



May 10, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

Council adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Communications

355

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

Document number: 355-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Justin Adams to address Council regarding quality of life](#) (Communication)

Document number: 356-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Meg Bender-Stephanski to address Council regarding wage advocacy for direct service workers at community based organizations](#) (Communication)

Document number: 357-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Molly Hogan to address Council regarding wage advocacy for community based organizations](#) (Communication)

Document number: 358-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Andrew Poorman to address Council regarding Department of Revenue and jurisdiction to tax and fine](#) (Communication)

Document number: 359-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

360

[Authorize the submittal of Enterprise Zone Application to the State of Oregon to reauthorize the East Portland Enterprise Zone](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37618

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

361

[Proclaim May 2023 to be Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

(Proclamation)

Document number: 361-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

362

[Amend permit fee schedules for building, cannabis, electrical, enforcement, land use services, mechanical, noise, plumbing, signs, site development, and land use services fee schedule for the Hearings Office](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Utilities

Consent Agenda

363

[*Authorize sixty-one month lease with Murase Properties, LLC for Office of Management and Finance Community Safety Division office and community space at 2712 N Mississippi Ave for an average of \\$133,000 annually](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191266

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

364

[*Authorize settlement agreement with Portland Police Association to grant 167 vacation hours and adjust vacation leave accruals for Officer Davonne Zentner](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191267

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

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

365

[*Accept and appropriate a grant from CareOregon Inc. to expand the Community Health Assess and Treat program in the amount of \\$2,400,000 \(amend Contract 32002585\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191268

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

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

Regular Agenda

366

[Accept bid of Kodiak Pacific Construction Co. for the Road 10 I and J North Fork BR MP 14.44 project for \\$2,614,048 \(Procurement Report - Bid 00002063\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 366-2023

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 Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

367

[Accept bid of Moore Excavation, Inc. for the Tryon Creek Fish Passage Improvements Project for \\$832,701 \(Procurement Report - Bid 00002079\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 367-2023

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 Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

368

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

Document number: 191278

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

369

[Amend fee schedule for tree permits](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Works

370

[Vacate a portion of NE 42nd Ave south of NE Halsey St subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10134\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191269

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 354.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

371

[*Approve use of the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program to extend the exemption period to housing developments who agree to maintain continued affordability restrictions](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191270

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to replace Directive D with the following: Applications must meet the additional MULTE program requirements adopted by PHB: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Mike Porter, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Time Certain

372

[City Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to receive the Prosper Portland FY 2023-24 Proposed Budget and hold a public hearing.\(Mayor convenes Council as Prosper Portland Budget Committee\)](#)

(Report)

Document number: 372-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 90 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

373

[*Amend City Employee Benefits Program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the Labor Management Benefits Committee and administratively required by the Bureau of Human Resources for plan offerings from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191271

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes (1 of 3)

Disposition: Passed

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

374

[*Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter into a three-year contract with Express Scripts, Inc. to provide pharmacy benefits manager services on behalf of the Bureau of Human Resources Benefits Office beginning July 1, 2023 not to exceed \\$50 million \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191272

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes (2 of 3)

Disposition: Passed

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

375

[*Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter into a five-year contract with Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc. to provide flexible spending account administrative services on behalf of the Bureau of Human Resources Benefits Office beginning July 1, 2023 not to exceed \\$25 million.\(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191273

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes (3 of 3)

Disposition: Passed

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

Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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May 10, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Good morning, everybody. This is the Wednesday may 10th 2023 morning session of the Portland's City Council. Keelan good morning. Please call the roll. Good morning, Ryan here. Gonzales maps. Rubio here, Wheeler here. We'll hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. 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. Excuse me agenda at [www dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) information on engaging with City Council can be found at the council clerks webpage, 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 relieve 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, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary, disclosed if you are a lobbyist, and if you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifier joining virtually please

mute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you colleagues. This morning I had the pleasure of meeting to Portland locals who are united states presidential scholarship semifinalists darsch, mandira and charlie black darsch and charlie can use raise your hands so I can further embarrass you here. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge darsch and charlie who joined us here in chambers. Charlie is accompanied by his parents, and darcy is accompanied by his parents, grandfather. And earlier you also saw jesuit high school principal khalid maxi. For those who are unfamiliar the united states presidential scholarship is one of our nation's highest honors for high school seniors. Both of these students have an excellent academic record and demonstrate a curiosity, drive and resilience that we here at the city of Portland are very proud to celebrate. We wish both of these students the very best as they move on to higher education this coming fall, and we look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments. We really appreciate your being here today with your families, and we applaud the hard work you've put in, and I was so inspired by your vision for your individual futures and what you can do not only for our community but for our society at large really appreciate you. And thanks to your parents as well. Okay. First up is communications. First item. 355 1st individual, please Keelan. Request of elizabeth adams. Children rest council regarding safety and livability concerns. Good morning. Thank you for being here this morning. Oh, great. And this is my husband, jacob jacob. I'm not sure if you remember me. It was a little emotional. Last time I was here, so I'm a little in better spirits. Um I'm actually here to thank you all for your help with the property. We've made small progress. Progress is really hope. Um rejuvenate us. Also wanted to bring to your attention. Mike masset from bts senior building, inspector. Um who has checked in with us regularly and supported us with the ongoing trespassers, vandalism and crime at this location. Mr massey,

who also led the hearing at the port city of Portland versus aaron mitchell for the property. Who's the property owner, and his testimony was outstanding in the detail, um, had great detail. The demolition is possibly happening this week at the earliest, so we'll see. If that happens. There's a couple more things that have to happen for that. But we'll cross our fingers. Um also, stephanie howard has been checking in with me weekly, and she is been a great support for me and has actually restored myself and our neighbors some some hope for our city. Um I'd like to make the request that we can somehow hold the property owners accountable and make it quicker and easier process for our community. No one should have to endure the three years of trauma that we have had to go through. The city is often blamed for these vacant properties when it's ultimately the owner's responsibility. My husband and I are willing to help in any way to make this process more seamless, since we've been through it and know what it's like. Um what can we do to exploit this process? One more thing after that, I don't know if you want to address that now or at the end ahead. Um in addition, having this high risk business under the umbrella of ol cc, which is limo to owned by aaron mitchell. In our residential neighborhood is also a hotbed for crime. And violent crime. Considering armed robberies, um to this cash based business and there have been robberies with this specific business and the lack of concern for its employees. The owners of this business. Have already shown negligence for the unsafe working conditions of their employees and have lawsuits pending accordingly in um is there any way for us to stop because our is an aaron mitchell specifically, not specific to the property and what's allowed there. But these specific owners in regards to the problems with this property and the trauma they have caused us in our neighborhood and then surrounding neighborhood neighbors. We have felt victimized by them and don't feel it's safe for any of us to have to neighbor with

them. Thank you, and by the way, perfect timing, Jacob. I assume you're here in a supporting role percent. Good, man. You're a smart man as well. Excellent. We really appreciate you both being here. Commissioner Mapps has a comment. Sure I just wanted to, um, thank you for coming back and giving us a progress report. I also want to thank you for your perseverance. And frankly, thank you for holding. Um council accountable. I also want to thank my colleagues. It sounds like the mayor's office and commissioner Rubio has really stepped up into the space to help resolve this situation. So I'm very much indebted to you. If there's anything that my portfolio can do to help in the space, please let us know. I appreciate um ah. Especially the calls for, um figuring out better ways of holding property owners accountable for the issues that happening in on their land as quite important. I used to work out in the park rose. Um and a couple of years ago, we would have terrible problems with, for example, drug houses um, and the work that we had to do to get these closed down were was like moving a mountain. Um and I see that frankly, we haven't come up with a lot of systematic reforms in that space. I think that's one of the things we need to figure out in order to help Portland's hell. And I'm very dedicated to turning out that issue and would be happy and to work with my colleagues on council to make that happen. Um other than that. Thank you for being here. I'm glad things are heading in the right direction. Um and I'm glad that you two are well. Thank you. Commissioner commissioner Gonzalez again. I want to thank you so much for testifying, bringing this to our attention advocating for your neighborhood, your community, uh as commissioner Mapps salute to holding us accountable, holding the city accountable. Also one of the thank my colleagues for addressing the issue, including commissioner Rubio and the mayor and their teams. Um you know the there's other parts of the story. There are difficult to stomach but the, uh I think the city is taking increasingly holding these folks

accountable. So um, including the various relationships with the city, so leave it at that. But I appreciate your testimony and coming back. We love to hear progress. And uh, we just gotta keep working for east Portland's thanks so much. Also, I just wanted to say a lot of we tried really hard to bolster up our city, and I don't know if that's been evident in our news coverage. But there's been a lot of negative. So I want you to know that we appreciate you and I have tried really hard to be compassionate for our city. So love is going to change the city. Not hate. Absolutely yes, sir. Thank you. Thank you both. And I will pass your uh, kind words onto stephanie. She's not here this morning. She's she's out doing the good work, but i'll let her know that that you said nice things about her, and I know she'll appreciate that personally, and all all continue to listen to her guidance on this issue. Thank you both again. Yeah please do keep us keep us posted on this. It's fluid. And personally, I'd like to know what's going on too. So thank you. Thank you appreciate it. Next individual, please item 356 request of justin adams to address council regarding quality of life. They canceled their request. 357 please request of meg bender, stefanski to address council regarding wage advocacy for direct service workers at community based organizations. Good morning. Thanks for being here morning. All of you. Um my name is meg bender, stefanski and I work at impact northwest as a housing case manager. I love what I do. I love the individuals. I work with my coworkers and participants and I'm so grateful to do such meaningful work and participate in my community in this way. I'm here today to speak on why increasing wages of social service workers is necessary and important. And the program I work in eligibility for participants is based on area median income for folks who are up to 80% am I which for a household of one person is \$59,680. As a February 1st of this year. I now make 44,544. This means that participants that we work with some of them more than I do. As a case worker. I also regularly do

housing searches for my clients. Oftentimes the housing I see available isn't even accessible to me. Cost wise. One apartment I found was listed as low income and it was 16 \$1615. During another search recently, there was a 360 square foot studio without a kitchen for \$1100. According to the 2022 out of reach report by the national low income housing coalition to afford the average two bedroom home in Portland in the Portland metro region requires an hourly wage of \$33.37, which translates to \$69,400 annually. I can almost guarantee you today that in our region no direct service workers are being paid that increased wages would allow me and my co workers not to just survive but to thrive. We all often carry this mentality in relation to the folks we work with and serve. But we also deserve to be treated and thought of in this way. I like so many of us thus far want to ask you to commit to policy actions this year that will allow us to thrive. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. And also, I'm aware that you guys have allocated some funding towards increased wages for the joint office. Um but again just wanted to bring this to your attention. Thank you. Commissioner Gonzalez did you have your hand up? Let me just first of all, applaud you for being here and you're you're absolutely right. And this this is an issue or not only taking seriously her the county chair mentioned yesterday in her remarks that this is an important priority for her, given that the county has a lot of service. Provider contracts, and we are seeing that the people who are delivering services to the most vulnerable people in our community are in fact vulnerable themselves and so it is increasingly problematic and it's just sort of an interesting aside. I was recently in Washington d. C talking to our congressional delegation and some members of the administration. And I noted that some careers get a lot of benefits, including housing, educational support, loan forgiveness, healthcare access, and I think about the benefits provided to people who choose to go into military service, and I applaud them and there. Absolutely

deserving of everything they receive, but I also wonder on the home front. Is our nation struggles with behavioral health issues struggles with substance use disorders struggles with access to basic healthcare. Why we can't also holds social work. And the provision of services to vulnerable communities in that same level of esteem, and I feel that as as I look at the decisions young people are making about their careers. It's very hard for somebody to rationally say I want to pursue a career where I will be poor and unable to afford housing or unable to put a roof over my family's had or be able to afford retirement. It's it almost requires a saintly attitude. And that shouldn't be the case. We should be encouraging a pipeline of young people like you who want to work to uplift and support our communities. So it's on my mind. You touched a nerve really appreciative of what you do. And I hear the called action and I want to thank you for it. Thank you. Thanks for being here in person. Commissioner Mapps did you have a comment? Yeah I just wanted to thank meg for her testimony today in the work that she does. And mr mayor, I also just want to thank you. Uh I believe yesterday we had to work session where we are. You unveiled your proposed budget, and we had some exchanges around households nous and I think one of the things I did come out is the mayor. It is proposed to put in some fans for cbos, so I'm glad to see that in the budget, and I appreciate the mayor really leaning into this. Important topic. Thank you. It's a start. Thank you. Thank you. 358, please. Next, an individual request. Um ali hogan to address council regarding wage advocacy for community based organizations. Good morning. Thanks for being here. Good morning. I'm basically just going to reinforce meg on a broader scale. Okay thanks. So good morning, mary and commissioners. My name is molly hogan and I'm, the director of the welcome home coalition over 80 organizations united with a common vision that everyone in our region has access to a safe, stable and affordable home. And to make that a reality.

We need a thriving workforce of community based social service employees. This issue is not new for years, nonprofit leaders, service providers, frontline staff and other advocates have been raising the alarm bells that government funded social service contracts with community based organizations must include increased amounts to allow for staff pay and benefits increases to authentically keep pace with the cost of living increases in our city. As of this morning over 330 Portland area residents have sent your offices letters demanding that you ensure that community based organizations contracting with you in fiscal year 24 can pay their workers living wages. A recent report showed that someone needs to make 60,000 year to rent the average one bedroom in our area without being rent burdened. The city contracts with community organizations to do the work that you cannot accomplish alone as a government agency. Community based organizations are essential in addressing our housing and health crisis more equitably, with the trauma informed and human centered programming. These essential workers from culturally specific and responsive. Nonprofits are mission driven and often meet people where they're at and can build trust with more efficacy than a government agency can further ensuring living wages within community based organizations is a matter of racial equity. We cannot ignore how low wages and social service positions disproportionately impacts. Communities of color women and folks with lived experience that choose to do this work as you touched on choosing to do the work out of their desire to give back when frontline workers are stressed about their own finances has a rippling impact throughout the system. These workers are experiencing vicarious trauma of those they serve every day and might be one life emergency or paycheck from needing services themselves. So I saw that the mayor's proposed budget includes mention of a one time funding allocation just over a million dollars for the joint office of homeless services to increase provider

wages were grateful to see that called out and funded and yet acknowledge that it's not a sufficient amount to truly uplift our community based workers. So I ask that you show your commitment by working with the county collaborating to create a healthy, thriving social safety network force in our region to ensure that the fiscal year 24 budget reflects the ability to increase and uplift staff wages and benefits with our community based organizations. We need to stop relying on individuals, kindness and create kinder systems. Thank you. So much for your service and your time really appreciate you. Thank you for being here, commissioner Rubio. Thanks I just want to say to mali and may I just really appreciate your comments. And having worked, you know, in direct service for so many years. Um I just want to be so great to see that you're here and that you're advocating. Um for these, uh, you know, living wages. Um people don't understand the toll that it takes on staff and the incredible burnout and turnover, which is in turn incredibly expensive for organizations to constantly recruit and train and then people burn out in terms, so it's we're creating our own, you know, sort of trauma in in that experience as well, so just keep going. Very, very glad to see you here. And, um I'm I'm a supporter. Awesome. Thank you so much. Thank you both. Next individual, please item 359. Request of andrew portman to address council regarding department of revenue and jurisdiction to tax and fine good morning. Thank you for being here. Thank you. Thank you for seeing me. First of all, I just got off work, so I apologize for not having time to change. Um here's an Oregonian, not as a representative of my employer. My name is andy portman. I'm a resident of unincorporated Washington county. I'm sorry I should stop. Did you guys receive the letters that I submitted? Yes one. Thank you. I've never lived Multnomah County nor I had any business dealings Multnomah County or the city of Portland's. I do own rental properties in clark county, Washington and in clackamas county, here in Oregon. I filed business tax

returns with the irs, and it paid all local and state taxes that are due. The first document. Guys have their the notice a possible business possible business I received. It's dated February 24th of this year, details, fines and assumed back taxes if I do not comply to the Portland's department of revenue within 45 days again, I live outside the jurisdiction. I have no business dealings within Portland's and if I do not do anything, I will be fined and charged assumed taxes for no crime that I committed. I asked the department of revenue for their justification as I don't live within their jurisdiction, and they sent me the second letter, which said they had evidence of me having business dealings within their jurisdiction. When I asked them what this evidence was, they would not provide it for me as they don't have any minor standing of how it works. Is that the irs provides a city Portland with a list of people who have Portland's on their street address, which I do, and unincorporated Washington county who filed a business tax return at the I r s but did not file or pay any taxes to the city of Portland and Multnomah County. The revenue division, then takes this information and goes after these people and for whatever attempt to try and collect taxes from them. My concern with this is that they start assessing fines on people before they have any evidence. Additionally as a 21 year veteran of military I was unemployment for far greater than 45 days. If this had happened while I was deployed, I would have come home to a large fine and back taxes sent to personal collections, which are not easy to turn off. Requesting the Portland's department of revenue, sees the threats of fines and change their policy on people that they do not have jurisdiction on thank you all have another questions. Thank you. Yeah, this is a new one. For me, i'll admit, and I appreciate you coming in here and documenting this. Bobby is this something we could follow up with with revenue because it feels to me like maybe there's a. There's a disconnect in the system somewhere. And I apologize. You thank you.

