



December 6, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, December 6, 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.

Commissioner Gonzalez arrived at 9:32 a.m.

Commissioner Rubio left at 11:22 a.m.

Mayor Wheeler left at 12:06 p.m. and Commissioner Ryan presided.

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

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

Council recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:42 a.m. and reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:46 p.m.

Communications

985

[Request of Don Baack to address Council regarding issue on Capitol Hill Road in Hillsdale Town Center](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 985-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

986

[Request of Alan Comnes to address Council regarding ordinance enforcement](#) (Communication)

Document number: 986-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

987

[Request of Toney Steca to address Council regarding camping on Oregon Department of Transportation property](#) (Communication)

Document number: 987-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

988

[Request of Daniel Lioyryan to address Council regarding business concerns on SE Powell Blvd](#) (Communication)

Document number: 988-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

989

[Request of Injured Pissedoff to address Council regarding scoliosis](#) (Communication)

Document number: 989-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

990

[Appoint Christopher Jose "Hugo" Hamblin-Agosto and Hannah Bronfman to the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission](#) (Report)

Document number: 990-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

991

[Accept Updated Bureau Racial Equity Plans Report which updates the Racial Equity Plan process, approach, timeline, bureau Racial Equity submissions, and expectations for racial equity work across City governance](#) (Report)

Document number: 991-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time certain: 10:00 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

992

[Grant residential solid waste collection franchises in the City of Portland](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191534

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 10:30 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Second reading agenda item 963.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

993

[Appoint Dan Floyd to the Children's Levy Allocation Committee for term to expire December 31, 2025](#) (Report)

Document number: 993-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Children's Levy

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

994

[Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for the Portland Insights Survey to extend term and increase amount by \\$484,716 \(amend Contract 30008139\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191528

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget Office

Second reading agenda item 974.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

995

[*Authorize grant agreement with Worksystems Inc. for the Summer Youth Connect/SummerWorks Youth Employment Program for summer 2024 not to exceed \\$551,600 \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191529

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

996

[Amend contract with David Evans & Associates, Inc. for design and construction management services for the NE 42nd Ave Bridge Replacement project \(amend Contract 30006826\)\(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191544

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

997

[Authorize contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design and surveying services for the NE 122nd Ave Safety & Access: Beech St – Wasco St project not to exceed \\$1,192,809 \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191545

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

998

[Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37640

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Adopted

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

999

[Establish 2024 sale price cap for the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37641

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Adopted

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

1000

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program for a five-year extension of the limited property tax exemption for The 41 at Tillamook at 4110 NE Tillamook St](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191530

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

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

1001

[*Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program for a five-year extension of the limited property tax exemption for The Hollywood at 4111 NE Broadway_\(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191531

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

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

1002

[*Authorize Director of Portland Parks & Recreation to execute a Donation Agreement with Thomas M. Patrick and Stephen L. Rulo for donation of financial support of the International Rose Test Garden at Washington Park \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191532

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed

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

1003

[Amend contract with Opsis Architecture, Inc. for additional Architecture/Engineering Services for New Construction and Renovations for Maintenance Facilities at Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard and Urban Forestry. Delta Park Maintenance Yard for \\$225,000 \(amend Contract 30005221\) \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191546

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1004

[*Accept and appropriate a grant for \\$50,000 in FY 2023-24 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fiscal Year 2023 Cooperating Technical Partners Program – Regional \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191533

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Emergency Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

1005

[Create five non-represented classifications to support the transition to the government structure supported by City Charter and establish compensation ranges for these classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191554

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

(Y-Mapps, Ryan; N-Gonzalez, Wheeler; Rubio absent). Item failed to pass.

Motion to reconsider: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-Mapps, Ryan, Wheeler; N-Gonzalez; Rubio absent)

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-4; Rubio absent)

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

1006

[*Authorize contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to purchase taser equipment and accessories not to exceed \\$3,400,000 for the initial term of five years](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191535

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1007

[Declare as surplus City-owned property at 3737 N Emerson St and adjacent recreational lot and authorize a public sale of the property](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety

1008

[Replace Sewer User Charges Code to streamline and align with rate study recommendations \(replace Code Chapter 17.36\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191537

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 983.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

1009

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Jade and Montavilla Multimodal Improvements Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191536

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 977.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to amend the ordinance to update the total project amount in Finding 4 to \$9,094,000: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4; Rubio absent)

Motion to add an emergency clause to move forward with accepting the dollars to install important infrastructure improvements in the Jade District and Montavilla neighborhoods: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4; Rubio absent)

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1010

[*Authorize Subrecipient Contract with Network for Oregon Affordable Housing for \\$5,153,525 for the provision of grants in support of land acquisitions for affordable housing development](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191538

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to December 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

1011

[*Accept and appropriate a grant from CareOregon, Inc. to expand the Community Health Assess and Treat program for \\$2,600,000 \(amend Contract 32002585\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191539

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to December 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

1012

[Amend Elections Code to align with the amended City Charter approved by voters in Portland Measure 26-228 \(amend Code Chapters 2.02, 2.04, and 2.14\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191552

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Portland City Auditor; Elections Office

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 6, 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: Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Time Certain

1013

[Accept City of Portland Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023](#) (Report)

Document number: 1013-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (1 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

1014

[Present Audit of the Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023](#) (Report)

Document number: 1014-2023

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Portland City Auditor; Audit Services

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (2 of 2)

Disposition: Placed on File

1015

[Adopt new supporting documents to Portland Comprehensive Plan related to the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Land Inventory to address future housing needs, access to affordable housing, and development capacity \(amend Ordinances 185657 and 187831\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191547

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 2 hours

Submit written testimony on [Map App](#). The written record will close on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 13, 2023 at 10:35 a.m. Time Certain

Regular Agenda

1016

[*Authorize Subrecipient Contract with Network for Oregon Affordable Housing for \\$5,153,525 for the provision of grants in support of land acquisitions for affordable housing development](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191538

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Previous agenda item 1010.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1017

[*Accept and appropriate a grant from CareOregon, Inc. to expand the Community Health Assess and Treat program for \\$2,600,000 \(amend Contract 32002585\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191539

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Time requested: 5 minutes

Previous agenda item 1011.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Thursday, December 7, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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December 6, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.**

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Heidi Hart	1015
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Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

December 6, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Morning, mayor. Mapps here. Rubio Here. Ryan here. Gonzalez Wheeler here.

Speaker: We'll hear from legal counsel now and the rules of order and decorum. Thank you, mayor. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually.

Speaker: You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at w-w-w dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda information on on engaging with City Council can be found on the council's clerk's 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. Disrupt conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a

lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thank you very much, mike and colleagues. Just a point of interest here. The two of us have excused absences this morning at different times. And so what I propose we do is after the communications, the consent agenda and the time certians, then we'll move all of the emergency ordinances to the front of the regular agenda consideration just so we can make sure we keep our quorum for those emergency ordinances. With that, we'll start with communications. First individual, please. Keelan item number 985.

Speaker: Once of don bark to address council regarding issue on capitol hill road in hillsdale town center. It doesn't look like don has joined us. Oh, sorry, mayor, I think you were muted. Did you want. To

Speaker: Sorry. Nine, eight, six. Thank you.

Speaker: Request of alan combs to address council regarding the ordinance enforcement.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners. Can you hear me okay? Yep

Speaker: Loud and clear.

Speaker: Thank you. Very good. All right. Thank you. Um, my name is alan combs. I've lived in Portland for 20, 20, 22 years at. And I live in what is now known as district three. Um, and, and I am I've spoken to you before. I was the, the topic that I put on the agenda was for the communication was for the enforcement of the citywide camping ban. I will get to that in a moment. But I would be remiss if I didn't bring up what I think is the largest humanitarian crisis in the city, and that is it's rate its homicide rate. I did look at the statistics after getting back from an extended

vacation and saw that Portland is on its way to another year of 90 plus homicides. Um, and I would ask yourselves for all the resources we are spending on certain things in this city. Are we really looking at the right things and I could point to long term issues the city needs to grapple with like adapting for climate, trying to grow, you know, encourage new people to come to the city. Um, but what I would ask yourself, you know, is that not the biggest problem you have in the city today? Those are statistics from the Portland open data source and the homicide rate was in October. Again you know, so anyway, back on to homeless, houseless ness. Um I believe although there is an injunction in place, I think the city had not done certain things it said it was going to do. They said there would be a summer of education on enforcing the camping ban, and as a citizen, I don't know what that education was. You know how we're safety officers or safety personnel trained on that matter. What what is the specific rules of engaging agent when the camping ban is about to be enforced? As someone who regularly identifies issues in my neighborhood, I don't know what to tell people. You know? And you know, I do talk to people and it is very unscrewed about trying to explain the city's policy on how to, you know, maintain safety and. Common values and our common spaces. Um so I would encourage you, in the time you have before this injunction is lifted, that you you do some communication to the public on this matter and explain what you're doing with safety personnel. You also have the renewal of your agreement with the county, the iga. I suggest you be very strict with the county on what you're going to demand to get people into temporary alternative shelter sites. That is your main tool to help clear the streets in a humane way and lastly, I'm going to leave you with a statistic, and that is, you know, a task site, a per opb costs upwards of \$64,000 a year. That's from safe rest villages or your gideon street facility. You know, your traditional shelter that's indoors is half that cost. What is the difference between

those two? The difference is that you don't do drug testing on the indoor sites. And is it is that really the use of our priorities to spend that much money just to enable addiction? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, alan. I've got a couple of response. Aces and i'll go sort of in reverse order here. First of all, with regard to indoor shelter, we actually did a survey of 600 chronically homeless individuals, nils and eight out of actually nine out of ten said they would not out participate or seek an indoor shelter, whereas six out of ten said they would go to a sanctioned campsite similar to a safe rest village or a task site. Under certain conditions, those conditions being that there be stability, that there be access to hygiene, toilets, sinks, showers, laundry, things like that, as well as navigation to services over over the last at about six months, the city has opened up six or excuse me, 500 additional shelter spaces. And the majority of those are the task sites, the first task site now has 180 plus residents. About 45 of those residents are now ready for housing. That's because every single individual who goes into one of those sanctioned task sites is assigned case management. They're referred to services that are prioritized for that population, whether it's substance abuse treatment, whether it's mental health treatment, whether it's job training, whether it's access to basic health care, whatever it is, we navigate them and that model is proving to be very successful. So whereas chronically homeless avoid the indoor congregate shelters, and when they get there, they have staffing of something like 1 to 50, between 1 to 50 and 1 to 100, and not necessarily any reference to any services or case management, but it's a very intensive process. On the other side, you mentioned the cost. Yes, it is very expensive live to be the backstop in a state where we do not have a mental health treatment system or substantial substance abuse treatment services. And so we are filling that gap here at the municipal level where county and state government has not succeeded in

providing those services. I concur. It's expensive to have people come into these facilities to receive treatment and navigation off the streets. But please compare that to the cost of approximately 300 million per year are 26 bureaus are spending on various components of dealing with the manifestations of the homeless crisis in our city. With regard to communications, I could not agree with you more and I will tell you, we have gone to great lengths to educate. Predominantly, I will admit, those on the streets about what our enforcement mechanism would be. That includes making sure that we had a legally defensible flier. We sent out thousands of those fliers through service providers and through outreach to the streets, and they are even waterproof. So that people would be able to hang on to them. We had several opportunities to go out and explain in person to people what these are, and we have thoroughly informed the media about what our efforts are. We of course, are not the media. We don't choose what gets communicated or how it gets communicated, but we do the best we can through our social media sites, through our own communications, through our city websites, and of course, through programs like this last but not least, I will just tell you that the enforcement piece of our time, place, manner, ordinance has been stalled. A court has enjoined against us and we're working on alternative strategies. But thank you for being here. You're raising great questions, but I just want you to know we're not ignoring them on every question you have asked. I believe we've been extremely active and proactive at and unified in our efforts to make sure that those issues are all resolved. Commissioner Mapps yeah, I just wanted to thank alan for his comments.

Speaker: I largely agree we or share your concerns. Um, however, and you cited, amongst other things, you cited other pressing problems the city has like homicides. One of the things I wanted to note and there's certainly been rattling around my head as we approach the end of the year is the actual remarkable

progress. The city has seen in terms of bringing down homicide loads. You know, I think I've been on council for about three years now and when I first came in, we were approaching about 100 homicides in that first year. We set the goal of or at least I set the goal of trying to reduce homicides by 20. And our first year, we didn't approach that in our in our first year here. But three years later, I believe that we are pretty close to a 20, if not greater decrease in homicides. I wish I could take credit for it.

Speaker: I'm sorry. You're still three pre-dam pandemic levels. And from the statistics I've seen, you're still above cities with comparable size. I'm sorry. Well, unless it's adjusted. There were ten homicides in October. You're not. I don't know what 20% comes from. I'm seeing more like a 10% reduction in every life matters. But I would ask you, these are horrendous statistics. Non-homicide violent crime is down. I do agree with that. Well violent non homicide crime is down. Assaults, alan.

Speaker: Well, I agree. I agree with you. And I think we have a vigorous consensus here in that, you know, frankly, one of my one of our top priorities as a city is bringing down homicides. And what I wanted to do in this moment is just to take a moment to recognize everyone on the city team who's been working on this. I think they've made remarkable progress in the last several years. And frankly, we haven't had a moment to really acknowledge that and celebrate that. But I did want to take a moment to highlight that. And I want to thank you for coming in today.

Speaker: Yeah. And alan, again, look, we're all in agreement here. Any any homicides are too many homicides. But i'll tell you, I'm looking at the latest year to date information. So this is comparative 20, 23 year to date versus 2022 year to date, January through to October. So it does not include November gun related homicides are down 27% year to date over last year. And down about 5% over the last three years. You are correct, it is nowhere close to pre-pandemic levels.

However a total shooting incidents are down 21% year to date over last year. That's about a 10% overall reduction over the last three years. So so nobody's popping champagne corks here, but at least it it looks like we're moving in the right direction. An and I like to believe the efforts of the Portland police bureau through the enhanced community safety team, the focused intervention team, the increase of patrols, the outreach that this council is invested in through nonprofit partners and the efforts we're doing around ceasefire to, I believe, are all starting to take hold. Um my chief of staff also happened to wander in while we were having the discussion about communications. He said, please do go to our website. There is both information as well as a video explaining the enforcement mechanism and it's available in ten different languages. Thank you for being here this morning. Appreciate it. Uh, next, individual, please. Nine, eight, seven, please. Keelan bless tony stecca to address council regarding campaign are camping on Oregon department of transportation property. Good morning.

Speaker: It doesn't look like tony has joined us.

Speaker: Very good. Uh. Nine, eight, eight. Uh next individual, please request of daniel leo Ryan to address council regarding business concerns on southeast powell boulevard.

Speaker: Good morning. It doesn't look like they've joined us either. Next individual.

Speaker: Nine, eight, nine request of injured off to address council regarding scoliosis.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: Is there a microphone.

Speaker: Thank you. Keelan my name is injured and off.

Speaker: I had it legally changed as you know. Uh, the last time I spoke here was June 29th of 2022. Uh, and I spoke June 29th of 2023 at the Multnomah County, uh, board meeting. I was explaining that this speech is about scoliosis. I found out what was wrong with my spinal cord from the June 22nd or 29th meeting of 2022. Uh that I spoke here that with seven dog attacks on my service animal and myself. The hospital took off my neck brace after being up there in the hospital, and they x-rayed me and said that nothing was wrong with my spinal cord and they were going to discharge me with a pair of crutches. And I go, okay, I can't move. Well, they decide to take more x-rays as I said, and they found out that I broke my hip, left hip. Well, that wasn't all that I broke because as I told the paramedics when they put me in the neck brace, I'd heard my back crack twice. And sure enough, after three days of standing me up for physical therapy and all I could do was throw up. Uh, but they admitted that I had a spinal cord injury. Well, they didn't tell me because the hospital kept the records. And my attorney at the time, Deborah Caffery's uncle, kept the records that my spinal cord. They only measure scoliosis from 10% up. And my spinal cord. Then they said. Was 12. And misalignment and. They told me they took my x rays again. I spent 18 days at OHSU. And then earlier this year, another week, 25 days total. But they took some more x rays of my spinal cord when they realized that they were getting in trouble from risk management. Me complaining about my spinal cord injuries. They took more and they said that, well, it's still just 12. Well they didn't honestly tell me that it was 12. They wouldn't say that it was the closest. And now I don't believe him at all. Uh I know a woman that had three hip surgery on the same hip from a few, and she isn't doing very well either. She's got to use a rollator. This has been since November 15th of 2010. That's more than 13 years. And I've lived here in the city at my apartment since December third of 2004. That's been 19 years. My apartment. But I've had to fight with the state and county

and city and federal government about my inner injuries and my service. Animal being attacked. And I hope to sue them someday. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, sir. Appreciate your being here. And I wish you well. Keelan. Does that complete communications. That's all right. Why don't we move, please, to the consent agenda? If any item has been pulled from the consent agenda item seven. All right. Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

Speaker: I cbo. Hi. Hi Gonzalez. Hi, Taylor.

Speaker: All right. The consent agenda is adopted to the time certain agenda, please. First time, certain item number 990. A report, a point.

Speaker: Christopher. Jose hugo hamlin. Augusto and hannah brockman to the Portland historic landmarks commission.

