintenance

needs within fair good park, which is located in the piedmont neighborhood in north Portland's this item authorizes remediation of accessibility barriers, restroom building maintenance. Reconstruction of a basketball court and the addition of toddler play equipment. Biko Taylor's with this I don't see him in person. He must be online biko welcome. Good afternoon, Mr. Wheeler. Good afternoon. Members of council for the record, I'm Biko Taylor or chief procurement officer or November 9th 2022 City Council approved ordinance number 191065. The engineering estimates for this project was \$2.2 million in the confidence level at the time was moderate. Procurement services issued the invitation of bid on December 6 2022 with the due date of January, 31st 2023 told her. We received three bids for this project. Excuse me, Kes Construction was a little bitter and his direct commended awardee. Their proposal. Total 1.738 million and was 21% under engineering estimate. Bts Construction is located in Damascus, Oregon, and it is a state COVID certified contractor. They have a current city of Portland's business tax registration and are in full compliance with all the city's contracting requirements. The city standard 20% aspirational goal applied for this solicitation. In the following the breakdown and utilization by Bts Construction. The edge will complete roughly 60% of this project. 22% of the project was awarded to search certified COVID contractors and 23% of the project was awarded to minority contractors. So they did a good job with this one. Um the funding for this project is in the five year capital budget. Beginning of let's go year 23. Um and also if there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them right now. We also have a project manager from the bureau in attendance to answer questions as well. That concludes my report. Thank you, Director Taylor colleagues. Any question of Director Taylor. Any public testimony entertain a motion moved. Commissioner Mapps moves to accept that court commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion, seeing none. Please

call the roll. Thank you, director taylor for your work on this. I love this project and I'm happy to vote. I Ryan yes. Thank you. Director taylor. I also really love this project. This is really important for the north Portland's community, and I really appreciate that parks engaged with the daycare with the early childhood systems there and also the neighbors. We got a lot of testimony from neighbors who aren't really excited about this. Improvement to their neighborhood. It's a very just real quick. It's a really isolated neighborhood in terms of, and there's a lot of busy thoroughfares surrounding it, so it's so important that we create a safe, lovely place, a green place for the children and the families to partake in. And so this is a really good investment for a city I vote I gonzales. This is great piedmont community will be very happy to see this moving forward. I vote either report is accepted. Next item 1 98, please. Pay settlement of dominique bouchard bodily injury lawsuit for \$55,000 involving the Portland police bureau. This ordinance resolves a claim brought against the city of Portland in June of 2020, deputy city attorney caroline turco and senior claims analyst david farrow. Or here to walk us through the ordinance. Welcome carolyn and david. Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler. Good afternoon commissioners. The earnings before you is to approve this settlement of the lawsuit. Dominique bouchard versus the city of Portland, too sharp has alleged that she was injured during one of the george floyd protests in the summer of 2020. This case involves one of the early protests in downtown Portland that was particularly violent. Protest occurred on the night of June 5th 2020 and into the morning of June 6th 2020. Planets lawsuits stated to claims of battery one from being pushed to the ground by a police officer and a second from being hit with a less lethal munitions. Pushed to the ground resulted in ms bouchard, right risk being broken closeness still radius fracture. The less lethal munition, his hit mr shards, upper thigh and cause bruising. She was also exposed