Based on the information you've provided your name is on the letterhead. Sounds like you've been wronged. Um so let's see if we can take care of it and fix it. Not only for you, but let's see bobby if we have a systemic issue here with the revenue collection program. Sorry. Are there any questions? Well I don't know enough about this. And I mean literally. This is the first time I've ever heard this one and so i'll i'll follow up and we'll see what we can do. Commissioner I in just additional context. The reason why our department of revenues collecting it's collecting for the county and for metro correct. That's why we get involved because, yeah. Yeah under in the mayor's office, that the department of revenue like we're, aren't we, the agent to collect the money in your account? That's what's so that's what this is connected to. Well, let's not if we can sort of guarding the homeless, the metro tax for homeless this is not regarding that. This is business taxes business. I'm sorry just taking responsibility in the department of revenue. So it's like they are saying that they had evidence that I was conducting business. In Portland's and they're only evidence is that I live proximate to their boundaries. That, sir and so they anybody with the Portland address that files business return, they're subject to these audits. Let's let's see if we can sort so that's my chief of staff right there. Bobby lee. Nice guy. If you could leave your contact information, and we'll see if we can sort this where it sounds like it's some sort of a misunderstanding. Okay I the my meetings with the department of revenue is no misunderstanding. They do this all the time. And their response to me was that I would be surprised how many people hotel taxes and haven't paid them. And that's the justification. Okay well, I'm hearing you. Thank you. First. I've heard of it, so I'm committing to you all sort of appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, sir. For being here appreciate it. And that completes communications of any items been pulled off the consent agenda. Nothing has been placed. Ryan alright, maps, Wheeler consent agendas adopted first time

certain item number 360, please. It's a resolution. Authorized the submittal of enterprise zone application to the state of Oregon to reauthorize the east Portland's enterprise zone. Commissioner Rubio thank you, mayor. I'm pleased to introduce this next item, which will adopt a resolution for prosper Portland just submit an enterprise zone application also called the zones to the state of Oregon to reauthorize the east courtland enterprise zone for the next 10 years. If approved, this application will endeavor to retain the current east Portland's zone program and existing map. It will enable prosper Portland to continue to manage an economic development program that since 1996 has encouraged commercial investment created and retained quality jobs and created a resource stream to prosper. Portland's to invest in critical community economic development objectives across the city. I'd also like to emphasize that the program currently has 45 active zone companies, including 18 in the east Portland's zone. 33% of these are small businesses. And since 2015 companies in both the Portland and east Portland's zones have invested in capital or procured goods and services totalling 1.8 million plus in the city of Portland. Um or is that billion billion excuse me created 3600 new jobs in 2021 paid \$30 per average, um in wages and provided eight million for local nonprofits, businesses and workers through prosper Portland programs. This program locally and nationally, is recognized as an innovative tax incentive tool that not only helps businesses to grow but also does so in an inclusive way. So today we have a shape clarity. Bettin prosper, Portland's economic development director, and andy reid, project manager to introduce society, um and share more about the impact on our community. Welcome thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler in Portland commissioners for the record. My name is schaeffler t 15. I use pronouns like he, him and I. And I am the director of economic development across report and I'm here with andy

reid, who has actually managed the enterprise zone program on behalf of the city of Portland and prosper Portland for the more longer than a decade now, since 2010 and so before I jump in, I want to acknowledge not just his work. But the work of our business advancement team, which is the team within prosper Portland that assists growing businesses so they can invest back into Portland's living wage jobs. If we go to the next slide, please. So today we're going to cover briefly. Just some background on the program, including the policy and practices as well as who's benefiting from the program today and then going to pass it to andy so he can touch on program impacts as well as the reason we're all here today, which is hopefully to extend the availability of this resource moving forward. We're gonna try to go quickly so we can save time for questions to the next slide. So just at its core briefly zone is a five year property tax abatement program, and, most importantly, it is the only incentive tool that our business advancement team actually manages in house. So as you can imagine, it plays an immense role in our business retention and expansion efforts. In order to qualify, the firm must be making new investments in construction or equipment. Two property within the e zone boundary, and you must be creating new or additional jobs. And once a company enters the program, it will receive that full tax abatement on all qualified property for up to five years. But that's only if and only if they are accountable and complying with the annual program requirements. For example, this is one that helped me wrap my head around it. The tax liability and a new capital investment is around 1.5% of the value of that investment. So if a company is investing \$20 million, it would typically produce a new tax liability of around \$300,000 a year. So once that five year period is over roughly, you know, at \$300,000 a year 1.5 million of the taxes have been forgiven. After that the improvements along with the rest of the property are now fully taxed and the entire asset reenters the tax roll at a

higher amount. Hence this short term waiver of local taxes usually results in an immense long term return to our local taxing jurisdictions figure to the next slide. I want to point out that this is a statewide program. It's under state statute and that the abatement is available by right to companies that comply with the program requirements. There's currently more than 70 different zones across the state, and I'd say most medium to large cities actually have one. But I'd say here in Portland were actually probably the most aggressive and successful at extracting community benefits from enterprise zones, and you'll hear more from Andy on that in just a second. Lastly, zone designations have to be made every 10 years.

Portland's board of directors and the purport of Portland have already approved this reauthorization and City Council's approval today would be the last step in our process. We go to the next slide. Just a bit of the history in 2012. We established the east Portland enterprise zone, which is the enterprise zone in question today, and we'll show you a map in a second. That's the zone that's here for potential reauthorization. Most recently, we've adjusted and deployed this program to help deliver on several strategic equity priorities. For example, in 2017, we added the country's first public benefit agreement requirement within the enterprise zone, and since then, 19 different companies have agreed to a variety of public benefits, so we believe that's a good reason to proceed with this program. And if you see on the next slide, the zone program is actually a critical component to the number of objectives in our advanced Portland's strategy. So just noting how that actually lines up with objective one, which is to propel inclusive growth and innovation, where specifically again as a reminder talking about cluster industries in which our city has a competitive advantage where we're seizing opportunities to expand green products and address barriers to growth. Zone only works with businesses that are growing jobs in the city and bringing money from outside the region. So many of

these companies are engaging and innovative business practices that create new products. That are then distributed throughout the world and again. This is the only financial tool that this team has. So I think it's crucial for us when it comes to business retention expansion, but also attraction. In the second objective, which is around equitable wealth creation. I think the connection here is around supporting diverse entrepreneurs to grow and scale their businesses and you'll see. In the past few years, the program has actually been able to critically support some of our entrepreneurship efforts, and there's been an increasing participation from some smaller businesses who you might recognize. An objective four. I think it goes without saying that, given the connection to high quality jobs, there's significant alignment with the advanced Portland's strategy there next slide so we can actually look at the map of what we're talking about. So City Council already reauthorized the Portland enterprise zone, which you see in brown on the map. Um that happened in 2019, and it includes sections of downtown in the pearl in addition to the commercially zoned portions of north northeast and the support and north Portland's or you have some of our industrial corridors. Uh other one is the outer east. Portland's which you'll see is in blue. I'll just note that we treat both of these enterprise zones with the same policies so businesses in both are treated equally. We go to the next slide. So over the past 10 years we've supported 97 projects. 45 of those are currently active, and the map currently highlights the e zone investments that are within the industrial and commercial locations throughout the city. It's steadily picked up, especially investments in the Portland have steadily picked up since its creation in 2012. Some of those have included manufacturers of products such as granola bars, mattresses and pharmaceuticals to support those that have diabetes. We go to the next slide. So again, 45 currently active projects, you'll see that, um we've had an uptick in number of projects that are except

accessed and available to small businesses, and that's really been a credit to Andy's work in simplifying access to the program and increasing a focus on customer service. So enrollments now include a significant number of small businesses, which we are currently for this program defining as those that have 50 employees or less. And nearly one third of the business is currently benefiting from the abatement or what we consider small businesses. We go to the next slide. Drilling down further. These are the companies that currently have active exemptions and, if specifically to today's authorization, we're speaking to the companies that are noted in bold as those are the ones that are within the east Portland enterprise zone. We're also proactively seeking enrollments from businesses with owners of color. You'll notice that both Nossa Familia in City of Roses Recycling are examples of diverse companies that are taking advantage of this resource. And so with that, I believe I'm passing it to you, Andy so we can speak to the results of the program, overall impact and the return on investment to the city, and hopefully after that, we can jump into some questions. Thank you, Shea. Thank you, Mayor Commissioners for having us today and my name is Andy Reid. I use he/him pronouns. Let's jump into some numbers here if you could go to the next slide. So over the last few years from 2015 to 2022, the Portland e zone has catalyzed more than \$1.8 billion in investment, and this is really broken down into two areas. One is about seven and \$974 million in capital investment. This is going to be everything from buildings, machinery equipment, things like that as well as local procurement. The \$940 million is within the city of Portland limits. So these companies spend elsewhere as well, but this is a direct impact from these companies. Here, here here in our jurors. Addiction. These expansions include Dynamo Trucks, North America, bigger industrial, dry docks, salt and straw. Olympia Provisions Instrument Marketing p a here in downtown Portland and others. And starting in 2017. As you heard from

shea, we began to deploy a public benefit agreement model, which has specific efforts to procure from entrepreneurs of color, utilizing both the inclusive business resources network and the market is collective that we also run through Prosper Portland. These are vehicles to support small businesses and create connections. This is moving into some new areas around supplier diversity, where we have companies 10 of the largest in the city that are coming together. To design supplier diversity systems alongside these nonprofits that are serving our small business community. If we could go to the next slide, please. Some more numbers here, looking at total compensation and benefits coming on the heels of the previous presentation about wages will just note that the wages are solidly steady in the \$30 range when you take into account the total compensation, this is the added value of vacation, stock options, things like that. We pushed that number up to total conversation about \$36 an hour and it stayed again pretty steady compared to the organ minimum wage requirements that we have here in the state. Next slide, please. So in terms of the value of the public benefit agreement, I want to speak how this translate to the benefits in the community. One way that this happens is that companies pay 15% of their tax savings into a workforce training business development fund, and this supports programs such as the I v r and inclusive business resource network and the organ manufacturing extension partnership. I believe we'll be hearing from them a little bit later today, our projects where companies will be saving more than a million dollars in taxes, and a few years ago, we added 5% addition, where they are required to use that extra 5% to ask to offset the cost for employees and transportation or child care needs. And so we've had some shifts in policies and practices inside these larger companies. That um, you know, again, just aligned with what would the employees need? Starting this year, companies are offering equity training to employees. They're participating in our

umbrella program that covers a lot of our inclusive economic development work in our team called Portland means progress. Um they participate in internships and programs with black indigenous people of color youth through emerging leaders, and many have joined like I mentioned before our supplier diversity roundtable as part of the Portland means progress brand. Lastly companies must do yearly compliance, they must complete department of revenue and local agreement. Compliance forms. We assess qualitative and quantitative data. We take compliance very seriously. And when a company is not meeting their obligations, there is 100% clawback of tax savings in the program that is organized through what Multnomah County department of revenue and prosper Portland. Next up, please. So getting to some numbers again. The value proposition of what is this spring to the city? Uh, in addition to the cultural change, benefits, public benefit agreement conversation, there are significant financial impacts to note in exchange for \$1.5 million in fOregon tax revenue in the last tax cycle, we can take about a one year snapshot and notice 3600 new jobs, which also kicked off approximately \$11.5 million in Oregon income tax revenue. This also includes of that larger number of procurement you saw previously about \$137 million procured within the city of Portland. Over the last year. We've done enough over the years. We've done the analysis and we believe that the financial payback to local jurisdictions is about five years after the incentive expires. Um so if you have a building that has a, you know, 39 year depreciation, they received five years of abatement, but then the rest is taxed over that time. Time period there. Next slide, please. So why are we here today? We have a few things that we're trying to do. One is we want to keep this public benefit agreement tool going. We also want to increase the ability for companies to retain, stay and grow and Portland to do that. We have to meet a few state level requirements. You'll see three of them that are that look at the income

and distance square miles pieces from the state level against state statute requirements. Those include poverty standards 12 square mile point to point distance requirements. We have to pay attention to have to be located in or near low income areas. And then finally, this has to be authorized by the Portland City Council and port of Portland commission again. The commission process has already been completed with the port of Portland. So today's actions are really to reauthorize this agreement 11 for another 10 years. If you could go to the next slide, please. And we intend to stick with the same map at this point for east Portland's. We believe it's comprehensive enough, and it covers a lot of the industrial and commercial zoned areas that we think have opportunities to grow. And so again, this would be for another 10 years requested the seat of Oregon for an extension of this current enterprise zone. One thing that I would note connecting back to advance Portland's one more time, um, and actions to revitalize the central city. We are exploring how we might be able to expand the enterprise zone program into the downtown core. As you can see, the central east side and old town is already in southwest waterfront as well. But if that is of interest we can we can pursue that. It looks like we have within the statutory limits of square miles. The ability to potentially bring that in as a another area to benefit from the program. And I think that's what we have for now. Thank you. Thank you both so much. Um, mayor now we have two invited testimony. Very good. I'd like to call michelle issac from Oregon manufacturing extension partnership and jackie park from a and k designs to share with us their experiences. They call. It might not. He said jackie. Michelle's there to morning. Can you hear me? Yes okay. Um sorry about that. I just got that little notice to join us panelist, so. Would you like me to proceed? Yes, please. Michelle. Well good morning, mayor Wheeler and Portland City Council. For the record. My name is michelle fields sec and I'm the vice

president of finance and operations at the Oregon manufacturing extension partnership, known as a map map is part of the national m e p network, a unique public private program offered across the united states that delivers solutions to enable manufacturers to be more efficient and groom. We are the um mpp center for the state of Oregon in each state has their own mmp center. And that focuses on small to medium sized organ manufacturers, and we have 16 manufacturing consultants on staff who have specific expertise to help with varying sectors and issues. Prosper Portland and omf are committed to helping Portland manufacturers achieve and maintain the highest attainment level of competitiveness since 2004 prosper. Portland has collaborated with omf to provide lien efficiency improvement delivery services on over 100 projects with more than 75 manufacturers, and a number of things were founded with these own funding. With help from oh map Portland area manufacturers we've worked with have increased efficiencies by as much as 60. Improvements have enabled manufacturers to retain an increased sales benefit from cost savings resulting from waste elimination, increased investments in facilities, equipment and information systems and retain and create new jobs. Assisting manufacturing firms to be as competitive as possible in a global marketplace will help retain Portland businesses advanced. Portland's strategy data confirms that Portland's still has a concentration of metals and transportation manufacturing firms serving various industries such as aerospace. Shipbuilding automotive and clean energy. These businesses employed over 33,000 in Portland metro with salaries averaging 75,000 with relatively low barriers to entry. Spending from the zone. Memphis been able to run cohort programs such as the business innovation, workshop and tools for conscious leadership, allowing us to work with multiple businesses at the same time, experiencing similar challenges. He outcomes from these cohorts include understanding how to empower people to

solve problems. Utilizing financials to support sound business decision making applying operational excellence initiatives. Harnessing the power of marketing to support top line growth. I can't say enough about the great work that prosper Portland does in the impacts are organizations have achieved together in the manufacturing sector in Portland. I strongly encourage you to support the zone program. Thank you. Thank you. Next. We have Jackie Park. Hi my name is Jackie Park. I am the controller of A and K Designs. Our companies are sports apparel manufacturer. We have been in the east Portland area for 34 years. 30 years in southeastern four years in north uist and 2019. We moved to our current location in the northeast. Although the road it is about five minutes from the pxe international airport. When you moved, we almost doubled the size of the facility, because if you want to be ready for upcoming business opportunities, and it was really right and timely decision, but the cost was quite significant and luckily really introduced to the ease on the enterprise and providence thanks to put press for Portland. So for a few years now we have benefited from the eastern program. Think fixing is receiving property tax incentive through this program. We were able to absorb some costs of a move and that way we were able to reinvest to that, uh, in the new equipment, and actually, we were able to do some very added product it through the equipment. When you studied the asian program, we have one year a little more than 100. Like, one or three. And now we have. As of now we have 129 employees and we are playing to hire at least 10 1 employees this year we consider ourselves high quality employer and which treat our employees in the community very well provide the full benefits and bonuses based on the company's performance. And we have been using kpi based evaluation problem. So in addition to the property tax incentives, we were so enjoyed a lot of benefits from the program. One of them is my problem meant progress. Uh, equity training cities. I

joined most of the training with our asian manager, and then we learned a lot and changed a lot. Also our young employees from procurement, accounting and administration, they participate in several hours free consultation through them for intentional protesting local purchasing and adores, and we were able to take a fresh look at our procurement activities. Being part of the asian program gives us a stronger connection to the city, and I believe this kind of program makes sense was the city and us, uh and so, therefore I strongly into lesion recommend you to support the enterprise and program. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you, michelle and jackie for your comments. That's this concludes our colleagues. Do you have any questions at this point? Keelan? Do we have public testimony on this island signed up. Very good. Commissioner Ryan did you have a comment? Comment I'm always curious as you know. So um, could you go back to the wage slide? Yeah I'm just curious about what I thought I saw when I quickly went by. Is that possible? It looked like the wages were higher if you years ago as opposed to today, so I just because they're supposed to be curious in these jobs, just curious how it went down now. It's a great question, commissioner. Thank you. And I'd say those are we have a number of companies involved who might be subjected to current market forces. So as we know there was a significant event in 2020 that impacted how companies responded, and it is an average it's average total compensation. So there is fluctuation year to year. Don't know if you want to speak to it more, andy. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, the other anecdotally we've had a number of tech companies that have exited the program in 2018 2019. And so there may be a dip because of kind of that higher wage space correct of them went away and that factored into this and they waited quite heavily. It looks like that's correct. It was kind of a gypsum. Glad that you acknowledged why I would ask such a question. And then the other part. I didn't catch how long they had been in the

