



October 25, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Item 901 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

Council adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Communications

889

[Request of Kim Hanks McGair to address Council regarding Grant Bowl](#) (Communication)

Document number: 889-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Patrick Cashman to address Council regarding city hall concerns](#) (Communication)

Document number: 890-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Amair Bashir to address Council regarding Division St medians](#) (Communication)

Document number: 891-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Jean Hendron to address Council regarding communication with unsheltered neighbors](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 892-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Emily Kerrigan to address Council regarding liquid mercury attack](#) (Communication)

Document number: 893-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

894

[Proclaim October 2023 to be National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 894-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

895

[*Amend ordinance to revise directives for services related to community engagement, outreach and education, capacity-building and training, and strategic communications \(amend Ordinance 191034\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191498

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS); Procurement and Business Opportunities

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 20 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

896

[Accept recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award on-call services contracts for capacity building and training, community engagement, and strategic communication services](#) (Report)

Document number: 896-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 20 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

897

[Reappoint Laura Golino de Lovato, Ian Davie, Allen Hines, and Moriah McSherry McGrath to the Rental Services Commission](#) (Report)

Document number: 897-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Confirmed

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

898

[Appoint Catherine MacLeod as the Mayor's designee to the Board of Trustees of the Bureau of Fire and Police Disability and Retirement](#) (Report)

Document number: 898-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Fire and Police Disability and Retirement

Disposition: Confirmed

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

899

[*Pay settlement of Lisa Rackner and Joseph Wolf property damage claim for \\$35,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191497

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Disposition: Passed

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

900

[Amend Private For-Hire Transportation Regulations Code to increase vehicle age limit, identify administrative suspension for exemption from eligibility, amend driving history requirements, and require decertification of drivers \(amend Code Chapter 16.40\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191503

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

901

[Amend Towing & Disposition of Vehicles Code to expand tow authority and define lawful possession of an impounded vehicle \(amend Code Sections 16.30.100 and 16.30.520\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety

Agenda item 901 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

902

[Approve Council Minutes for September 6-27, 2023](#) (Report)

Document number: 902-2023

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Portland City Auditor; Council Clerk

Disposition: Approved

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

903

[Amend Contract with IES Communications, LLC to increase the amount by an additional \\$500,000 for low voltage structured wiring services \(amend Contract 31002283\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191499

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 885.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

904

[Authorize contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for professional, technical and engineering services for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Wet Weather Clarifiers and Hypochlorite System Modification Project for amount up to \\$15,800,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191500

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 886.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

905

[*Accept and appropriate grant in current fiscal year for \\$78,455 from Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the SE 26th Ave Cleveland High School Crossing Improvement Project \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191501

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session due to lack of quorum

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
October 25, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Name	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler	
Keelan McClymont	
Commissioner Mingus Mapps	
Commissioner Carmen Rubio	
Commissioner Dan Ryan	
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Jean Hendron	892
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October 25, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: 25th morning session of the Portland City Council.

Speaker: Keelan. Good morning. Please call the roll. Good morning. Mapps.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Rubio. Here. Ryan here. Gonzalez here. Wheeler

Speaker: Here. The rules.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome to Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [w-w-w dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://w-w-w-dot-Portland-dot-gov-slash-council-slash-agenda). Information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's webpage. Presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. Presiding officer determines the length of testimony in individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, an a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary to disclose

if you are a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name, thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. First up is communications 889, first individual, please request of jim hanks mayor to address council regarding grant bowl.

Speaker: They canceled their request.

Speaker: 890, please request of patrick cashman to address council regarding city hall concerns.

Speaker: Good morning. Patrick was going to join online. I don't see them yet. 891 request of amir bashir to address council regarding division street medians. They were going to join virtually as well. They haven't joined yet. 892 request of jean hendren to address council regarding community action with unsheltered neighbors.

Speaker: Good morning. Good to be up so soon.

Speaker: May I come forward?

Speaker: We didn't expect you to be up so soon. We thought there would be several other people. So welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you. My name is jean hendren. For the record, welcome, jean. And for the last almost four years now, I have been trying to keep our unsheltered neighbors on the streets of salem alive. Sorry. I'm going to get tearful and so I've learned a lot. I've learned a lot. I obviously couldn't change the minds of city hall and how they go about assisting or getting rid of manganese. What they try to do, our unsheltered neighbors. So I went to trying to save their lives and communicate with them. I discovered that gaining trust is the most effective thing that you can do. You can't do this in a society where social service providers do not answer their phones. You can simply use a portable phone in the office. It's easy to pass off to

somebody else. If you get another call while you're on that one. I did it for many, many years in the state of Washington working for that state. We were mandated to answer our phones. It's a complete world of difference and it's easy to do. It's a policy change. It's absolutely free, except for the portable phone. If you're yelling or denigrating somebody, it's much easier to solve a problem by listening in. They're not going to hear you if you're yelling or denigrating, they're just going to turn a blind ear to you. So by listening to the people, you're providing services for, you begin to understand what actually is going to help them get to the point where not only we want them to be where they want to be, if we can't include our unsheltered neighbors in our policy decisions, we'll never overcome the problem of having the poor and the unconverted dropping out of society using methods of communication that your listeners will understand. I walk around the trails of wallace marine park whenever we have a free pet clinic handing out fliers, I tape one to the porta potty down there at and they get the message and they come out and get all of their pets vaccinated for rabies. It's a great system, particularly if you need the exercise. Phones don't work often because most of the people living on the streets have had their phones stolen. They're lost or they're broken or they can't charge them. I am running out of time. I just want to say that right side up, I know what it's like to lose everything. I was in that car, that semi crossed over into to my lane of travel and nearly killed me. So I suppose I have a easier time empathizing.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. And I want to underscore something you said that rings really true with me. We have found that you have to have inner intentions that are done by credible individuals to those who are needing the assistance. And so one thing that this council has done is we've hired an organization called urban alchemy, urban alchemy has has people who are largely former offenders, almost

all of them are previously homeless. They do the outreach and connect and build that trust with people on the streets and encourage them to seek services that we provide through other venues. And their success rate, from my perspective, completely validated. It's what you're saying about having people who really understand how to work with the population that that has its own unique challenges. And so I just want to say that really resonates with me what you said, not something that anybody can't do it just takes knowledge.