to tear gas. Ms bouchard underwent an open reduction internal fixation surgery for her wrist in which a metal plate and screws were placed to secure the bone. She did it. She attended counseling for psychological injuries. Her medical bills totaled approximately \$31,000. She presented evidence during the course of the lawsuit that she would need the hardware removed from her wrist, which would require a second surgery. Ms bouchard asked lawsuit asked for these medical bills \$31,000. As well as \$500,000 for pain and suffering. There were no photographs or videos of mr bouchard's incident. But other videos of the evening should've violent protests during which ppb used the types of force that ms bouchard experienced. The parties were able to directly negotiated settlement of the case for \$55,000, which will adequately compensate ms bouchard for her medical bills. The settlement also includes all other attorney fees and costs. The parties have decided that this amount is a mutually agreeable amount. Given the risks that trial would present for both sides. That concludes my remarks. I'm happy to answer any questions or give any further information. Very good. Thank you any questions, colleagues? Do we have public testimony on this item? Two people signed up very good. First step. We have sanga bokkelen. Welcome. Thanks for your patience. My name is, uh, my african name is sangomas bokkelen colonial name is dimitri. I hester with this, um, settlement first. I want to say we don't stolen land. Secondly, I want to say you sit here, mayor and say for respect. When I called last week, you hung up on me. It was my turn to speak. But you chose to hang up on me. But you sit here. In front of us saying that we should respect you and what you say. But you do not respect us as the community. You sit here and had someone removed in your europe, people showed him violence by hitting his head and to the door. This is hypocritical. Where did you just passed women's month. You disrespected me and you disrespect every woman, especially black women all the time. But you sit here, you name all these

black women and these women, but you're still disrespectful to every african woman that you're using their labor right here. The day. But yet you want to name of muslim people. Muhammad ali was against this capitalist imperialist system. This is a joke to be sitting here. You're saying all of these laws are being passed to what so you can. Mark off your check and say we did this. We did that. You do not care about the community. You do not care what we say. We were out there. Protest ng when you gave the okay to your police and the proud boys to do those things to us. We got shot at with rubber bullets. You ordered \$75,000 more. Tear gas to tear gassed us every night and we had the right but yet you sit here as if you have done nothing and you want the community's feedback and input about the situation. This capitalist imperialist system that you created, but you want to keep going. Your police are police because you created this system. At slave catchers. They're doing exactly what you want them to do. You alerted the proud boys mayor where we were. You told everyone where we were going to be. You had ops and cops in the protest to make sure that you inserted your violence. But yet we're the problem. You always brehm us. You are the problem. You need to resign and these positions need to be filled with black people and indigenious people that actually care. You wrap it up. Next individual, please. Next step. We have mark porous. Mark, welcome. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. My name is mark porous. You see him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland cop watch. We have no objection to the city paying \$55,000 settlement, which is the result of police violence committed by multiple ppb officers on June 5th 2020 during a protest against police violence. We appreciate council, putting this item on the regular agenda due to the amount being over \$50,000, although we would prefer to see all police misconduct settlements on the regular agenda. And we continue to appear before you on what feels like a never ending parade of police misconduct. Settlements with full

understanding of the parties have already come to a financial agreement. This settlement raises the total paid out for protests between 2018 and 2022, at least 1,144,405 now including the don't shoot courtland lawsuit agreed upon last fall, which is not yet come to council. We hope that ms bouchard, who was shot in the back of her leg with a rubber bullet, and then body slammed to the ground by ppb is able to make a full recovery. We hope that she again has full use of her fractured wrist, which, as you heard from the city attorney required surgery and the placement of metal hardware. We hope that this does not prevent her from peacefully expressing her first amendment right to free speech in the future, despite the residual fear of police and anxiety she experienced after the brutal attack on her by city employees. Importantly, complex will continue to attempt to get you to engage and discuss the underlying policy issues. When these settlements come before you continue to urge you to help the public understand the true cost of policing by including the amount of time and money spent by city attorneys and risk management on police misconduct settlements. The ordinance states that the total cost to the city to settle the lawsuit is \$55,000 that is incorrect and incredibly misleading. \$55,000 is just the amount of the check that the mayor and auditor are being authorized to write. Mismanagement will execute a payment authorization, which means someone's salary is being paid to do that. There's a liability claims analyst and city attorney here today. To present this item. Their time isn't free, so obviously their salaries are not being factored into the total cost to the city. How many briefs were filed? How many emails sent how many meetings and mediation sessions were held? Why doesn't the city present that information so the public can actually truly understand the real total cost of these police brutality settlements. We also continue to ask you to stop using the term encounter in the ordinance language when cops brutalized community members again. That language is far