program to people who testified michelle and jackie. Um and this is my next curiosity is after the five years of abatement takes place. What are we measuring on how they do the next five years? So when they don't have the tax abatement any longer, they still adding employees and adding additional wages. And are we monitoring that? At this point? No, we do not have a tool to monitor post exemption. We move on. We thank them for their time. And what we've heard anecdotally, though, as a number of these companies because they've changed this, jackie was just explaining policies, practices and procedures and they stay engaged. And our other efforts like Portland means progress. So we do have a relationship that grows with these organizations over time, but no, we do not track post post exemption that's right if they are going to continue participating in any number of the other business, advanced men's teams projects, then we have the opportunity to capture their outcomes through that ongoing relationship. But if they're primarily engaging with us just through the abatement program, so there we lose that we lose kind of the intentional touchpoints, so it depends on if they continue to engage. I don't know what we like to do that. I do know that. To really measure impact. It's about the long term, so I hope we consider figuring out a mechanism to see whether at five years later, then we really look at what are additive impact was for the longer term. Yeah that's a great point. We could explore that. I also think another way that we've looked at it in the past is we can see some of the cumulative impact through the return into the tax rolls so we can see if they're continuing to grow and we can kind of it's a little bit hard to disaggregate that data, but overall, I think we see the impact when we look at the taxing jurisdictions and the increase after those assets reenter, so you'll agree. It's like it's a big change in terms of how we were interacting with the enterprise. And then we stop right. So it's of course, we want to see the longer term impact. So thanks for

doing this dialogue, and I hope to hear that. There's a way we can get at that. So we can really measure the value of this. Thanks thanks. Commissioner Mapps sure I'm I was gonna let it go. But I wanna appreciate commissioner Ryan for asking the wage question that did strike me as I was going through. Um and, uh, looking at this data. I'll just point out when the thing that really strikes me with the wage data is that wages are actually relatively flat flat. It's the benefits that are actually bouncing around pretty dramatically. I mean from like our peak in 2017 or yeah, wages, you know, change essentially less than a dollar, but you can see benefits look like they maybe even fall by half, which is an interesting economic trend. Um I don't know if that's an observation if you guys have anything to say about that, or any insights to that, I don't know if that sells or something about the market broadly or just tells us about who's participating in the program. And if you don't have any insights into this, that's fine, too. I think andy's earlier comment about the number of text tech firms that have exit the program I would take into account just knowing the average benefits that the average tech worker receives that significant compared a lot of our other sectors and industries. I think that's a great that's a plausible reason. I don't know if there's other I wouldn't. I would note that in the process of working with companies to document with a clean methodology of how they're paying and compensating their employees. A number of them are this is a new thing for them to even think about, so in a sense, we are pushing them to identify what is the value to their employee as part of this process, so thank you for the question, commissioner Mapps. It's a really it's a really good kind of like, how do we know that compensation is good? Not just at the wages are okay but the compensation so we're constantly iterating with companies on this, so it's just a different kind of comment. Clear to your question. Sure. Great. Thank you. Thank you any further questions, seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan. Um thank you. Thank you, mr

Rubio for bringing this forward. And for the good work that Shane and Andy are doing. That was a great presentation. I appreciate the dialogue. Um I look forward to hearing like if the two people are testified, you know, would come back and say three years after it. We're still experiencing this. I think that's my point that I was trying to deliver. But I really, um acknowledged that 3600 new jobs is a big thing, and let's hope we can get some of those higher wage jobs up so we can see that. Trend in the right direction. Anyway I support this. I vote I Gonzales. I strongly support reauthorization of the East Portland Enterprise Zone. At the same time, I believe it is essential. We move with urgency with respect to downtown with respect to central city like many U.S. cities, particularly on the West Coast, Portland's downtown is struggling in ways that we was on 1000. Well some years ago. Uh and only Old Town in parts of the Pearl are currently in the Portland's Enterprise Zone. We need to act with urgency to expand the benefits of the zone to retain employers to attract them as well as to attract and retain investors. Um that maybe redlining parts of our city right now, um we also need to really take a look at urban renewal for downtown, uh, more to talk about when we talk about your budget this afternoon. I am a strong eye on this. Thank you. Maps. Um I want to thank staff for this presentation and thank Mr. Rubio for bringing this item forward. I did have some questions about this program as it was coming to council and we had a chance to dialogue on that, and I appreciate the dialogue. Um in the context of Oregon. There has been some criticism of this program in terms of the concept jobs that had tracks two local communities, and I think Prosperous has done a really good job of actually avoiding some of the pitfalls that other jurisdictions have, um, have encountered. So I want to congratulate you on that, and I appreciate the education I got on this one. I vote? Aye. Rubio I want to thank, Prosperous especially Shea and Andy for all your excellent work on this, and I agree with my colleague inserting this

project excellently with you know, and holding our values front and center as a city, which is notable and important. I also want to thank all the community and government partners who gave us and prosper feedback. On this item, including metro Multnomah County county tax assessor's office, mes de port of Portland, pcc. Portland public schools, trimet Multnomah soil and water conservation district, northwest regional education service district, david douglas school district and reynolds school district. So this policy policy has been very inclusive of all of those contributions, and I really just want to lift up and applied your engagement of all stakeholders so happy to see this program move forward for another 10 years. I vote I Wheeler. Well I wish you got more acclaim for the good work you do, but in this day and age, I'm sorry to say probably the only time you're going to hear about the success of this program is here in this room. But this is been a terrific program. It's one of the few really powerful tools we have to both attract and retain. Businesses in our community and help them expand in our community. It has twin goals. Around both growing our community as well as sharing the prosperity and his commissioner, Rubio indicated that's front and center as far as our economic development values and commissioner, I applaud you for your continued work on this. I also like the fact that this is focused. This isn't do everything for everybody all over the place all the time approach. This is focused narrowly. I like the fact that there's a particular emphasis on the growth industries in our advance. Portland's plan and I particularly personally having put a lot of work and having my staff put a lot of work in the development of Portland means progress. I'm really appreciative of how this dovetails with that work and leverages the work of Portland means progress. So my hat's off to you. Um I appreciate the work and I know you'll continue to do good work. And although you won't read about it, I want you to know I see it and I appreciate it. And I know you're doing great work on behalf of

the people of this city, so keep at it. Thank you. I vote aye in the resolution is adopted. Next item, please. We're now into our second time. Certain 361, a proclamation claim may 2023 to be asian, American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month. Colleagues our next item is a proclamation naming may 2023 asian American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month to begin the presentation. I'd like to introduce reza lou city employee as well as a important happy representative. Welcome. Thank you for being here. I didn't know you were modeled as well. This is great. Hello you do it all stand up. If that's okay with everyone, please. Hi my name is resolute. Thank you, mayor Wheeler in council, city employees and everyone joining us here in online. My name is risa lu I'm representing the hapa asian American pacific islander group also known as hoppy and city and we are in partnership and in solidarity with face the filipino American city employee resource group. Even though we're here celebrating our heritage, I wanted to take time to spread awareness and to spread awareness that the acts of violence and hatred towards the aapi community continues to occur. Um we need to show each other support and kindness everyday in our lives. We must continue to support each other. We continue this important. Uh we acknowledge this unfortunate reality, but I want to take today to focus on our joy and beauty in our community. We are pleased to bring breaking in simone performances from the Portland metropolitan areas api communities to celebrate our cultures that contribute so much to our region may have the break breaking performers. New birth crew come up to the stage. Okay? And kevin laws. I will say a few words. Hi y'all I'm kevin lay representing the new birth crew. I'm here alongside search fella and andy mena vong. Um it's an honor for us to be able to come here and share this beautiful gift of breaking and hip hop with y'all. Um we participate in our scene and community as well as competitively all over the world. Um breaking will be

introduced in the 2024 paris olympic games. So it's yeah, it's starting the game a little more. A little more popularity, and we're really excited to show you the art form of how we do it in Portland's, so we're very grateful to be here, um, as an asian American, myself, um, the son of two vietnamese immigrants. It's just so huge honor to be able to share this and continue on this journey. Great thank you. And we do encourage sharing, you know? During the performance. Um this sound can we start the audio, please? Mhm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Wow. Mhm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Mhm. How about that perform? Amazing oh, my god. That was amazing. Thank you. New birth crew. Okay um, I have the honor of introducing the next performance. Talon ooga. By lisa doctor tell a is a traditional samoan dance. It is considered to be the climax to all fear. Fear the word helen ooga stems from the last stage of construction for a traditional family house in samoa when the top most part of catalonia is place insecure is signifies that the valley is complete. The term in samoan symbolizes the conclusion of the monumental task in the beautifying final touches. Performer presents represent the dignity and honor of herself, her villages, her family and ultimately, the beautiful island of samoa. Please join me in welcoming kenenisa atta. Is she here? She's almost here, guys. Um, maybe maybe a little a little few minutes to maybe I can also, um, in my everyone after the performances, we do have food in the south atrium provided by local caterers around the Portland area and. We are keep stalling. We have elephant elephant. It is a loud street food cart in a northwest Portland, and we also have a filipino food from ian's tasty panda cell, so I hope to see everyone after the event and we can talk and how conversations and. E tweet. There is. Oh, yeah. You want to read the proclamation? Yeah do that. Okay let's why don't we start re council comments and will help you as commissioner Gonzalez just said tap dance. And then if she's not here, then we'll go to the proclamation so we will see quickly

around stuff. Perfect thank you, mr mayor. Colleagues first preset. Wanna thank you for being rmc today? I want to thank the artist to perform for us. Um that was truly a great way to kick off this very important moment. Um and I have a couple of words I want to share with the people in this room. I am delighted to join this council and proclaiming may 2023 to be asian, American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month now, of course, during this month, we come together to recognize the history, achievements and unmet needs of asian Americans. Native hawaiians and pacific islanders. Now people of asian ancestry have been here in Oregon since the 18 fifties. Our asian ancestors worked minds in eastern Oregon. They built the railroads. They were farmers and fishermen. They built the organ that we inherited. And love today. Now despite the contributions asian Americans have made to our community or asian American neighbors have endured a long history of discrimination. For example, the chinese exclusion act of 18 82 banned chinese immigration to the united states and, of course during world war two in our own city. Portland's orders of japanese descent were rounded up and imprisoned at the Portland's expo center. Before being shipped off to internment camps. And even today, asian American communities endure harassment and violence. While racism may have been part of this city's past. Racism must be must not be part of our communities future. That's why today this council stands with asian American and our pacific islander neighbors in condemning and working to end acts of violence against the asian American community, and there are other challenges which we must overcome to the American dream remains out of reach for far too many asian American families. That's why I want to thank our community partners who support Portland's api community. Especially folks like upon oh, and her co and the asian family center, the chinese consolidated benevolent association of the vietnamese community of

Oregon, the Japanese American Society and the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for the work you do, you represent Portland at our best colleagues. For these reasons and more, I am proud to join you in declaring May 2023 to be Asian, American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month here in Portland, Oregon. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Commissioner Rubio. Thank you, Mayor. And I just want to thank you, Reza, for your wonderful energy that you're bringing into Council today and the new the new birth crew. That was amazing. You brought the energy up in the room. We all needed that today. So thank you. Thank you will be writing on that for the rest of the week. Um, and look forward to seeing all the other performances. Um, I also just want to acknowledge what you had said. You know that over the last few years have been exceptionally hard. For the API community with the attacks and everything going on and this increase in violence is unacceptable in our city and everywhere and not what we should stand for in our city at all. And that's why today is important. That's why community organizations are important, employee organizations like Hoppy and Artists Businesses. Educators from the API communities are such valuable contributors to the history and richness of the city. And our city owes you for the countless economic and social contributions. And so today is an important tribute to that, um, it's also a call to action and accountability for us to all. Walk or talk. Um, so it's not just one day a year that we're talking about these things, but we're lifting up and supporting a API leadership. Um, we're electing leaders to the office. Um, we're putting him in, appointing them and hiring them in leadership positions, we're growing youth into, um, sectors that that need more representation. Um, and that we're supporting businesses and artists. So, um, and also that were promoted like we're retaining are important API workforce here at the city because you are a reflection of who Portland's is so just

thank you for your contributions, and I look forward to the rest of the program.

Thank you, commissioner Rubio commissioner Gonzalez. I just want to thank the performers or many asian American and employees in the city of Portland's I want to give a special call out. Nate takara, uh, native hawaiian first contribution for years in Portland fire as well as in the streets service coordination center. Um when we talk about the discrete communities that make up this larger population, they came here for opportunity. They came here to build businesses and families and communities. They are a net. Very positive community contributed to our community as a whole. So thank you for joining us in the broader community in Portland's thank you for celebrating today with us. Leave it at that. Very good.

Commissioner Ryan. Thank you, mary. Thanks for bringing this forward. Uh I just want to thank you. We salute you and your colleagues for and from happening. Is that happening? H a p, I write happy. Happy sorry. Um mostly, I just want to get back to the performances. This feels like this, um, unnecessary halftime of us giving these little proclamations why we were all really focused on the performances. So I'm glad we're winging it. Would you say were tap dancing? Right? Commissioner Gonzalez but really, your expressions of the joy that you mentioned were really obvious. So we can't wait to see the next, um performance to celebrate and that's truly the word that I'm picking up on today. Asian pacific islander m pacific asian American pacific islander heritage, I would like to reminisce about my own personal history and at um the late seventies, a lot of refugees came to this city from vietnam because we share the waters the pacific and roosevelt. I think marshall were the two high schools that were targeted to receive all the refugees. And I was a student at roosevelt high school, so suddenly we had 300 refugees from vietnam and laos, and it was really a profound experience because suddenly we had this one third of our school basically changed and there was a lot that went on with

that. Just being a leader on student council trying to include the new immigrants into our into our fabric of the student body. And I know um one personal friend I met at that time was mr lee polka. At arco, and he was active on student council, so it's never surprising to me to watch him rise now as a leader in an elder in your community. I also have had the benefit of my brother marrying well, and he married a hawaiian and filipino and sells 40 years ago, so our family has been blessed with having who lives before we have mills and such. And so I think, like a lot of families where multicultural as we evolve and how we have to continue to embrace that in our beloved community. Finally I just want to make a couple of comments about having the opportunity this job to get to know more people from the tongan community after the devastation, extreme weather to that island. It was an opportunity to dive in and get to know that community. It's really vibrant community and throughout Portland's, especially I know they a lot of rugby matches are played out at northgate park. So you could see I see that community like I never had before the past. And also, um, meeting with, especially in east Portland's small businesses, especially the smaller chinese restaurants that have really like all small businesses have really struggled with the increases in crime and burglaries and vandalism to their businesses and how we can see them and really be there for them and a culture that has a lot of pride and a lot of resilience and having to break down some of that. I think the barriers for them to also be a part of the restoration as we move forward as a beloved community, so I'm just really grateful that we take time today to celebrate api community and I look forward to the rest of these. The next performance. I think she's almost back. Yeah can you see here yet? Yes okay. I'm gonna defer my comments and we'll hear from former is ready. Do we want to do the performance, then? The proclamation perfect. Hello again, everyone, uh, join me in welcoming can use a pata and dancing a traditional

kaluga. Audio, please. Turn up the audio, please. Mhm. Because yes . Five. Yeah. Wow. Thank you can isa for that beautiful performance that wraps up our performance for today? Um I like to extend the invitation again to join us for a meal downstairs in the south atrium. We have grounds, try the local hawaiian food vendor. Um white elephant is allowed street food and diesel, which is a filipino restaurant. Um thank you, and I had it off back to mayor Wheeler and council. Great. Thank you. I need to thank you that that was a beautiful performance. Certainly worth the wait. I think we can all agree on that. So I'd like to start off by acknowledging bobby lee, my chief of staff. Bobby lee is the first api chief of staff in the history of the city. And he is simply an outstanding guy and does terrific work for me and I want to thank you. Resident water tiger. Thank you, sir. For all of your service. Obviously one proclamation can't capture all of the immense cultural, civic and economic contributions that asian Americans, native hawaiians and pacific islanders have made not only do this community but indeed to the state and to the entire nation. We have to temper this somewhat with an acknowledgment that in recent years we've seen an increase in hate crimes aimed towards our asian American friends. And we have to remain strong supporters and allies to these communities. We must be ever vigilant and supportive, and it's my hope that we take the month of may to reflect on and commit to doing whatever we can to keep anti asian bias from being normalized. Not here, not in our state and not in our nation nowhere. The communities we celebrate today are obviously by no means a monolith. They represent diverse cultures, traditions, religions, perspectives and even cuisines. They're integral to the success of our region, and we must continue to prioritize their safety as well as their ongoing success. Portland will continue to work hard and be a place that values these diverse perspectives. And with this in mind, I have the honor now to read a proclamation on behalf of the entire

Portland's City Council, and by extension, the people of this great city. Whereas Portland is home to more than 56,000, members of the asian American native hawaiian pacific islander community who trace their roots to the pacific islands and asia and whereas filipinos make up one of the largest ethnic groups in the united states with over 23,000 people residing in the Portland metro region. And whereas the pacific islander native hawaiians, southeast south and east asian American communities are proud of their diversity, and they draw strength from their rich cultures and traditions. And whereas Portland's asian Americans and pacific islanders come from a complex of diverse. Languages ethnicities, faiths, including buddhism, christianity, catholicism, confucius, um, hinduism, islam judaism. Shintoism, sikhism. And whereas in 2021 reported hate crimes in the u. S, rose by more 11. More than 11% with asians pacific islanders and seeks experiencing some of the highest increases in targeted hate. And whereas City Council declared the city of Portland welcoming city, a sanctuary city and an inclusive city for all in a resolution adopted by council in March, 2nd 2017, and we're as the Portland's City Council believes that all immigrants and refugees are critical editions to the social and economic well being of our community. And whereas in 2020, Portland's City Council adopted anti racism and equity as two of its core values. And whereas elected officials and community leaders from our region gathered on may 6th to support asian, American native hawaiian and pacific islander communities in the Oregon rises above hate coalition celebration. And we're as may 18th is asian, American and pacific islander day against bullying and hate, where act to change rallies, communities against hate by uplifting asian, American and pacific islander youth voices and equipping our youth to become advocates against bullying. And whereas asian American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month is an opportunity for all individuals and organizations to recognize their significant and

important contributions, development and defense for our country as well as cultural, civic and economic life for Portland's for over 150 years. And whereas Portland through dialogue with representatives from asian American and pacific islander communities, continues to address the needs and concerns of its community members and remains committed to seeking resolutions to problems such as prejudice, discrimination and violence. Now. Therefore I ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do hereby proclaim may 2023 to be asian, American native hawaiian and pacific islander heritage month in Portland's and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you all appreciate it. Why don't we take a commissioner commissioner Ryan? Why don't we go ahead? And why don't we take a 10 minute break? Take a 10 minute recess. We are in recess till five after the hour. Recording stopped. Okay? Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Okay mhm . Yeah. Mhm. Yeah. Okay? Mhm. No, no, no. Mhm. No. Mm hmm hmm. Mhm. Yeah. Mhm. Recording in progress. Alright, let's see where we are. Back to commissioner Rubio and I'm 362. This is an ordinance. And why don't I amend permit fee schedules for building cannabis, electrical enforcement, land use services, mechanical noise, plumbing signs, site development and land use service fee schedule for the hearings. Office commissioner Rubio mayor were requesting that this office be pulled back to this item being pulled back to our office that objection. Now we will go. To 3 66 on the regular agenda. This is a report. Accept bid of kodiak pacific construction company for the road, 10 I j&j north fork brm p. 14.44 project for 2,614,000. Colleagues the Portland water bureau needs to grind existing pavement restore road sub grade. And repave two miles of road number, 10 within the bull run watershed. These repairs will allow water bureau staff to safely access the watershed for daily work as well as for emergencies. Chief procurement officer. Biko taylor is here. Good morning, biko. It's good to see you.

Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Good morning commissioners. For the record. I am biko taylor, chief procurement officer. My pronouns. Are he him? On December 14th 2022 city City Council approved ordinance 191108 for this project. The engineers estimate at that time was 1.82 million, and the confidence level was moderate. Procurement services issued the invitation to bid on February 9th 2023. There was a due date of March 21st 2023 total. We received four bids on the project. Kodiak pacific construction company was the apparent low bidder. And his direct commended awardee. Their proposal came in at 2.61 million, which is 43.63. Above the engineering estimate. The city standard 20% aspirational goal applies to this solicitation. And here's this following. Here's a breakdown of the utilization. 60 69% of the project will be self performed by kodiak construction. 20.5% will be performed by covid contractors. And right around 10% will be performed by nine certified subcontractors. So in total on this project just to drill a little bit deeper for council. Um we're looking at 20% minority participation. On the project right around a little over half a million dollars. So um, I wanna come in kodiak for putting together strong subcontract management playing. On a project that was clearly low bid kodiak pacific is located in sherwood, Oregon, as a state covid certified contractor. They have a current city of Portland's business, tax registration and on full compliance with all of the city's contracting requirements. If there are any questions about the procurement process. I like to answer those now, and we also have joe betancourt and jody inman. From the bureau online as well to answer questions that concludes my report. Thank you colleagues. Any questions? Is there any public testimony on this item? I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a 2nd 2nd commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion, seeing none. Please call the roll. Diane thank you, director taylor. Always good to see you. Thanks for the thorough explanation of all

the good work, gonzales. Maps Rubio Wheeler reports accepted 3 67 also a report. Mhm. Accept bid of more excavation incorporated for the tryon creek for fish passage improvements project for \$832,701. This one is completely different in order to comply with the department of state lands consent order. The bureau of environmental services must provide fish passage on a reach of tryon creek by November, 30th. Of 2023. This item authorizes the work necessary to comply with that order. Director taylor thank you, mr mayor. On February 15 2023 City Council approved ordinance 191173 to complete this project and engineering estimate at that time was 1.247 million. And the confidence level on that estimate was high procurement services issued the invitation to bid on March 9th 2023. There was a due date of April 11th 2023 in total. We received four bids for the project. More excavation was the little bitter and it's my recommended awardee. Their proposal total \$832,000, which is 33% below the original estimate. The city standard 20% aspirational goals do apply to the city. Let's split. I'm sorry. Solicitation. Um and here's a brief breakdown on the utilization so 78% will be self performed. Buy more excavation. They did meet the 20% covid goal. Of that 20% 15% will be performed by minorities or hispanic landscaping. Company korea landscaping, so commend more excavation for putting you the strong subcontract management plan. Uh point of inquiry here. Ironhorse did hire I'm sorry. More excavating, get higher iron horse to be a subcontractor for a small portion of this project. Um they have a familiar familial relationship with more excavation. So when, at the point that out for on the record more excavation is located in fairview, Oregon. It is not a state certified car covid contractor they have a current city of Portland business tax registration and are in full compliance with all of the city's contracting requirements. If there are any questions about it, procurement process. I'll feel those now. And also my colleague from b s. Chris last immerse key from

pronouncing that correctly, it's a tent is in attendance on the zoom for to answer questions that kurt that concludes my report. Very good. Thank you. Colleagues sitting questions for director taylor. Any public testimony. No one's saying, you know what I one odd question. What kind of fish? Are we talking about? Fish what kind of fish can't I really couldn't uh ah. I don't have that talk. We don't usually talk about that. Look it up later. We might have someone on bes. You can answer that. Ali did I see you take your come off? Are you able to answer that ali young, my name's chris last amir skiing. B s. It is, um they are anatomist, fish, salmon and steelhead. Oh, wow. Great. Thank you. Makes it even better than trout as well. Terrific thank you for answering that question. It was a little out of left field. Uh Keelan, I asked you if there was public testimony, testimony, commissioner Mapps, um I was going to give you a motion. I move that we move this thing can I get a 2nd 2nd commissioner Mapps moves, commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion, seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan is pretty easy. I thought I gonzales maps by miller high. Thanks director taylor. Next item 368. This is an ordinance, not non emergency ordinance. And then contract with gresham automotive incorporated db aggression forward to increase the not to exceed amount by \$10 million per purchase of fleet vehicles. College city fleet is responsible for maintaining and replacing all city owned vehicles to ensure the city work requiring transportation can be fulfilled efficiently. This item authorizes an increase to facilitate vehicle purchasing in order to better ensure timely replacement of city on vehicles. The amount requested is accounted for as part of the fleets regular replacement fund activity fleet business operations supervisor alan bates is here to present the ordinance. Welcome. Good afternoon almost after good morning, so because when I go ahead and share my strain and we're here to talk about, um. Contract amendment with dressing forward and I'm just going to give you a little bit

of background and I know there was some in requests for some more information. Um, are you able to see my screen? No. There it is. Yeah. Now we do. Okay, great. There was some requested information from some commissioner, so I just want to kind of give you a little bit of background on this. So obviously are. There's a lot of push, obviously, for green fleet transition, and for decarbonization. We are a city fleet working under the climate emergency work plan actually be, too, which is to eliminate carbon emissions from city operations. So we as as the fleets are part of that. And we're operating under that climate emergency work plan. We've done a lot of analysis on the fleet how we can de carbonized and were planning to meet those goals of 100% 0 by 2050. We do not plan on on purchasing any elect any internal combustion engines after 2040 and that will get us to our our goal. The main ways we're doing that which i'll share more detail in a second is like for light duty vehicles. We have an e v first policy, so we are intending to only purchase electric when it's a light duty applicable technically and economically feasible. Um sit down for medium and heavy were we're still challenged. There is there are not a not a lot of solutions out there right now. But we are looking at, you know, sort of the most economical and to act feasible ways to purchase those heavier vehicles. So getting to the meat of why gration forward so we've been long term partners with russian ford. They are on the organ state price agreement, which means that they have signed up and ben competitively, um, bid to you know to sell for vehicles. There's only one other dealer in the in the local area that that can be honest, they contract but we chose grecian for a lot of reasons, including that there are certified minority and women owned business. They were also nominated for the most ethical business award in Oregon. There are long term vendor and they really understand our needs and requirements and goals. So that's that's why aggression and as we talked, we are looking for an additional 10 million. And the reason for

that is that we are experiencing record inflation. As we all know, we've got a huge backlog of police vehicles, which were not purchased in 2020 21 22. Now we're finally coming back to be able to purchase those vehicles. Introducing the park's ready, we added 230 new vehicles through the park's levies, so that's increased our need for additional purchasing. We had a lot of supply chain issues again, unable to purchase a lot of those vehicles in 20. 23 22. Even today. We're still challenged with that, and we've got a big list of light duty replacements for 23 24. So this this like kind of summarizes where we're at in terms of light versus medium and heavy. Our current fuel focus right now is electricity for light duty vehicles are 5 to 10 year goal is to transition 750 of our vehicles to electric. We have 75 with 100 charging stations in operation today we've got 75 more that are currently in construction in some days. Planning on 300 more and we've been able to attract about \$5 million in grants and senate and we're still looking to add additional funding to that. So far we've we have about 100 and 66 vehicles that plug in and run on electricity. Um, and the future of that will be electric. So we, we plan on using it for a long time on the medium and heavy classes were actually looking pretty strongly. Renewable natural gas. We have a goal of about 175 of our vehicles over the next 5 to 10 years. We hope to do many more, but it's we're waiting for the market to kind of catch up in technology. We're doing an rfp for renewable natural gas this summer, and that's going to be released. You know, you know, public procurement we have about 16 cng or compressed natural gas vehicles today, most of those operating at the bureau environmental services out of the columbia wastewater treatment plant. We do believe the future will be electric and r, n g and potentially green hydrogen. So we're looking at all of those technologies as ways to help us meet the net zero vision goal, happy to take any questions. Colleagues any questions at this particular juncture, commissioner Rubio. Thank you, and thank you, alan. Um we were one of

the offices that was asking for that information. Um I guess what? I want to understand it. So with the what you're proposing today, how many vehicles fleet vehicles are you buying? And are they light duty or medium or or what's the composition? I didn't hear that. Yes so we buy about 3 to 400 new vehicles per year, and the breakdown is it varies by year because we have different life cycles for different vehicles. Um, so probably any for this coming year. We're looking at probably half of them are going to be in the light duty class, and the rest will be in immediately. Heavy classes, okay? And are you working with, um bps closely on this? We are. Yeah yeah, we have, you know, very close working relationship we've been working with bt gps for the past. I think at least four years since I've been here and, uh, aligning sort of our strategies and goals with the net zero goals. Okay great. I thank you. I appreciate this, um, information. I have more questions. But I'm happy to take it offline just to make sure that we're, um ensuring that those things are moving forward along with our plan, but thank you for the information.

Absolutely. Very good. Thank you any further questions? I just want to acknowledge. I asked a lot of questions in advance of this hearing. I appreciate you answering directly. My original concerns. Of course, we're focused on the fact that this is a potentially very lucrative contract, and I wanted to make sure that there was a clear and public vetting of why we are choosing this particular vendor over other vendors. I appreciate you going through the certification process, as well as identifying some of the specifics around this particular vendor. I also just want to clarify that going forward. Other vendors could qualify to compete for this contract. Correct. Yeah so it's a competitively been every year or every two years. It's a process and so yeah, any any dealership? That's you know again within that, um are we m network can bid on on the work. So um, very few dealerships want to participate because, frankly, the margins are so small for government fleet. Um and

in fact, it's very structured. So the pricing that we get is the most favorable that we can get because it's competitively bid, but most dealerships don't want to even participate. Good and then let me ask you a question. I think I know the answer to this, but I don't want to jump to it, who is ultimately responsible for ensuring in this process within this process, who is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle asks, are absolutely necessary. It's a combination of myself are spec writers and our fleet coordinators. There's an approval process that every vehicle goes through that, um, basically goes from an operator to a coordinator to even a bureau, you know, bureau director, so it's a pretty vetted process and we're we scrutinize every vehicle that we that we purchased. Um we're in the process of right sizing the fleet, which means we're trying to you know, get rid of sort of underutilized assets, but, uh but, yeah, I mean, there is a very significant process that goes into every vehicle. What happens to the vehicles when they are used up? For example, I'm pretty familiar with the situation in the police bureau. Ah! Some of those vehicles are absolute junkers by the point that they're turned in. But what what happens to them? I assume they have some residual value or their value to somebody. Maybe outside of government or the police bureau. What do we do with them? We have a very structured process for that. So we worked with an auction company. They pick up our vehicles. They if we have to decommission them, like take off lights and other things like off of police vehicles. We do that. And in those vehicles go to auction and then we do receive anywhere from 5 to 25% of the residual of the residual value of that vehicle from the original price. So it's. It's a huge part of our replacement fund. So all of that all the money that we collect from those auctions go back into the replacement fund. Is that a typical strategy with other jurisdictions as well as that fairly common it is. Yeah and you know the process even for the auction, right? We went through a competitive bid for that. And we found that, uh, this local, you

know, company that we work with, um, was really just had the best pricing the best service, the best everything. So we were currently under contract with them. I think for another three years, so we're very fortunate to be working with them. All right. Very good. That's that's really helpful information. I appreciate you being here today to share it. Anybody else have any questions before I go to public testimony? Do we have people signed up for public testimony on the side of we do? We have one person signed up. Kimberly going, alban. They were planning to join us in person. Kimberly. I don't see kimberly. That's it, then. All right. Very good. This is a first reading of an an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thanks everybody for this. Thank you. 3 69, please first reading of a non emergency ordinance amend the schedule for tree permits. Commissioner Ryan colleagues I'm referring item 369 amend fees schedule for treat permits back to my office until later date without a section item. 370 2nd reading, taking a portion of north east 42nd avenue south of northeast halsey street, subject to certain conditions in reservations. This is the second reading we've heard. Presentation and had opportunity for public testimony further business on this item. Seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan maps, Rubio Wheeler ordinance is adopted. Thanks for everybody on that item. 3 71. This is an emergency. Ordinance approve use of the multiple unit limited tax exemption program to extend the exemption period to housing developments who agree to maintain continued affordability restrictions. This is commissioner Rubio. Thank you colleagues. I am excited to be here today with the proposal to address an issue that we've been hearing about for many, many months. Expiring affordable housing units built under the city's multi program. The php team will walk us through everything in more detail in a moment, but first, I'd like to provide a little refresher background background on why what this changes and why it matters as many of as many of you know multi is a tool that we use to

encourage mixed income apartment buildings. And we offer a property exemption for new private development that includes a certain portion of units as affordable housing. When the city's multi program was created many years ago, it was a voluntary program that offered 10 years of tax relief for 10 years of affordable housing. Dozens of buildings chose to participate, creating hundreds of units of affordable housing at 60% and 80% AMI when we adopted inclusionary housing a few years ago we changed the multi program a bit and now require those units to be affordable for a very long time. However we have a number of buildings that often into older version of the program and will soon be reaching the end of their 10 years. When that happens, the public sub subsidy for those affordable units will end and the renters of those units could face extreme rent increases because they are not protected under the state's cap on annual rent increases. So today we're proposing to offer owners a five year extension of the multi program to keep up to 279 units of affordable housing affordable at 60% AMI for a bit longer? And I'd like to thank commissioner Ryan for his work on this issue last year as the housing commissioner mayor before we dive in. I also like to quickly propose a minor technical amendments to clarify how this will be administered by ph. B. So I moved to amend the ordinance as follows replaced directive d as follows. Applications must meet the additional multi program requirements adopted by ph. B. Second we have a motion from commissioner Rubio was second from commissioner Ryan any discussion on the amendment? Its technical, so let's call the roll. Ryan. Hi gonzales. High Wheeler. Emotions now amended. Thank you colleagues. And so with that I would like to introduce ph. B s interim director molly rodgers. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is molly rodgers. I'm the interim director of the Portland housing bureau. I'm joined today by kathy graves, who is here to answer any questions you may have thb is

proposing to implement a short term use of the multi program to extend the tax exemption and affordability periods for five years for those projects with the most at risk residents. We are proposing to make this extension available only to the projects approved prior to inclusionary housing. Which has a 99 year affordability period and were originally restricted at 60% of area meeting income and below. The rent increases will be most severe for the buildings with multi units restricted at 60. Uh, very meaning income. This is a voluntary extension, but it has the possibility of helping 279 households maintain affordable, stable rents. Over the next 10 years, 16 participating. Buildings would have expiring tax exemptions restricted at 60% ami. And the first one is set to expire in this July. State tenant protections don't apply to buildings that are 15 years or younger, meaning that those renters could face extreme run increases when the building is just 10 years old and could raise rents up to the market. And so for some bedroom types, this differential can be sometimes up to 2 \$482 per month. If all 16 building owners opted in the property tax impact would be 12.5 million over the next 14 to 15 years. In our city share. We share that with other taxing jurisdictions are share is 4.2 million in lost revenue, and that's about 300,000 per year. So the limited use of the multi program. Um we're hoping for your approval by City Council today, but it also requires the approval of the county commission. Um for this extension housing bureau will review each request to extend the exemptions and with that open to any questions. Quick one gonzales. Sure I'm gonna support this. I makes sense. These rapid running increases for those in units that have had subsidized housing is can be catastrophic for households, but, um, I do. I am curious what analysis we're making in terms of um, the. Continued need to add market rate, uh, spaces into into the jurisdiction. Um, and when we look at this type of question like holistically like the there's a perception that market rent is going up dramatically. Um right now I know