Speaker: But I don't think too many people have four years to spend on the streets, seven days a week. So yeah, you're right.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. Appreciate you. Next, individual, please.

Speaker: 893 request of emily kerrigan to address council regarding liquid mercury attack. Good morning.

Speaker: I'm deaf in my right ear, so just to heads up, if I don't hear something you might say my name is emily kerrigan. I am speaking on behalf of myself. If sorry, just hearing a little emotional. I've been barricading my front door for two months now, but my kitchen chairs and I will be outlining why this is happening to me as I believe what happened to me is either attempted murder or domestic terrorism or both. And currently being deemed by the Portland police department as criminal mischief at best. On July 15th, I approached a man walking out of a neighbor's vacant home who had been running a trap house and asked him to get off the property and after that confrontation between July 15th and August 24th, he and his crew slashed my tire once, hitting it twice and keyed it drastically three times. And the fourth was pouring liquid mercury on my car. On 824, I noticed the latest car keying, so I called the business. I live above monticello's and asked them to pull the video surveillance because that's where I parked now so that I can have it on record. And they confirmed that it was recorded and they came out to see the king

as they were concerned. And discovered liquid mercury balls on the top of my car. I immediately then called poison control and to discuss with them what I should be concerned with, for myself, for my health and what I should do. And they said to call the non-emergency line. So I called non-emergency. I waited on hold for over two hours. Was interviewed by the operator and officer called me back within an hour or so and told me it was not 911 worthy and that there was not much that he could do. And so I asked him, should has not be there. That's what poison control said, should be there. And he said, sure, maybe it's not my expertise is why don't you google it? And I said, well, how do I contact hazmat? He said, google it. I don't know. And so I called back poison control and game plan with them that the next morning I would call the fire department directly at 8 a.m. When they opened in hopes to leave them a voicemail, which I did. They then called me back within the hour and said, absolutely not. You should have called 911 last night. Get off the phone with us right now. I called 911. Hazmat was there within five minutes. They had a great response time. They contained what they could. And within that time frame, the next day, epa and deq arrived to decontaminate the scene. They were there for four days full, decontaminating the block and the street side where liquid mercury was found. My car was deemed totaled, my house and or my apartment and monticello's both had to be tested by the epa. I have heard from the police department once in the two months since this event, there has been no help. If the suspect has been on arrest, I'm going to keep going. The suspect has been on arrest October 7th. He was in custody from the seventh to the 10th with five felonies and three misdemeanors. And he was not questioned during that time about my case. And the officer that I spoke to the one time on my birthday on September 26th told me the reason they hadn't done anything with my case is because they couldn't

locate him. So they've had him in possession and they've done nothing and they let him go again.

Speaker: First of all, thank you for being here. And I'm sorry this happened to you. And it sounds like the police response was less than adequate. Yes. I obviously don't have the details that I will have somebody from the police bureau reach out to you because it sounds like you should have at least had more of a follow up and so I'm not sure what happened. I can't speak for the police bureau in this case, but I will make sure that somebody follows up with you. Thank you. And I'm sorry that happened. Commissioner Gonzales, thanks so much for your testimony.

Speaker: I want to speak to the pieces that I'm aware of with respect to your case. I am the commissioner of public safety. I am responsible for BOEC. There were mistakes made in the dispatch of your matter. And on behalf of the city of Portland, I apologize for that. We have a strict quality assurance program that reassesses the performance of all of our dispatchers. This was flagged as a mistake. Hazmat attacks are rare. That's part of the reason that we have diagnosed that it was mishandled on the initial intake. It just they don't see it very much. That's not an excuse. It's just giving you context. The dispatch has subsequently been coached on how to better assess these on when they come in initially, we're evaluating whether there'll be some shifts in protocol. We'll work with BOEC on that. Again, it's incredibly rare. Fortunately it's not good for you in this situation. I just wanted you to have that context. There are other pieces that you're speaking to more broadly in the criminal justice system. How do we deal with these habitual criminals that are engaging in these behaviors? That is a systemic solution that we need to tackle. I don't know if there's a simple switch there that's working as the city as a unified voice on the importance of going after these these perpetrators of this type of intimidation and crime. We have to work with the county. We have to work with the

da on that. So I just again, I want to apologize on the city's portion of this specifically the missed handling of the initial call. It sounds like fire responded effectively once they were properly known. And I'm glad to hear that. And nick, coffee is in in the building raising his hand right behind me. Feel free to touch base with him. Just if you'd like to have a follow up on what else boec is doing to address at least their portion of it. And again, thank you for testifying.

Speaker: Yes. Could I speak one more time really quickly? The officer that did call me on 926 told me another thing was that they couldn't consider an attempted murder unless there were they they knew that he was smart enough that liquid mercury would kill me. Even though it's one of the top five, most least, most, most lethal chemicals on the planet, I still have not gone to the doctor to have my blood work done because I'm nervous. So do I need to have that proof for them to do something more?

Speaker: Yeah, i. I can't necessarily speak to the police component of it.

Speaker: Well, that's a public health question. I mean, they're we're way out of our league here. You do not want to take medical advice from any of us?

Speaker: Oh, no, I'm not asking for medical advice. I'm asking what? What what extremes need to happen for you to action.

Speaker: Yeah. So here's here's what I'm going to do. Megan. Who's sitting there, has already tipped off my senior policy director on public safety, stephanie, she will be reaching out to you personally, and we'll take it from there. Thank you. Great. Thank you for being here. And I'm sorry this happened to you. Did any of the other communications show up? No very good. We'll move on, please, to the consent agendas. Have any items been pulled off the consent agenda?

Speaker: One item has been pulled. I'm sorry. Which one? 901

Speaker: And is that all that's been pulled? Yes, please call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda.

Speaker: Thank you. I yea. Rubio a Ryan Gonzalez I Wheeler. All right.