Speaker: Colleagues, this item is to confirm two appointments to the Portland historic landmarks commission. I will now hand it to commissioner Rubio to introduce the appointees. Commissioner Rubio, thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Colleagues, I'm pleased to bring forward the following appointments to the Portland historic landmarks commission. Christopher jose. Hugo hamblin, Augusto and hannah bronfman in the positions of urban planner and public at large respectively. Hugo is a city planner for the city of sherwood and interned with the bureau of development services during his graduate studies at Portland state university. Hugo has a history of dedicated volunteerism and experience working as a public official. All his experience previously working for the city means that the learning curve in this new position will be a modest one, and he will be able to help his fellow commissioners navigate our complex zoning code and understand changes to it. As a latino Oregonian. Hugo is particularly interested in uplifting the history of the latino community in Multnomah County, recognizing that these stories need to be told as well. The historic landmarks commission has long been a

champion of increase diversity in our inventory of historic resources, and the city has increased the diversity of its of its designated resources in recent years. Hugo understands that there are many different stories to be told and resources to be identified and protected before they are lost and centering community is critical to preserving history. His appointment is proposed to extend from December 9th, 2023 through December 8th of 2027. Now hannah brockman has professional experience in sustainability systems within built environment. Originally from Oregon, hannah has recently returned after gaining extensive experience working on life cycles of buildings, including historic buildings. The historic landmark commission has long championed the connection between historic preservation and combating climate change and the reuse of existing resources, including buildings support. The city's goals of limiting waste and carbon emissions. Hannah's experience on the commission will help the commission better articulate this connection in a time of depressed development. Reinvest in our existing building stock. Include conversion of office buildings to residential use is critical. Her appointment to the commission comes at a time for the city where the realization of the benefits of reinvesting in our existing building stock is more important than ever. Hannah's appointment is proposed to extend from January five, 2024 through January 4th of 2028. So i'll now like to i'll now introduce hilary adam to present these appointments. Hi

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. Hello rest of the council. I'm excited to recommend these two appointments. Hugo and hannah. I've been the liaison for the historic landmarks commission the past eight years, and we have two long standing members, kristin miner and matthew roman, rolling off this month and next month. So hugo and hannah will fill those appointments and bring some new vigor and some new ideas to the commission. And I'm excited for their

appointments. And so i'll invite hugo and hannah to turn on their cameras and offer some words.

Speaker: Hi, this is hannah. Can you see and hear me? Just checking. Okay. Hi. Hi, everyone. Thank you for having me. I think that summary was one derful. I'm I just did return after 15 years in new york city, so I'm excited to kind of bring that, uh, i'll call it illustrious experience of working in the really complex existed urban landscape, but also with the idea of environmental sustainability, with human sustainability. So how do we honor and respect the built spaces that exist and tie that back to the idea of stewardship and kind of yeah, how we kind of give integrity to these built spaces that we have had around here. I do have a background in mechanical engineering and construction, so I will be bringing a technical background to this role, which I think will be helpful. And I've had nothing but wonderful experiences talking with everyone on the committee and I'm really excited to be an honored to be in this position. So thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you, hannah.

Speaker: And I do know hugo is here. Hey sorry.

Speaker: I was trying to get my camera to work, but for some odd reason, it's just not wanting to. It's like when you need it to do something, it just doesn't want to. Um. Hi hi. Councilors and mayor Wheeler. I'm hannah. I'm very much ecstatic to be here. I'm ecstatic to serve an and I definitely want to really kind of work on, you know, furthering, you know, social equity, contributing to historical death and really reinforcing community values and the narratives that we kind of formulate around historic preservation and historical stories in our community. Um I definitely think that, you know, it's important to, to preserve the knowledge and history of, of our community, definitely before they they're lost. And, you know, history obviously exists on a continuum. And so there's always new stories and new histories that are

arising as time goes on. I think a real big thing in like historic preservation right now is that people don't really realize that we're kind of moving into like the 1970s and like the 1980s in terms of like, you know, new stories that are up for preservation that have kind of stood the test of time. Um, and I definitely want to kind of work towards, you know, making sure that those get included into our narratives as well. So, um, definitely excited to be here, definitely excited to learn. And I really do appreciate your guys's commitment to really everything you guys do for the city of Portland. Thank you. Thank you, hugo.

Speaker: That concludes our program very good. Colleagues, any questions? Do we have public testimony on this report?

Speaker: No one's saying that.

Speaker: Very well. Entertain a motion to accept the report and the appointments.

Speaker: So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves and commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Did you second? Sure second. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, seconds. Any further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll apps.

Speaker: I want to thank hugo and hannah for agreeing to serve on this important committee.

Speaker: I vote yea yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank you, hugo and anna for volunteering your services as both of your backgrounds lend valuable knowledge and professional expertise for this commission. And I'm excited to see where the work goes and I'm happy to support I vote yea your.

Speaker: Yeah, thank you, hannah. You go for volunteering, your time, your expertise is on the landmarks commission.

Speaker: I really enjoy looking at your bios. It's always fascinating to see why someone would want to volunteer their time and then when you see their

background, it makes sense. And hannah really like your advocacy for existing structures, maintaining them where possible, through the lens of sustainability. I think that gets lost sometimes in those discussions and you know your connection between cultural history and historic preservation with an updated lens is needed and wanted at the table. So thank you for your willingness to serve. Accept the report. Alex I vote yea taylor yeah, i'll share my colleagues appreciation for the level of talent people are bringing to this important commission.

Speaker: It's really it is technical work and it does require a lot of experience and you both bring it. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve I vote yea and the report is accepted. Colleagues were about a minute and a half ahead of the next time certain, but in the meanwhile. Commissioner Mapps why don't you fill it for us?

Speaker: Sure, mr. Mayor, um. Can you remind me when we're going to vote on the emergency ordinances today? I know you explained that at the top of the meeting, and I've already forgotten.

Speaker: Yeah. So what? I would propose commission for is we complete the time, certain items and then move all of the emergency items to the front of the regular agenda. So that's 100510061010 and 1011. And that way we'll just ensure that we have the quorum intact.

Speaker: That's great. And as long as we're taking care of just some technical housekeeping stuff, um, can we there, I got. 1009, which is an infrastructure project that we had out in east Portland. I had to amend it. Um today we were going to vote on the amendment. Um, if my colleagues are open to hearing that on emergency, we might want to move that up to.

Speaker: Yeah. So why don't i, why don't I do this unless somebody has an objection, let's just do it in, in the same order. We'll, we'll move it to the front. So it'll

be 10051006. Then 1009, then 1010, then 1011. If that works, that way, we'll we'll have all of those emergency ordinances up front.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Good

Speaker: All right, good. It's now 10:00. We can move to the 10 a.m. Time. Certain item number 991, which is also a report accept updated bureau racial equity plans report, which updates the racial equity plan process approach timeline bureau, racial equity submissions and expectations for racial equity work across city governance.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and colleagues. Today we're here to examine the progress of racial equity plans, which are diligently updated by the office of equity and human rights. Just selby, the interim director, alongside with danielle brooks, our citywide equity and civil rights manager, and dr. Cheryl lee means our equity strategies analysis have brought forward a comprehensive overview for our consideration today. These racial equity plans aren't just documents. They are testament to our commitment to break down barriers and foster equity and services and outcomes for both our community and our staff. They're about measuring our progress and holding ourselves accountable. This is the heart of our work. Central to enhancing the lives of all Portlanders. I really want to extend. I really want to extend my deepest appreciation to the bureaus that have engaged in this important work. It's noted that this takes place in all of our bureaus and offices and the plans that they've crafted under the guidance of the office of equity and human rights. Your work has not gone unnoticed and I think the office of equity for their steadfast dedication in years and the years of the past couple of years especially, it's been rough when we do this in the lockdown that we were in incorporating equity into our daily operations is non-negotiable. Again and the

plans were reviewing today lay the groundwork for ongoing future efforts directly, particularly as we navigate the transition, the charter transition now, I'd like to turn this over to interim director jeff selby to kick off the presentation. Jeff I see you virtually the floor is yours.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner, for good morning. Mayor Wheeler.

Commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Mapps, commissioner Rubio and commissioner gonzales. For the record, my name is jeff selby. I use he him pronouns and I'm the interim director of the office of equity and human rights. Before we begin, we ask that you hold your questions until the end of the presentation. We just want to make sure that we provide all the content we've prepared for you today. So this morning we submit an update on the culmination of two years of work involving citywide racial equity plans. The office of equity provided clear outcomes, strategy and myriad hours of support to bureau representatives to complete the plans. And I really want to acknowledge all the staff throughout the city who contributed to the effort, the process illustrates progress and also the challenges many city bureaus and the office of equity navigate to prioritize equity work in a siloed government structure. But it also allows us opportunities to improve and unify equity work throughout the city on behalf of community, I'd like to pass it to danielle brooks, who will start us off.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you for your time and consideration for the record, I'm danielle brooks. She her pronouns and I'm the city's civil rights title and equity manager with the office of equity and human rights. But before we dive into the development process, I wanted to briefly provide a little bit of background. So over 15 years ago, our government made a commitment to address persistent, entrenched disparities, dismantle institutional racism and oppression, and advance a vision of equity and

justice. We are one of the first cities to undertake, codify, invest in and formally pursue such an initiative. Developing racial equity plans was one of our earliest citywide actions as administrative rule. 1831, adopted by council in 2016 entitled cities equity budget tool and racial equity plans, directs and calls for racial equity planning and reporting. So what are racial equity plans? Racial equity plans are ongoing strategic plans that articulate how an organization will work to address disparities, operate and serve the public equitably and improve equitable outcomes with respect to its core work and mission. It puts a theory of change or logic model into action to achieve a collective vision of racial equity plans at their best serve as a proactive roadmap for organizations which provide us with clear direction and focus, helps identify and prioritize efforts and strategies in alignment with conditions of well-being and community. Need provides information that we can utilize for decision making, including diagnosis and understanding of barriers and disparities. And it gives us a tool for transparency and accountability and measuring progress. So no small feat organizing supported by cross bureau core teams. The first five-year bureau equity plans were reported to the office in the fall of 2016. Some bureaus went through an effort to reorganize and develop new equity plans. However, most bureau plans expired by the fall of 2021. As we approach the mile marker for plan renewal, the office of equity assess plan management, researched best practices and collected stakeholder feedback using that input and research, the office developed new equity plan standards and approach grounded in targeted universalism and modeled on equity centered results based accountability. I'll turn it over to doctor cheryl. Felicia means to provide more detail on the approach process and the plans themselves. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. All for the record, I am doctor cheryl, felicia means and I use she her pronouns. I am the equity strategies analyst with the office of equity

and human rights. As danielle expressed the community feedback in 2018 and continued discussions in 2021 elevated some key issues with the 2016 racial equity plans to update these plans and meet the goals and expectations not only of community but of the office of equity. We identified six meaningful goals for updated plans through some of those conversations as key. Amongst these goals are two things. One, connect eating the plans to city programs, goals and values. And two, tracking progress enterprise wide toward equitable outcomes. All goals align to help the city build scalable and replicable processes which ultimately aid in maintaining compliance with federal guidelines and expectations as to ensure continued alignment with the city's equity goals and to establish meaningful equity metrics. There are three methods of accountability named here and that we implemented through this process. Accountability is not and was never intended to be a punitive process. We do recognize, however, bringing these plans to the highest authority in city government for acceptance elevates the validity and importance of equity work to city government. The choice to implement the choices to implement results based accountability present the plans to council and establish performance management and annual reporting goals is threefold to take responsible equity to create the results expected from our communities to require transparency, integrity and humility. To acknowledge disproportionate impacts of bureau action and inaction on community, and to build trust by shifting the focus from performance to impact on equitable outcomes. Updated plan goals were realized over time, beginning with sharing the new approach with community with community bureaus and leadership between may and October of 2021 and training in results based accountability from October 20th, 21 to July 2022. In importantly, from may 20th, 21 to now, staffing vacancies impeded progress for some bureaus, including the work of the office of equity. The office of equity worked diligently to

be flexible and responsive to bureau needs and requests throughout this process. Yes, and the deadline has changed to contend with the external and internal challenges given those challenges, including, of course, pandemic response, lead staff vacancies and differences in plan development progress bureaus requested additional time following the training in for plan development and the due date was delayed by a year. Initially from may 20th, 22 to may 2023 and then a second time from may 20th, 23 to August of 2023. Um, the second deadline extension was as a result of my review of the plans in February of this year, which indicated that many bureaus still had not started their plans. All bureaus ultimately submitted their plans by the end of October, except for the water bureau for whom the first edition of the plan has not had not expired. And while parks plan had not has not expired either, the bureau graciously provided their updates and their most recent report on racial equity. And it's included in this submission to council. I was hired in January of 2023 and following again my status review of the plans, I decided that the extension was necessary. In March, I suggested these modifications to the office of equity and presented them to the equity managers during a joint meeting in April. Um, we created the changes in deadline in scope, and we proposed that bureaus could focus on fewer, more developed equity outcomes, but maintained that at least one outcome be focused on community results, implementation of accountability outlined earlier in this presentation would go unchanged in this new process. So we did not consider the plan. Those that were submitted for approval today to be final documents but foundation, which is something that danielle will speak to further in a later slide. These plans are intended to carry bureaus through the transition for 18 months and shift with the city as an enterprise. Although many bureaus will change in shape, the functions of those bureaus and those offices will remain. Finally, the updates were we developed that were developed were began

with a unified process across the city. Budget performance team and in alignment with budget priorities. American rescue plan act data and equity strategies team and bureau of planning and sustainability, smart cities team were also a part of this process and their processes were kept in mind. The review process for racial equity plans was tiered and involved. A partnership between the office of equity title 16, which includes danielle brook and myself and the city budget office performance team, which included lillian one, um, elizabeth lee excuse me, and ruth levine. Um, after our plans were submitted to the office of equity and reviewed by the title six team, the performance team ensured performance measures named in those plans aligned with the city budget priorities and with their processes. The comments and edits were returned to the bureaus to address and be resubmitted. In October at the latest. And most plans went through this process. However, some plans were not submitted in time for this review. They are still included in the submission for acceptance by council. Plans were frequently aligned both in their hopes for racial equity and the challenges they faced in anticipated while developing them. One of the major challenges that influenced plan development and pretty much all city functions, of course, was covid 19. Uh, staff turnover and budget cuts to externally facing programs. Um, heavily influenced some bureaus decisions, not to include community facing programing in their plans. Additionally the charter transition was cited as a concern by almost every bureau, regardless, the prevalent theme across bureaus was recruitment, hiring and retention. And this is largely in response to the issues that we already named that influenced the completion of the plans in the first place. Um, some bureaus hope to improve internal processes to move bureau functions toward more equitable practices, but most bureaus, however, had at least one item that involved increased community access outreach or education in their plans with metrics in mind to demonstrate

that change over time. As stated earlier, the review process for the plans was tiered while the title six team focused on the action items in the plan and their alignment with citywide equity goals that impacts all people living in Portland. The performance management team focused on how to move the bureaus from thinking about data sources to the specific items they want to measure for. They also focused on creating a specific balance between the kinds of data sources for each of the measures named in bureau plans. As the focus of the comments and edits was to push bureaus toward next steps once the government transition was complete. And now I will hand the presentation back to danielle brooks to discuss next steps. Now that plans have been submitted.

Speaker: Thank you. So we want these plans to be meaningful and useful. We don't want them just put on a shelf, which we know occasionally happens there, designed and intended to be living, dynamic and iterative, even though we're bringing these plans to council, as dr. Means discussed, they're foundational. We'll continue to build on this incredible, thoughtful work in this foundation and adapt to respond to present needs of the transition and adapt to community needs. Ebb and flow with prioritization and programing changes and include a more comprehensive inventory of bureau programing to ensure accountability to equity in all of our work over the next year, our office will support bureaus with action implementation on data management and plan growth, all in preparation for year one reporting using the performance management system designed for American rescue plan delivery as a model, our office plans to build out a data management strategy and pipeline in a public data sharing platform for ongoing reporting, tracking progress and improved access to information. We're in the process of establishing a city equity outcomes that are based on existing community and city plans and designing a data tool with accompanying population level indicators that will help us

understand current conditions, disparities and opportunities to make a difference across the communities we serve. We plan to connect and map bureau plans and strategies to these outcomes, and this will help us with enterprise wide alignment and connection. Connect ongoing decision making to community needs. The city has to update our civil rights title six plan to meet federal requirements and rather than having duplicative processes that cover overlapping content will merge these for unified planning and reporting. This ensures that we're covering both what we're doing to address disparities and advance equitable outcomes and how we're doing it. We'll spend the next year preparing for the title six plan and then engage in plan development and merging that work after the transition bureau plans could easily align and inform future strategic plans. So post transition, we recommend the city administrator explore streamlining efforts and creating comprehensive equity centered strategic plans that include title six requirements. This would allow for greater unification, consistency and add strength to the work, while lessening burdens on individuals and organizations. All units. It's a successful, successful practice that's been used in other jurisdictions and in a few of our own bureaus. So coordination and connection are primary objectives in all of these next steps. This is part of a larger cross bureau effort to extend and strengthen equity and accountability systems, support a high performance governance, governance and focus on community outcomes. We're working with partners most notably the bureau of planning and sustainability, smart city data services team and the city budget office performance team to align and connect our outcomes based accountability data and performance management models into a unified approach. While exploring opportunities to coordinate, elevate and scale and we've actually seen the application of this framework on a small but more intensive scale with American rescue plan delivery. And we think that exemplifies the benefits and

speaks to a little bit of where we'd like to go. And I won't go into too many details because I know we're limited on time. I'll just say that as part of the American rescue plan delivery data and equity strategy team, we along with our partners, developed an approach in parallel to equity plan updates. So it was intentional and intentional that these mirrored each other. And because of the investment, priority, outcome and project alignment and consistent and reliable data management and reporting, we can show impact in progress throughout an project's lifespan and tell the story across projects. So, for example, we can better understand the services and service distribution of an individual individual project like safe rest villages us. And we can also look across this information from across individual projects like safe villages, rental assistance, utility debt assistance to be transparent and accountable about what we're doing and how we're doing to more broadly support households. Stabilization as an investment area and how we're doing to prioritize communities most impacted by the economic and health impacts of the pandemic. So we want to show impact and progress of plan actions across plans and be strategic about how long term bureau strategies can individually and collectively align and meet community needs to broader outcomes in a similar manner. So maybe look at those broader outcomes like furthering stable, affordable, quality housing of choice, which would include many cross bureau strategies and actions. And that way we can look and see how we're advancing progress within that particular area. We know that this great work is happening in the bureaus and across teams and the actions and strategies are really what matter. We want to elevate that work and create consistency at a city wide level. So a continued integration with our partner processes and ongoing planning and building in that layer of accountability can aid city decision making and program ing and lend to a more invested community, better outcomes, clear impacts and increased trust. The

plans and the subsequent management are important steps and tools to support ongoing implementation of a comprehensive equity strategy. That's intended to yield equitable outcomes and improve the lived experience of all people. In Portland, we have a lot of exciting work ahead and to do this well and be effective, these tools and this framework does need ongoing leadership support and involvement in bureau and service area commitment. I'll pass it to jeff to talk a little bit more about advancing the work as we look ahead. Thank you. Thank you, danielle.