that's true in the metro. Whether it's true inside the city cores a little bit of I've seen debate back and forth on that question, but I guess my long way of asking like what are what do you project is the number of, uh, market rent units we can see coming on in 23 24. At what point does this type of investment to keep something out of the four market? Have some negative unintended consequences. And I know that's kind of an open ended question, but and, uh, just curious your thoughts on that little bit that requires a number of analysis really looking at her current permitting practices and how many projects are ready to be constructed right now, we track that with bds, um especially through more through our inclusionary housing program and development incentives in terms of how many are cassie works on each of these and all the amendments going through? We do. See um do we know offhand how many projects are under review right now permitting. I'd have to pull up the data for that. I did not prepare inclusionary housing data, but we do have a pipeline of projects going through the building permit process. And I'm sorry for the record. I'm cassie graves. Program coordinator for the development centers team at ph. B. Um. And um, essentially, all of these projects have I mean they're already constructed. They already have tenants in the units these tenants have already been receiving this restricted runts. And so this this extension is just an extension of already existing tax exemption so it shouldn't have an impact on current market. Right units coming through the pipeline, but in terms of the work obviously want to incent as much as we can in terms of affordable housing within the existing pipeline that's generally done through some either inclusionary housing or voluntary, um, ways of doing some tax abatement. Um, uh, in addition to the um generally were capped, though about the amount of fOregone revenue that the city is expecting. So we have to monitor in terms of how much we can extend our incentives against sort of that fOregone revenue in addition to the county, so every time we make a

change like this, we have to get the county on board, which also because they're also affected by these changes. We want to maximize our incentives we get as much affordable housing we'd have to get back to you on the exact amount percentage of the total amount of projects going through the pipeline right now. I apologize for sort of the choppiness of my question. When I what I'm really trying to get out right now is when we look at our housing policy as a whole and the dollars that we're allocating towards uh, encouraging low income housing, for example, and the lack of market apartment buildings and units coming online. At the same time, there's a fair amount of critique right now, if things like inclusionary zoning, is it a failure, right? Is it because in the sense that while it supposedly is incentivizing the building of affordable housing. It's disincentivizing the building of market and so we continue to compress. Supply at market and that's going to drive up rent, and I so again, that's more the content again. I support this decision. I get it. It's just every incremental decisions we're making. I just want us to think about what we're doing to address overall supply of market. So are we. And we will. There are we're working on findings for inclusionary housing and the impact of equation of housing in the context of other cost drivers of constructing housing in this marketplace. Right now, we will be circling back with City Council and doing briefings with all of you and those findings. I think you may be surprised by some of the paramilitary work. Okay if I may reply, cotton commissioner ah, we are. There's definitely a recognition by the bureau and, um, in our office about the need for a continuum a lot along the continuum that we need housing along the continued, so that's a given, and that's a premise. And uh we are doing deep dives about the impact of the cost of, or how the program is working this far and inclusionary housing and so we have a lot of things teed up. They just haven't we're waiting for data before we make any policy analysis and recommendations, but, uh, we heard you and we'll

definitely share the results of that when we have that. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Hello, ali. Hello. I'm. Five years. Just tell me why that was the number that we planted on? Yep. Absolutely um, there. It wasn't a package a few years ago in the state legislature for rent stabilization that capped the amount of annual rent increases a landlord could pass on to the tenants and it's 7% plus c p. I right now, um, that, uh say rent stabilization package exempts certain buildings. It exempts buildings that were constructed in the last 15 years. Um so we create what we discovered with the multi a little bit of a loophole if you will this. Those who are expiring at 10 years weren't protected for another five years. So this, uh, addresses that would pull. Thank you so much. That was a great summary. Remember living this and being confused on this loophole and that space so thanks good job. That's a new one. Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this item? No one signed up. Very good. This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Ryan. Thank you, commissioner Rubio for seeing this through. I really appreciate it. And director rogers. This program is so crucial and extension. I hope to see several property owners take advantage of this opportunity

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Good afternoon, everyone this is the Wednesday may 10th 2023 afternoon session of the Portland's City Council. Good afternoon, Keelan. Please call the roll. Good afternoon. Ryan Gonzales. Here maps here. Rubio here, Wheeler here. Now we'll hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon. Good afternoon, mayor. Thank you. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance on the council agenda. [www dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) information on engaging with City Council can be found in the council clerk's web page. 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, time 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 did relations will not be taught be allowed. If you cause a disruption and warning will be given further disruption will result in injection 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. Disclosed if you are a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization,

please identify it. Testifier joining virtually please unmet yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you very much. First item is the report item. 3 72. City Council to convene as prosper Portland budget committee to receive the prosper Portland fy 2023 24 budget, proposed budget and hold a public hearing. Thank you now convening the prosper Portland budget committee for the purpose of approving the fiscal year 2023 24 budget prosper. Portland's budget was provided to the public and members of the budget committee on Friday. May 5th I now request that Keelan called the role of the budget committee, Ryan careful here. Rubio here, Wheeler here. Good afternoon, everyone momentarily. We're going to hear from pasta. Prosper Portland board chair, gustavo cruz, who will introduce the prosper Portland's budget. And of course, the staff who will present with him on the budget prior to reviewing the 2023 24 budget the year ahead. I'd like to note that this hearing comes just a few weeks after the City Council adopted the advance Portland's plan as the roadmap for economic growth and inclusive recovery, and we had the opportunity here a little bit more about that this morning. I commend and thank chair crews and the board executive director branam and indeed, the entire prosper Portland's team for your outstanding leadership alongside so many public and private partners to establish a data and community informed plan, and I'd like to thank commissioner Rubio as well as the commissioner in charge for her outstanding leadership. Prosperous spearheaded these efforts. Why while simultaneously continuing to perform the essential small business, support, real estate development and economic development work on behalf of the city as we turn our attention to the 2023 24 budget, it's clear that we must ensure the budget enables prosper. Portland's to execute an array of critical initiatives and projects that support the city's goals for economic growth and to begin to implement advanced Portland. Chair crews will now turn this over to you

and prosper for the leadership team. But before I do that, I want to see if commissioner Mapps any comments. You'd like to make this point. Very good crews. Welcome. Thanks for being here. We appreciate it. Thank you, mr Wheeler.

Good afternoon. Gustavo cruz, chair of the prosper Portland board of commissioners. I'm joined by executive director kimberly branam economic development director schaff larry between development and investment investment director lisa uaf and our finance manager tony barnes. Pleased to be here this afternoon to present the fiscal year 2023 to 2024 proposed budget to City Council serving as prosper Portland's budget committee. I will kick us off and then kimberly branam budget key outcomes in our strategic priorities. Shea and lisa will then share how those priorities are reflected in the programs and projects that will lead with their teams in the year ahead. You will also hear some initial findings from the analysis biko northwest performed in alignment with the budget note. City Council passed last year. The budget note directed the city budget office to incorporate \$8 million in ongoing resources each to prosper Portland and the Portland housing bureau and instructed the agencies to secure a third party evaluation of tiff districts that have already or will soon expire. Next slide, please.

Fruit for the city's economic and urban development agency. Advanced Portland call to action for inclusive economic growth and serves as the key strategic framework driving prosper Portland's priorities and budget for the coming year. Budgeted resources and investments also aligned with the mayor's proposed budget and the updated tenure financial sustainability plan, which established a blueprint to guide the agency's financial and business practices. In the context of declining tax increment financing revenues and the need for more flexible resources to support inclusive economic prosperity. Accordingly the proposed investments deploy a diversity of funds and social impact model to help Portland's

small businesses traded sector industries. And the central city and neighborhood commercial districts to stabilize and grow. Through community driven equity senate programs like the inclusive business resource network, mercados my people's market. Portland means progress. The tiff, district action plans, small business grants and loans and the neighborhood prosperity network. And recognizing the critical need to strengthen diverse small businesses. The budget also includes resources for operating and capital funding for immediate window repair relief from increased insurance costs, longer term business growth and expansion, hoping industry partners to deploy innovative green products and services and igniting commercial district marketing and activations to drive foot traffic back into downtown and along business corridors. Next slide, please. On behalf of the board. I offer our thanks to the members of the community budget committee. Listed on the slide. As well as the many community community partners and staff involved in the preparation of this budget. We appreciate the considerable time invested in refining and prioritizing investments in alignment with both citywide and geographically specific priorities, as well as a racial equity lens. We we also very much appreciate the investments included in mayor Wheeler's proposed budget that will help small businesses impacted by the lingering effects of covid to operate and stay open and to support key community. Excuse me key community events with significant economic impact. In our city. Thank you for this vote of confidence and prosper Portland's work to advance and inclusive recovery and economic growth in Portland's and now i'll hand the presentation over to executive director kimberly brown. Thank you. Chair cruz. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners for the record. I'm kimberly branam. I used pronouns like she and her and I am executive director of prosper Portland, and I just want to take one minute to recognize the chair for his service.

We have a fabulous board and the chair sits at the helm of it. It's a lot of work, and it is a completely volunteer positions who want to recognize and appreciate. And the chair for his leadership. All right. We are going to now go into some of the outcomes that we have for the most recent fiscal year in which we have complete data. So looking back at 21 22, which, as we all know, was still at the height of the pandemic, so some of these resources are some of these numbers reflect that we still see that through the programs that the chair mentioned more than 1300 jobs were created, retained or placed through economic development activities like the enterprise zone program that you heard about this morning. Nearly 1200, adults and youth received services through workforce development programs, 60% of whom identified as people of color. More than 20. I'm sorry. More than 2200 businesses have been served through the inclusive business resource network over the last programmatic cycle of which 68% identify as black, indigenous or person of color. And in fiscal year 21 22. Our resources were leveraged more than 8 to 1. So one being our resources with 8.5 to 8.5 times, um private and other public resources. And of the resources that were invested in physical improvements, 56% of construction projects investments were contacted through certified firms. I want to repeat that because I'm proud of that number, 56% went to covid certified firms, of which 53% were two db or m, b, e or w b e certified firms. The local small business repair program distributed 221 businesses. I'm sorry grants to businesses needing immediate repairs and supported diverse local businesses through events like my people's market, and Portland means progress. Next slide, please. So with the goal of furthering inclusive growth through best practice interventions, as you know, advanced Portland is grounded in the values of racial equity and inclusion, climate action, intentional growth and effective partnerships and six progress on four objectives that are shown on this slide. That's the first is propelling inclusive

economic growth and innovation. The second is promoting equitable wealth creation. The third is fostering vibrant commercial centers and neighborhood commercial districts, and the fourth is connecting Portland's to high quality jobs in future ready sectors. You're going to hear a lot more about the way in which our budget and our work plans advance and align with each of these objectives from sarah, I'm sorry from sorry I just combined lisa and shake from shea and lisa.

Excuse me. Alright. Next leg, please. Alright at a high level of the \$350 million and available resources that we have this year, which is net of the housing set aside. We anticipate up to \$176 million in total expenditures. 44% of resources come from existing cash balances and tiff districts and new tiff that will be issued in the coming year. Another 45% comes from earned revenue and revolving loans with 11% coming from the combination of federal grants, general funds and cannabis tax resources. To support this work. Our budget includes a total of 95 fte and it with the staff levels for our three external facing departments noted on the slide. This includes one net additional position more than we have budgeted in this current fiscal year. Um do 23 positions that will be supporting reimagine organ and seed programs that are coming over from civic life and too few up to fewer. Arpaio um, supported limited term positions. Next slide, please. So as we look to the five year forecast, and we compare that to the financial sustainability plan that we've had an opportunity to talk to you about. We see that we anticipate approximately \$200 million in new resources using the forecast allocation of additional general fund per the budget note on returning tiff that chair cruz mentioned as well as what we anticipate in terms of tiff proceeds. Compared to that 10 year forecast. I'm sorry compared to the 10 year financial sustainability plan the overall gap between our budgeted resources and this is fairly conservative. We don't include things like anticipated sale because until it happens, we can't and we know we don't want to

show those resources in the budget. Um but so from a fairly conservative perspective. We anticipate that there's a roughly \$18 million gap between our financial sustainability plan and are currently budgeted resources. The work to close this gap is primarily to create additional earned income from loans and investments that align with advanced Portland's objectives and are deployed using our newly formed strategic investment fund as well as remaining tiff, district resources, and lisa's going to talk a little bit more about that. We're really optimistic that we can close this gap and maintain level of service but want to be transparent that if we are not successful in making those investments, then the gap will grow. Exponentially over time, because as as you can imagine, it's important for us to make the investments so that we can have returns that accumulate. All right. So with that I'm going to pass it over to shea to talk about our nantes if supported programs. Thank you director branam. Good afternoon, mayor city commissioners. For the record. My name is safe. 30 15 that use pronouns like he, him and I and I serve as the economic development director at prosper Portland. So the bulk of today's presentation is, of course around the city's many districts, but I'm gonna take this moment to remind you and go over some of the non tiff portions of prostate Portland's work, including the work of our economic development department. You'll recall. We covered this work in greater detail at the March 23rd budget council presentation on community economic development where you heard from director branam and ari seed manager robert smith. So hopefully this section is more of a refresher go to the next slide. First I want to speak to our existing business lines with ongoing funding as well as how they align with our new advanced Portland's strategy. Within the first objective where we include the work of our business. Advancing team you heard about the enterprise zone just this morning, but i'll know that this work also entails the work where we serve as

liaisons to our cities. Industry cluster. Our work of Portland means progress collaborations with the court of Portland and the office of government relations around international trade and relations and support for our film industry. Within the goal of fostering vibrant commercial districts are ongoing investments here look like the city's partnerships with venture Portland and the neighborhood prosperity network districts. And within goal, two of equitable wealth creation. I'd like to highlight the work of our inclusive business resource network of narcotics registry, my people's market and now the new allocations for reimagine Oregon and the seed grants. Lastly i'll call out that are ongoing partnership with work systems inc. Around youth and adult workforce development is also funded on an ongoing basis. If we go to the next slide so now looking at one time fund allocations. This slide shows a few of the highlights that I'd like to mention there are several new one time allocations as well as proposed carryover for multi year programs that have been funded by American rescue plan act dollars. We've been very excited that some of these one time investments are resulting in more perennial infrastructure moving forward, such as that of the small business hub. We're also carrying over expanding rapid workforce training, given that parts of our economy have still yet to fully recover. And I'd like to especially call out the upcoming small business stabilization grants, which we are now calling restore to complement our successful repair. Grant um, we're looking. We're proposing to carry over \$1.4 million and we're also including the additional 500,000 at the mayor's proposed budget adds to that fund. You'll also recall the new office of events and filmed received two years of one time funding. We are looking to carry over funds for the second year of that work, and I proposed budget also includes the mayor's teams proposed \$400,000 of new funds to support some of the larger events in our downtown in central city. I want to thank burke, nelson and amanda park for their leadership there as well as

your council offices. For attending a recent kick off of 115 events that the office's funding across the city this summer primarily to activate our neighborhoods in central city. Lastly I want to call out new funding and carry over that is allowing us to pursue explorations of new tiff districts both in east Portland's and the central city. If we look at the next slide lastly, here, you're able to see how much is allocated into each program and where each of the respective funds are coming from whether that's cannabis arba general fund zone or federal sources like community development block grants. Our department usually works with roughly \$11 million of ongoing economic workforce development resources that are not restricted to traditional tax increment finance districts, and those are represented by the blue and the gray that you see on screen. You'll also see just how hard the team has been at work to incorporate the one time resources represented by the green and the yellow, the new allocations for reimagine Oregon and seed grants are particularly difficult new lifts and I want to recognize both our own. Chabrier vickers and akil patterson, who is coming over to prosper from the office of civic life to join robert smith's entrepreneurship in community economic development team. I think with that I'm handing it back to executive director brandon for an overview of art. If districts thank you, shea all right. So, um with this next section. I'm going to address some of the questions that we have heard from council that originally came from the budget note. But I think have been brought forth just by the fact that we are at the end of the life of a number of tax increment finance districts. And so there are a number of questions that come up in terms of what was, you know what was the net impact of those districts and what have we learned in the process? Um as directed by the budget note. We along with Portland housing bureau engaged with ego northwest to do some of this analysis, and so I'm going to have a chance to talk about that with you. I want to be very clear that economic west is the subject

matter expert and they have gifted us with these slides, but we are going to have an opportunity to have them speak directly with you. And so if there are questions that we can't answer at this time, will be able to come back with more detail when they have the full report. This is sort of a sneak peek of the first phase. All right, but just for the viewing audience on the next slide, I'm going to give a bit of a refresher on the, um, TIF. If we talk about TIF, TIF is tax increment financing. It's a property tax based financial tool that comes from calculating the growth of property taxes within the defined geographic boundaries of a tax increment finance district. We no longer use the term urban renewal, although that is legally the term that is used by the state of Oregon because we don't perform urban renewal. Urban renewal was something that was practice in the fifties and sixties and often, um, was, um the practice of sort of razing entire districts and neighborhoods and creating major projects. We really engage in community development and economic development. And so we talked about the tool being tax increment finance and the districts in which we do that as TIF districts as a reminder TIF can be used to invest in physical improvements in line with the priorities outlined in a district plan next slide, please. Right so the 17 districts in operation today or that have recently been closed or are newly returning revenues to the taxing jurisdictions fall into three broad categories. As you see on this timeline here and in, uh, related colors, so downtown waterfront district south park blocks airport way in Oregon convention center are all completed and have repaid their debts. So all of the resources are flowing back to the taxing jurisdictions. Few resources remain in these districts, if any, and if there are resources that do exist, they come from earned income. So repayment of a loan or a proceed from a property sale. The river district will pay off at the end of the fiscal year as well, all of the neighborhood prosperity initiative districts. Districts like the central east side and the river district lengths and three of the neighborhood