Speaker: The consent agenda is approved. First time certain item, please. Eight nine for proclaim October 2023 to be national disability employment awareness month. Colleagues, our next item is a proclamation naming October of 2023 to be national disability employment event awareness month for the presentation on this proclamation, I'd like to welcome Leah Espinosa, who is an analyst and PR welcome Tom. Hey, who's the former Pbot employee, a former Pbot employee and a published author, and Christina Wiener 311 customer service rep. Thanks for being here this morning. And you can all just begin whenever you're ready. It's good to see you all here. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Can the rest of our leadership team sit back with us however you'd like?

Speaker: Yeah, whatever. Whatever's most comfortable. You kind of feel it's really pretty good.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: You can go ahead and start whenever you're good to go.

Speaker: Does the proclamation get read?

Speaker: I can usually do it at the end. Typically we'll let you guys have your say then my colleagues might have something they'd like to say and then I'll read the proclamation at the end. If that's okay. If that works for you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Perfect. Thanks

Speaker: Let me just get my. Good morning. My name is Leah Espinosa. I am on the leadership team of city disability network and the rest of my team who can be here is with me today. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today and

share statement on behalf of my fellow members of our employee resource group, city disability network. We are appreciative of the reading of the proclamation today and recognition of disability employment awareness month. We aim to grow awareness, understanding and support of action based on our experiences as city employees with who live with disabilities. We represent a community of people who understand intersect personality more than any other demographic, because disability can affect any body at any time and in any circumstance, disability can be short term or long term minimally impacting life or severely impacting function. It can affect any of our bodily functions, eyes, brains and minds, mobility senses, appearance, relationships, our roles in community and our interactions with society. I'd like to ask all of you who are here in the in the chamber today, if you have the ability to stand or raise your hand or if you want to just nod in agreement, if you have ever experienced a disabling condition in your lifetime. Thank you. It is important for us to know that disability is on a spectrum of visibility, diagnosable city and support ability. Not everyone has the privilege of health care or is fortunate enough to obtain a diagnosis and effective treatment. Care and treatment can be traumatized. Seeing conditions can be invisible or neglected and are often stigmatized, and medical bias often prevents some blocks care to those most marginalized and vulnerable in our society, society is built around a limited definition of normal and able and not only do we not fit into those ableist views, there are some who believe people with disabilities can't be successful at work or contribute as members of society. And despite these challenges, we are here. We are a city of Portland employees and we reach beyond the boundaries of our abilities to fight for our right to be here. We exist. We're engaged. We're talented, smart and wise. We're advocates. We bring new perspectives and approaches to accomplishing the work of the city. Some of us still live with our disabilities, hidden

for fear of stigma and judgment. But we're proud public servants, and we are representative of the disability community in Portland. We recognize that change happens, budget cuts exist, and program priorities shift. But we ask you to consider what it would look like to evolve into a city of Portland that truly values disability equity and disability justice. What would that look like? We hope it wouldn't look like cutting jobs, like the loss of one of our city disability network leadership team members. Tom hegg two weeks ago to pbot budget cuts. We hope it wouldn't look like discontinuing ada positions embedded as coordinators and analysts throughout the city offices and bureaus. Instead, we implore you to recruit and hire us, accommodate and support us, promote us and listen to us. Do more than the bare minimum. For ada legal compliance. Do more than read a proclamation. Go beyond by finding ways to translate those words into action. Consider new ways of valuing and validating us in courage. Bhr to improve responsiveness and effectiveness of the ada accommodations process. We have been having several members monthly come to us as leadership team saying that the process is not working for them and this is devastating news. Move away from the disparity ridden medical model of disability and to the more inclusive social model of disability. We like. Psu, recently did provide more resources to bhr model employer strategic plan, which the city disability network helped them to develop, expand opportunities to telework when possible. Educate supervisors and managers on how to support and effectively manage staff with differences in physical and mental life circumstances. Find ways to include us at the table in programmatic and operational decision making across the city, because what we offer is more than ability. It is capability capable of compassion in seeing, hearing and speaking in different ways, finding creative workarounds, fighting mental illness and inner demons overcome numbing, devastating sickness and injury and, most important,

capable of successful and powerful work. When we have the resources and conditions needed to thrive, will the city of Portland commit to the resources and conditions needed for us to thrive by becoming an employer of choice for people with disabilities? We believe the city has the ability and capability to move forward with us in partnership on a path that is transformative, inclusive and accessible. I'm going to give a moment for my colleague tom to have some commentary.

Speaker: Morning, everybody. I am tom hague. I'm the co-founder of the international rehabilitation forum, a nonprofit that focuses focuses on maximizing the independence and leadership of all persons with physical limitations. In addition, I've worked with the Portland bureau of transportation on accessibility issues for the last two and a half years before my time with pbot, I spent a decade traveling the world filming, documenting and training films on accessibility topics. I embedded myself in disability communities in albania, bangladesh, france, ghana, india, nepal and senegal and since my accident here in 1996, I visited most of the major us cities from the seat of my wheelchair. I can report with a great deal of certainty that as far as disability awareness and accommodation in Portland, Oregon is the best at disability city in the world. Our transport system is second to none. The work of harper's playground in Portland parks is revolutionary. Even more important, our businesses embrace inclusion. Instead of trying to escape ada regulations on nonexistent grandfather clauses, they have made tremendous adaptations to accommodate us. We are a global model of excellence that should be copied all around the world. But being a global leader has its responsibilities. Portland needs to stay on the cutting edge of disability awareness. That means increased awareness and accommodations of invisible, all temporary and neurodiverse urgent disabilities. It's easy to look at me and see the obstacles. I'm the guy in the wheelchair. I'm the symbol on the parking spots and people are

overwhelmingly helpful. But when your disability is not visible, the discrimination is much more prevalent. How many incredible talents are we missing because we don't invite differences. We don't know how to interview someone on the autism spectrum, someone with social anxiety, a dyslexic who makes a mistake on their resume. It's the new frontier. But knowing the character of this city, I am confident we will attack these issues with the same foresight and enthusiasm we have towards physical disabilities. This proclamation and the model employer strategic plan it mentions are critical factors in the city's continuing leadership. We're rolling in the right direction.