from transparent. Finally did the officers who harmed ms bouchard know that their actions caused the city to pay this settlement? Does anyone other than the cops who harmed ms bouchard even know who the offending officers are. Any cops disciplined for this beatdown? Are there any lessons at all that City Council can take from this latest police brutality settlement. Thank you. Thank you colleagues and that completes public testimony. Keelan. Awesome. Thank you. Colleagues. Any questions? Please call the roll. Rubio Ryan gonzales. I. The ordinances adopted. Thank you. Next item 199 authorized contract with just bucket excavating, incorporated for the ada. Accessible sidewalk rebid project for 1,122,100. Colleagues this project is part of Portland bureau of transportations work with the civil rights, education and enforcement center to build and or retrofit. 1588 ramps a year for 12.5 years, starting in 2018. This item authorizes pbot to build and or retrofit 80 80, a ramps throughout the city as identified and requested by constituents with disabilities. Chief procurement officer biko taylor is here on the screen in front of us to present. Welcome again, biko. Thank you, mayor Wheeler. Or January 3rd 2023 units services issued an invitation to bid for this particular project with the due date of January. 24 2023 total, we received three bids, the engineering estimate for the project was 989,290. So an authorizing ordinance was not required. Just bucket excavating was the low bidder and is the recommended awardee. Just buckets big total 1.1 to \$2 million, which is 13.4. Above the engineering estimate. Just bucket excavating has a current city of Portland business tax registration and is in full compliance with all contracting requirements. Just bucket excavating is located in albany, Oregon, and is a state certified certified db mbe contractor. This is an african American male on firm. Um some context from the engineering team. The bids came in high due to the high labor demand currently prevailing within the commercial construction market. Um that pair with

inflation and the specialized nature of the project was the explanation. Uh, big came in 13.4% higher. The city started 20% aspirational goals. It applied to the solicitation, and here's the following break, break down. 52% of the project will be self performed by just bucket excavating 36% will be performed by cobid certified contractors all total this contract will include 60. Of total minority participation, so we're really proud that just bucket one, but not only that decided to subcontract with minorities on the project. Reebok has allocated funding in the fy 23 budget to complete this project. Any questions? I'm happy to answer at this time. Also if you have any questions from the pbot team project manager raphael howard's in attendance as well, this concludes my report. Thank you, director taylor colleagues any questions on this item? Do we have public testimony on this side? One signed up very good. Please call the roll. Rubio. Um, this I'm happy to support this. I wrote i. I, um I want to thank biko director taylor for today's presentation. I also appreciate the mayor's office. Help bringing this item forward as we heard. This is the this project lives within pbot. We are legally obliged to build this, um 88 accessible infrastructure. I'm really happy to do it. I will also point out this this comes out. Significant cost to the bureau, which is an ongoing challenge and moving forward. I will need to have some conversations with council about how we, um continue to fulfill the parameters of this consent decree, but in the meantime, I am glad to vote. I miller. I vote? Aye the ordinances adopted colleagues we've reached on a suspicious waypoint item number 200 for this year authorized financial assistance grant agreements in support of the clean air construction program for five years, not to exceed \$100,000 per year. December, 13th 2018 council passed a resolution to amend the cities sustainable procurement policy. To incorporate the clean air construction standard, which aims to reduce diesel pollution on public construction projects. That resolution also authorized

procurement services to work with regional partner agencies to establish a regional clean air construction program with the city of Portland's procurement services as the program administrator. Today's ordinance authorizes the cleaner construction program to administer a new small grant program designed to assist contractors, particularly small businesses, with the costs associated with compliance with the clean air construction requirements. Chief procurement officer biko taylor and the clean air construction program coordinator for off of tommy, tommy, are here to walk us through the ordinance and for off I mispronounced your name. If you could correct me, I'd appreciate it. Welcome both of you. Not a fatty me before we start. I want to make a couple of remarks in honor of women's day. I want to give a shout out to stacey foreman are former sustainability manager who transition over to the green fleet. Stacy foreman let our sustainability program for I believe over 15 years and if I don't give you enough justice on on that station wherever you are, please forgive me. I believe it was 15 to 20 years. So on this day I wanna shout out to stacy for um, leaning our sustainability initiatives for such a long time, including a clean air construction program, and with that said, I'm going to see the florida fair, fatima. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is farah anatomy, and I coordinate the cleaner construction program am a staff member of city of Portland, and I'm here to provide some background and context around clean air construction in general and help you understand our request to administer small grants program today, so the cleaner construction programs relatively new program as the mayor mentioned, um, the council signed a resolution in 20. 18 to create the program. The first compliance um, standards actually started in 2022 so very recently and the goal is to help limit pollution from diesel exhaust in our region. So the map here you can see diesel particulate matter concentrations across the Portland metro area. Um I've highlighted a few different