Speaker: So the office of equity and human rights was established 12 years ago in response to demand from communities of color to get the city's house in order in terms of equity. But the office was established with little authority and oversight capacity. So my staff has had to navigate the structural barrier barrier by being widely creative, collaborative and persistent. And we've been remarkably effective given our structural barriers under our current city structure. What has gotten lost in some cases is priority and purpose. The racial equity plan process shines a light on the uneven and disparate approaches to equity in a siloed form of government. Next slide, please. Under our current government structure, bureaus were not compelled to adopt our methodology approach or measures of outcomes. Although the office of equity needed certain benchmarks and data to fulfill our citywide responsibilities to community and City Council. But many equity practitioners are overloaded with additional tasks. And as dr. Means mentioned earlier, leadership and staff turnover. Covid-19 transition planning, all those presented challenges to ensuring the racial equity plan process continue. City so the office of equity has the talent vision strategy and know how to move equity work forward in the city. We just haven't had the authority needed to fully meet the city's promise to community. But a big part of that struggle is about to change for

the better. Thanks to commissioner Ryan's unwavering support, the acknowledgment from mayor Wheeler and the City Council, Mike Jordan and the city's transition team, the office of equity is elevated in the new city structure, and the office of equity will report to a new equity officer position under the city administrator. And my team and I are looking forward to leading this strategic planning process with city leaders and the city transition team. So elevating the office is a monumental step forward, but truly connecting the city's equity work is the next task at hand. We have to unify our enterprise wide equity work to fulfill our promise to community a unified, standardized, citywide equity approach would allow us to use the city's investment of equity funding more responsibly and allow us to collaborate more effectively in our data driven work on behalf of community, I recommend creating senior equity administrator positions in each service area, reporting to the equity officer. That way, equity administrators could coordinate equity work with equity practitioners throughout their bureaus in their respective service areas. But also collaborate with their equity administrator counterparts across all service areas. All under the direction of the equity officer and the office of equity. So so I want to thank you. City Council mayor, for elevating the office of equity in the new Portland government. That elevation and a cohesive strategy to unify the city's equity work will allow us to fulfill our promise to communities of color and other systemic, excluded and institutionally oppressed communities in a more robust and efficient manner. And with the urgency it deserves and this was a true city wide collaboration. And I'd like to thank the city budget office performance team planning and sustainability, smart city data services team, the delivery team. Sujatha Ambati, who was part of our staff, who Dr. Cheryl Felicia Means took over for in this work. And thanks to Dr. Means for shepherding shepherding the bureaus through this herculean process and also to Danielle Brooks for her continued

leadership. And I want to thank the equity managers, equity practitioners and staff around the city who took the time and care to create their plans. And that does it for the formal presentation. But we can take questions at this time.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Any questions at this point? Keelan do we have? Oh, commissioner Ryan, wait, wait.

Speaker: Let's wait for it.

Speaker: If there's any public testimony.

Speaker: Yeah. Keelan do we have anybody signed up?

Speaker: We have one person sign up. All right. I'm just see if they're here. Tina. I don't think they've joined us.

Speaker: Very good, commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Thank you. Interim director selby and your amazing team. That was a great report out. Just a couple things really stood out. I know we've had conversations about this and I'm pleased to see that we're moving more and more towards results based accountability. And I love that we're also moving more towards having some indicators out in the community and how the work is landing with the services that we're providing to Portlanders. So can you give an example of both of those where it could just you have a better understanding of what both the results based accountability and an example perhaps of a community wide indicator?

Speaker: Danielle, could you take that, please, since you've been involved? Absolutely

Speaker: Um, so I think one of the easiest examples might be around looking at an outcome around stable, affordable rooted housing of choice, affordable housing of choice and, and as far as an indicator goes, you know, we can easily look at there's, there's so many numerous indicators and data that's part of our data provided by

our Portland housing bureau and we can look at rent burden by community and across neighborhoods. Um, so that could be a, a broad community indicator. Um that we might look at, we might look at some of the information from um, the point in time count other things like that to see how communities are doing and kind of those long term things. And we might look at a strategy that could include, you know, as far as tying the work, we might look at multiple types of housing strategies that can range from, you know, coordinated development, housing, affordable housing production and preservation to more, you know, like upstream, um, permitting processes and improvements to permitting processes all the way down to shelter, um, providing temporary shelter sites and services, direct services to houseless individuals so it can range and we can look to see progress. So I think we want to have a little bit of dialog on this is I know when I was overseeing bds there, except for the audit or doing an update every ten years and then we find out that things weren't going well, it was really important to get real time data and I think that and we did that with looking at in housing bureau as well with evictions.

Speaker: And we were doing it with a dashboard on cyprus villages. So I think that the more that each leader in bureaus and offices has their community wide indicators that are updated and then moving more towards disaggregating them on things like such as race, we can actually what you measure matters. I never forget years ago at an equity training this person kind of upset some people in the room but they said if you're not measuring equity, you're not doing equity work and so I think that it's really pleasing for me to see how this is evolving in the office of equity. And I want to thank you for that. And I want to encourage all of us to lead our bureaus and our offices to have more community wide accountability with our indicators and how they connect with equity. So thanks.

Speaker: Very good. I just had, you know, two basic questions. Well, one is really question one's a comment. First of all, thank you for a really outstanding report. And I also want to thank the team. Uh, commissioner Ryan, what have you done? I want to thank the team for, uh, taking the time to meet with each of the commissioners individually, myself included, and answer a lot of questions. I found that very useful. Could you clarify one point, just so I'm sure I understand it in this report, there's discussion of internally facing versus external facing community efforts. Could you just put a finer line on on how do you see those efforts evolving just so I understand how much you're intending, we focus internally on our city's recruitment retention and culture versus efforts in the community. Where do you top level, where do you see us heading.

Speaker: Well, danielle, do you want to go ahead and start us off? And then I can fill in if needed? Sure

Speaker: I mean, I think that there's kind of some distinctions around internally facing there's definitely the focus that can be on like as you spoke to kind of the employment employees and workplace culture side of things, which is a huge and important part of the work. There's also internal parts of the work that might improve how we make decisions so different data tools, decision making criteria, engagement practices that we can put in place that are intended to impact those community services. And that's really when we're talking about external, is how are we align winning internal work to focus on the external and how are we also aligning that our public services, our the work that has a public impact right towards those more equitable outcomes. So it's intended to be kind of a logic model in multiple ways. Guess if that makes sense. Um, I do think that oftentimes we can, um, bureaus there can be there isn't enough attention paid to all of it. Guess bureaus might focus their attention one way and not another. And we really

do need to look at, at, at all. At most of the work. And I think we need to be better about coordinating that external and public facing work.

Speaker: So would it be your contention then, danielle, that that as we move into the future here, we'll see more external facing efforts from the office? Is that a fair statement or is it just a balance you're seeking ?

Speaker: If you wouldn't mind me jumping in real quick, I would just say that everything the office of equity does has an external impact to everything we do is on behalf of community. There's certainly work force equity issues that that we work on as well. But the work we're doing and one of the reasons why these racial equity plans were so important was for us to be able to collect data on how to better serve institutionally oppressed and systemically excluded communities. So the whole the conversation about internal and external has always been a little bit confusing in that our work is external. It impacts community heavily and that's why we were formed. Um, as far as the workplace equity goes, you know, you can attract a diverse workforce, but if you don't have the systems and structures in place to support a diverse workforce, then that's where we run into not being able to sustain the diversity that we want to have on the city workforce. So sorry to interrupt, danielle, if you have anything to add, please, please do.

Speaker: No, don't have anything to add. You covered it nicely.

Speaker: Good. And i'll just make my comment, which is based on the conversation we had the other day. It sounded to me like there were some obvious opportunities around the centralization. And as we move to a new form of government, we have a new mayor, a new council with fresh eyes. It seems to me there's opportunities to consolidate some of the efforts that are now happening in disparate bureaus under different leadership and have more of an enterprise wide strategy around around inclusion. So I really appreciated those thoughts as well that we had the

opportunity to share. I'm all done. Anybody else have any questions or comments? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Speaker: So moved commissioner Mapps moves to accept the report.

Speaker: Can I please get a second?

Speaker: Second? It's fine. I'm not working now.

Speaker: It's working. I hear you, commissioner Ryan, seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Ryan and bhr for this report and today's presentation. I vote yea meal.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Ryan for being a leader in bringing this updated plan and approach. I also want to thank the office of equity and human rights for taking on this incredibly important work and specifically thank you to danielle and dr. Means for developing a data framework that's based in accountability and embeds the process with proper checks or important checks in points for compliance. And then I also want to appreciate, along with my colleagues, although the work of the folks in the bureaus who do this work every day and are putting their plans together and sharing their input with this office so I look forward to seeing the work continue. I vote yea thank yeah.

Speaker: First of all, thank you. Thank you so much colleagues for engaging in leaning into this report. And I really want to give my heartfelt thanks to our interim director, selby danielle. Dr. Means and all your bureau staff for your dedication. You really have taken this beyond compliance and into a creative, innovative way of moving forward with equity and again, leading this work and making it operational, making it data driven, making it results based to actually achieve population results beyond internal as well, is very important. And aspirational. And, you know, the equity movement, if you will, just keeps evolving and so I think what's hard for

some people about this work is to just accept that it's continuous improvement work at its root level every day. And so that we just have to keep being humbly hungry to keep learning and being curious as we can keep making this better for the city and it's an economic driver when you really get right down to it. We have communities that we failed, especially when think of our newer arrival communities and how they always are. There are emerging economies and you've got to really get them into the fold of your city and into the economic ecosystem. So I think that sometimes equity isn't connected to that through line. So I just wanted to give a shout out to that as well. I'm just really pleased with the role. I think that we do have a chance as we evolve into the new org chart, if you will, to really look for that approach that breaks down those silos. And we have the disciplines that are common throughout all bureaus and that we have that influence that is supportive and helpful as offices and city in this city and all bureaus in the city get more aligned with how we can keep making progress and get better population results. My point is I'm really pleased with the progress that I've witnessed in my time of overseeing the office of equity. Thank you so much. I vote yea. Or accept the report.

Speaker: Well. I vote to accept the report.

Speaker: Thank you. Well I want to acknowledge that this was a multi year effort leading up to this point.

Speaker: I want to thank everybody in the bureau. Commissioner Ryan, thanks for your stalwart leadership to keep this moving in a really positive and productive way. I'm happy to support the effort. I vote yea and the report is accepted. We'll move to item 992. It's also a time certain and it is a second reading grant residential solid waste collection franchises in the city of Portland. This is a second reading of anonymous agency ordinance is there any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. I. Yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank mike, evan and quinton for their presents, motions to the council and also all the background work to get us to this new franchise agreement and this agreement before us largely keeps our current system intact while adding improvements to keep in alignment with our values and guiding principles and the system with timely updates ensures that Portland residents have a consistent, reliable service within the city. Approved rates. So happy to support this I vote yea Ryan yeah, thank you, commissioner Mapps for your leadership.

Speaker: You really did bring a lot of opinions to the table and you landed a policy that we can move forward with. And for that hard work, I give a lot of credit and I vote off gonzales, but i. All right.

Speaker: The ordinance is approved. Thanks, everybody. Next item is, uh, the last item on our time. Certain agenda item 993, a report.

Speaker: We're a little early for that one.

Speaker: Uh, so we are. Let's. Let's keep moving, though. Let me jump to something else. Come back to that. Why don't we go. To 100? Well, actually, shoot, I hate to do that because that's a bit meatier. Um. This is time certain at 1045. Why don't we just take a quick break and we'll reconvene at 1045. We're in recess. Thanks.

Speaker: Is not going to work.

Speaker: We will do 993, please. And appointment. Appoint dan floyd to the children's levy allocation committee for term to expire December 31st, 2025. Colleagues, this item reviews a new appointment to the Portland children's levy allocation. I'll turn this committee. I'll turn this over to commissioner. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Yes, the Portland children's levy allocation committee is a five member board that oversees the implementation of the Portland children's levy. That's a voter approved levy that was in fact improved. Just this past May. The committee or in 2022 last year. The committee makes policy decisions and grant funding recommends actions to City Council. Committee members include a seat for representative of the business community and I will now turn it over to Lisa Pellegrino, the director of the Portland children's levy, for a brief overview of Dan Floyd's qualifications to serve on this committee. Hello, Lisa. Take it away. Thanks Commissioner Ryan, and good morning, council members.

Speaker: I'm Lisa Pellegrino. I use she/her pronouns and I'm the director of the children's levy. I'm delighted to tell you a little bit about Dan Floyd. He brings a range of key qualifications to this position. He grew up in Portland and attended Portland public schools and Lewis and Clark College. He gained extensive experience in public affairs and government relations, opening with the Northwest Grocery Association and Safeway. He also worked with community based organizations that provide hunger relief services in both paid and volunteer capacities. And the levy funds hunger relief supports in the city of Portland. So his knowledge in that area would be useful. He is currently the chief operating officer and co-owner of Hood to Coast Race Series and the president of Floyd Public Affairs. And he co-founded On Shelf Partners, a retail food brokerage. So he's a long time member of the local business community. And in addition to that, he's has broad volunteer experience with organizations that focus on youth and equity. He served on and chaired many nonprofit boards, including All Hands Raised Providence, Portland Medical Foundation, the Oregon League of Minority Voters and Insight, which is a nonprofit that supports youth with disabilities. So I'm delighted to recommend him for appointment to the committee and hope you all proven very good.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, any questions or any thoughts at this juncture and do we have mr. Floyd present? Did he want to make any comments?

Speaker: No. He's on a timely vacation.

Speaker: Well, yeah.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Do we have any public testimony on this report? No one signed up. Very good. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report and the appointment.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: We have commissioner. Commissioner Ryan moves. Commissioner Mapps seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none call the role apps. Hi.

Speaker: I was really delighted to see dan's name. I have a lot of confidence in his leadership and he's very child centered in his perspective and he'll be really great in this role. I'm happy to vote. I yea. Ryan. Yeah, thank you.

Speaker: I'm really pleased to introduce dan floyd appointment to the Portland children's levy committee. I just a little bit of a story. I've known dan now for some time, which is says a lot since he's quite young, but I remember how he was always active as a coach in little league. And then when would we'd work out around the same time in the morning at floyd athletic club. He would be there with like anywhere from 2 to 5 of his players every day at 7 a.m. Before school to see teenagers at 7 a.m. Working out with their coach, um, made me realize, all right, this guy is so committed to youth and having someone with that lived experience at the policy table, making decisions is exactly the kind of leaders you're looking for in these positions. So thank you for all the good work you do it at hood to coast race series and your leadership in this city and now choosing to spend some time overseeing the good work of the Portland children's levy. I vote to accept the report.

Speaker: Thanks, Alice.

Speaker: I vote to accept the report.

Speaker: I am grateful that we have terrific people like this stepping forward. Lisa, thank you for your long standing leadership. I had the privilege of serving on this allocation committee twice, twice in two different capacities. And frankly, your great leadership and your incredible sense of organization helped make it much, much easier than it would have been in the absence of that kind of great leadership. Commissioner Ryan, thank you for bringing forward a terrific nominee. This is great. I vote yea the report is accept the appointment is approved. We'll now move to the regular agenda. And again, we'll do a little bit out of order. But for now, we're in order. We'll start with 1005 and emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Great. 5000 non-represented classified actions to support the transition to the government structure supported by city charter and establish compensation ranges for these classifications.