Speaker: Thank you, Tom. And I'm also going to give a few moments to my friend Christina. I'm nervous.

Speaker: Glad to have you here, Christina. Thank you. I believe the more that people with disabilities see themselves in government offices and see their interests supported and elevated in the programs we fund, the more people will become engaged and the more inclusive and inclusive the city of Portland will become.

Speaker: I can speak from personal experience that I came to work for the city through my engagement with the office of community and civic life, disability leadership development program and would love to see the city re-implement these types of programs at the start of the pandemic, the city received federal funds to help support the needs of those most affected by the pandemic. Pick one of those groups were people with disabilities poses as a staff member, I was able to work with several other city employees to start some very good and important supportive work of the very vulnerable community members and I believe the city needs to continue to show their commitment to this type of work by dedicating more of their time and resources to continue to advance the work of

disability equity, both for city employees and community members with disability cities across Portland. I know budgets are tight and we are also at a historical moment for our city as we work to implement a new form of government during the transition. We need to be smart about how we structure our government and the work that we are doing to ensure that people with disabilities are being supported and encouraged to participate as equal members in the community. Currently, many of our efforts to support the disabled community are spread across the city and are not as coordinated as they could be. We currently lack a centralized decision ability program at the city, so I am hopeful that during this transition, when we at the city of Portland government can strengthen our efforts to elevate the needs of this important and growing part of our communities. City one of the city's core values is equity and representation is a very important demonstration of this value. The city has racial equity and disability equity goals. Both of these goals need to be embraced to have true equity at the city equity must include people with disabilities. And it is important that we also apply an intersectional lens to equity because we know that people of color with disabilities are more impacted than those of us in white bodies. As a person with a disability, be a Portlander and a city employee, I humbly request the full funding of current existing positions that serve people with disabilities, including those currently classify wide as limited term, temporary or those facing elimination or reduction due to budget cuts. The city of Portland needs more addition. Of reliable conse assistant representation for people with disabilities and not less.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. This concludes our presentation and at the end of any commentary we'd also like to request a photo and if any city disability network members are in the chamber, they can join us for that. Thank you. Terrific

Speaker: Thank you so at this point, thank you for your presentation. An I know some of my colleagues would would like to say something as well. We'll start with commissioner Mapps. Your hand is raised.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. I want to start out by thanking lee, tom and christina for joining us today. And sharing that powerful and well thought out testimony. And colleagues, I also want to say this. I'm delighted to join you in proclaiming October 20th, 23 to be national disability employment awareness month. Now the roots of national disability employment awareness month go all the way back to 1945, when congress passed public law 176, which designated the first week of October to be national employee. The physically handicapped week, which the purpose of that annual declaration was to educate the public about the issues relating to disability and employment. In 1962. This week was rebranded as national employ the handicapped week. The point of that name change was to acknowledge the employment challenges is faced by people with all all types of disabilities. And in 1988 congress expand did this event to encompass all of October and changed the name to national disability employment awareness month. Which brings us to our current moment during national disability employment awareness month. We recognize the contribution that disabled Americans have made to our workforce, and we reaffirm our commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all people. Now, this month is important because too often people, people with disabilities want to work but cannot find jobs and in fact, today an unemployment rates amongst the disabled are three times higher than unemployment rates for the population at large and with folks with disabilities do find work often when they are paid less than their counterparts. And as we have learned today, that is true even here in Portland, where 22% of our residents live with disabilities and about one third of disabled Portland's live below the poverty

line. Now our colleagues, though, those difficult facts are why it is important that we're invigorate our efforts to eliminate the barriers that block disabled Portlanders from fully participating in the labor market. I want to thank our panel for the ideas that they presented to us today around how we can do that. And I am deeply committed to following up on those and trying to implement those. In the 13 months that we have left in this building and that is also why I'm proud to join you in declaring October 2023 to be national disability employment awareness month. Thank you very much and thank you for joining us today.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Rubio, thank you so thank you all for being here today and for your powerful words and testimony during the national disability employment month event this year here at the white house, president biden reminded everybody that this this country was founded on the idea of equality and that we deserve to be treated equally throughout our whole lives and that means everyone.

Speaker: So it's an important that we take the time to acknowledge that people with disability have long strengthened and contribute to our economy, contributed to our culture and our world and our workplaces. And now more than ever, it's critical that employers in both public and private sectors not only commit to, but double down on effective disability inclusion. And when I say effective, I mean authentically doing it, doing so. And also consistent reinforcement of that commitment to employees. So for employers, disability justice means creating the conditions and environment where employees with disabilities are able to bring their full selves to work and also have the environment to contribute equally and effectively, and establishing credibility as a disability inclusive employer to the surrounding community is a critical step towards getting individuals with disabilities to know that they will be respected and included in that workplace. So we have to

be walking the talk. So I just want to thank you, Leah and Tom and Christina and everybody who's here today for reminding us of our collective responsibility to the to those things. And it's heartening to hear from you, Tom, about how our city is leading the way in disability awareness and like you also said, this brings a deeper responsibility to continue that work, to continue to learn and become better and not complacent. So I think we can get there because when we demonstrate this and do our part, we're building that more inclusive and representative world that we want. So thank you again for all your advocacy. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan yes, thanks.

Speaker: Good morning. And thank you, Lee. Thank you, Tom. And thank you, Christina. Good to see you and all of your colleagues who are here today. It says a lot when you're all visibly in front of us. And I just want to before I go into my prepared remarks, I wanted to acknowledge your testimony will stay with me. I liked hearing about going beyond medical to include social and also centralize disability system. We have a lot of that at the city where we have little silos and you're wondering how the dots connect to actually have impact. And so you're reminding us we have this here as well. So I appreciate that. I also want to make some special acknowledge of one of the parks and rec employees and Cuomo and has been part of the city of Portland team since December 9th, 1999. And over the past 24 years, she's worked in various capacities from supporting urban forestry commission. There you are high and I thought that was a 100% sure.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I'm going to talk about you a little bit more. Okay, great. How comfortable is this from supporting the urban forestry commission to her current role as an office support specialist for the land stewardship program and is knowledgeable about all things Portland, and she is proud to be an involved Portlander. And I want