prosperity initiative. Districts do have some remaining tiff, but it is fully programmed towards established priorities. So that leaves the north mcadam tiff district cully lentz, interstate and gateway. I'm sorry, not let's north mcadam, cali, interstate and gateway with available resources that are not fully programmed. And the next slide, you'll see this visually represented. Um and so it's a little easier. I think to see that. What we're talking about is those districts in gray are basically closed and do not have remaining resources. Those in blue are at the end of the life of the tip districts and have very limited resources and those in green have much more flexibility. Um and as counsel as well aware, this is true for both prosper Portland and the Portland housing bureau as 45% of new tiff. Resources across the tip districts are dedicated to affordable housing. In this case, 0 to 60% for multi family or up to 80% for, um, for homeownership programs with the remainder that can be used for other commercial community, residential or infrastructure investments. Next slide, please. So as I mentioned, press report, land on the Portland housing bureau hired biko northwest to perform the analysis that was requested. Um and eco northwest. Um the methodology that they used was to compare the remainder of the city that is outside of the tiff districts to the tiff districts. Um and so it's a comparison of the tent if districts in particular that were active between 2020 20. It excludes the neighborhood prosperity initiative districts, which, although they are text increment finance districts were so modest in scale that it felt like it would would have been inappropriate to include them. Um okay, so next slide, please. Okay so, um, at a high level, we see that from 2000 to 2020 population, housing and jobs grew faster in the 11% of the city that are in tiff districts than in the rest of the 89% of the city that is outside of a tiff district. You'll see particularly notable increase in population and housing units. This is perhaps not surprising, given that tiff districts are often aligned to and in this case is

generally aligned to, um changes in zoning and land use designations or, um, those districts that have that tend towards higher intensity of residential uses so large swaths of our city that are in single family housing zones are generally not within artist districts. Nevertheless we have seen significant increases in population, housing and jobs within the tip districts over the last 20 years. Next slide, please. All right. So the first major takeaway that echo northwest found is that private investment within tiff districts outpaced public investments in tiff, tiff, district investments or investments of tax increment finance 5 to 1. And the public private expenditure ratio is at least 2 to 1 across all of the tiff districts. Um but it really changes from tiff district to tip district. So you see in places like airport way in downtown waterfront Oregon convention center and south park blocks that the ratio is closer to 2 to 1. We get up to 4 to 1 when we're looking at gateway lens town center and the river district. We are all the way to tend to one at north macadam, and then it's a 16 to 1 ratio for interstate. So for every \$1 of tax increment financing resources invested in interstate, there were \$16 of private investments that were made. Across the nine districts that are shown here. They're doing some analysis on the central east side, so that will be forthcoming. There was a total of 4.9 billion of private investment and about \$1 billion of investment of tiff. So um, I think it will be interesting to hear more about how you go northwest interprets this, but I think it is safe to say that tiff does not completely make the market right that it is not the case that if you put in x dollars if you will get why outcome um, it is a complex environment. Market demand is really significant. And so it is a participant and not, um, the it does not create the market dynamics in a given tiff district. Next slide, please. The second takeaway is that housing production increased faster inside of tax increment finance districts than outside. In fact, 41% of all housing developed in the 11% of land in tiff districts. Again. This might not be surprising. Many tiff

districts tiff district plans explicitly focused on housing investments as a priority. So, for example, gateway called for expanding and improving housing options. Interstate called for a increase of a broad range of housing types. Lens called for providing new and rehabilitated housing units suitable for a households at a range of incomes and housing needs. Um and most districts have similar housing objectives. So these housing these council adopted housing goals combined with significant tiffin dust investments, and just the zoning and land use and market conditions has led to more housing more rapid housing production within the tiff districts. Next slide, please. So take away number three is that tiff supported 50% of all affordable housing units built since 2000. Nearly 6000 Portland households were able to secure, stable, affordable housing because of tax agreement, finance dollars and the last 20 years. Half of all affordable housing units built during this time period where built into districts. And this momentum contributes to several of the policy objectives that have been articulated in the plans in order to create a full range of housing options. One of the things is you dig down deeper. That's interesting is that tiff dollars funded 56% of regulated units affordable to households earning 30 to 50% of area media income? And 44% of units available affordable to 50 to 80% so they funded a greater percentage of housing units at the 30 to 50% then at the 50 to 80% of area medium income. Next slide, please. Um so this slide shows that 56% of all affordable regulated units are inside of two districts. This heat map shows you where there's a high concentration of permanently affordable regulated units, and you see that that is largely within the central city and north and northeast Portland. But areas like lengths and gateway also have a, um. Some some degree of affordable housing within those districts. Next slide, please. Alright take away number five is that employment grew faster inside tiff districts than outside. So jobs grew in aggregate when you look and you combine all

of the tiff districts, um faster inside districts, then the remainder of the city and they grew faster in most individual tip district. So airport way in the central east side downtown and waterfront, interstate river district south park blocks and lent lengths than in the remainder of the city. Um and those areas that are in salmon colored those who are below the average for the city. I do want to note that this takes us through 2019 so the employment information is not yet available for 2022 2023 so biko northwest determined given it's challenging, given that the most recent data really takes us in the middle of the pandemic. And so it stops at 2019. And they're going to continue to evaluate more recent data as it becomes available. Next slide, please. And finally, the final takeaway. Number six is that echo northwest found that tiff districts are more racially diverse and are diversifying faster than the rest of the city. We know that residents in tiff districts are also younger than the rest of the city, and that our k 12 population is more diverse than are older population. In the future phase of the consultants work. They're going to follow up and really examine and dig into some of the indicators that might help us understand demographic changes to understand some of the drivers, but at a high level we see that two districts have been and remain more racially diverse than the rest of the city. So with that I'm handing it over to lisa. Good afternoon, mayor and council. I'm lisa dubois from the director of development investment with prosper, Portland's and i, you she, her pronouns pronouns. And I'm pleased to be here today to share an overview of our current tiff district based work and related investments, particularly for the coming fiscal year, and this work certainly build from the analysis and past investments that director branam shared. But it also applies the lessons learned that we have made over the past 5 10 years to better center, community and equity in our investments in our real estate projects in our public private partnerships. Next slide, please. So as shade shared from the economic

development side. There's also significant alignment between our current tip district investments and the advanced Portland's strategy that we brought before you recently with particular focus on place based priorities that are identified in the strategy. From our tip district action plan investments, which provide resources to further the recommendations that are tied to all town and certain areas of our central city through to investments along particular commercial districts like foster in lengths, or halsey wider in gateway, or mlk in north northeast through to how we invest our alone and grant products that help to support small businesses and entrepreneurs. And also increased access to property ownership, construction and vertical development opportunities that are key avenues to wealth creation. Well, i'll keep in your mind that these longer term projects and investments really need to complement the more interim interventions that she discussed. So this section of the presentation is actually going to do two things. It's going to focus first and providing a high level overview of what's happening across our tip districts and some of the programs that we administer across those districts, and then I'm going to dive really into detail on a tip district by district basis so you can understand how each of the budget line items online up to community priorities. Next time, please. So investments across artist districts really happen via four major categories of work work, and you see that in the pie chart with ball parking at each of them, um each of them having about a quarter of the investment over the five year forecast. First we have property investments that support future development, whether via land acquisition. Holding or partnerships, which you see in the property and acquisition investments category some of the larger investments that you're seeing show up in this five year forecast include investments in the williams and russell project all the way through the potential future acquisitions anticipated for gateway and in outer years in cully. Second we have investments via our property and

business loan programs where we can complement the market and address community needs by providing lower return and more patient capital for commercial development projects. Examples include investments in projects like the north northeast cultural business hub concept or property loans focused on supporting developers of color or investments in the central east side or old town in key properties where we can really incent anchor, employment or middle income housing. Third about a quarter of our investments are projected to occur as grants and infrastructure. We differentiate these because these are one time investments that are not anticipated to create any sort of revolving fund. Back for reinvestment. And these are investments invested in our small business and nonprofit grant programs, which i'll provide a little bit of detail about on the next slide through to larger infrastructure investments, like the site preparation at the usps demo 32 large scale street improvement investments, which we are into sip ating for an area around the gateway transit center, as well as in north mcadam to support development. And finally, as we buy and hold properties that are either what we would call operating assets, so they have tenants. They have revenue streams, etcetera, or developable properties, which are vacant land being held for work with the community to identify their future. We have property management obligations, and we currently manage about 45 properties across our portfolio from large scale properties like union station or the in at the convention center through two smaller remnant properties like the holman doc and for our operating assets, particularly those with an income stream. Our costs are actually offset by net operating income, which is which is recovering following the pandemic after we provided a certain amount of lease relief. Next slide, honey. So as a reminder many folks often think of us, as 100% funder would. In fact, we are not the way that art if investments usually occur, are most often through partnership efforts and agreements, and that's both

at a large and a small scale. In this way, we're able to leverage private or community funding towards shared community outcomes and priorities. Whether it's our small business prosperity investment program grant where they provide a 50% match or larger scale public. Private partnerships like the projects that we did is phase one in lens town center at south east 92nd foster included, including the asian health services center that you see here where we invested only about a third of the overall financial stack that the center pulled together. Through partnerships were able to accomplish both real estate and loan agreements that then translate into a direct investment of critical resource tiff resources that do address address key, um, access to capital or financing gaps. We're able to leverage additional investment into the community, which is some of those outcomes that kimberly shared. And we're able to deliver on key community priorities next later. And we make these investments through a number of standing programs that we administer on a rolling basis or is on an as needed basis are small business grant program is called the prosperity investment program. It provides a match to small businesses with a focus on bipoc owned businesses across artist districts, as well as anchor and heritage businesses, like industrial firms in the central east side that we want to make sure that we preserve and grow we also offer commercial property redevelopment loans that support both businesses and property owners when they go to build out, renovate or developed a new construction from projects like supporting lady ladybug childcare that you see in one of the pictures here who was looking for resources to move into a new space through to providing full seismic renovation on projects like the phoenix pharmacy on southeast foster, where we worked with a long time property owner to bring a historic building back to life. And finally we also wanted to touch on activities that we have across arctic districts that are called are affordable commercial tenant team pilots where we can strategically

positioned our assets and related tenant in opportunities to provide access to businesses via affordable commercial tenant in space at locations like 10th in yamhill lens commons and the nick fish in gateway. And there were able to combine lease and tenant improvement support to small businesses, businesses, and we often actually connect them to shay's team as well to receive technical assistance through things like our inclusive business resource network. We're also looking at ways as part of our financial sustainability plan to diversify our tools in response to community need as districts close out and based on past investments in those areas, we have identified a revolving pool of resources that are returning via loan payoffs, property dispositions and or net operating income off of our operating assets. And that revolving pool of funding is being allocated into a strategic investment fund that unlocks our ability to scale and have greater flexibility to invest in those needs that we where we know there's high community priority from increasing a pool for small business working capital loans to date that's been pretty limited to edda funds that we have three to developing new loan products like an acquisition, loan or mezzanine financing product, which will increase access to real estate and development, financing and acquisition funding opportunities where we have heard a lot from community that those are priorities. 32 investing and actually acquiring operating assets like industrial properties in a way that complements the market and support small business needs, for example, by investing in a shared kitchen space where we know there are gaps in the market in small business needs. So I am now going to move on to kind of the second chapter of my portion of the presentation and we're going to go deep. So bear with me for a minute. So we will go action plan or tiff district by district area. So the first area that we're going to cover is the river district in downtown waterfront. We have combined these because in fact, half of old town sits in one district and half of old

town sits in the other and our priorities across river district in downtown waterfront focus in three major investment areas. First Broadway corridor, completing the USPS facility demolition. So you do see those sizeable resources in our budget for the coming fiscal year. Partnering with the office of transportation and the bureau of environmental services to start construction of streets and utilities and partnering with parks and recreation on an open space design for the eventual extension of the north park blocks in the green loop. We will also be transferring a parcel to PHP for development as affordable housing in the first phase, and finally continuing our relationship with Related and Melvin Mark as we think about future private development on Broadway corridor. The second big area of investment between the river district and the downtown waterfront district budgets is implementing the Old Town Action Plan where we are focused on stabilizing businesses through grants and loans, so you'll see the pipeline item. You'll see our commercial property redevelopment loan line item. We're also addressing some adjustments that the community association requested to really have funding go to non-profits as well as businesses on a rolling basis. Together with advancing middle income housing development on properties that we own within Old Town, knowing that there were major lessons learned coming off of the central city and advanced Portland's strategy findings that areas with an improved and better balanced mix of uses, where more stable coming through the pandemic and last, but not least, we are also focused on disposing of what we call legacy properties within the agency of Centennial Mills and the old fire station. Next slide, Tony, please. Next we're going to focus on are two key tip districts in east Portland's today. The first is Lengths which you see on the left hand side and the second is Gateway that you see on the right hand side. And as you see with Lentz, we have some minor remaining resources and what these are going to address some remaining goals that we see as unfinished

within the lens action plan. So while many of the goals have been accomplished, particularly the build out of the lens town center area, I think if everybody drives down south east, 92nd and foster today, you can see the difference. There are other goals within the action plan that we see as unfinished and we continue to lean into and those are particularly the support for community development and investments and small business support along the key corridors of things like 82nd avenue, 122nd avenue, powell and other portions of foster where we haven't made a sizeable investments, as we did in the lens town center. And we also I would also highlight we do have affordable commercial space at linz commons, which is a property that prosper does hold. In gateway. We're looking forward to new development at 102nd in pacific and you see that in a sizable allocation for grants and infrastructure. This is a partnership with mosaic as well as with david douglas school district that will bring new middle income units to the gateway transit center and pilot and innovative modular housing approach, which will be fabricated in Portland, and our resources will go to investing in improvements that are called for in p bots gateway master street plan, which will then support development on private property as well as future expansion by david douglas school district on their elks club property. Other activities we have underway in gateway or also an update of the five year action plan. It's been about five years so similar to what we did in lines were kind of re evaluating, and particularly now that there are more resources in the district identifying where community priorities and needs may have changed, and we are actively working on tenants of the nick fish. We do own the ground floor commercial space of the nick fish out by the discovery park. Where we anticipate building out the majority of the ground floor space for bipoc owned childcare business who and we're really excited about its interface with the adjacent park. Next light, tony. Next we're going to talk about our implementation

of the north northeast community development initiative action plan. This is in fact, inside of the interstate tip district and our current focus via this action plan and working really closely with our leadership committee that meets monthly. There is we are developing and launching new real estate based access to capital loan programs and piloting these in the north northeast area. Working with the tiff that we have available via interstate. We're also working closely with me, so craft three and beneficial statement bank amongst others to really make sure that the financial tools that we're bringing to bear complement those that they have available for community where identifying opportunities to invest resources and affordable commercial and the sighting of a cultural business hub, which was one of the actions called for in that action plan. And last, but not least we are supporting the williams and russell project in partnership with the williams and russell cdc and the Portland housing bureau are early investment that you'll see in the budget for next year will go towards land development activities like parcel ization that will then support the eventual development of three distinct projects on that site, one of which would be affordable housing, another of town homes and an office or commercial building. Next slide, honey. The next to tip districts that you see on this slide on the left hand side, you see the pie chart for investments in the central east side on the right hand side, you see are proposed investments for north mcadam. Our investments in the central east side are focused on loans to support small businesses and property redevelopment. Together with our grand products. We've seen significant uptake in this district for those just given its industrial and commercial character. This includes on properties we own like the workshop blocks, but also via public private partnerships. Together with an infrastructure allocation that we have put in place to support ramsey's master plan, particularly the build out of new water avenue, which we know will be key for new development

envisioned in their master plan. In south waterfront. We have long heard from community partners in south waterfront about their infrastructure priorities, which include the continued build up of southwest bond avenue to support issues, ongoing growth, additional campus as well as in the central district area. The development of the south portal connection, which is at the south end of the district. And then the build out of the green way to really give folks kind of the opportunity to engage with the river along a continuum and you'll see that in some of the resources we have this year and next with alamo, manhattan as they build out the green way down in south waterfront. We also continue to carry budget for we do have a disposition and development agreement with Portland state university that resulted from an amendment to north macadam a few years ago. And we anticipate this agreement could need amendment just based on pcs current plans. Within the newly formed cully tiff district. We anticipate that year one budget, so the budget that you will be approving for this particular for fiscal year will largely be focused on community engagement costs to co create an initial five year action plan. As well as the which was committed to in the tiff plan, as well as the governance charter with near term investments occurring via stabilization grants, like our prosperity investment program grant to help small businesses stay and grow within the district in the next 2 to 3 years and then longer term we do have resources available that could go towards longer term investments like land acquisition. Next slide. I'm fine. Finally, but not last. We're also engaged in very various areas of the city where there is community interest in exploring future tip districts from east Portland's and areas east of two. Oh, five or west of two. Oh, five all the way north to along the columbia corridor. We are working with partners both in community and within the public sector in terms of pbem and metro working along 82nd avenue to really identify next steps, convene the community and work

that work that exploration analysis. Through to the downtown core and at key sites for high density development. We're also hearing interest in the potential for tax increment financing to support conversions, infill housing, affordable housing and funding for infrastructure. A key master plan sites that were identified in the central city plan, where infrastructure resources are limited and infrastructure build out is critical to supporting high density future development. And I'm just gonna close with I went. We also need to acknowledge. As we hear this community interest. We know that any new tip district investments would need to complement some of our near term tools, both for recovery and retention, but also that there may be broader needs that complement it, like workforce, training or capacity building within community. And with that, I think we are taking questions. Good I got one regarding the question of housing and tax increment financing. It looks like most of the housing that's currently being built by the housing bureau is low income housing could workforce housing be built with tech dollars? Is there any prohibition against that? If we wanted to fill some of the missing middle, could we do it with tiff? Dollars we can, and we have in certain cases. And so, um Lisa can speak to that. But I think what? You um we'll see within the old town. Chinatown for example, is a prioritization of that middle income housing so above affordable, you know, above the 0 to 60, but, um, in length, so I think in the lens partnership, we went up to 120% and so there's nothing statutorily within the use of tiff that prohibits that use, um, the way that it's set up because of the set aside policy. Is that anything that goes to 0 to 60? Of am I goes through the Portland housing bureau so prosper Portland doesn't have purview or say over that portion, and then any of the other uses within that 55% can be, um you know, physical improvements in line with the priorities articulated in the tip districts. Thanks. I appreciate commissioner Mapps for, um, I want to thank you for the presentation