neighborhoods just to give you reference of some neighborhoods that experience high. Um rates of diesel particulate matter. Concentrations um, and we know that this is also a health equity issue their whole host of issues associated with diesel exhaust. Um, but bipoc communities tend to experience 2 to 3 times the amount of exposure compared to other communities in the Portland metro region. Um we also know from recent research that de que has conducted that in urban areas and in the Portland metro area. Um, construction is a very the large contributor. The most important contributor to diesel particular matter emissions. So in that graph here, you can see construction in the orange which contributes about 44% of estimated diesel particularly matter emissions. We also know that diesel contains black carbon, which is a major climate warming pollutant. Um, so not only a health equity issue, but a climate issue as well. Clear construction focuses on old construction equipment and phasing that out and I did some back of the envelope calculations if we brought all old construction equipment up to current emissions standards in Multnomah County, you could reduce diesel particulate matter emissions by as much as 50. Um so the cleaner construction program is a collaborative program governed by intergovernmental agreements, and we have seven different participating agencies. The city serves as the regional program administrator, in part because the city has the highest number of constructive product construction projects. The regional contracting goal that all of the agencies in clean air construction have adopted. Um has one artwork couple of major goals, but the one main goal is to reduce diesel particular matter emissions on construction projects and an important part of that is phasing out older diesel engines to get to current emission standards. And we want to do this by 2025 so old engines have to agree phased out by then, or retrofit, which means that they have an aftermarket exhaust control. Um this standard complements the

renewable fuel standard because it has a regional focus and will further enhance emissions reductions brought about by the transition to low carbon fuels. The cleaner construction program, as I mentioned is a collaboration among seven different agencies, and they all pay into a shared budget. So the city of Portland contributes 29% of the budget in the current fiscal year, and we also have the highest number of active projects. About two thirds of the projects in the system are currently city of Portland projects. Now we recognize that you know that what we are asking folks to face is our older equipment, and there can be the cost associated with that. So we do offer a suite of services targeting small firms and equity contractors to help them understand compliance and solutions and find ways, so we offer free engine retrofits assessments in cooperation with diesel emissions service. Where um they examine a piece of equipment and see if an aftermarket exhaust control will work consultant will also go on site and look at the fleet. And see what they might need to do to bring equipment into compliance. And we also offer assistance to firms that are preparing grant applications that will fund the transition to cleaner equipment. Was funding sources are typically deke or e p. A so today's request really builds on that suite of services that I just mentioned, um we would like council to approve a new financial assistance grants program. And this is really a small grants program where we would administer 5 to \$10,000 per vehicle or per piece of equipment. And this is really, um, hoping to help small businesses that have barriers to bringing equipment into compliance. So maybe getting them over a hump that they need to pay for an aftermarket exhaust control. Retrofit or maybe in tandem with other funding sources be able to upgrade to newer equipment. The grant process would be primarily administered by the cleaner construction coordinator, and we would have basic support from the grants management office at city Portland. And with