to personally thank you for your service to our city and for your commitment to accessibility within our parks and open spaces. I'd also like to thank parks and rec and our community members who had a vision and made it a reality and really put us on the map with harper's playground. And we have more to come. That arbor lodge park is a flagship location in of a new network of inclusive, nature infused playgrounds and it's also in my neighborhood. So it's been wonderful to partake in and observe and to our disabled and differently abled citizens. I see you. I appreciate you. And in fact, we all know that we are we all should remember we're just one instance away from being disabled ourselves. I thought it was really smart that you had us stand or raise our hand. I didn't. I don't think about it a lot. But when I moved back home in 1995, I was officially disabled by social security. It was before the new medicines with hiv. And I was told that I couldn't work any longer. So I really went through a lot just to fill out that paperwork and to get that designation. It's a longer conversation about how odd it was to be told that you're you have to go back to work. And it's no longer true and undo that paperwork, if you will. So I also have empathy for all the extra steps you have to take to do life that go beyond what we can see. So we will continue to work together and create more inclusive, accessible and equitable spaces for all Portlanders. Let's keep leading the way. Thanks. Thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner gonzales.

Speaker: I just want to echo the eloquent words of my colleagues today and I just want to thank Portland employees for setting life light on both our successes in the city of Portland and our opportunities for growth in this area, because it really hurt both we do some things well. We've got a lot of work to do going forward and celebrated national disability employment awareness month this morning with one community, 2023 by the relay resources. So very much engaged in the dialog in our

community about this both for employees as well as for our children and making sure we are an accessible city for children regardless of their particular circumstances. So again, thank you so much for being with us today and calling attention to this important work. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And I'll just join my colleagues in thanking you for being here. Thanks for your testimony. Many thanks for highlighting the successes and actually very much appreciate the thoughtfulness of areas where we need to improve. And I was listening intently and taking notes that no doubt I will not be able to read later. So I'll just come back and look at the testimony. But you made some very concrete, very specific asks. And I thought they made a tremendous amount of sense. So thank you for that. I also just want to say that it's important that the city of Portland continue to engage people with all types of different backgrounds, including our disability community, because the public we serve is as multifaceted and it's important that we have those different perspectives. And I'm proud of the fact that we have a workforce that continues to benefit from all of you and your presence and your strong leadership. You bring different talents, different perspectives, different ideas, but at the end of the day, you're all part of the city team working hard to do well on behalf of our public. And I appreciate the fact that you represent an important part of our public. There's been a lot of good recent events. The formation of the city disability network, that's the city of Portland affinity group, obviously, there are many steps that we can take to move forward to improve, and that's why we're all here together to celebrate what we've done, but also to be frank and acknowledge where we have to go. So I want to thank all of you for helping to draft this proclamation, which I will read on behalf of all of us. So thank you for drafting it. We're as the United States Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy designates each October as National Disability

employment awareness month and the theme chosen for 2023 is advancing access and equity. In 1945, an effort to educate the public about the issues related to disability and employment. It started when the United States Congress enacted public law 176 and recognized the first week of October to be designated as national employee employee of physically handicapped week in 1962. Revisions to the law acknowledged all kinds of disabilities and events. The celebration became the entire month. And. Whereas Alexander and Albertina Kerr lived and were married in Portland in 1910. But Albertina died from typhus the next year to honor her advocacy for homeless children, Alexander donated the family home to the organization that eventually became the Albertina Kerr Center. The Kerr organization is protected and cared for by those most in need. In Portland ever since. And today, empower bring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ID and mental health challenges to lead self-determined lives in their lives and their communities through career and life support. The Kerr organization is partnered with several Portland agencies, including launching adoptive Biketown with partners, including the Portland Bureau of Transportation, Asian. And. Whereas American and regional progress in the public's attitude and perception of the abilities of the disabled worker has changed markedly over time. And the city of Portland is currently home to approximately 21.8% or 140,000 people living with disabilities. 35.4% of Portland community members living with disabilities aged 18 to 64 live before or live below the poverty level. That's 35.4% below the poverty level for Portland disabled workers over the age of 16, and the percentage working from home is 7.8. Inside out into the lived experiences of Portlanders, living with disabilities can be learned from the 2021 Disability Equity Engagement Survey report from the Office of Equity and Human Rights. Furthermore, as of January 2022, there were 389 5.6% of employees at the city of Portland who self-identify as having

a disability. And. Whereas the city disability network was officially recognized as a city of Portland affinity group in February of 2022 and currently has more than 100 members. Affinity groups at the city of Portland are made possible through the city's volunteer run diverse and empowered employees of Portland organization, otherwise known as deep cn seeks to facilitate community connections and professional support for city of Portland employees who self-identify as a person living with physical mental or other neurotype health disabilities and. Whereas, the city disability network encourages Portlanders to support local businesses and nonprofit organizations which support workers living with disabilities, including organizations and local food vendors such as happy cup coffee company of Portland and karina's bakery of beaverton and. Whereas, the city of Portland resolved in resolution number 36925 to affirm the commitment to create a strategic plan that enabled the city to become a model employer of people with disabilities. In 2012, the city of Portland subsequently resolved in 2016 to adopt a model employer strategic plan with resolution number 37235. Furthermore in 2022, the city disability network helped the bhr disability employment program to develop their three year strategic plan to implement the model employer strategic plan and encourages the city to prioritize the implementation of this work in the future. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim October 20th, 23 to be national disability employment awareness month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you all. Right we a recess and we'll come down there and somebody who knows how to take a good photo can take a photo. Shouldn't be me. Right why don't we go back into session, please, guys? All right. Next item is item number 8.95, please amend ordinance and 896.

Speaker: Okay, thanks.

Speaker: Amend ordinance to revise directive for services related to community engagement, outreach and education capacity building and training and strategic communications. Item 896 accept recommend action of the chief procurement officer to award on-call services contracts for capacity building and training, community engagement and strategic communication services.

Speaker: All right. And colleagues, this is a little unusual. We've got an emergency ordinance and we've got a report out. So today we're going to hear a brief presentation by the bureau of planning and sustainable city and procurement services is overviewing. A quick technical amendment. And then after that, the procurement report as well. So i'll hand this over to commissioner Rubio for some introductory remarks.