today, and I might have missed it. And if I did maybe you can just help me understand? I think we began the presentation, saying there was an \$18 million gap. Did your presentation explain how that gap was going to get filled or addressed, or could you re articulate to me how that's going to get sorted out? Great question. Commissioner so I can I think I touched on it really briefly. So um, what we are anticipating is that the \$18 million will be filled through earned revenue and earned income. Um and so lisa mentioned and talked a little bit about the strategic investment fund that is, um, seeded by program income, so previous earned income and we're hoping that it continues to be a revolving loan fund benefiting community priorities, but also creating revenue that we can use to offset some of our operating costs. Um and so we know we can do it because 45% of our budget is currently from program income. Um I think the key question that I have, and that is an open question is just what's happening in the market and whether there are resources. You know places where we can place capital. But I think we're cautiously optimistic that it is possible of thank you, although, although I'm not sure on tracking or you are we talking about loans here we're talking about. Being a landlord. So loan do you want to pull that slide up again and just walk through that and lisa? Maybe you can speak to it, so I would think about it. The earned revenue comes from three major areas. One is loans, so both business loans and commercial property loans strategic second is from net operating income. So we do have properties that generate net operating income. And the third is from land sales. So very often will buy property and then when we resell the property if there is any incremental value, no, sometimes there's not. Sometimes there is but that delta in value actually could come back in as earned income that goes into the strategic investment fund. And we have as part of our financial sustainability plan. The last thing just because kimberly touched on this. I think we are trying to be

intentional about not just thinking about operating income but actually capital income. Sure position so that we have resources that can go back out into community. And if you look at it, it becomes a way that tiff districts as they close out can actually contribute to a capital fund that's available for placement throughout the city so we can then have our commercial property loans throughout the city. We can have and increased access for working capital loans that we really haven't had a volume of resources to place in the past. Thank you. Prosper have a reserve fund. I should know trash. Yeah so it's an interesting question, tony. What? We basically have contingencies and each of our funds yes, we have contingencies varies in each tax increment district. We also have what's called a business management fund that holds about a 6 to \$7 million reserve. We use that the cash flow lots of activities, for example, American rescue plan programs as well as community development programs where the cash is not there up front, so it's both cash flow tool and a reserve tool. So those who but those reserves are are project specific so you couldn't move extra dollars from one part to another from one project to another, or do you kick? Can they move that way? Go ahead. With the commissioner with the new strategic investment fund that will be citywide and that has an allocation of up to \$45 million over the next five years. Thank you one last question on this. So what happens? God forbid, um if we are unable to reach the eight to fill the 80 million what it is that yeah. What does that scenario look like? So I think we would, um you know, it would depend how much below we were, of course, but the main drivers, um so i'll take a step back so the financial sustainability plan is largely focused on our operating income or are operating investments and making sure that we have resources to, um, support the staff deploy the resources well as well as some of our key programs. Um there's also a capital component to it. And of course, there's a relationship between the two. Um,

but if we go below the \$35 million that we need to support staff and key programs, I think we would need to look at whether we were making reductions and staff or reducing programs. And to what degree um and you know, we will have um, at least a year or two have advanced warning. And so that would be a conversation that we would need to have with community with our board and with you all in order to make those difficult decisions about what would need to be reduced. Okay thank you. That's helpful. And um, i'll wrap up with really what I will convince down to two comments, um so I can let my colleagues get in here. I very much appreciate echoed northwest attempts to, um. Evaluate the impact of tips. I've been eager to see that and I want to thank commissioner Rubio for circling back and making sure that work gets done. Um I do have you know I do have some feedback. I'm not quite sure if I am convinced that your control here is correct, so we have the sort of the treatment which is basically imposing a tip district at a neighborhood and then our control group is kind of the rest of the city, which doesn't have a, um doesn't have a tiff district. Maybe that's right. But I don't quite know if I think that that that's right, especially when I look at the patterns and I think that a lot of the patterns I see in your results kind of suggest neighborhood based effects or demographic effects. That kind of makes sense. Um mm. Given what's happening on the ground, so I'm so I'm not quite sure if that if that particular thing is getting at, you know, maybe trying to match neighborhoods, and I know it's very difficult and I think I've even had talks some folks over there around that, but i'll share that. And I hope that someone that equal northwest watches this part of the interview of this conversation and maybe thanks about strategies are can help me think about why this is the best we can. Do you want to jump in here? Well i'll just note. This is I'm sort of smiling because this has been a very active conversation that we've had as well. It's really challenging to what? Because the preponderance of the central city

has been in a tiff district and so, um, you know, I think what they what they have been doing and what they're thinking about is trying to identify the counterfactual and that is going to be more of a comparison. So I think they would be the first to recognize that it is a very imperfect comparator. Um and so definitely will share that with them. They probably are watching, but we'll share that with them and make sure that they when they get into the counterfactual of what might have what might have happened. But not for tiv that they can speak to some of those questions. You know, um I appreciate that. And one last thing I've been excited for, um, the empirical evaluation of the tiff districts, partly because as a policymaker, here's the here's the information or that the tests that I'm trying to, um evaluate. You know, I'm trying to figure out my return on an investment from a dollar I have in the general funds versus my return on investment for a dollar. I haven't if funds that are dedicated to economic development versus the return on investment for a dollar into funds that I have, um set aside for housing and i'll tell you especially because my thinking here is evolved a little bit. I'm even on the housing piece. I'm kind of even comparing that to the return on investment. Um for a dollar I have in, let's say a housing ball, bond and whatnot. I thank you guys. Maybe give me closer here. I although I'm not quite sure based on what I saw today, and I would need to read it more closely and process. Um if I have enough information to really weigh these different way the returns on investments or the expected returns on investments I'm trying to get from the various specks of places we can put the public's dollars. You know, obviously my goal here is to try to. We're going to do all of this to some degree, but how do I optimize the right masses? What I'm trying to figure out um so as you tweak as we as eco north west creek twigs, those in their analyses. Those were some of the things I'm looking for. And unless you want to jump in on that i'll turn the floor back over to my colleagues. Alright thanks.

Commissioner Gonzalez think the following questions very odd. Commissioner Mapps is getting at and bootstrapping off of this morning's conversation and after going through each of these tiff districts is our primary assessment of what is the successful to district the appreciation and property value that occurs. The increase in tax base following that, or what are your primary metrics for assessing the success or failure of a tiff district? Follow on questions of the tip districts. We just went through here. What's the most successful? What's the least successful of from prosper? Portland's spanish point? I don't mean to say that in a loaded way, I just sort of kind of, you know, the there's a chance to check in like, you know, how would how would we assess that across the portfolio? Um well, I few thoughts and then i'll be curious to hear my colleague's perspectives and their crews.

Perspectives. Um so I think that each tiff district well, while the what if is one tool, it is a it is a and it has some constraints in terms of the way that it can be used. It's a fairly flexible tool. Um and so the intentions when the community and City Council creates a new tip district really are, I think probably the measures of success. So when a you know the pearl district was really focused on making sure that the new neighborhood had infrastructure and was more dense than what was originally anticipated without tiff. And so the public private partnership enabled the private sector to focus on the vertical development and the public sector de risked it a bit by making sure that there was infrastructure and it was more accessible to the community because of the affordable housing that tax increment finance supported. Um airport way. By contrast, you know was in concert with the extension of the max line out there and built built out helped to build out cascade station very different function than river district. So, um certainly, you know, the indicators that biko northwest has analyzed in terms of job creation and housing production are important to us across all of the tiff districts. Um but I think there

are places like the gateway text increment finance district where the community would tell you and prosper. Portland would say that we probably have underperformed in comparison to what the community hoped for in terms of level of private interest, um and what we've been able to do with those resources so um I'd like to think a little bit more before completely answering your question, but I think at a high level, it's really you know, what is the tip district called for and then how have we performed? Um with the understanding that markets and community priorities change over time? So with an interstate tax increment finance district that was really created in order to deliver on the albino community plan. Um and then decisions were made in terms of the sequencing of investment for the match for the yellow line, right. And so, um, and it also came on the heels of, um tony is going to have to fix it. Address it, but there was some changes to the property tax and the way that tiff worked. And so there were fewer resources at the beginning to focus on affordable housing. Um and over time. I think the focus from both the housing bureau and prosper Portland has really been to get back to what the original intent of the district was, which was to stabilize the african American and long term community members who had been co creators of the albino plan. So, um hopefully, that helps, but that's let's let's we can come back to you with some additional thoughts there. I think that would be helpful in the also the sort of boots drop of commissioner Mapps is getting out and we're looking as a city at the various investment options. We have. And comparing tiff to other choices we might make to stimulate growth to pursue policy. It's a challenge to compare apples to apples and, um, whatever help you can give us there as we sort of way these alternative. You know considerations. I mean, we have infrastructure gaps in the city and we have support part of our funding models for a lot of corer city services is essentially broken in the next decade. That's a reality we're facing. At the same

time. I will be a very strong advocate for considering. But as we mentioned earlier, urban renewal for downtown to extend the um, e district for to stimulate, uh, part of the city that's now in crisis financially and with very dim short term and medium term prospects on some metrics, and so, um, but trying to compare what lovers we pull those. It's just so whatever you can do to sort of help us to compare the investments 11 last point that relevant both downtown and two uh, the mayor's question, so we have affordable housing. We have workforce housing, and then we have market rate housing. And, um do we judge the um. The success of a tiff based on the increase in overall units created or is I mean, I thought it was in the aggregate. Um data you showed on tiff districts, but um, just sort of curious if that's even a metric right now and again. I'm thinking downtown, and we're talking about converting office buildings, two apartments and it's going to cost us \$100 a square foot. Even with the seismic upgrade changes that we just made, um and it's just trying to get a handle on. You know if we created a lot of market housing through that. Uh, through a tiff here with that. But we deem that success you know if it's 20 years from now. Sure so you know, going back to the tip district plans. Most of the tiff district plans call for a broad, um diversity of housing types and for different income. Available for different incomes. And so I think what we see over the life and some plans actually have specific, affordable housing targets. And so each tip district is slightly different. Um, but I think what we and you have to talk about this a little bit. What we generally look at is where is the market not performing. And so where might we step in and help to address that market failure if there's a particular portion that is not performing at, you know, either. If it's 0 to 60 or 60 to 120, or just market rate above that, is there an area that we are not seeing, um you know products be able to come online and why is that? And is there something that we might be able to do that would create that inclusive, vibrant diversity of incomes

that we know make, um, neighborhoods more successful, so I think it's you know if we only built high income housing, I don't think anybody would feel that that was successful. But also we know that the concentration of deeply affordable housing can have externalities as well. So I think we are looking to see how we can complement what the market is doing on it. So got it. Um and two last caveats, and I'm done. Um when I talk about the challenges of downtown, I also the flip side is true. I think we can articulate a positive vision for the city. For downtown and we can communicate that cities investing intelligently and optimism in it. I think that doesn't attract capital. I think that helps us both retain and attract employers. So why I think our issues are serious. I don't I don't mean to discount the importance of community that just the city's commitment to investment is a positive signal that I think the market may adjust to also to that last point on the different types of housing my focus today and same with the housing bureau on market rent. Housing is only the perception that we're having challenges there as as a marketplace in generating enough supply and that that's having some really negative effects on market rates, and it's that even with investment in low income we may have been having some unintended consequences if we can create enough market rate, so leave it at that. Okay thank you. I wanted to add one thing just because I think it's important and it's a really complex question. And it has a really complex answer of kind of what you're asking about. What are the trade offs of kind of tax increment relative to general fund and I also just want to acknowledge in most districts. We've actually combine those together, so we routinely will co invest with the office of transportation. We actually act as the sdc match. For major transportation improvement. We leverage and are able to invest directly in the vertical development going up that's actually generating there s dcs that they're using as a match. Same in gateway. We park is actually out in gateway is built on

prosper property. We bought the property. We with tiff. We handed it over to the parks bureau contributed a certain amount of funding for the park to get built, and it's really about bringing the financial stacked together and I don't want to. It is a really complex question that you're asking, but I also don't know that you can completely separate and say if I placed this amount of infrastructure instead of in tiff you would. You would have gotten x versus y, because in fact, as a city we have married up those investments as best we can to get kind of a bigger bang for your buck. Understood. Understood. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner. Right?

Thanks. Good to see you. Check crews. Um great presentation. As always, this kind of building off. I think this conversation but I'm trying to adjust what I'm going to say so I don't repeat. Um you know, when you have the slide about the private over public, the 5 to 1 ratio and you spent some time looking at why interstate was 16 to 1 and airport way was 2 to 1, but I don't know if I heard like what the factors were on why there was such a big gaps. I'm assuming some things, but can you just give me a couple of good examples of factors that might play into that? Mr I think this is one area where it will be good to have you go north west be able to speak to that. I think we have hypotheses. But this data is something that they really just produced for us. This I mean, this is this is hot off the press. So I think they're looking at it as well. Um, you know what comes to my mind is just the degree of, um you know, interstate is a large district. It's you know, so it has a bigger and catchment area for investment. But I also think it's an inner city or, you know it's close in and there has been a lot of development that's occurred in housing and so much housing, multi family that's that's occurred over the last 20 years. So it's a really good question, and we will take it back to echo northwest so they can tease that out a little bit. Thank you, and then in the budget side of this whole conversation with the artist dollars going away eventually. It's another cliff. It feels like another cliff. And what I

noticed is that you've focused and you know, we've had a lot of conversations about support for small businesses, and that's close to our dialogue we've had it goes for the stabilization of the preventative. Great correct some my point is when those we're gonna need those and two years from now, and we won't have the r p dollars. So is that a conversation in the board and the staff is having about how to continue that much needed and wanted, um, support for a small businesses. That's the number one conversation I have when I'm just helping the community. Commissioner. We had hoped, and we've all had this conversation that the 1st \$500,000, or \$300,000 at citi camp council invested to support businesses that were having their windows broken would be the last time that that was needed, and that's just continued over time. And so the arp of resources are very welcome, because it's a significant amount, and it allows us to maintain that. That investment. Um so we have not in all honesty done a lot of thinking about it. I think we are. Um maybe slowly digesting the fact that this is going to need to be a ongoing program and probably what we would be talking to our board about would be just, um using the prosperity investment program, which is our grant program and making it easier tool right now, um, it's you know, it's a it's a tiff based tool. Um, and so that might be what we would build on, but we're gonna need to get back to you on that in terms of what might be some reasonable, ongoing resources for that purpose. And again back to the complex, the complexity of this clearly our priorities around community safety run homelessness around. Who knew that the fentanyl crisis would get to this level. All of these are the factors right? And so that's what's happened since 2020 is an escalation of all of these activities, so sure it was covid. And then we have the unrest and we thought this would go away. But we're seeing from my friends out there is insurance rates going up incidents going up. Fatigue going up and you've been like the aspirin for their headaches. And so I want. That's

a compliment because they have said to me that it wasn't prosper. They don't know what they would do. So um, I just think it's one of those big picture items of this entire council has to keep wrestling with with you. Thank you. Thanks. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Thank you. Great presentation, everyone. I just have just a couple of questions first. Can you explain to me a little bit more? Say a little more about the third party property acquisition and the mezzanine financing? Just so I understand it. Um, and then can't is this so a tool solely within tiff, or can it be used outside of tiff? Okay the second question is easy. It is outside of tiff because in fact, one of the limitations of tiff is we can't support a third party to buy property so we can buy property. The housing bureau can buy property. We can then put it out for bid or or a partnership, but we can't provide kind of resources directly to a third party to buy and we know there is very significant demand in community as well as folks looking to kind of get into or scale up and development so it would allow us to have a property acquisition loan program that we don't have today because we've been constrained by tiff. Mezzanine financing is really it's kind of, uh, it's a uh, almost like our gap tool, but it is it complements conventional debt, so it comes in as more higher risk. But you covers what equity investor could look like is mezzanine financing and work can be a bridge loan. So it gets you through construction. Then it gets taken out. Okay thank you. Very often. That's your highest interest rate. Lending that comes into a project so you can bring a project's costs down by providing that product. Okay great. And then my last question is really, um, talking about as well as we're looking east and creating more to districts east. Um, can you talk a little bit about how that work is going to be informed by what we've learned from cully? Here's want to take that one. You want me? You want go for it. Uh thank you, mr fantastic question, and, um I really appreciate my colleague's lisa's teams. Partnership on this is our teams have been collaborating

on this for some years now. The colleague, the colleague district I think community members were specially excited by kind of the, um the list of allowable uses of projects, right? I think executive director branam just spoke to kind of lessons learned from interstate of what happened when you had the early investment in the I line without stabilizing community first, and so, really, when you're looking at the community led aspects of the colleague, tiff district of folks were particularly excited by the fact that you are centering those stabilizing investments on the initial side of the work as you have those first years of increment. I think our partners in east Portland's similarly looking at that model, both from a governance perspective, and the allowable uses to say this is a this is a tool that we could use as well. And there are some catalytic projects that you know folks are looking at. I think the departure of walmart along 82nd is something that folks are particularly excited by as the potential for community on that community, whether it's stabilization or the resources on that site. I think there are a number of lessons learned both from cully. But also I think from our previous work and other tiff districts that's great to hear. Thank you. Finish your maps. Yes um commissioner Gonzalez comments? Uh I think helped me refine some of my thinking about what I was looking for. From echo northwest. So this is I'm just putting us on the record for eco northwest to think about as they complete their evaluation. I think the real information or some information that would be very valuable and I think it would be relatively straightforward to pull together for this is just, um some data on changing property values and tips. Districts versus outside of tiffs tip districts. Um I think from there, you could use some algebra and figure out a bunch of different things, and I think it's pretty straightforward to probably find that information. Um and I think some of the issues we were talking about before about what our control group also sort of become less salient, so i'll just share that and I hope that in future iterations, we can

see some analysis along those lines. Uh that's all I have. Mr. Mayor thank you very much. We have public testimony on the side of we do we have one person signed up. Ah jonathan isaacs was going to join us in person. I see him over there.