Speaker: Colleagues in alignment with the recently adopted organizational chart. This ordinance creates classified actions and compensation ranges for the future city administrator. The assistant city administrator, deputy city administrator, mayor's aid manager. Mayor's senior aide classification and compensation analyst. Barb seipel. Classification compensation and pay equity manager risa williams and charter transition project manager shoshana oppenheimer are all here to present the item. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Commissioners my name is shoshana oppenheim, transition project manager, eischeid pronouns. And we're here for council consideration of the classifications that will align with the charter amendments and the council approved organizational structure for adopting the classifications is a technical and administrative first step in developing the position descriptions

necessary to recruit and hire our new city leadership and support positions for the new executive mayor. This ordinance was filed as an emergency ac to make it effective. Today rather than in 30 days, which allows the city to enter the classifications into our organization software and utilize the classification in the budget development process. The sequencing of the council action on the organizational chart and cal target preceded today's ordinance. I'm joined by risa williams, manager of the classification compensation and pay equity group. And barb staples classification compensation analyst risa and barb will walk you through the process used to develop the classified positions you're considering today and the methodology used to set compensation ranges for these roles. So with that, i'll pass it. Teresa thank you.

Speaker: Shoshanna mayor and City Council. My name is risa williams and I use she her pronouns. I'm the classification compensation and pay equity manager. You may hear me affectionately refer to my team as class comp, but before we present the classifications for the new structure, the current slide provides a summary of commonly used terms that are included in our presentation today. Now, this is not to imply that you may not be familiar with these terms as rather we want to provide clarification to those who may not be as familiar with these industry terms and definitions as a classified session is a broad description of a body of work and a position is distinct from a classification in that one or more positions may belong to a classification. For example, while there's a water efficiency coordinator in the water bureau and a major patch program coordinator in parks, both positions belong to the coordinator to classify location, which is assigned the same minimum and maximum rates of pay and they are still distinct positions as each incumbent in those positions is paid anywhere within the pay range based on their their experience and in accordance with pay equity. All pay ranges at the city of Portland.

Make up the pay structure. The next slide class comp was asked to create classifications that currently do not exist and to modify existing classifications to align with the current amendments and the new city organizational structure that council approved on November 1st. Developing classifications and recommending pay ranges for new bodies of work. It's a common practice for classification and compensation professionals. The city charter requires that we have a classified location for city administrator crater, for example, which is a new body of work. So next I'll pass it to Barb Seibles, who will walk through the analyze basis for developing the new classifications. Barb thanks, Teresa.

Speaker: Good morning. All I'm Barb Seibles. She her pronouns compensation analyst with brhs class comp team the first step in approaching our assignment was to understand the new body of work that will be introduced into the city's operations. The class comp team relied on information from the city charter for classification descriptions of similar roles already established by other municipalities and conversations between bhr and the transition team to share current thinking and talk through any unknowns. Based on this information. Then we composed descriptions of the needed classifications. As next slide please. And apologies. My previous statements were were in relation to this slide. Um um. And now, now I want to talk a little bit about, about modifying existing classifications patterns. So our first task was to identify the work, understand that we needed new classifications, but some roles in the new structure are similar to already existing classification roles that have already been established by the city. In these cases, we modified the existing classification specifications to reflect the changes. In other words, we made edits to the existing commissioner staff rep and commissioner staff rep, senior classifications to align more closely with the future roles of council aid and council. Senior note that the mayor's office employs positions in the

commissioner, staff rep and commissioner staff rep. Senior classifications as a housekeeping task, we are creating new classifications is specifically aligned with the mayor's office. Next slide please. Once the classification descriptions were developed, the next step was to determine pay ranges for these classifications. As the city has policies that guide this work. And because we seek to be competitive, we reference data from from municipalities of similar size and structure and strive to pay no less than the market average market data should be robust to be meaningful, more data points are better than fewer within reason. We gather pay data associated with similar classifications found at external municipalities and understand that no two classifications will be the same. Because of this, we represent we reference the market average age market data, however, is just one point of reference. Pay ranges for new classified locations must also dovetail with the existing pay structure. We review existing classifications in terms of level of responsibility and authority, relative to the new classification and note where they fall in the compensated structure. In addition, when we consider the pay ranges of classifications that will report up to the new classifications and those that will supervise them. Next slide please. In summary, the process, the class comp team uses to set pay is guided by policy. We conduct a market survey, we evaluate existing classifications and we align the new classifications to the internal structure. The final process step in the process is to make our recommendation for council approval. I'll pass the presentation back to risa.

Speaker: Thank you, barb. Next slide, please. So to summarize, we're here to approve five classifications that do not currently exist. You've heard from barb about the process and information we use to determine win competitive pay rates. Council approval is required to establish the new classified locations, and at this time there is no budget impact from the ordinance before council today, council will

consider the fiscal impacts of these positions during the budget process. The creation of these classifications is a necessary first step toward recruiting and hiring new city leadership and to establish support for the new executive mayor. Today, the ordinance directs the bureau of human resources to create five new non-represented classifications into establish the compensation rates. Next slide, please. So after council approves the classifications and pay ranges, we can move on to next steps. The new classifications can be added to city systems and positions can be developed so that they will be filled when needed. This concludes our presentations. We will now take any of your questions. Next slide, please. Thank you.

Speaker: Great. Thank you for the presentation. Commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Hi there. Could you walk me through for the deputy city administrator this range and how it compares to bureau leads? Under our current system.

Speaker: Yes, this is barb. Be happy to speak to that. So we did hear from the charter transition team about the organizational structure and what classifications would be reporting up through through into the deputy city administrators. And our understanding is that a director, three level positions will report into the deputy city administrator. So we wanted to give space by between those two classifications as to account for compression issues, cases where supervisor pay would be too close or potentially below the pay of subordinates. So currently we, the director three pay at the city of Portland. Apologies. While I find that information.

Speaker: Yeah, I have that range. So the range is the range for director three the pay range currently starts at above 183. So. 1000 \$183,934.40. And then the top of the class or the top of that range. Is \$273,769.60.

Speaker: Okay. Um, no, that's helpful. And could you both for those listening at home and frankly, I need the reminder, director three versus director two and one,

could you give me the 32nd version of that hierarchy. Or you'd like the salaries for those?

Speaker: Also?

Speaker: No, just the difference in classification. What's the basis for director one, two and three on in the status quo?

Speaker: Yes, it has.

Speaker: Yeah, go ahead, barb. I was just going to say, i'll let you take that one.

Speaker: Thank you. Um, the distinctions between the director levels one, two and three have to do with the size of the budget and staff. Um let's see. Director one must meet two of the following three requirements responsible for a minimum of 0.1, but less than 2% of the total city budget, a minimum of one, but less than three manager, a three or higher level direct reports and a minimum of 0.1, but less than 1% of the city's fte full time equivalent staff. Director two must meet two of the following three requirements. Responsibilities for a minimum of 2, but less than 5% of the total city budget. A minimum of three but less than five. Manager three or higher level direct reports and a minimum of 1, but less than 5% of city ftes. And the director. Three must meet two of the following three requirements.

Responsibility for a minimum of 5% of the total city budget and a minimum of five manager three or higher level director reports and a minimum of 5% of city full time equivalent staffing. Thank you for that background.

Speaker: If you don't mind, if you could send my office just a reminder of those job descriptions for director one through three. I'd appreciate it. Um, you know, i, i, I speaking personally here, I do not feel a compelling need for us to have separation between director three and deputies as salary ranges. I think it's conceivable that we're going to have many bureau directors that will continue to have potentially substantially more responsive ability than some deputies, depending on what the

next form of government chooses to implement and control. Um I'm certainly concerned about the budgetary impacts. When I look at the total weight of these deputies is on and frankly, the, the, the whole hog when we talk about city administrator deputies and assistants here, um, so that's kind of my initial sort of thoughts and concerns there. Um with that component on the assistant assistant city administrator greater, can you just remind me what, what we were comparing that role to as we were coming up with this salary range, right?

Speaker: So the assistant city administrator, as it was, it was described, is very for the city of Portland, is very different from what we typically find in the market. In the market that the assistant city administrator is typically kind of a co kind of second in command, has the authority of the city administrator here in the city, administrators absence. However for the way that the position or the classification is formulated for the city is that it is responsible. For service areas or areas of focus that are smaller and less complex than those that would be overseen by by a deputy city administrator for. And so in order to determine a pay range for that classification, since market wasn't a great indicator, since since our classification does appear to be unique. Um, if I'm not mistaken, we looked at sort of average rates of, uh, typical assistant city administrator roles and I believe the, the city administrator's chief of staff role, if I'm not mistaken. And created sort of a took the average of those two to um, pay ranges to, to develop the pay range for our assistant city administrator for as well as looking at what classifications would report up to it and ensuring there was some separation, a gap between the pay of the assistant city administrator and those classification options. It would supervise.

Speaker: Okay. That's helpful. Um, I guess the last just general observation, I think this exists in the status quo, but it's certainly being carried over. Um there is an interesting sort of disparity between elected staff and administrator staff. I think

that's a reality today. I mean there's a when you look at some of the skill sets that that, you know, the mayor's chief of staff or commissioner, chief of staff carry, that potentially could carry in the Portland building. You make more in the Portland building than you do in city hall for those type of positions. Um, again, that exists today. Okay. Um, i, I sometimes wonder from an architecture perspective if that's an ideal, you actually have less security and working for an elected less pay than in the bureaucracy. Again that's nothing new in this form of government. I think you're carrying over some, you know, some architecture. There but it's more of an observation and I don't know if you all have thoughts on that, but I just sort of a note there. If you don't have any thoughts on it, that's fine, too. I just just just observing sort of the trend there. But I think I'm good for now.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan. This report, you know, anytime you see an emergency ordinance on something that's so big like this, it's natural for us to want to have some more dialog.

Speaker: I know we in the charter review commission, I remember when I'd meet with them, I'd say, you know, the real hard work is going to be building this new org chart. Um as we move into a new form of government. And so this council has been tasked with partnering with you because they didn't do that part. We, we are doing that. So when we're in these conversations, we just want to make sure we get it right and so when you see the emergency clause, you want to make sure that you don't vote on something that you're unaware of. And when you and it was hard to for me to understand how this crosswalks with the budget because this is definitely going to be in my experience it's going council by far the most challenging budget upcoming budget process that we're in. So I really appreciate commissioner Gonzalez's questions, both about that, but also about are we just moving over

some architecture that we could probably have a debate about to improve as we move into this new org chart? So I'm I'm a little baffled by one is why is this an emergency ordinance today? Why didn't we have a first reading? I'm curious.

Speaker: I can take that one. I think that due to the sequencing of the organizational chart we pushed, we pushed that hearing back and then the target back. So it just kind of compressed our time in order to be ready for the budgeting process. So if it was a regular ordinance, yes, it would be effective in 30 days. And so that eats into our administrative time to be ready for the budgeting process and have this information into the systems. For the budgeting process. So so um, so the problem we're trying to solve is what by it's just a timing issue. The emergency ordinance allows it to be in effect today. Okay. So that we can use the information in the budgeting process and have the information into the software used by our budgeting partners and maybe this is barb may be able to provide a little bit more information, which is that creating new classifications and integrating them into our our human resources information system.

Speaker: Sap and into other, um, electronic systems like neoga, which is our recruitment system. It does take time and, you know, there's, there's process. Um, and so in order to, to ensure that, that the classification actions are in the system terms that will allow the systems to be able to use be used by the budget office when they're, uh, you know, developing the budgets and be able to be used by, by the recruitment team to, to set up recruitment so that when approvals are gained, um, things can function quickly and you can't start some of that preliminary work without council approval. Correct? We're unable to create classifications, patterns in the system until council has approved them.

Speaker: Um, mayor, i'll pull away, but I'm sure we might have some. Do we have any public testimony on this? This this would be the only day they could provide it.

We didn't really give them an on ramp to do that. So do we have any public testimony? Keelan no one signed up.

Speaker: Oh. Sorry sorry. Go ahead. Go ahead. No, i'll go ahead.

Speaker: Commissioner gonzales.

Speaker: Well, i'll I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt your your flow there, commissioner Ryan. I had I had one additional question that you kind of I kind of had a frozen moment, like, okay, this is this is this is something that that I can't tell how big it is.

Speaker: Like what we have a chance to edit this going forward. And so we have again, this is complex and we have a big budget challenge coming up and again, the most important work that we needed to do to restructure our city to serve Portlanders better is the organizational chart. That's what was flawed. And since the charter review commission chose not to touch that, they focused just more on political jobs. And we're the team that has to keep doing this right for the city of Portland. I just want to make sure I don't regret these moments when there's a emergency clause on something. And I and I haven't had a lot of time to digest this.

Speaker: Maybe I could just jump in.

Speaker: Commissioner gonzales. You might have some more pointed questions that would move this along. So thank you. Um commissioner Ryan, I'm happy to respond.

Speaker: I just want you to maybe think of it as the scaffolding. Today's classifications are really just the scaffolding for the decisions, future decisions that you'll make. You'll make again a decision about the funding of these positions in the budget process. You'll make a decision about the deputy city administrator as you're working through your service areas about the roles and responses, abilities of the deputies that really kind of make the position description real. So this is just

really the architecture here and flows from the organizational chart that you approve. Moved in on November one. So that's the way I would think about the decision that's before you today, the decision that you're you're making today doesn't, um, we're not finalizing.

Speaker: Shoshana, I really appreciate this. So we're not finalizing positions. We're not finalizing positions. Okay.

Speaker: Correct. You're just creating the scaffolding for us to do the next important steps of either talking to the community about the candidate profile for the city administrator, uh, collecting information from the service areas about the specific roles and duties for the deputy city administrators. But this kind of gives us the container in order to have those conversations is by creating the classification zones, which are very broad brush, as I think barb and risa explained, classify locations are such that they're used by multiple bureaus. That's how the broad architecture of the classification in the specifics of the deputy city administrator and their roles and responsibilities, the specifics of the ideal candidate profile for the city administrator will come in in the first few sorry future conversations.

Speaker: Mr. Yea. Rubio or commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: You know, commissioner can go first. I've already asked a bunch of yea. Rubio thank you, commissioner Gonzalez um, so i, um.

Speaker: I am in generally in support of this. We had our questions answered and I know this is just a classification to allow you to go to the next phase, right? And so we're not, we're just creating the, the space. Um, my, I just do want to ask and follow up to you, commissioner Gonzalez point about, uh, pay scales for council staff and mayoral staff. Just, um, i, is there going to be opportunity to really, um, look at that and really assess, uh, the breadth and skill needed for those kinds of jobs because they, they don't compare to like, you know, budget size or fte. It's a

different kind of load of work that is done. So just want to make sure that that's captured somewhere and is there going to be an opportunity to look at that again.

Speaker: Uh, i'll speak to that. Yes, absolutely. We there is always opportunity to look at our classification and compensation structure. Um I can't say that we did. The class comp team did look at pay for the council, council, senior mayor and mayor ed senior as well in the market. We did a national survey and we did find that the current pay rates for three of those classifications, asians, the city pays above the market average. And we found that for the mayor, senior aide, the market paid above what the city currently pays, the mayor's senior aide. And so that is one adjustment that we have recommended for your approval today, is to adjust that pay range to reflect market rate.

Speaker: Thank you. That's helpful.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez just to calibrate also, I kind of skipped over the big one on here as the city administrator arrange and it feels like we've had some discussion about that.

Speaker: But was that largely market informed or just to reiterate the and I mean, you have comparable cities you could at least share that where they where they fell on that position ?

Speaker: Yes, absolutely. We can we can provide any detail that you'd like to request. But we did do a national level review of city administrator classifications. So across the country, as well as looked at, uh, regional, municipal municipalities as well. So we looked at at the city of van couver, um. Oh geez. For the delay. We looked at the city of tacoma and the city of Vancouver where our regional all comparators that we found matches for our, um, we also so we also found data from las vegas, phenix san benito, san jose. Um and again, tacoma and Vancouver. And I just want to make, make note that, um, you know, we looked at all cities that

have similar structures and, you know, within sort of a range of population size. However, not all of these cities had classifications that that matched the duties of ours closely. So you know, the, the data that, that we used is basically the data that is available and that exists. So I know some folks might question, you know, why didn't you use this particular city, you know, so we are limited by by essentially you know what's available what what classifications are out there that that do share the duties and responsibilities of our roles.

Speaker: Got it. So it would it be fair to say in summary so for city administrator we have pretty good market data that was an input here, uh, for mayor's aide and senior mayor's aide. Pretty good market data. Um, it sounded like for the assistant city administrator, that was probably the most where we had to make some internal determinations and really how to weigh that one. And then the that for the deputy city administrator for partially market informed but partially trained to create some space between bureau directors in that position.

Speaker: Um, that's, that's exactly right. Um yeah. The, the assistant city administrator after we really couldn't find anything in the market that was comparable to our, our classification and um, and the, the, uh, yeah, the deputy city administrator pay was based more on internal alignment than, than market. But again, we, we do strive to pay more or at least the market average and in all cases we were able to got it.

Speaker: You know, I'm I'm going to sit here unless commissioner Ryan ask this question.

Speaker: I'm I've got to ponder on the assistant and deputies a little bit. Honestly, I want to think about that a little bit. I appreciate the answers you've given. And just just digesting in real time as I process that. So the other the other positions here makes sense to me. But and i'll leave it at that for the moment.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Thank you. I just have one last question, and that is the budget office. Timothy grewe director grewe are they involved in these conversations before they come to the council.

Speaker: That's not usually part of the process. Um and their, their role is as budget director. Uh, they're taking the inputs from the budget decisions that you make.

Speaker: I would suggest thank you for that honest answer. I would suggest going forward, as we are in meetings about the budget and the challenges of our upcoming budget, as we're building the scaffolding. As you say, i, i, I think our process needs to be improved where we do do crosswalk with the budget office and I think the budget office in this presentation would have been really helpful today for me getting this information with an emergency ordinance on it to just be more at ease with moving this along. So that would be a recommendation I would make going forward. Please

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Your points well taken. And I think that there um, in the fiscal impact you can see the reflection of the impacts to the budget. That's how we usually incorporate them. But thank you so much for that comment.