Speaker: Commissioner, thank you, mayor. I'd like to mayor said we wanted to share whoops, we wanted to share both an update about the original ordinance and a request for proposal. We approved as well as hear some details about the next steps in the process. And we're asking for a vote today on an emergency to ensure the bureau's work can start as soon as possible. So i'll turn it over to julie and jess from procurement and bts to introduce themselves and talk about the work. Great

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning. Mayor and commissioners. I'm julie okin with the bureau of planning and sustainability. And as commissioner Rubio mentioned, this is jess klein from procurement services. We have just a couple of two short agenda items. We decided thought to bundle them together today. So we have this quick technical amendment, a little bit of background about the work that is afforded by that amendment and this ordinance and then jess will provide the procurement report associated with the work. So this was ordinance 109 1034 when we were getting to execute the agreements for the contractors of the price

agreements, we were notified by the city attorney's office the language in the original directives did not accurately, accurately reflect the ordinance findings. So as you saw in today's meeting, packet, it's simply an updating of the first directive of the ordinance to match the findings. Again this is not asking for funding. It's really just to make sure that everything is in alignment from the original ordinance as as you know, much of bp's work focuses on our community engagement, education and outreach. The ordinance was written to allow procurement to work with bts to facilitate a competitive solicitation. In three categories of work. As noted here on the slide, this will help streamline the work bp does with contractors and provide services and allow our staff to work more efficiently over the past three years, these types of services have been purchased under contracts with an average annual spend of \$1 million. Many of these contracts are either expiring or have limited funds left after this fiscal year. So to streamline the efforts for bidding and for city staff to effectively use the contracting dollars, bts worked with procurement to issue the solicitation. So council approved the original ordinance in October of last year. For rfp 00002059, and it was posted in February of this year. So this was a really competitive solicitation option. We received a total of 36 proposals, a review committee was selected and awarded nine contracts in these three categories of work. So here are a few examples of the work that to be done. And as the custodian of the comprehensive plan, bts has this ongoing need for services. Since the plan mandates that the bureau work closely with community city to develop plans and policies, the bureau regularly conducts public engagement activities and develop strategic communications related to land use, planning, climate action, energy, smart cities, digital privacy and waste collection. So to best engage with the community and to help staff easily connect services that benefit Portland's the rfp, streamline the internal process uses of working with contractors, community

organizations and all the efforts to learn from our community, build relationships and partnerships. So i'll turn it over to jess to provide the procurement report.

Speaker: Thank. Good morning. For the record, my name is jess klein.

Procurement manager with procurement services. And I'm here this morning to read the procurement report into the record on October 19th, 2022, council approved ordinance number 191034 for procurement services to competitively solicit for on call services for capacity building and training, community engagement, strategic communications and accordance with Portland city code 5.33. The chief procurement officer has advertised and received proposals. For rfp 00002059 on behalf of the bureau of planning and sustainability with an overall not to exceed total of \$3 million over three years. Proposals were opened on February 28th, 2023, and 36 bids were received in three service categories. The following firms were awarded not to exceed on call price agreements. Enviro issues for \$350,000 iso inc for \$350,000. Laura media services for \$350,000. Ontario ontario's and associates \$350,000. Enviro issues for \$300,000. Latino built association for \$300,000. Subduction consulting eng for \$300,000. Enviro issues for \$250,000 and iso for \$250,000. The total participation for these agreements is 92. So that's the total cobid participation rate on all contractors currently hold. A city of Portland business tax registrations are in full compliance with all city contracting requirements. Procurement services recommends that the council accept this report and authorize the chief procurement officer to execute price agreements with the awarded contractors.

Speaker: Very good. Does that complete your presentation? Colleagues? Any questions at this point? Do we have any public testimony on the ordinance?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Okay allen combs, they're joining us online.

Speaker: Allen, can you unmute. Allen you're muted.

Speaker: There you go.

Speaker: Song combs yeah.

Speaker: Allen just speak up just a bit.

Speaker: Yeah, let me. All right. There you go. And. Yeah, thank you, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners. My name is allen combs. My pronouns are he him? And the reason I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this item, you know, the work, the work of ending racism and promoting diversity is of highest priority. And I think the strategic communication vendors that you're seeking are intended to help on that dimension. Reaching out to under under reported categories of Portlanders and that's really important work. But I just have to call out from, you know, my own direct experience that that isn't an excuse for mediocrity, ineffectiveness or maybe downright cronyism because I just can't tell what's going on. So I'm just going to give you an example of one of the vendors and what they've done for you. And I think what they did this for you was in the six digit territory. So if you look to appendix d, sorry, appendix c to charlie, two of the police accountable city report, there was a series of outreach groups that were done. And I don't know what was paid for this service, but in the end, you reached 124 people, and I understand that all participants were treated with respect and dignity, ensuring that they felt valued and welcomed each participant received \$200 as a compensation for participating. So that's \$24,000 right there in direct payments and again, the vendor got something to do. This work. But what did you really get? I mean, if you look at it, you got a response rate of 50% of the people were between the ages of 30 to 50. You got 50% or more of the response. Clients had a college degree include advanced degrees, 40% of the respondents had incomes over \$50,000. Looking at this, it looks like you moved the needle on communicating with

people with disability 80s and maybe reaching out to slightly younger people. And I take that back. It was there was one other area where you might have reached out and got a slightly better mix. Oh, I should also note that about 40% of the respondents were white, right? So what I'm getting at is there are other ways to reach in a safe way data for a far less. And you know, you can also weight the response is and I just want to say \$3 million is a lot of money. And I ask you to take serious consideration about what you're about to do. There's better places to spend this money public safety, housing and houselessness, arts, parks, roads. And you're going to spend it on this. And with that, I thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it. Colleagues, any questions?