Welcome john. Yeah well, what does that say? No I'm my mom is the only one that calls me jonathan anymore. So I was um no Wheeler prosper, commissioner Rubio and commissioners. Thank you. My name is john isaacs. And I'm, the vice president of public affairs for the Portland business alliance. Resident of southeast Portland. I prefer he him pronounce. The alliance is greater Portland's chamber of commerce and represents the largest, most diverse network of businesses in the region. More than 80% of our members are small businesses. I'm here today to express our strong support for the prosper Portland budget and urge the council to act urgently to put the advanced Portland economic development plan into action. First I want to commend prosper Portland commissioner Rubio director branam in the proper Portland leadership team for the truly outstanding work they lead. Collaborating with a wide diversity of partners in development of the advanced Portland plan. It is a plan that meets this critical moment for our city with proposals big and small that our community and data informed, build on our strengths and are consistent with our cities, values to urgently begin the implementation of advanced Portland. We urge you to adopt the proposed 2023 24 prosper Portland budget. I would like to point out a couple of findings and recommendations in advanced Portland's that could be overlooked but are critically important at this particular moment. This plan, while optimistic and bold is also realistic that we can no longer count on unfettered population growth. Multnomah County is shrinking, having lost approximately 25,000 people in 21 2021 22. This is permanently lost tax revenue if we don't start thinking in a competitive mindset, we could watch an inexorable cycle of population loss and a shrinking tax base take hold. The advanced Portland

plan calls out one of the reasons for declining population on page for it plainly states that Portland's tax value proposition has eroded with increasing livability concerns. And at 32% increase of taxes for businesses. It's 2019 thankfully, on page 11, the advanced Portland plan offers a common sense policy prescription to this problem, it says, bring a resolution to City Council to require inclusion of a financial impact analysis. When new regulations policies, our taxes will have an impact on private parties to understand the full cost of companies bearing the cost again. I want to thank mr Rubio and prosper Portland for advancing this common sense policy proposal and we urge the council to adopt this policy of spoon as possible. I bring this up because we were dismayed that less than two weeks after the advanced Portland plan was adopted with these recommendations, every business and household was suddenly facing a proposed \$38 million transportation tax, double the annual revenue of the voter approved gas tax. And as you know, several bureau bureaus are proposing fee and sdc increases of 5% or more. Again I want to say thank you. Thank you to commissioner Mapps. He chose to have an open dialogue with a large group of Portland businesses of all sizes the last week to hear how this new proposed tax would impact them. You heard how many of them have had to make tough prioritization decisions as we all adjust to the post pandemic economy and exercise. We suggest pbot go through prior to asking for new revenue. And I should add another. Thank you to this entire council for opposing the proposed county capital gains tax measure, which is also far smaller than the proposed pbot tax. And lastly, I want to say thank you to the mayor, who was pulled back several proposed fee increases in order to bring together a dialogue between multiple agencies and local leaders about the impact of rising taxes and fees. These actions demonstrate that you are listening to the community and willing to pause and has hard questions about increasing costs to taxpayers and system users. I'm

not here to argue that any given fee increases just is justified or not, and no one wants a high functioning city capable of delivering quality services more than the business community. But if we can't break the habit of just demanding Portland's pay more and more we now know a growing number will choose to move on to more affordable communities. For these reasons. We urge this council to adopt the prosper Portland budget and we urge you to align city bureaus behind the optimistic vision priorities and strategies that were well articulated in the advanced Portland plan. And one last time. Thank you for your leadership. Commissioner Mapps sure, john, I want to thank you for your testimony today. And in fairness to my colleagues, um, the proposal to, um to find new ways to support pbot is not something this council has taken up by the commissioner charge of people bought and responsible for trying to find a workable financial model for bureau, which, frankly, today does not have a workable financial model. I certainly have been out there for the past couple of weeks talking to Portland's orders all over the place. I'm trying to find a consensus vision on how we can move forward with this bureau. I really appreciate the dialogue I've had with the business community just as I appreciate the dialogue I've had with transportation advocates. It's clear to me that we do not have a consensus vision yet. This is my responsibility. I'm going to look for solutions moving forward. Uh my colleagues have been very patient, um, and encouraging of me to try to find solutions here. But that wasn't them. That was me. Thank you, mr merrill. Hand it back to you. Thank you. Very good colleagues. Anything else before I move this along? Very good. This meeting of the budget committee has continued to may 18th two pm where members of the committee will hear any proposed amendments to the budget and the committee will vote to approve the budget. Alright we're a few minutes ahead of schedule. The next item is not until 3 30 times certain. So enjoy the eight minute recess while you've got it.

We're in recess. Why are you looking at me like you're shocked? Is there something wrong? No good. We are in recess till 3 30. Recording stopped. Mhm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Right right. Thank you. Mhm. Mhm. Okay? Yeah. Mhm. Recording in progress. Mm alright, we're back in session times certain, please items 3 73, 3 74 and 3 75. Let's please read them all together. Item. 3 73 amends city employee benefits program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the labor management benefits committee and administratively required by the bureau of human resources for plan offerings from July 1st 2023 through June 30 2024 item, 3 74 authorized the chief human resources officer to enter into a three year contract. With express scripts incorporated to provide pharmacy benefits manager services on behalf of the bureau of human resources benefits office beginning July 1st 2023 not to exceed \$50 million item. 3 75 authorized the chief human resources officer to enter into a five year contract with navia benefit solutions incorporated to provide flexible spending account administrative services on behalf of the bureau of human resources benefits office beginning July 1st 2023 not to exceed \$25 million. Alright great. Thank you. Keelan appreciate it every year, the city's labor management benefits committee reviews the employee benefits program and provides recommendations for any necessary changes. The ordinances before us today comprise those recommended changes. 3 73 is the first ordinance and it approves the fiscal year 23 24 benefit plan document addressing specific recommendations by the labor management benefits committee. In addition to some fate, some state and federally mandated changes item 3 74, of course, is the pharmacy benefits contract. The second ordinance would authorize the chief human resources officer to enter into a contract with our provider express scripts inc to provide pharmacy benefit management services. On behalf of the benefits office and then last, but not least, item. 3 75 is the flex spending

administrative services. The this would authorize the achievement chief human resources officer to enter into a contract with navia benefit solutions incorporated to provide our flexible spending account administrative services on behalf of the benefits office. Will now pass this off to the bureau of human resources benefits manager. Michelle Taylor to provide greater context on these ordinances and their impacts. Thanks for being here and thanks for your patience. Absolutely thank you all for having me and good afternoon Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is Michelle Taylor. I'm the benefit manager here with the bureau of human resources in the benefit office. And I'm here to talk about three ordinances. Which are all being presented together, but I believe there will be a separate vote for each one of them before I get into the details. I really want to use this as an opportunity to thank our valued partners within the labor management benefit committee. They meet on a monthly basis to discuss plan design changes, review trends and then really thoughtfully vote on recommendations that we bring forth to you. Such as what we're doing today, this group of seven labor folks represents the CTU PCL, Pro Tech Recreation, PFFA PPOA PPA BOAC, and additionally there's seven management represented folks on that committee from various bureaus such as PBOT Water Parks, Housing BPSNBHR. Together this group works collaboratively to recommend meaningful and fiscally responsible changes for your approval to ensure our benefit plans can help recruit and retain the top talent, which serves our community. I also want to thank our valued partners within the Portland Police Association, who have also collaborated on plan changes, which respect the fiscal responsibility required to protect our health funds as well. They continue to make difficult decisions to ensure their impact to the bureau budget is sustainable over time. I want to also extend a special thank you to our vendor partners for their continued support in providing innovative benefits which meet the needs of our

employees and their dependents. Lastly I want to thank the entire benefit team and be hr. I am so proud to be a part of a team that works as advocates and supporters of city employees, retirees and all their dependence um so to jump in the first ordinance, 373 authorizes changes to the health plan document for the new benefit plan year beginning July, one of 2023. While the plan documents represent the legal requirements of the health plan and the health reimbursement account by approving this ordinance, you are also approving plan design changes recommended by the labor management benefit committee and for administrative requirements, which b h r and the benefit office are responsible to fulfill. We have to federal regulatory changes to include in this approval. One includes the end of the federal public health emergency, which returns covid related claims to regular benefit coverage levels. Effective actually, Friday, may 12th 2023 covid vaccines will remain covered at 100. There are some additional changes to the no surprises active 2021 consolidated appropriations act, which includes allowing for ongoing changes when final rules are enacted as their continuing throughout the years. There are two state based regulatory changes, which include changes to the definition of a disabled, adult dependent, disabled adult dependents starting July one can be covered if they have a written statement from the child's physician and the child had at least two years of medical coverage on the parents plan before reaching age 26 and one of the following. It's a long one bear with me and the subscriber complete claims the child as a tax dependent the child's tax return shows an adjusted gross income of 150% or less of the federal poverty level, or the subscriber is the legal guardian of the child. It actually expands the definition of what we have currently in our plan. The second state change is the removal of a trip limit for emergency ambulance services previously been about a 300 mile radius. But now it's going to be dependent upon the nearest facility capable of meeting the

needs of the individual, so also an expansion a little bit less restrictive than what it was before. Now I'm gonna move on to the changes that were actually recommended by the labor management benefit committee, which are up for your approval today, um, changes to the city core medical. That's the self funded p p o plan include the removal of four visit maximum for nutritional therapy services. In the past, there was a cap of four. We're asking that to be removed to ensure that there is compliance with the mental health parity act. Prior authorization would not be required for the first five visits, but any additional visits would require a prior authorization just to ensure medical necessity. Changes to the delta dental plan. Recommendations include reducing the waiting period for restorations following interim carries arresting predicament application from three months to two months. Now you're asking what that is. Right so, um, in lieu of doing a filling, there is an application that a dentist can place on a tooth and then in the current plan, it allows a dentist to reevaluate after three months. This is reducing it to two months because there is some evidence that you can determine whether or not that additional or that more invasive type. Procedure fillings are needed after that period of time. I like to call it a tooth band aid. Um it's the step before the filling. So more frequent ability to apply that under the delta dental plan. Changes to the kaiser vision plan includes increasing the vision hardware allowance from \$150 to \$250 every 24 months that would bring it in line with our other vision plan and also adjust for the increased costs in vision over time, since that hasn't been changed. In an incredibly long period of time. The last recommendation from the labor management benefit committee is to continue the expanded visits allowed under our employee assistance program. Um right now they are. It's been a pilot program for a couple of years now increasing for pff focuses our firefighters from eight visits to 13 and then for the rest of the city folks. It is, um, from 5 to 10. So we're

recommending that we keep the additional five employee assistance program. Uh visits. Those are no costs. They're completely confidential to employees and their household members as well. And this is also for our casual and seasonal folks who generally aren't eligible for some of our other benefit plans. Based on the changes that we have described federal state and I. Nbc recommended the final health premium costs and self funded rates. Are increasing approximately 2.3% for the fiscal year 23 24 the health operating fund. Budgets include appropriations and support of the health plan costs associated with this ordinance. As in prior years, we draw down the health operating fund reserves to lessen the cost impact to bureaus and employees. This is really been an important strategy to balance against our high increases. The second ordinance, 3 74 authorizes the chief human resources officer to enter into a three year contract agreement with express scripts incorporated, providing pharmacy benefit manager services on behalf of the bureau of human resources benefit office beginning July one of 2023. We are seeking a three year contract with a not to exceed value of \$50 million. Our current contract with express scripts is set to end June 30th of 2023, so we went out to a competitive bid request for proposal process utilizing the special procurement rules for benefit contracting. Contracting with the pharmacy benefit manager ensures the city has a specialized group to manage prescription benefits on behalf of our self funded medical plans. Express scripts is responsible for negotiating prescription costs for managing and developing formularies and protecting the city's plan in a fiscally responsible way, the city's benefit office labor management benefit committee. Portland police association and our consulting group will continue to monitor the plants and make recommendations to council as appropriate. Pharmacy costs are projected to rise annually, so any admin fee reductions increased discounts, rebates anything of the like, help the city offset

continued increases. Continued specialty program implementations and strategic contract. Negotiations with our provider will be key in helping the city curb pharmacy costs over time. Going out to bid regularly allows for the most competitive pricing service guarantees while keeping in mind minimal disruption to our members. With our continued partnership with express scripts. We are expected to save the city and plan participants over \$2 million in our first year of the new contract compared to our current pricing and about \$8 million over the contract period of three years, which amounts to over 20% in savings versus current. The third and final ordinance number. 3 75 authorizes the chief human resources officer to enter into a five year contract with nabaha providing flexible spending account and ministrations services on behalf of the bureau of human resources. Beginning July one of 2023. The not to exceed contract amount is 25 million. And is mostly comprised of reimbursements to navia for qualified claims reimbursement played paid to plan participants and funded through voluntary employee contributions over \$24 million of employee contributions. But the contract has to be that high to ensure the money can flow through correctly. This is a new vendor as a result of a competitive bid process and results in the city saving almost 25% in our annual administrative fees while increased functionality. Including debit card access for those who use dependent care expenses. Better claims adjudication process for an enhanced participant experience and more accessible technology contract allows us to continue offering valued pretax healthcare and dependent care spending accounts as an employee benefit to help our workforce offset their out of pocket costs. The request for these funds for these three ordinances are available within the city and pph health operating funds in addition to the payroll clearing funds for employee contributions to the flexible spending account. Before I conclude my remarks. I just want to put out a shameless

plug that are open enrollment begins on Friday. The 12th. So if anybody has any updates to make, please log in between may 12th and may 31st to ensure that your changes get captured for July one. With that being said. This now concludes my remarks. I ask for your support and authorizing these three ordinances and I'm happy to answer any questions. You all may have. Thank you. Any questions at this particular juncture. But it's pretty straightforward. I believe we have somebody signed up to testify. We have one person signed up. Perfect, kimberly going, alban. Hi, kimberly. Thanks for being here. Thank you. Most terrier. My name is kimberly. Go he in alban, life citizen of clark county, Washington, usa. Um this is my first time speaking here. So I want to introduce myself a little bit more. But the age of 18. I took an oath to protect America from foreign and domestic enemies. And, um. At the Vancouver barracks and any City Council that has a membership in the united nations entity called the i. C I e. I is, um foreign. Excuse me a domestic enemy. In my opinion, this council is a member of that united nations entity and I don't think I'm being recorded maybe on personal purpose. I hope that the citizens can understand that. That is my job to wake up. Um. The citizens of America to the undermining membership of the early i. It follows the united nations. We don't want to be in the united nations. And uh so i'll get to the agenda here a little bit first I ask downstairs. The employees here would like to have their coffee back after the covid planned emmick. So maybe next week, I can have a cup of coffee here instead of going across the street. Anyway Portland has good coffee, huh? I'd like to ask this council to show healing and stop using the word racism as a constant reminder of those that just hate others, no matter what. Yeah I've grown up here. I asked my children. Have I ever been racist? No and I know that there is out there. But we're always going to have haters were not in heaven yet. Are we? So um, and the word equity also follows the united nations. I see ellie I that's a keyword that you can find

a sustainability equity. Maybe I'm educating you folks here to maybe you don't know that your members of the united nations. Um so let me go back here. You know you're going to be passing these under an emergency. I just heard that the emergency over. We've been hearing that it's been over for a while. So I asked. What emergency? Are you going to be passing these, uh, 50 million hard earned tax dollars. And that's just here in Portland. Of course, I'm over there. Vancouver City Council, or 15 year members of the united nations and their my duty over there. Um you know, the it says here in your community impacts and community involvement. The action is largely internal to the city government process. Big city right there. People need to wake up. We want our current battle it love all you guys keep your jobs and all that, but you must do it under the lens of the constitution. And so that when the people vote you in we believe that you're under the constitution, not the united nations. This is a by the way I want to let the public know that the eye has a twofold agenda is to have a one world order government and that is going on and they want to depopulate the world and that's happening also, thank you. Three minutes up, sir. Thank you. Thanks for being here. Alright so colleagues any further comments or questions before we call the roll. Okay we'll start Keelan with item number 3 73 an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Maps by Wheeler. And we'll go to 3 74 and emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Ryan gonzales, Rubio Wheeler, and last but not least, item. 3 75 an emergency ordinance. Ryan. Hi hi I would like to thank michelle and I'd like to thank our labor management benefits committee group for their hard work on this. I really appreciate the changes that they brought forth this time. I'm I'm really glad that we have a group of employees and managers working together to highlight some of the necessary changes to our benefits program. I think these changes significantly improve. Our plan offerings. These benefit plan changes expand critical health care

access for employees, and it also puts equity and social determinants of health at the forefront of decision making. That's not only the right thing to do. It's also good business to do it that way. I'm encouraged by the expansion of service will maintaining low overall costs. And I want to thank everybody who works so hard on this. I vote I in the audience is adopted. And we are adjourned. Thank you, everybody.