Speaker: I would also like to add just from a class comp perspective, when we think about the process of creating classifications, that is something very specific. It's industry specific to class comp and so it is not very typical for budget departments agents to be involved before those structures are created. And the role that central budget has played is in partnership with class comp and in in partnership with bureaus at the city, so that once the actual positions are created and when pay rates are determined, then central budget office can review that and they do have

input. They do have approval on whether or not it is reasonable and fiscally responsible to move forward with what's being proposed. So the other thing I want to highlight is that on the slide that contained the final proposal with the pay ranges as it it's notable that there's a minimum and a maximum. It is often most common that when positions are filled at the city, there either filled at the point of entry or somewhere in between. It is very unusual for any candidate to step into a classification and be at top of class. So when you're looking at pay range, when you're considering staffing, we oftentimes set those pay ranges so that there is opportunity for qualified candidates to be hired within that range and that there is as a period of time or a runway that allows them the opportunity to progress less and to obtain pay increases in the future based on whatever budget is set. So, commissioner Ryan, you are absolutely correct. Partnership. That is exactly what we do with the budget office. However, it is class comp that holds the responsibility and holds the base of knowledge to actually identify why and create class actions.

Speaker: You have this role.

Speaker: You become well versed eventually on the technical process of any policy that needs to move along to implement the work that said, I think the openness and the willingness to keep breaking down those silos, silos where there is a really important crosswalk here between the building of the scaffolding and the budget implications. So I think we're in a unique moment in time to start implementing some new practices. That was an whole idea.

Speaker: Great colleagues. Any further discussion? Keelan do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up very good.

Speaker: This is an emergency ordinance. Colleagues, could you signal whether or not we should remove the emerge? Well you know, it will take the vote. I can always reconsider. Call the roll by. Ryan

Speaker: Yeah, I will vote. I i will vote. I will support this. However i, I wasn't really sold on why we needed to have the emergency ordinance today. I do think I appreciate that some of my colleagues join me in having some dialog. I think the public deserve that. Um, and so I realized we have authority going forward when we do bring in the budget office as we're building. I just hope as we go forward, we have more of a crosswalk approach when we receive items like this just makes it easier to support I vote yea gonzales you know, mayor, I meant to ask about the possibility of approving part of this on emergency through amendment and part of it not and maybe i'll circle back to that in a second.

Speaker: I have I do have my biggest trepidation on the assistant and deputy descriptions here. And the color is helpful. Um, but frankly, my trepidation is about those roles is more than in the context of determining their compensation. It's actually a deeper question about the level and amount of bureaucracy we we're, we're saddling the new form of government with and so that's a it transcends the specific question. The concern there. Um i, I think I'm going to vote no on this, but I would certainly be willing to vote on an amended package that approved the mayoral aides and the city administrator just because they're well supported. It sounds like by market data. Um, but but for now, i'll vote no on the whole, on the whole thing. Taylor uh, I support this work and I want to thank the transition team for their thoughtfulness and putting this together.

Speaker: So I support it. But for proceed several reasons and for the purpose of reconsideration, I'm going to vote no. So the ordinance fails. Colleagues, I would like to move reconsideration on of ordinance 1005. Can I get a second? Second? We

have a second from commissioner Mapps. Any further discussion on the reconsideration? None. Seeing none. Please call the roll maps.

Speaker: All right, Ryan. Hi gonzales. Nay taylor all right.

Speaker: So. So I appreciate the reconsideration. I'd like to move to remove the emergency clause from item 1005. Currently in emergency ordinance. Can I get a second? Second have a second from commissioner Mapps any further any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: All right. Hi gonzales.

Speaker: Hi, taylor.

Speaker: All right. The emergence clause is removed. This is a first reading of anonymous emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. And shoshana, could you get together with commissioner Gonzalez's team and work through some of the questions that he still has outstanding colleagues, good questions. I appreciate the dialog. Thank you. Uh, next item, 1006. Also in emergency ordinance, authorized contract with axon enterprises, inc. To purchase taser equipment and accessories, not to exceed \$3,400,000 for the initial term of five years. Colleagues, this item outlines an important equipment need facing our police bureau, and it seeks approval to move forward with adequate replacements. Here today to tell us more about the current equipment and the importance of purchasing updated equipment is Portland police captain franz schoening. Welcome captain. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. And thank you, commissioners. So we're here to talk about, again, the axon taser life cycle replacement project in the ordinance in front of you to authorize a sole source agreement or contract with axon to replace our old tasers and get new ones. There has been some public interest in this. So in the interest of transparency and to provide a little additional context, I've got a very

brief presentation for you to go through. Next slide, please. So the bureau has a program of conducted electrical weapon program we've been using since 2002, and we have been using axon tasers for that entire time. Uh, it is. Axon is the only company that produces a suitable for police for the police bureau's use. And we'll talk about it for a number of reasons why that is. Our most recent contract with axon expired in April of 2023. So in order to move forward with the life cycle replacement of our current tasers, we need a new contract. The ordinance in front of council importantly, does not commit the bureau to any purchases or any specific, uh, budgetary outlays. It does authorize a sole source contract for up to \$3.4 million over the next five years. The bureau's got some internal business decisions to make about how we do the life cycle replacement, how fast we do it and the scope of our program. But this contract or this ordinance would allow us to move forward with those discussions in a timely fashion. It is an emergency ordinance because the contract act does need to be signed before the end of the year, not only to avoid some pricing increases that are scheduled with axon, but also importantly because this aligns needs to align with our body worn camera project that is scheduled for full implementation next summer. So in order for our tasers to be fully compatible with our body worn cameras, we need to upgrade these tasers in order to get that equipment ordered and arrived and get it into into hand and to train on the new tasers. We need to get this done before the end of the year. And that's why this is an emergency ordinance. Currently, all sworn members are issued a ccw. That contract cap of 3.4 million is necessary to cover the potential costs of a full transition over the next five years. Again we're having internal conversations about how fast to do that and to what extent to do that are one of the few less lethal force options available to police bureau members. Next slide, please. This is just a very quick snapshot of some force related data regarding

our program. You can see over the last three years, from 2021 to current, we've used the about 242 times 169 of those times have been when dealing with armed armed subjects. So again, this is one tool we've got that is effective at de-escalating or getting control of folks who are armed and safely resolving incidents. Next slide, please. Our current model of taser. There's a picture of it. There is the taser x2. The axon has discontinued production and sales of the taser x2. Our current inventory of x2's as we every year when our members come through in service training, we update the firmware for on the tasers. And what we're seeing is about 10 to 15% of our current x2's are encountering what they call a major error, where there some data corruption present in the firmware or the device for those tasers. We're not able to show correctly the correct date and time when we're using the tasers. And there have been there have been a very small number of critical errors where either the taser will not function or it won't capture any force data at all, and that that force data is critical for us to be to accurately report force and to be compliant with the settlement agreement and our requirements. There around force. We've had these tasers since 2015. So these are about eight years old now. And ultimately, this is just proof that the platform is reaching the end of its life cycle and it needs to be replaced. It also important the taser x2's are not compatible with our some of the features of our body worn cameras. Uh, the next generation of tasers we'll talk about in a second. When you activate the taser, it does automatically activate the body worn camera to get it to start recording these tasers are not compatible with that unless we purchase an upgraded battery at \$110 a piece. We've got a budget for that in the body worn camera program. But it's just one more reason to transition to the new generation of tasers now to avoid that that outlay that ultimately will be redundant. Next slide, please. So again, the replacement model is the taser seven. That's after conversations with our our

subject matter experts here internally and also with axon. This is the model of taser that they're recommending we move forward with. It is very analogous to the taser x2. It functions the same way. It has the same properties. There are obviously software and firmware updates, some enhanced features. One of those is the bluetooth compatibility. Again, with our body worn cameras and also better ability to upload software and download data through the wireless docking feature. Next slide. And that was that. Was it any questions? Very good.

Speaker: Colleagues. Do we have public testimony on this item? We do.

Speaker: We have two people signed up. All right. First step, we have mark paurus, Portland copwatch. Welcome

Speaker: Thank you. Can you hear me? Yep loud and clear. Fantastic good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is mark paurus. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. The emergency ordinance before you today is a request from the police bureau to spend \$3.4 million to update all the x2 model conducted energy weapons with taser seven model and accessories. This seems like just last week when we were here expressing concern around how axon has figured out how to make a fortune by making cities feel like they have to equip every officer with gadgets that need continual updating. Actually, it was just last week. This brings the corporation's recent haul from the city to an even \$6 million after council's approval of \$2.6 million worth of axon body cameras. The procurement analyst provided no written information about how many the bureau currently has, which accessories they have, how often they're used, how often they're used on unarmed people, how often they malfunction, or how many community members have been accidentally zapped since 2002, when the bureau first started using them. There's also no supporting data or reason given for choosing the model seven over the newer model ten. This appears to be the third

time in 20 years pcbs replacing all the maybe in order to keep up with changing human electrocution technology, but more likely because axon has a virtual monopoly on conducted energy weapons. Assuming the bureau is purchasing tasers for all current sworn officers, Portlanders will be paying over \$4,000 per officer to purchase the oldest model currently available through axon that can support the use of the body worn camera system. \$3.4 million for a product that's already being replaced by axon and won't buying the older model just mean another upgrade will have to be done in the near future? Another way to look at the cost of these weapons is the expected cost per use. According to pcbs, open data have been fired 520 times since July of 2017. That comes out to 83 uses per year or \$3.4 million contract being sold to you as a five year transition to the newer model. This comes out to \$680,000 per year. All of that to say it cost taxpayers approximately \$8,192 per use, according to a reuters series titled shock tactics, which has data through the end of 2018. The number of people who died in the united states after being shocked by police with a taser, often in combination with other forms of force, was 1081, including 13 people in Oregon at least one of those deaths was in Portland. Timothy grant in 2006. Also in 2005, caused the death of a pet pit bull by shocking it with one of the devices as taser international axon's previous name didn't even acknowledge that the weapons could kill until years after a jury awarded a california family over \$5 million in 2008. In the most recent compliance officers report about the d.o.j. Settlement agreement, they printed a story about a person who had had three officers fired tasers at them simultaneously, which in theory is against policy. But one officer's taser did not deploy, and the cops said their failure to alert each other by saying taser, taser, taser, as they're trained is why the other two hit the person at the same time. The doj okayed the bureau's policy in the past, saying that the use of more than one

taser at a time is only against policy if it is intentional for the person hit twice with 50,000v. The intent doesn't matter. The fact that the officers violated training, which led to an apparent policy violation should have led to consequences, but none are indicated in the report. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have dan handelman, Portland copwatch.

Speaker: Welcome, dan.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor. Commissioners, I hope you can hear me. All right. Yep my name is dan handelman. I use he him pronouns. I'm also a member of Portland copwatch. I want to encourage council to listen to us for what we're actually saying instead of what you think we're saying. Because our group is called Portland copwatch. We hope the city has been paying attention to the active litigation involving axon, the city of Augusta, maine, and new jersey township of howell are separately suing axon for artificially driving up the price of law enforcement equipment. These suits were filed in August and October of this year. The bureau's policy for body worn cameras requires that tasers be capable of turning on cameras automatically when the officers take them out of their holsters. We have to ask, though, if the officers are required to activate their body worn cameras when they are dispatched. Self dispatched, engaging with the public during a quote unquote, public order event pending to mayor it sounds like we have.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Dan, can we. We got a fire alarm in the building.

Speaker: Yeah, we're we're going to have to take a recess.

Speaker: We're in recess. Yeah

Speaker: So who pulled that? Because I was talking. To I'd be very helpful, mayor Wheeler. Thank you. Go ahead. So you already know who I am. So i'll skip that part.

So I was encouraged. I was encouraging council to listen to us for what we're actually saying, because a lot of times I feel like we're not being listened to because of the name of our group, Portland copwatch. We hope the city's been paying attention to active litigation involving axon in the city of Augusta, maine, and new jersey township of howell are separately suing axon for artificially driving up the price of law enforcement equipment. They were filed in August and October this year. The bureau's policy for body worn cameras requires that tasers be capable of turning on when officers take them out of their holsters. So we wondered why, if the officers are required to activate their body worn cameras when they are dispatched, self dispatched, engaging with the public during a quote unquote public order event, attempting to conduct a traffic or pedestrian stop and conducting a search. Why the cameras? The cameras should therefore be on already. And there's no reason for the automatic activation. But then again, when they might accidentally forget to turn them on. So maybe it's just as well. Perhaps one data point to collect is how often the cameras will be activated remotely versus when officers turn them on as required. We remind you that this item is only before you because it's a sole source procurement and exceeds the chief procurement officer's authority threshold of \$1 million. The use of tasers was one of the key reasons the doj found the city was using excessive force in 2012, investing in more of these weapons that feel like torture and can kill people is not an acceptable use of taxpayer dollars as a follow up to last week's hearing, we were unable to find any information about the results of the body worn camera pilot program in by speed, as mentioned by another community member in their testimony. We're still asking that the city release the results of that pilot project to the public, along with the criteria used to judge their effectiveness and who sat on the evaluating committee. We should not have to waste our scarce resources at our tiny, all volunteer

nonprofit. But filing a public records request for information on the much touted body cameras, this also leads to the question of whether the tasers used by officers during the pilot program were loners are the same model that are being authorized for purchase, and if so, whether the pairing of tasers and the body cams with automatic camera activation was necessary during that time. So as long as the apb does have tasers, it's important to note that for a brief time, the pointing of the device is laser sight was considered a use of force in the same way that pointing a firearm is. But chief rosie sizer decided to discontinue that policy because no other agency was doing it. Rather than taking the lead for the rest of the country. When you see that red dot show up on your chest, that's a threat to your safety. If on a holstering tasers triggers a body cam recording that indicates the policy should be reinstated to report, aiming the tasers as a use of force. And we're not here for another lecture about how the perfect is the enemy of the good. Anyone who's ever suffered a taser, including local reporters, officers who voluntarily received zaps and were injured and the hundreds of people have died following taser use will let you know that these are not good weapons. Is it preferable to being shot? Perhaps. But maybe a better solution is to find nonviolent ways to resolve confrontations. I'll just wrap up by saying it sounds like if you buy the batteries and replace some of their failing older equipment, you can save a lot of money. Thank you very much for your time.

Speaker: Thank you. And sorry about the interruption. We had a fire drill here at city hall. Does that complete public testimony? Keelan? Yes very good. Colleagues any questions? This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. That's that's all right, Ryan, I really appreciate the testimony.

Speaker: I will vote on alice.

Speaker: Hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi. The ordinance is adopted. So, colleagues, where we are right now is. At 100 and seven. We have, uh, it looks like in terms of emergency ordinances, we have. 10091010 and 1011. Commissioner Mapps, it sounds like you have a relative quick one, is that correct?

Speaker: It um, because here's the here's the options I need.

Speaker: I need to leave like in the next two minutes. I have a press conference. However um, we will then not have a quorum for these emergency ones. So I'd propose we, we go forward with commissioner maps and, and then let's refer the rest to 2 p.m. This afternoon. Unless somebody has a better idea. I'm getting thumbs up, renee, is that okay with you? The only, the only we may have let me coordinate on testimony.

Speaker: I think voting on it, too, is fine. I just need to we do have testimony for that. Which one? And for the chat matter, which is okay.

Speaker: So then maybe because I'm going to I'm going to turn the gavel over to commissioner Ryan. We'll go ahead and do commissioner Mapps right now, before I leave, i'll turn the gavel to commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Ryan, what you could do is if we have tested simone lined up, you can you can call the item here. The item, take the testimony and then just continue it to 2 p.m. Unless legal. So I think we should give them the choice.

Speaker: If they want to come back when the full council is here. They can do that in the afternoon. So we should give them choice. Yeah.

Speaker: Good for right now let's do city attorney is nodding their head.

Speaker: Okay, good.

Speaker: 1009.

Speaker: Okay. Keelan please call item amend intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon department of transportation for the jade and montavilla multimodal improvements project.

Speaker: Great. And I understand landing commissioner Mapps that we had a little bit of a snafu last week. We amended the ordinance to update the total project amount in finding number for commissioner Mapps moved and I seconded the motion. However it had been a long day and we forgot to actually take the vote on the amendment. So at this time i'll ask is there any further discussion on on the amendment? Seeing none Keelan please call the roll on the amendment.

Speaker: Mapps hi, Ryan. Hi

Speaker: Gonzales hi, taylor all right, the amendment passes now.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps it's my understanding you'd like to add an emergency clause. Is that correct?

Speaker: Yes, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, because this has been delayed through some technical, uh, because of some technical issues, uh, if everyone's amenable, I'd like to move to make this an emergency ordinance so we can move forward with accept getting these dollars from the state at and installing this important infra structure. Improvements in the district and the montavilla neighborhoods.

Speaker: I second that commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion call the roll on the amendment.

Speaker: Hi. Hi hi, fellas. Hi.

Speaker: All right, so the emergency clause is now attached. Right now do we have to vote on the ordinances amended? I think we do, yeah. All right. Call the roll, please.

Speaker: Hi, Ryan. Hi, gonzales. Hi, taylor.

Speaker: Hi. The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you, everybody. Commissioner Ryan. I'm turning the gavel over to your able hands. Thank you, everybody.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. All right, colleagues. Um Keelan. What do you need to read the next item and go really slow on what the number is. Since we've been bouncing around so much. Yeah

Speaker: All right. The next item is ten, ten, and that is an emergency. Um, do. We'll read the title and then we'll continue it to the game. Okay great. Authorized sub recipient contract with network for Oregon affordable housing. For \$5,153,525 for the provision of grants in support of land acquisition for affordable housing development.