Speaker: I do.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: You know, we had some interesting dialog in our team after reviewing the last survey. What's the citywide survey that we just performed? Just got the report on the state of the city. The big one we do in the particular area of how we engage in traditionally underrepresented communities is get get their engagement in that process and I'd I think it echoes, you know, sort of my questions in this area when we talk about engaging with a community, how do we assure that the vendors we're utilizing are truly representative of that community. I'll give you examples just so traditional communities, latino community, black community, the various communities within our asian populations, we and truly, when I talk about asian, it's incredibly diverse community of Portlanders. It's just how the question kind of the concern is just when we when we identify a vendor in that area, we identify an affinity group in that area that will work with what steps do we take to

actually assure that they are reasonably representative of the of the racial minority that they purport to represent? I think in this instance, I don't have perhaps a direct response to that question.

Speaker: I just want to highlight that that the intent here is to be able to award the contract or the price agreements. And we just have examples of work that they might be doing. These aren't specific. We aren't we aren't saying these are the specific work areas that they will be doing aside from those three categories, you know, overarching categories that will help us work. So I don't know of the vetting, let's say the vetting process, if that's the question.

Speaker: Yeah. And it maybe not an easy question to answer.

Speaker: So I fully appreciate. So the listening to the list of vendors that you I identified are those it sounded like were those all for profit entities or were there some nonprofits in that bucket as well? There's at least one.

Speaker: One is a nonprofit.

Speaker: Yes. Commissioner the latino built association is a nonprofit entity.

Speaker: Got it. Got it. You know, I and mr. Combs questions almost wish you had more time to sort of dig into it just how we assess the performance of vendors in this area.

Speaker: Retro actively, I guess. Maybe. Could you speak to that after the fact once they performed? How do we have a mechanism for, you know, assessing their performance, quantify it anyway. Outside of beyond their contractual obligations and whether they were delivered upon? Sure

Speaker: I'm not aware of reports. I'm sure there are opportunities for reports to be run based on that. You know, what they what they have done accomplished out in the community or working with us. I'm not aware of the data. Okay.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. Can I just weigh in here, too?

Speaker: I just want to say and Julie, you don't have to speak specifically to this, but for just general and high level, and I can speak for B2B at least what I know when we do procurement and they are selected and put on a list, they have to be validated or they're deemed as credible through the through the process of procurement and selection. So there's a lot of supporting documentation, yea. Ryan. And reference checks and such to make sure that they are valid and entities that are truly they're credible in the communities that they're seeking to engage. Is that correct?

Speaker: Yes. And as just noted, like 92% of these are COVID vendors. And the one that isn't actually is the nonprofit. So not COVID.

Speaker: Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

Speaker: All right, great. Any further questions?

Speaker: Yeah, my hands up.

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah. So first of all, thank you, Julie. Thank you. That was a great presentation. And Alan, I really appreciate your testimony on the organizations that I heard. Some of them I know leadership and they're reputable organizations. So my question would be, especially after listening to the testimony, is what success looks like. And so is the contract going to have expectations and goals built into it? And will there be reporting to those said expectations and goals? So I think a lot of us just want to make sure that when we do contracts that we know what success looks like and we can measure that success.

Speaker: Yeah, for sure.

Speaker: Yeah. Take this one, Commissioner.

Speaker: Thank you for the question. The way that these agreements work, these are price agreements. So they're not they're not set aside like we're absolutely

going to spend this money. These are agreements in which we are allowed to spend the money as needed. Basically, these are on call agreements when we issue work under these these are issued under what's called a task order. And the task order will include things like the deliverables and what is expected as part of the product that we get from the firm. And so that's usually how we measure success on these agreements is are the task orders being delivered in the way that we have outlined for the contractor to deliver them. So that's usually how success will be done and that's usually through the contract management component of the of contract of managing the agreements. Once they're executed, it.

Speaker: I think that was a yes. So is sorry, it's okay. I'm trying to do some translation. So in the front end we do we are crystal clear about what success looks like and we have measurable goals. Yes. And you use the word deliverables.

Speaker: Yes. That is one of the things that goes into the into the price agreements themselves in the language. Yes

Speaker: Okay. I just want to make sure that transparency is there.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Donnie, I just wanted to see if you had anything you wanted to add and just answer.

Speaker: Okay, great.

Speaker: All right. Very good seeing no other questions. Item number 895 is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Mapps

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Rubio, I want to thank julie and jess for this update and for answering the questions that were were asking of you. This work is really important and I'm happy to see the high cobid numbers for these contracts. So happy to support this fix. I

Speaker: Ryan yeah. Thanks for the dialog. I vote I gonzales I appreciate the dialog and I just want to highlight the sensitivity in this area.

Speaker: We have a venerable value in the city of Portland and which we would call community engagement and in weighing in on important policy discussions, it's we don't do them in isolation. We engage with our community over an extended process. One of the challenges of that has been that certain communities are underrepresented in that engagement and I applaud the efforts to supplement kind of traditional community engagement with other efforts to reach those who may be english as a second language or otherwise. Don't participate in the process. Historically we I will say that I have concerns in recent years that some of that process has been politicized and that at times there are groups that purport to speak on behalf of communities that may not fully reflect the diversity within those communities and what gets presented back as the perspective of a community may not reflect the diversity of perspectives within that community. And so that's my sensitivity in this area. And but I fully support what we're voting on today. And I vote I thank you.

Speaker: Wheeler I vote i.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report for 896. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second? Second commissioner Rubio seconds any further discussion on the report? Seeing none, please call the roll. Mapps

Speaker: Hi. Rubio hi Ryan.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Gonzales hi.

Speaker: Wheeler hi. The report is accepted. We'll move to the regular agenda, please. Item number 903, amend contract with the irs communications llc to

increase the amount by an additional \$500,000 for low voltage structured wiring services as a reminder, this ordinance would facilitate the installation of access control as well as video software upgrades. The bureau of environmental service facilities. Is there any further discussion on this item?

Speaker: I would just call the roll.

Speaker: It's a second reading. Mapps

Speaker: I'm glad to vote I on this item. Amongst other things, this ordinance will improve security at a building long occupied by the bureau of environmental services, where on October 12th of this month we had a break in. I hope that the changes that this ordinance will bring about will make occurrences like that more rare in the future, which is why I vote yea Rubio, Ryan hi gonzales hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi. The ordinance passes nine zero for also a second reading authorize contract with jacobs engineering group, inc. For professional, technical and engineering services for the columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant.