that, I think we can take questions. There we are. Colleagues questions. No that was a great presentation. Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this item? All right. This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Cbo, sarah and dr trailer. Uh thank you for our director taylor. Thank you for your presentation. And for this program for business owners that need the extra help to get their equipment to meet the requirement. That's exactly what we should be doing as a government partner, partner in order to, uh, insurance through their transition and will help us further curb diesel emissions in our communities and move us closer to our climate goals. So I support this and vote I Ryan thank you, director taylor and farrah for that presentation. It's nice to see the expansive I g a factor the day 43% of all diesel emissions are construction. Who knew now I do thank you for that, and it's the right start and we hope to be back for more. Thanks I got I gonzales. Ah thank you for the presentation. I love the collaboration between industry and the city and moving to cleaner air in the city. Uh I vote i. Ordinances adopted 201 a second reading. We've already heard public testimony on this item as well as the presentation. Go ahead and read it. Sorry Keelan, thanks authorized water revenue bonds to finance water system capital improvements not to exceed \$425 million into refund outstanding water revenue bonds any further discussion? See none. Please call the roll. Cbo Ryan Wheeler. The ordinances adopted our final item this morning is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance read item number 202. Authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the northeast six drive pump station upgrade project for an estimated amount of \$4,540,000. Colleagues this item comes to us from the bureau of environmental services. Environmental services operates and maintains nearly 100 wastewater pump stations throughout the city. We used these pump stations to move sewage and storm water through

pipes to where wastewater treatment plants the ordinance before us today authorizes environmental services to conduct a competitive solicitation for construction contractor to upgrade the northeast six. Dr pump station. That pump station serves a portion of Portland's just west of the Portland's international airport. The station has been in service for over 45 years and has exceeded its designed and anticipated useful life. The budget for this project is \$8 million. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year and be completed by 2025 here today to tell us more about this project. We have two staff members from bes. Welcome cyrus osborne, design manager with bes, and we have barnaby and car division manager with environmental services welcome staff. Thank you, mr. Yes thank you. Commissioner Mapps can everybody hear me loud and clear and we see great. Great good afternoon mayor Wheeler and members of council. I'm cyrus osborne and I am an engineer at the bureau environmental services here today request approval of an ordinance to authorize solicitation contract and payment for the construction of northeast six drive pump station upgrade. So as commissioner Mapps stated northeast 65 pump station was constructed in 1977 and has exceeded its designed and anticipated useful life. The basic requirements of this project to bring the station into conformance with current bes standards for operation reliability, safety and resiliency to ensure that it can continue to serve the surrounding area of northeast Portland for decades to come. And help reduce time to re establish service after a seismic event. Five other pump stations direct flows to northeast six drive pump station and the combined pump stations service area is shown here next to a 45 year old pump that is still currently in service. The project objectives include direct replacement and upgrades of components at the current pump station. These include all mechanical and electrical components, a new electrical and controls building a new what well to allow the use of wet pit

submersible pumps and a new permanent standby generator and generator in enclosure on the top. You can see the current pump station arrangement and then the bottom, you can see a rendering of the equivalent structures at the upgraded pump station. Project also includes adding new features to the club station to bring it into conformance with current standards. Those features, including expanded site layout, and 80, a complaint restroom and eco roof, a flow meter force being inspection and cleaning to launching station, a stormwater management facility and seismically resilient sub structures supporting the electrical and controls building and the wet well. In the case of what? Well, it will be founded on seven steel tiles, and they will be driven used in both vibrant ori and impact hammers environmental services. Public involvement has already communicated to area residents and businesses about this work and what to expect will continue outreach, especially with the limited number of nearby neighbors, including preconstruction inspections. He told project budget is \$8 million of that 5.3 million is budgeted for the construction contract. In the current engineers. Estimate of probable construction cost is 4.5 million. The amount budgeted for construction cut for the construction contract exceeds the engineer's opinion of probable construction costs to account for the current climate and construction change orders. Funds for this project are available within the sewer operating system fund with the adopted bureau of environmental services fiscal year 2022 to 2026 capital improvement plan. In terms of schedule. We're very near the design phase, and as commissioner Mapps noted, we will be in construction before the end of the year. Again here to request council approval of an ordinance to authorize solicitation, contract and payment for the construction of this project, or at least six right pump station upgrade. Thank you for your time, and I'm happy to take any questions. Any questions colleagues. Do we have any public testimony on this side of the one

signed up? Very good. This is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance. I want to thank you, cyrus for a really terrific report with good graphics, so we have a good sense of what you're talking about. Here. It looks excellent. This now moves to second reading and we are adjourned.