Speaker: Thank you, caitlin and colleagues, as you know, this is an emergency item and we don't have the proper numbers for that. Keelan did we have public testimony for this item?

Speaker: Um, no.

Speaker: Okay. So we will move this to the afternoon agenda. 2:00 let's read the next item, please. Uh, 1011 except and appropriate.

Speaker: A grant from care, Oregon. And corporated to expand the community health, assess and treat program for \$2,600,000.

Speaker: Thank you. Keelan similar to 1010. We don't have the numbers to do the emergency vote, but if we do have people here to testify in this item or present on this item, I think it's only fair that we give you the choice. If you'd like to do that now or come back shortly after 2:00 this afternoon.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, would it be okay if i. I believe and i'll pose this question to chief sullivan, that it'd be ideal that we do our testimony now? Okay, but that's your call, commissioner.

Speaker: You oversee this, and I think that's great. So the three of us will listen to the testimony. Thank you for your time and your patience, and we will go ahead and listen to public testimony. But then be voting on it this afternoon. Correct can we do that?

Speaker: Uh, just a quick point of clarification.

Speaker: No, this is just the presentation, not public testimony. Right. But I know that we have to ask the public testimony if they what their choice is. Okay all right. Commissioner gonzales, take it away.

Speaker: Well, it is my incredible honor to introduce this today. This is the extension of a care Oregon, uh, financial support to our chat program as a reminder, this is our low acuity medical program operated within the community health division of Portland fire, and it is originally instituted to help alleviate the medical system of some of our low acuity medical volume. And it is very much paramedic and medically driven under the direction of ems and it's doing fantastic things in our community and alleviating the system and has more to come in the coming year. With that, I'm going to turn over to chief sullivan, who oversees our community health division. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Good afternoon, everyone.

Speaker: I'm stephanie sullivan, the acting deputy chief of community health. And I'm here to request that council accept an appropriate grant from care Oregon to fund the community health, assess and treat program chat program. This amendment would add \$2.6 million to the grant and fund 16.5 limited term ftes and a half regular fte through September 20th, 2024. And there is no impact to the general fund and no match requirement. So if there's no questions about our fiscal impact of this program of this grant, I'd actually like to turn it over to graciella shover, who is a chat responder, and her client, jack smith. Um, chat has helped

jack transition from homelessness underneath the burnside bridge to the mission shelter for nine months and then to the clinton triangle, temporary alternative shelter and then to his own apartment. Jack is an example of the compassion and the strategic wraparound services that chat can provide to help people in need get back on their proverbial feet. Graciella has been personally instrumental in helping jack through his steps towards stability, and now I'd actually like to have jack and graciella share their story. Hello

Speaker: Good morning, everyone. I'm graciella shawver. I'm part of the chat team. I am a community health worker by trade. Also a medical interpreter. I work in the health system for many years. Ohsu project access now. Um, legacy. So I have a vast knowledge in terms of how to help our people to navigate the system and the health system mostly, and also in terms of housing in determining the social determinants of health that perhaps, you know, so in, in jack here, that was a struggling that he didn't have a stable housing. So I worked with him and I when he was at the mission, I transferred him into the bridge village and now he has his own apartment and he is very happy that that referral. Chad, our paramedic, refer that to me and we work for a couple of months before for being able to find him a place where he is. So he is. Jack, thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is jack smith. Um at a point in time had lost hope in my life while going through things in the street, waking up underneath the bridge every morning with water falling on my face. Graciella pulled me out of the absolute dumps and saved my life. Mind you, I'm willing to make changes. This is something that would help many more people. People who would could use to get off the streets and not be at war with with life and pain and struggling without out kyle and graciela from the fire department to come and save my life. I would not be in my own apartment is my first ever place of my own and I

can never repay them for this. This is an amazing program and it can provide a lot of people help them. Thank you all so much. God bless.

Speaker: Thank you all for listening for today. I really appreciate your time and just here for any questions, if you have them. Thank you, stephanie.

Speaker: And thank you, graciela and jack. Commissioner, anything else in terms of your presentation you'd like to present this time. Do you have more to present? Mr. Gonzales I think you're on mute now.

Speaker: Uh, chief sullivan, do you mind? Just teeing up what's on on deck for chat in the coming year at a high level? Sure

Speaker: Um, we are working on a buprenorphine pilot, which is going to be coming up here in first quarter of next year, and that's a pilot that's going to be providing some medication assisted addiction treatment services to those who are addicted. To fentanyl and will help be helping getting people with this wraparound services into treatment and to other facilities for their ongoing care. So that's our big thing that we have expanding here.

Speaker: Fantastic with that commissioner Ryan, that's that ends our presentation for now. Absent there being any questions and I just want to so appreciate jack for being available today and telling your story.

Speaker: Thank you, boss.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. So, caitlin, why don't we do this? Is there any public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Colleague, any questions of this wonderful of those that showed up and were patient with this presentation? If not, I have one, but commissioner Mapps no, I just want to say thank you again. Jack for being here. It's really we move we're moved by stories. We learn by stories. And so appreciate that your presentation will

have stories that we could all relate to and focus on. I want to ask this. There's Portland street response. There's chat. And I think sometimes the public gets confused on the distinction between the two. Why don't we use this opportunity to make a to provide some distinctions?

Speaker: Sure.

Speaker: The Portland street response is our behavioral health team.

Speaker: So our Portland street response responds to calls for people that are in crisis or in in the field. They may be down in a check. They may be a welfare check. They may be somebody who is acting erratically on the streets. They may also have a low acuity health care need as well. Our chat team, they respond to low acuity health care needs. So the chat team this year has diverted about 45% of the calls from the emergency department. So they're able to go out into the field and treat people and assess them and treat them in the field and keep them out of the health care system, keep them out of the ambulances, keep them out of the emergency rooms, and then we'll have that overdose response team responding to them as well. But both teams, both Portland street response and the chat teams, both of them have an aftercare team, which is what graciella is part of. And that aftercare team provides. They use wraparound service because though they may be low acuity medical needs or a lower acuity mental health need or behavioral health need, they have very complicated health care systems because of complications with either lack of shelter or lack of primary care physicians. And both the programs will help get people the services they need or get them enrolled in medicaid or in in care, Oregon, or in some other sort of insurance program. But the main difference is the low acuity medical and then the behavioral health component.

Speaker: That was very helpful. Yet there's so many similarities, right? What I just listened to and when Jack's story there's a behavioral behavioral health component to it with most people that are out there. So how is the coordination between the two first responder systems? Is how is the coordination between the two? Yeah.

Speaker: So with the because the two programs work side by side in parallel, they communicate with each other daily. These aftercare teams also have a nurse triage and care coordinator that works for chat but works also with Portland street response. So the whole program is under the umbrella of community health. So program managers work directly with each other. The aftercare teams work directly with each other. They're often the same clients and so they communicate back and forth about what kind of needs they have and who is going to be providing those wraparound services, what connections need to be made will often bring peers from Portland street response from those who have lived experience with chat to the low acuity. Just for some more experience there and somebody who's been through the process as. That's that's helpful.

Speaker: And the hearing, did you say 45% that you were this action, this service has kept e.r. Visits down by that percent? Is that what you're saying?

Speaker: What chat has respond to? Yes.

Speaker: So for what chat has responded to. Yes absolutely. So that's the one of the primary missions of chat is to lower the actual health care costs for the community. Because if we can keep people out of the emergency room for these low acuity medical needs, then we can lower the health care costs for everybody. And we can improve our emergency rooms, we can improve the number of ambulances that are available to actually take people with true medical emergencies to the hospital.

Speaker: Well, and I'll just do this with being the person who brought the shelter system alternative shelter system to the marketplace with services in the villages and now the larger villages. What we've really what I've really been I'd say not completely shocked, but still a little mind blowing is how many people still on our streets are not hooked into any system. We don't have them in the system. There's no social security. They're not they're not able to engage with these services. And so I know at the village sites, it really is a rest stop to try to get somebody safe. And hooked into the systems, like the mayor said earlier, and communication with case managers do you have that same system approach where you discover that someone just isn't connected to a public systems? Yeah, and that's where Graciela, go ahead.

Speaker: Graciela let you talk about Graciela.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: So, so when our chat team responds normally is for low acuity medical.

Speaker: So they check the patient and they talk in what's going on. Sometimes they're not enrolled, in which case. So I'm also a certified assessor with the marketplace in Oregon health plan. So we start to screen them for and then we are able to help them with the health insurance. And then after that, what we do is we basically try to make a PCP appointment. So because most of the people that go to emergency urgent care is because they don't go to their primary doctors. So everything we refer to that area, to the to the PCP and then we work within that system with the PCP, what it needs to be diagnosed properly for the patient accordingly. Then we try to place them in a shelter. So we have also the collaboration with the shelters. So we call the shelter access. And then we put them into places and then after that, we ended up going to the apartments where they qualify to apply for apartments. So we advocate for them and the medical field and

the apartment and also we do social support, social and emotional support to our clients. And that's really important for them to overcome their barriers because once they're living in the street, it's very hard to build a trust. So for me to build trust with my client, I tell them i'll be there 10:00 I have to be there at 10:00. So so education, a lot of knowledge. And not only the homeless population, also the high utilizers, other people that are trapped with medicare and medicaid, they don't understand the system and that's what also handling now. And I help them to understand and the coordination of benefits the premium copay coinsurance, all that. So chat is a amazing team. You guys need to support us.

Speaker: They have helped me with my entire life. They have helped me get my entire life to where I only could have dreamed of being a grown man, living in my dream city. So I love it.

Speaker: Well, commissioner gonzales, next time we meet with our friend eric hunter at care, Oregon, we should definitely have jack in the room. I really want to say that I appreciate you. I see you. And since you were here, I didn't want I wanted to get these questions out. Why you? Why we had your presence. I'm assuming that one of the biggest frustrations is where you take somebody after you've done your amazing triage work and your level setting intake work and so is that true? Is it challenging to know where to take someone after you do your care and I'm I'm now back to when people are homeless not when you see elders in their apartments and such. But anyway, let me listen to what you have to say on that.

Speaker: It's very challenging that, you know, I wish it would be a dream for me for sample when I meet somebody after the follow up, the chat response and I go and they are in their tent, they're on the road, they're, you know, just help another patient the other day that his leg is could not heal because he's in this tent and is getting infected over and over. I advocate with the provider to approaches you to

get a hotel. But the hotel is only for ten days. But after that, he's going to go so it would be great for us to have a shelter access probably on demand. I would say, you know, I need a shelter. Okay, bring it here. I mean, the transition project is good into that. They give us. But then some people, they have issues going in those shelters. They want to be more isolated. They want to be like they have their own space, even if it's a small box, probably their own private box. So that would be a dream for me to have those access.

Speaker: Now, I so appreciate, you know, as a builder of noticing what the gaps were. And we're just getting started on shelter with services. We see people didn't want to go to the congregate shelters without services because there really wasn't anything there that attracted them. So as we keep building the improved system from streets to stability of dialog with professionals like you is so important. And our partners in this is of course, with the county. And so they're more on that. But it just helps when we take some time to look at the components of that system that we're building and really appreciate your good work. Thanks thank okay. Any other questions? Questions commissioner Gonzalez, is that it? And then we'll just come back and vote this afternoon and commissioner Gonzalez right now is thanking everybody, me and no one can hear him.

Speaker: I'm sorry, the whole mute button thing was just chief Sullivan and Jack and Graciella for being here. We'll come back in address in more detail when we vote this afternoon. But thanks again. All right.

Speaker: Thanks so much, Keelan. Let's call the next item. Um I'm going to circle back to 1007 and 1008.

Speaker: Thank you for doing that.

Speaker: Great. Thank you.

Speaker: 1007100. Please read the items. Thanks

Speaker: Declare a surplus city owned property at 3737 north emerson street and adjacent recreational lot and authorize a public sale of the property.

Speaker: Great. Why don't we have commissioner Mapps tell us why? What we're doing with this, uh, presiding officer Ryan.

Speaker: I'm going to pull this one back to my office.

Speaker: All right. Sounds good. Please read 1008 in place.

Speaker: Sewer user charges, code to streamline and align with rates. Study recommendations.

Speaker: Okay. Um, second reading. This is a second. Just let me have a chance to find where we were. This is a second reading. We had testimony last week and so Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: That's, um, colleagues, it has been 18 years since the last time the city of Portland has conducted a rate study that is far too long.

Speaker: Getting the study done is a major step towards better government. I want to thank everyone who helped us get to this point today, especially our staff over at the bureau of environmental services. And I also want to thank the members of the public and the private sector who helped shape this ordinance for these reasons and more, I vote. I solace. You're muted, commissioner.

Speaker: I just want to thank commissioner Mapps and his team for their leadership on this. This is a complex topic devoted to getting more equitable rates in the city of Portland. I think we need to do this more often. As commissioner Mapps noted, we took some steps for or towards a more balanced and more equitable rate structure and I appreciate the work here and the response to some of our seniors who would have potentially been negatively impacted under the original proposal. So I appreciate the work here. I vote yea yea. Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, I want to thank commissioner Mapps as well, having taken on a few items where it was, let's just say, negligent that we hadn't got in and modernized and made it current. It always is rocked with some challenges and you start to wonder why this wasn't done for years and years. So anyway, I appreciate the doing the good work of government and I thought the testimony was really riveting and I am happy to vote. I this this item passes and let's move on and call the next item item 1012 amend elections code to align with the amended city charter approved by voters in Portland.

Speaker: Measure 20 6-228.

Speaker: Okay. This this is a first reading, correct? Yeah. And do we have we have the madam monitor here.

Speaker: I'm here with you today. Commissioner Ryan, this is. Yeah hi. Good afternoon, commissioners. I'm louise hansen, the city elections officer for so.

Speaker: And this is a first reading, so go ahead. The floor is yours, louise, to educate us on this item.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you so much, commissioner Ryan. Good afternoon again, commissioners. Today the elections office brings forward several amendments to city code chapters involving elections regulation means the primary purpose is to provide historical updates and align elections practices with the new form of government and city charter. Exhibit a, b and c include the amendments throughout that were made for clarity to better align with state law and for ease of administer nation. As you may recall, City Council adopted some substantive amendments to code chapter 2.08, which was for the election of candidates in April, and those sweeping changes reflect the city's method of electing candidates with the ranked choice voting as required by the city charter. So today's changes put forth minor adjustments that will become effective. Also January 1st of 2025 to align

both with the updated election of candidates chapter that was adopted and with the larger transition policies that council has already passed, such as council, organization and procedure for. So the auditor's office worked in conjunction with the city attorney's office over the past several months to review and propose these amendments that streamline and provide clear and updated language for transparent administration of elections in 2025 and beyond. And um, I'd like to briefly discuss each code chapters, primary amendments. All of the code sections have been amended to conform with the January 2025 government transition. First and foremost. In addition to that, there were some amendments made to city code chapter 2.02 entitled general provisions. It's amended to make clear and consistent definitions. The biggest proposed changes are removing references to primary candidate elections and adding language to reflect already adopted vacancy and recall procedures in city code. Chapter 2.04, which is entitled petition and measure procedures. That part is amended to modernize references and practices related to petition filings and signature and cover sheets. The biggest proposed changes relate to clarifying explanatory statement procedures recommended by state law, streamlining measure adoption dates for consistent see, and adding references to new council committees and roles where appropriate. The new council committee references were added in consultation with the city attorney's office to align with the recently revised chapter 3.02 on council organization and procedure, which now includes council committees. Importantly, as written council committees have the same authority as an elected official to place an item on the council agenda. But in order to qualify to the ballot, a vote from the full City Council would still be required. So I just wanted to highlight that, um, lastly, we also made some proposed amendments to city code chapter 2.14, which is the reporting by political consultants. That part is amended to clarify requirements for appointed officials

and make some technical changes related to disclosures by political consultants. The primary changes relate to clarifying requirements for when reports must be made after an election or a success in to office. And correcting a reference related to disclosures by political consultants for services related to city referred measures. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much, louise. Do we have Keelan? Do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: We had one person signed up. David chen, but I don't believe they've joined us.

Speaker: Okay. If they join, let's go ahead and listen to that. In the meantime, opening up to council colleagues for questions and commissioner Gonzalez, thank you.

Speaker: And thank you for the overview here. So I'm just walking through exhibit a pretty general and eliminating the references to the two separate elections. Is it anything else substantive in that exhibit a that I don't see much here, but just want to make sure I'm tracing and this is. Yeah, go ahead.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. It's mostly just small technical edits. Um I'm just skimming myself just to make sure there's no it's that is pretty much the most substantive part.

Speaker: And that's that was my quick read. I just want to make sure I was getting the flavor correct. I think with respect to exhibit b, you made a reference to refer roll over and I think we got some public comments on that. Question can you point to me the language that would require the actual referral be approved by the full council? I didn't. I just wanted to make sure I followed your logic because it sounded like you were responding to some of the comments we got as well. Um, and the

fundamental concern was whether or whether committees could refer to voters directly or not. And I just want to make sure I was following your logic in as drafted.

Speaker: So the part that addresses committees is I believe in the code portion that was adopted under 3.02. And i, I for I believe that City Council is here in case there were questions about City Council committees. So I'm going to go ahead and see if one of them would like to help respond.