Speaker: Wet weather clarifiers and hypochlorite system modify project for amount up to \$15,800,000.

Speaker: Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll maps.

Speaker: Hi Rubio. Hi, Ryan. Hi, gonzales. Hi, Wheeler. Hi.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted.

Speaker: 905 except an appropriate grant and current fiscal year. For \$78,455 from Oregon department of transportation and authorize intergovernmental agreement for the southeast. 26th avenue. Cleveland high school crossing improvement project.

Speaker: This is an emergency ordinance commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. This item comes to us from pbot. This ordinance authorizes the city of Portland to accept a \$78,455 grant from the state of Oregon. This ordinance also authorizes pbot to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the state of Oregon on how these funds will be spent. Pbot plan is to spend these funds to design and build road safety improvement sites adjacent to cleveland high school. This project will construct a pedestrian island curb cuts a marked sidewalk and lighting. Now colleagues, every year pbot completes hundreds of safety improvements across this city. All of those improvements matter. However, some pbot road safety projects resonate more deeply than others. That is true for the ordinance before us today. The street safety improvements that will be funded by this project are near the intersection of 26th and powell, where for a little more than a year ago, on October fourth, 2022, Portland or sarah pliner was killed while riding her bike, excepting this grant from the state of Oregon will enable pbot to make that intersection safer for partnerships like the one that we are proposing between odot and pbot are essential to making this intersection safer because this section of powell is owned by odot, which means the only way for the city of Portland can make this section of powell safer is to partner with the state, which is what we are doing with this ordinance before us today. And now here to tell us more about this ordinance, we have staff from pbot. I'll turn it over the presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Wonderful. Thank you, commissioner. Wendy corley, your city traffic engineer. Good morning. I have a couple slides. Great. And if you just go to the second one, I just have to wanted to share what the proposed improvement looks like. An island with some curb ramps and a marked crosswalk and some signage that leads directly to the front door of cleveland high school. Now this improvement came out of recommendation from the resin merchants and neighbors around

cleveland high school and along powell are state legislators convened a powell task force after the death of sarah planer, where we coordinated, we met approximately monthly with a group of neighbors and odot to look at what we could do along powell and in the vicinity of cleveland high school to improve safety. Next slide, please. So I just wanted to share briefly some of the things that came out of our collaboration in the past year that pbot devoted staff time and funding to, as well as odot devoted staff time and funding to some of these things, we were able to reduce the speed on powell from 35mph to 30mph. We implement a 20 mile per hour school zone with flashing beacons on powell at cleveland high school and at creston elementary, which is further east on powell. We installed signs that say turning vehicles stop for bikes and pedestrians at 26th avenue and we replaced green bike boxes and stop bars and markings that were removed about five years ago at the request of odot, we installed high visibility crosswalk markings at 26th avenue, 28th, 42nd and 69th avenues along powell boulevard. We installed pedestrian head starts, which give pedestas a few seconds lead time before vehicles are allowed to go on green. And we did that at 21st, 26th, 33rd, and 42nd, and we have more planned between 42nd and 82nd avenue. We installed speed feedback signs. Those are the signs that blink and tell drivers what their speeds are at 27th and 31st in anticipation of the installation of fixed speed cameras later this year, we installed pedestrian crossings or we will be installing the pedestrian crossing improvement on 26th avenue at the front door of cleveland high school. That's what we are accepting this grant for. We are developing traffic safety curriculum at cleveland high school, kellogg middle school and creston elementary school as part of our safe routes to school program, we are working with creston school for local street improvements not necessarily on powell, but other surrounding streets. And then I mentioned the speed safety camera that is being planned at cleveland high

school or near cleveland high school. And after a triple fatality at 63rd avenue on powell, we will be installing a second set of speed cameras near 63rd avenue in 2024. And that's all I have for my presentation. An I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Any questions? Commissioner Ryan, a timeline on this improvement when you see it through fruition.

Speaker: Oh, spring of 2024, we anticipate being able to start construction, start the spring. Yes. Okay. Thanks

Speaker: Well, that's soon. Any testimony? No one signed up is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Mapps

Speaker: I want to thank staff for today's presentation. I also want to thank community members for working with pbob to help figure out how we can make this section of powell safer. I also want to express my authentic appreciation and gratitude to our partners at the state of Oregon for working with us to make sure that this section of powell boulevard is safe. For these reasons and more, I vote. I yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Mapps and the pbob team for their leadership and for securing this grant from odot. It's really great to see these investments and it's really nice to have that full picture that you gave us. So thank you for that. I vote I Ryan yeah, I'm delighted to see this on the agenda and I'm happy to hear that the action actually will be quicker than most.

Speaker: And I was at a football game at cleveland high school and the principal, joanne watkins, made it really clear this is a high priority. And spent much of the time wanting me to really understand that. And then we, of course, heard from the mother a couple of weeks ago here at City Council. So i, I hope she's watching in the springs a little bit a piece of mind to her on this day. And vote I Gonzalez yeah.

Speaker: It's such an important intersection for southeast east. I cross powell regularly when cycling my children have played at cleveland high school fields quite a bit there. The pedestrian deaths that we've witnessed on powell over the years certainly have been particularly impactful in our homeless communities. But but for the children that attend cleveland for their families, I think this is an important step. So I vote. I thank you for your work. Wheeler good job, commissioner.

Speaker: Good job. Pbot good job. People in the community, you pushed for this at a time when we're working to try and find ways to accomplish what we need to accomplish around transportation in due to financial considerations. Obviously grants are a huge opportunity for us, and I really appreciate that you took, took, took the took the bridle here and we're successful this will make a big difference in that neighborhood and I really appreciate we're able to do it I vote yea in the ordinance is adopted. We have one item on the consent agenda that was pulled.

Speaker: 901 yeah, a mental and disposition of vehicles code to expand tow authority and define lawful possession of an impounded vehicle.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps mr. Mayor, I'm going to pull this one back to my office without objection, and we're adjourned.