Speaker: And just to be crystal clear, just the my question is rather narrow, just the actual power to refer a matter to voters. Can the committee do that? Can a committee do that directly or does it is it required to go to the full council before the referral? Um, and just wanted to follow the, the language in the, the proposed language to make sure I was mapping it correctly.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez maya is on the call, but, but she's giving me some notes. She's if she can join i'll let her. But she's having a little connectivity issues. Might be able to respond to that.

Speaker: Who are you asking? Uh the city attorney who was working on this matter.

Speaker: But it looks like she's having connectivity issues, so I can answer that question. Commissioner commissioner Gonzalez amendment does not authorize a council committee to forward a measure. The voters only the full council has authority to place a measure on the ballot.

Speaker: And so the committee has then the ability to consult with the city attorney, potentially draft the referendum. But the actual the mechanics for referral all still sits in the in the full council is your read.

Speaker: That's correct. Commissioner okay.

Speaker: And maybe after. So this is first reading, are we are we doing this? Okay, so maybe just this week and when we actually vote, if someone could just walk my

team through that the basis of that interpretation, I appreciate it. Um and then the last question on exhibit c, these are our political consultant and reporting obligations in chapter 14. Um, has there been any recent discussion that you all are aware of about updating this at a more fundamental mental level to reflect any changes in state law that have occurred since this was originally approved in 2016? And the basis for the question is really, you know, we have some shifts that have occurred at the state level, ongoing discussions in these areas. I continue to ponder whether sort of duplicate reporting obligations at the city level are really achieving their ends if when sometimes they're separate compliance obligations at the state level, that carries over from ethics to campaign finance. And frankly, the spirit of chapter 2.14, I recognize that your scope here was to update this with respect to what is mandated by charter reform. I totally get that. I follow up. I'm just curious, you know, has there been recent discussions about whether, you know, what purpose is chapter 2.14 serving under or, you know, in 2023? And does it still make sense what problems is it trying to solve? And just welcome your thoughts on that, recognizing you were not the architects of the original 2016 ordinance that put it in place.

Speaker: I mean, that was council policy. So I don't really have much to comment on that. Um the edits that we made were just very narrow in scope to align with the original intent of that council policy. Our role is just to implementation.

Speaker: I totally got it. I didn't know the city attorney. It looks like city commissioner Ryan looks like city attorney may have some comments there.

Speaker: Yeah, go ahead, linly it's good to see you.

Speaker: I apologize.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez, I am actually commenting on your prior just to save.

Speaker: Okay. That's all right. Um, if you look at 2.04040, which is exhibit b, there's existing language right now that says a measure may be submitted to the legal voters of the city by resolution of the council. So it is clear that only the council submits a measure and that's that's current practice and it will continue.

Speaker: And I'm sorry, could you give me that citation real quick just so you're in two? Oh 4040, and then what was the subsection on a1? Got it. Measure may be submitted legal votes by resolution of the council. Okay. Thank you. Got it.

Speaker: Thank you. Sorry to interrupt.

Speaker: No, that's okay. But I don't know if we want you to leave. Who was going to answer the other question? Didn't you have another question, commissioner gonzales? That legal is going to answer?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: And honestly, I think ms. Hanson essentially answered it. I mean, there is this broader conversation about about well-intentioned, uh, things that have shown up in our code in certain extents in our charter, that we're trying to solve problems of a particular point in time, um, sometimes filling gaps in state law and or perceived gaps at the time in state law and the ground on which they were built maybe has shifted since then. And where do we create space to revamp valuate some of those things where it creates duplicate sometimes internally conflicting obligation actions. And so that's a broader conversation, I think miss hanson answered my question. They they were scoped with updating this to execute on charter reform. And I don't see anything in what they've drafted that's problematic. With that in mind.

Speaker: So that then you have any more questions, commissioner I'm all good.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I actually have I want to make sure I heard you right, ms. Hanson, when you mentioned, um, Chris White questions. So right now, in our current form of government advocates, lobbyists from the nonprofit sector and the corporate sector come to us quite frequently or have come to us over the years and we report that to you when they come. Are you saying that now? Do bureau directors and bureaucratic leaders have the same transparent reporting.

Speaker: I mean, as far as the reporting requirements, the updates to this portion of the code was just about the political consult side of the reporting requirements, not political consulting side. Okay. Yeah so, um, so when it comes to the political consulting reporting requirements, it's only a elected officials or ones who fill vacancies by appointments. Now that may have to report that information and political consultants themselves would need to register with the city as well. So that was the only thing included in the scope of these particular amendments. Okay

Speaker: I'd like to reach out to your office to discuss with the transition on there's going to be more activity with with the city manager and the executive team and the bureaus. And I think to have transparent government that I believe the charter commission cared about is to make sure that we have that transparency in reporting at that level as well. I'm interested in that. I'm not making an amendment right now. I'm not saying that we need to vote on this at this moment. But because we've had this conversation, it allowed me to think about that. Have you had conversations with the charter commission and the transition team about such things yet. Bringing in the bureaucrat leadership into the fold in terms of the same guidelines that we as the current commissioners, who also have executive authority over bureaus, now we're going to have that removed from City Council. So I suspect there'll be more of that attention going to the staffing leaders in our administration. So I think we need to have conversation about having that type of transparency as

we go forward to our new adopted form of government. I I'm sure we welcome that conversation.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan in our office. We're definitely waiting to learn more about the structure of our new city government.

Speaker: That's why we're doing this all building in real time. So that's why we have to seize these moments and dialog. I see that commissioner gonzales, his hand is up.

Speaker: Commissioner, just one last point there, commissioner Ryan, I think you're dead on that.

Speaker: This is something we have to flesh out about. The movement of executive authority in deeper into the bureaucracy. And again, the original purpose for why we these type of obligations and certainly the lobbying provisions will have some similar considerations. In addition, I think that's where we originally were going, but it's dead on, right? Like the real executive administrative authority has been pushed really over to the city administrator and the team there under and the concerns about transparency, transparency, um, and the sort of the political pressure that can be put at that level applies most certainly here as a as an area of concern as well as the balancing of the compliance obligations and the reporting obligation and whether we're getting the juice from the squeeze of the new obligations. And that's sort of the we have a separate overlay of state law. And again, that's a broader comment that we just when do we revisit these things and rationalize where or where state law is adequate and what gaps where problems we're really trying to solve. So I fully follow your point and maybe what's the last question for miss hansen then? So on the lobbying rules, when do we take have those have we seen those yet or are those still on the plate to review, to update for charter reform implementation? I actually just don't remember.

Speaker: Yeah. What we're anticipating right now is to bring those forward in the spring after more engagement with commissioner's offices. Okay. Okay

Speaker: I'm good now. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. Any other questions? All right. This is a first reading. It moves on to a second reading. Thank you for your time, miss hansen and Keelan. Is that any other items? Did we go through the agenda? It was bouncing all over the place, so we covered it all. All right. Sounds good. We are going to take up again. Item ten. 11. Correct. To vote on this afternoon. Adding to the rest of the agenda. Yeah is there another item?

Speaker: There are a couple additional items that will vote on this afternoon. Will you just read all of those for the good of the order?

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Yep. Let me make sure I have patience on this.

Speaker: I've I'm shuffling through to.

Speaker: All right. I believe we're going to vote. On 106 this afternoon. We're going to vote. On 100910101011.

Speaker: All right. There's four items that we're adding to this afternoon. Yeah. 10061009 ten, ten and ten. 11 are all going to be added to this afternoon's agenda. So we will have the appropriate number of voting members of the council. So that concludes this. This morning's session. We will be well, we have something else to say. Keelan

Speaker: Yep. I made a mistake. I'm sorry. We voted on 1006.

Speaker: Okay, good. So we have three items.

Speaker: Yeah. Yeah. All right.

Speaker: 100, nine, ten, ten and ten, 11. All right. And I suspect the mayor want to take those up at the beginning of the 2:00 session, and we'll see you all soon. At 2:00 this morning. Meeting is adjourned. Bye.

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Speaker: Yeah, thank you. Um, so. So, colleagues, as you recall, we were interrupted by a fire alarm. This morning, so we fell a little behind schedule. We

have two very quick items that we need to take care of from the morning session before we get to the afternoon session. The first is item 1010, and it's my understanding that that was read, but no presenter option was given. Is that correct?

Speaker: That is correct. But mayor, I think we have we have three items. I believe one showed ten, ten and then ten, 11, I'm told all 1009 right? Keelan I thought you said that earlier.

Speaker: Keelan didn't say that and I was wrong. We only have two items.

Speaker: Oh, cool. All right. Okay, great. All right. Sounds good. Thanks.

Speaker: And hey, dan, thank you for. For presiding in a pinch this morning. I appreciate it. Uh, 1010.

Speaker: Thomas is around. We're good. Yeah

Speaker: Yeah, good. Ten. Ten, please authorize cyber incipient contract with network for Oregon.

Speaker: Affordable housing for. \$5,153,525 for the provision of grants and support of land acquisitions for affordable housing development.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Colleagues, this item updates the contract that was approved by council earlier this year to change the funding source consistent with technical changes. Council approved as a part of the fall bump. The contract is with is with network for affordable housing. NOAA per the contract, NOAA is providing grants for affordable housing developers to purchase land for future home ownership development. So with that, I'll pass it to Tanya Wolfsberger at the housing bureau to provide more information and answer questions as.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio good afternoon, everyone, and thank you for having us back to council. I think my internet cut out right when this item

came up earlier this morning. So apologies for that. If you were looking for me earlier as the commissioner said, this is just a bit of housekeeping. We're bringing this contract back because as we swapped out the source of funds back, back when you approved it prior, this was to be funded with state and local fiscal recovery sources or arpa money, and that those monies have been now swapped out to general funds, which provides a little bit more flexibility in the timeline of when we can when we need to expend the funds for land acquisitions. So everything else is the same as it was before, just the form of the contract that is being updated for the new source of funds. And as commissioner Rubio stated, this is a contract to provide grants through network for Oregon affordable housing or noaa for acquisition of land to for future development of home ownership, affordable homeownership at 80% ami or below. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

Speaker: Colleagues any questions at this point. Keelan do we have, commissioner Ryan, go ahead.

Speaker: Yeah. Real quick, because I was behind this when it first got to this level. I just want to ensure, tanya, that the intent of these funds remains the same. Yes, the intent is not changing.

Speaker: Only the source of funds. So like I said, it's a little bit of housekeeping just to recognize that we're swapping out the arpa funds for general funds. All right.

Speaker: Just have former bureau in charge pride here and want to make sure that this continues to be for home ownership. Thanks indeed.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Um do we have testimony on this item? Keelan.

Speaker: No one's signed up.

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

Speaker: Yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank the bureau for their work on this. And thank you, commissioner Ryan, for your work earlier in in years past as well. I vote yea Ryan yeah, I'm really happy to see that the housing bureau is showing up for really what does allow us to create intergenerational wealth and that is includes homeownership.

Speaker: So I'm really proud that this remains active and the intent remains the same. I vote yea i. Wheeler all right.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted and then the last bit of business from the morning's agenda is taking the vote on item 1011. We have already heard a presentation and had opportunity for public testimony. For the record, I am now up to date on this item any further discussion, please call the roll. I. Commissioner Rubio, I sorry.

Speaker: Fine.

Speaker: Yeah. Great conversation earlier today and proud of this work moving forward. I I'm so ecstatic to be accepting these dollars from Oregon who's turned in to be a fantastic partner for the city of Portland.

Speaker: Addressing a low acuity medical needs of our community. We the story we heard this morning is actually a success story for the city of Portland on multiple fronts. It really speaks to the need for integrated services for those on our streets, not just behavioral health or medical, but the connection into shelter and then ultimately long term housing. We heard from someone who started on the streets with medical needs, eventually made their way to a safe rest village, then a test site, and now are in long term apartment living and it's again, we hear about the things that don't go right in our system. This across the board innovative programs from the city of Portland were what helped get this individual off the street. So want to thank tom miller, my team, for leading the charge on this help from commissioner

Ryan's office in fostering the relationship with care Oregon. I wholeheartedly vote I Wheeler.

Speaker: I am very happy to support this. I vote I in the ordinance is adopted.

Thank you, everybody. We'll now move to the afternoon agenda items ten, 13 and 1014 to be read together. Please item 1013 except city of Portland annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year ended June 30th, 2023 and item 1014 present audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. Please the annual comprehensive financial report, sometimes called the cafr, comprises the actual audited financial results of the city's operations, and it provides information related to the city's overall financial health. The financial report is prepared by the accounting and grants management division of the bureau of revenue and financial services. It is audited by the independent audit firm moss adams llp. Today we'll hear from city controller ron vogt and accounting supervisor kevin sanders about the fiscal year 2023 report preparation. We will also learn about the results of the audit from audit partners. Keith simovic and mandy hale from moss adams. I'll now invite ron and kevin to begin their presentation.

Welcome good.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor and city commissioners for the record, my name is ron vaught. I am the city controller. Joining me is kevin sanders, the supervisor over the financial reporting section, the accounting and grants management division of the bureau of revenue and financial services is responsible for managing incoming and outgoing grants, paying the city bills, management and training related to systems, establishing financial policies, internal control, monitoring. And as we're going to talk about today, internal and external financial reporting. Next slide, please. We are presenting the annual comprehensive financial report for the

fiscal year ended June 30th, 2023. The preparation of the report is about a ten month process. We start planning in January and then start engaging with people from all over the city and moss adams, who is our external auditor and there's just almost 200 schedules that have to be prepared by the bureaus and us. And most of them get submitted to moss adams for review. It's a long and interesting process that we have now completed. Again, for another year. Next slide, please. Now we'll take a through a few slides and try to do a fairly quick highlight of the 2023 report, the annual report complies with state law, generally accepted accounting principles and was awarded the government finance officers association award for excellence for the 42nd year in a row. It's something not a whole lot of people have accomplished, but had is important to us. And I think it also has a bearing on our bond ratings and show us to be among the top governmental entities in the country. Next slide, please. Every year we have. Three goals. Goal number one is to receive an unmodified opinion from moss adams on the actor and the single audit. The second goal is to have no findings on either the actor or the single audit and the final goal is to deliver the report to our investors and our communities within 120 days. And the single audit was in 150 days. All right, investors find it really critical to have information as quickly as they can. We have over \$3 billion of debt outstanding, and it's critical for their needs as investors to know what our financial situation is. Next slide. And is this you think this is. I think we're going to kevin now this is that thank thank you, ron.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and members of the City Council. For the record, my name is kevin sanders and I'm the accounting supervisor for the city's financial reporting team. The city's accounting system tracks transactions using three measurement focuses and two bases of accounting. Most discussions about city finances focus on the budgetary basis and modified accrual basis of accounting.

Since this is the basis that most often guides the bureau's operations. But the financial statements primarily report using the other two measurement focuses the supplemental schedules 2% schedules using the using the budgetary basis and modified accrual basis of accounting. However the emphasis of our present session today will be on the government wide financial statements which use the accrual basis of accounting. This is the highest level of reporting within the annual report and contains the most comprehensive, comprehensive picture of the city's financial situation. The government wide statements are made up of two parts those being governmental activities and business type activities. Governmental activities are made up of governmental funds such as the general fund and our internal service funds, such as technology services. These type of funds are generally funded by tax revenues and grant revenues, business type activities are our enterprise funds, such as water and bs, which provide services directly to our citizens in exchange for a fee such as water and sewer bills. Next slide. This slide is showing us the various components that make up the yearly net change in government activities. Net position, which went from the -1.7 billion to -1.4 billion during this fiscal year. This highlights the unique nature of government where many activities are not intended to fund themselves but are instead funded through tax revenues. For example, here we can see that core city services such as public safety and community development have expenses that outweigh any revenues earned through those programs. However, adding up all the inflows and outflows with the tax revenues shown on the right, we get the 300 roughly \$300 million increase in governmental activities in that position. Next slide. This slide here is showing as the ten year trend of the revenues and expenses over the governmental activities section. What we're seeing is a continuation of the previous years trend with revenues exceeding expenses, which is contributing to this to the city's improved net position. Next

slide. So this is our final slide for governmental activities and showing us that trends of capital assets and bonds payable over this period, we see that capital assets have increased over this period and total bonds payable have been decreasing. I'll now turn the presentation back to ron, who will present information on the business type activities. Next slide.

Speaker: Thanks, kevin. Now we'll talk about business type activities and net position increase. By 243 million during the fiscal year. From 3.6 billion to 3.9 billion. The city's environmental services and water operations contributed 141,000,091 million respectively. To that increase overall. We saw increases in charges for services and investment income, along with increased expenses for business type activities for the year. Next slide. This slide again is seen a comparison of charges for services and expenses. For. We're just focusing on the two big enterprise funds. Now we have a multitude of smaller ones like golf and beer and solid waste environmental remediation and spectator facilities. But these are the by far the two big ones in this group as opposed to the governmental activities, the business type activities are intended to fund themselves through the charging fees. And you can see that this is indeed has been accomplished and in both cases, fees, accounts and outweighed expenses. Now, you have to keep in mind that this is the economic resources measurement focus and accrual accounting where most of what you see is the budgetary basis of accounting and modified accrual. So this takes a little bit different perspective than what you see in all the budget presentations. Next slide. And this is showing our trends again for revenues and expenses over the years. What we see is the funds have remained fairly constant over the year and the expense category we while revenues have been climbing the delta between these two lines is. The principal payments on on the debt that they have outstanding. And we have seen some growth in the net

position of these funds over the years. So that's kind of what you're seeing here. So next slide, please. And again, we're looking at a comparison of the capital assets and the bonded debt. So you can see here the bonded debt has pretty much remain stable over the course of the ten year period while capital assets have been increasing and you kind of expect that the bonded debt has a 20 year life where much of what bts and water build has like a 100 year life. So the depreciation on those assets is going to be a lot slower than the payment on the debt. So you would kind of expect to see this kind of a trend analysis. And I think that's all we have. Time for questions and any, uh, any public comments. And then we need to have a vote on just accepting this because it's not a the city auditor doesn't feel as appropriate to be voting on, on their presentation. Yeah.

Speaker: And just, just for the record, um, and perhaps I should have said this up front, we will be voting on this separately and then the auditor will be making her report, will take any testimony that comes with that report. But it is really her, her efforts are a presentation to the council. So we won't actually be voting on the auditor's piece. We'll just be voting on this piece. So, colleagues, is there any question before we get to public testimony Keelan do we have public testimony on this particular item? 1013.

Speaker: Do we have one person signed up? All right.

Speaker: Why don't we hear from them?

Speaker: Seven matches. Welcome.

Speaker: We see you, kevin. You're still muted there.

Speaker: Thank you. I'm kevin matches. I recommend that the city request an analysis of a comprehensive actuarial funding policy for the Portland fire and police disability and retirement pension plan. It has been 18 years since the city last obtained this analysis. Next slide. There are several benefits to abandoning the

city's current pay as you go pension funding policy. I'd like to elaborate on intergenerational racial equity and risks to the city's financial condition. Commissioner Ryan, you spoke of the importance of generating intergenerational wealth today. Unfortunately the city's current policy is to destroy intergenerational wealth. Next slide in 2013, the public accounting firm that audits your financial statements Moss Adams, who you're think about to hear from, wrote a warning to City Council quote, government governmental net position has decreased from. 1.788 billion to 0.355 billion, end quote. Over 11 years. They further explained that, quote, the net position trend is a measure commonly used to determine whether a government's financial condition is improving or declining. It also measures it is also a measure of how well the city's financial policies are addressing intergenerational equity, end quote. They emphasize that, quote, one often overlooked consequence is the inherent unfairness that results when future generations end up paying a significant portion of costs by past users in addition, there is increased risk that the portion of current revenues that are required to make the payments against prior obligations will not allow sufficient resources left over to maintain current service levels, end quote. Next slide please. So how has governmental net position fared since Moss Adams sent their warning to council this chart shows that the city of Portland's governmental net position over time on the left is that positive. 1.788 billion for 2002 mentioned by Moss Adams in the middle is the positive 0.355 billion mentioned by them for 2013. And on the right is the latest figure negative. \$1.428 billion governmental net position has turned deeply negative. Next slide please. So why has governmental net position suffered so much? A key driver is the Portland pension plan. Each year that goes by city. The city incurs pension interest cost and pension normal cost or sometimes called service costs. Those are added together and shown in black on this chart. How are these costs paid for? That's shown in

green contra options into the plan. The difference highlighted in red is negative amortization and you'll notice that the city consistently engages in negative amortization every year. Negative amortization detracts from the city's governmental net position and unfortunately has resulted in Portland running the most costly pension system in the United States. Next slide in summary, Moss Adams born the city about its declining governmental net position trend a decade ago and things have further deteriorated since then. They correctly point out that the trend was detrimental to intergenerational equity and increased risks to current service levels. I recommend that the council take the first step to addressing these problems by requesting an analysis of an actuarial, comprehensive actuarial funding policy. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Kevin commissioner Mapps I've a question. For the folks who did the audit at the beginning of your presentation, you identified three goals that you try to achieve through this process.

Speaker: Having an unmodified opinion, having no findings and meeting some deadlines. Just to be clear, did we achieve all three of our goals here?

Speaker: We most definitely did.

Speaker: Okay, great. Thank you. No more questions.

Speaker: Great. And I don't want to just brush off Kevin's testimony and Kevin's been with us previously as well. Um, and, and I think prior councils did take heed to that advice. And as a result of that, um, new city employees in recent years have all been going on to the PERS system, which is an investment based part folio, whereas what the police and fire pension system is based on here at the city of Portland is a pay as you go system. In other words, taxpayers fund it. It is fully funded. But I and others would argue that that type of a system shifts the risk to the taxpayers. And I think Kevin is right to raise that as a concern that being said, the city did take the

right step in order to move new employees off of that pay as you go system off of the tax payers towards an investment based system. And that's obviously not without risk or exposure to the taxpayers, but at least it is based on um, a sustained able investment portfolio as opposed to just being related to tax proceeds.

Commissioner Mapps mr. Mayor, thank you for engaging in kevin's inquiry and thank you for the clarification.

Speaker: An I appreciate this, this conversation to I just actually have a question for you, mr. Mayor. Um, given your understanding of what's going on here, um, will Portland, will Portland eventually age out of this, this particular dilemma that we're talking about? Well well, as somebody who's 61, I can tell you I'm somewhat chagrined to say that we will age out.

Speaker: Yeah, you don't want to age out of a pension system, let me just put it that way. But yes, I believe what I have heard from the investment professionals, I want to be clear, I am not one. But what I've heard from those who have presented as part of our annual presentation on the pension system and kevin was good enough to show up and testify and ask good questions then as well. My understanding is yes, it is. It is a long tail liability, to be sure, but ultimately what you will see is that liability decline as people who participate in that pension system, as you say, age out.

Speaker: Thank you for that clarification, as we all will someday.

Speaker: Yeah, great. Thank you. Any further questions or comments, colleagues? Uh, item number 1013 is a report I will accept a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moved commissioner Mapps moves.

Speaker: Can I get a second, please?

Speaker: Second. Second.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio. I believe that was seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Hi. Yeah thank you.

Speaker: Ron and Kevin for the presentation. All your work on this I vote yea Gonzalez.

Speaker: Hi. Vote i.

Speaker: But I also want to say thank you to the accounting and grants management division and Moss Adams for once again, uh, contributing thousands of hours of hard work and doing excellent work in the preparation of the audit of this report. We have good news to celebrate. From my perspective, the fiscal year 2023 financial report received an unmodified opinion from our auditors and our credit remained. Rating remained triple A during a period of what has largely been described as unprecedented financial uncertainty. While we're weathering the current economic challenges as well, we must continue to maintain stable fund balances as well as liquidity. While simultaneously monitoring our performance and liabilities to ensure long time financial stability. That said, of course I support this. The report is accepted. Thank you to all who presented. And with that then we'll move on to 1014 Keelan is already read it. I will turn this over to auditor. Ready. Welcome auditor and thank you for your patience.

Speaker: Thanks for having me. Good afternoon, Mayor and Commissioners. I am city auditor Simone Rede. Joining me today are Keith Simovic and Mandy Hale. They are a partner at Moss Adams and a manager at Moss Adams, respectively. We as part of the city auditor's office mission to ensure open and accountable government. I'm going to be presenting our audit work to you periodically. Um, city charter makes my office responsible for auditing the performance of our city government, as well as overseeing the annual audit of our city's financial statements, presenting our work publicly allows the community to engage with it.

Next slide, please. I first want to explain the difference between performance audits and financial audits. Performance audits review the efficiency, effectiveness and equity of one city program or service at a time, and the topics and methods are at my discretion. And by contrast, a financial audit is a review of the financial statements and follows state and federal law as well as accounting standards. The objective of this financial audit was to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatement or whether they were significantly off. Next slide. I want to take this opportunity to highlight the various roles that everyone played accounting from the office of management and finance prepared the financial statements and management, which includes you as commissioners in charge, is responsible for preparing the financial statements and putting internal controls in place by city charter. The city auditor oversees the financial audit and this separation between the auditors and management enhances independence, which increases trust and the results we contracted with the firm moss adams to complete the financial audit. And as the mayor mentioned, we have good news to share. The city received a clean audit opinion outside auditors concluded that the city's financial statements are inaccurate reflection of the city's finances. The financial statements and audit are an important resource for community members as well as taxpayers and investors who buy the city's debt, as well as decision makers like you. Interested parties can use them to see what financial shape the city is in the outside auditors also completed an audit of the city's spending of federal grant money. They reviewed a list of the types and amounts of spending of federal money and our compliance with federal requirements. In addition, the auditors issued a letter to you describing how the audit went, plus other issues that are required by audit standards. And I'm pleased to share that there were no difficulties or disagreements between the

auditors and city management. The auditors would also be required to report certain problems if they found them in the city's internal controls over financial reporting. Those are processes such as review to ensure that the financial statements are reliable. We also received good news in this area. The auditors found no material weakness and no significant deficiencies, and they found no instances of noncompliance. That would have to be reported. I appreciate city staff in the office of management and finance and all bureaus for facilitating a smooth audit and answering requests from the outside auditors. I want to thank moss adams for their continued excellence and professionalism in performing financial audits on our behalf and as the mayor mentioned, we're not asking for council action on this presentation. But if you have questions after today, my office can set up a meeting with you and your staff upon request. Mindan among the contract manager financial for financial audits in my office is here to answer questions and can also set up a briefing after today's presentation. Now I'd like to turn the presentation over to keith and mandy after which we can hear public testimony as well as your questions.

Speaker: Perfect. Thank you, auditor rede. Hopefully you can all hear me okay. Happy to be here. Mayor Wheeler and fellow commissioners to present the results of the June 30th, 2023, financial statement audit. I think you just got a lot of great information, a lot of all the good news up front there, which is fantastic. And seeing that list of all the goals that were achieved during the year, you could hear some of that directly from us. But we'll fill in some of the gaps too, in terms of how the audit went and give you a little more insights into into the process overall. So you get to hear a little bit from me. And then mandy hale, who's here with me today as well. Go ahead and advance the slide. So we're going to introduce you real briefly to our engagement team and not just the key members for this team, for the city's for the

annual comprehensive financial report audit. But all the other related components that and audits that we do for various city entities as well. So you get a good feel for the breadth of the services that we provide. We'll go through what does a financial statement audit really entail? What's the process that we go through? What are the areas that we're looking at? You get a little bit better flavor of the audit process through that. And then we're going to go through our final results, which you heard some of those, but there's a few more that we want to share to you. And then finally, we'll go through the highlights in the additional letter that we issue, which is called our communication to those charged with governance. So we're going to hit up some of the key areas there to go ahead and advance the slide. All right. So this is the first slide of our engagement team. There's many more folks that were involved in this engagement and think and mandy, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think we've got somewhere around 10 to 11 different auditors involved in the in the city's main financial statement. Audit involved throughout this engagement. So a very large number of auditors that are involved for a number of weeks throughout the year that we're that we're looking at all your various accounts and activities for the year. So again, I'm keith simovic. Overall engagement reviewer responsible for setting our audit plan, making sure we're following through on all of our professional standards and all the procedures that we have to do. And ultimately taking responsibility for all the deliverables that we issue. Laurie tisch, that you see pictured on there is involved as our quality control reviewer. She actually leads our firms government services practice and has dedicated her career to working with governmental entities just like you. So very excited to have her again serve as our quality control reviewer. She looks at certain key workpapers in our file and of course all of our final deliverables and that financial statement, that annual comprehensive financial report making sure that includes kind of all the

bells and whistles that the governmental accounting standards require. And then of course, with me is Mandy Hale. You'll get to hear from her in just a second. She served as the manager. She was responsible for working directly with our staff and seniors that were involved on the engagement, overseeing all of them, doing helping me in review of all of our work papers and managing through on our time frame and making sure we're hitting on all of our deadlines for the city to go ahead and advance the slide. And these are some of our our leads on some of the other engagements that we perform for the city. So, Harvey Wang, that you see pictured there was involved in both the individual audit that we do for Prosper Portland because they issue their own annual comprehensive financial report. So there's a separate audit just for that entity. And then Harvey also leads our audit or what we call the single audit. That's the audit over the federal funding that the city receives and spends during the year. So a compliance audit for how you are spending those funds in line with the underlying grant agreement. So happy to have Harvey serve in that role again this year. David Levitski served as our lead senior for our Prosper Portland team, so he worked very closely with me and Harvey on that engagement. Out at Solon was our lead on the utilities performance portion of the city's audit engagement. And then Elise Horsley is a senior manager and she was able to help us out with the audit of our because that entity gets an individual audit as well. Go ahead and advance the slide. I know there's a lot of words on this slide, but this is just to give you a overview of the different deliverables that we issue out of this process. When you hire an independent firm to come in and audit the city, what are the different things that you can expect to receive? So this gives you kind of an overview of that. Boxes one and two are related and they're really just one report that we're issuing and probably the one that that most people are most familiar with. It's going to be our independent

auditor's report over the fairness and accuracy of the city's financial statements. So that's through all the procedures that we're doing, all the evidence that we're gathering at the city to understand whether the items that are recorded and reflected in your financial statements are supported by actual underlying substantive documentation, whether that's contracts, agreements, invoices, check disbursements, cash receipts, whatever that support is, making sure that what is recorded and reflected in your financial statements paints an accurate picture of where the city stands. As of June 30th, 2023, box two just takes that a step further in to be able to issue that report. We also have to do that technical review of your annual comprehensive financial report and especially because you're submitting it to the government finance officers association for that certificate of excellence in financial reporting. You heard that from ron vaught that the city has received that for 42 straight years. I don't know that I have another client that has received that for that many years in a row. So and that's not a required practice that you go through and submit for that award each and every year. So there's additional things that you have to do and you're held to a higher standard to be able to apply for and obtain that award. So very impressed that again, that you've got the staff that have the skill set and the ability to put together a complete document that you can submit to the gfoa for that award and receive it each and every year. Box three has to do with an additional report that we issue because we perform the audit in accordance with government auditing standards. It's a little bit different from just general corporate audit standards, a little more stringent in terms of who we can put on our team. They have to have a certain continuing professional education and that's specific to governmental entities as well. And we also have to report out on if we notice any instances of non compliance or if we have, what would be called significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls. Those are the

red flag areas. You don't want to hear. And this is the report where you would see those. But of course, the spoiler alert, which you already heard, was we didn't have anything that rose to that level. So very good news there. Fox four is a separate report that we issue to in line with the state of Oregon's requirements that if we're doing an audit of an Oregon governmental entity, there's other compliance areas they want us to look at. Most notably are going to be your procurement practices, making sure that you go through the proper channels when you're going out for public procurements, and then also your budgeting process as well. Are you following Oregon local budget law? So that's where we spend the bulk of our time in those reports and we note if there were any instances of noncompliance with those areas. We note them in that report and then finally in box five, we issue a report that's attached to your single audit report. And this has to do with whether we found any instances of noncompliance or internal control issues related to how you administer and spend federal grant funds. Box six, we're going to talk about in just a minute. And that's the additional letter to give you more insight into the audit process, the communication to those charged with governance, go ahead and advance the slide. So I kind of touched on a few of these. But just to give you another idea of what are all the different areas that we're looking at, I mentioned the audit of the financial statements of the city, along with the single audit for the federal grant funds that are spent prosper, Portland has their own individual audit, their single audit, and any spending of federal funds is combined with the city's. So they're part of that process as well for the federal funding audit for our fire and police, disability and retirement funds, they are also required to go through their own individual audit that gets captured within the city's annual comprehensive financial report. So that is something that we that we do and issue separate reports for. And then finally, for the mt. Hood cable regulatory commission, we do a

separate audit for that entity. Go ahead and advance the slides. In terms of the audit process, to give you a little more flavor for how this process works, we all start with internal controls in an audit process because it's part of our risk assessment. We want to understand does the city and staff have good internal controls in place? Does it have good policies that are continuously being followed in terms of making sure that transaction is flow through the system appropriately? They're appropriately supported by substantive documentation and that things are getting recorded at the right amount in the right period, that they have an appropriate business purpose, that their approvals in place. Those are the types of things that we're looking at. So you'll see all the different bullet points on here for the different areas that that we look at and are captured in the audit process from there, from our risk assessment process, then we actually get the final numbers for the year after the books are closed and we do a combination of analytical procedures, really taking that 30 zero zero zero foot view of the city and the results for the year to see if revenues and expenses, if things are following along with with what we're seeing in terms of the budget as we're reading through the minutes council minutes for the year, if we're seeing things that are discussed or approved and we expect to see certain revenues or expenses coming through because of that, we're going to look back at the actual results and see if that jives. We're also talking to management and staff, hearing about the various transact options and things that have happened during the year and looking back and making sure that filters down into the actual results. And then where we spend the bulk of our time is going to be our substantive procedures. That's going back and doing the actual sampling to look at detailed transactions, look at the underlying support. And again, making sure our things recorded at the right amount in the right period and classified appropriately in the appropriate fund, and that they have appropriate approvals in place as well,

go ahead and advance the slide. All right. I'm going to turn it over to mandy. She's going to give the good news overview here. Yeah thanks, keith.

Speaker: And as you talked about, you guys did get a clean, unmodified opinion on your financial statements this year, which that's the one that you look for. That's the one that you want. So that's great news. And then as keith mentioned, there's some of those other reports that we provide. And we didn't have any reportable findings from our government audit standards report. The Oregon minimum standards or the single audit so that is all great news to share.

Speaker: All right. Go ahead and advance the slide. And real briefly, before I turn it back over to mandy. So this slide just gives you kind of a bullet point highlights of what is in our separate communication to those charged with governance, which is a letter that we issue as part of every audit that we do. It's required by our professional standards to let you know outside of just, hey, was there a clean opinion or not? Were there findings or not? Gives you a little more insight as to, well, what's changed and did you run into difficulties along the way? Did you get all the documentation that you requested? Did we give you responses to all the questions that you had from staff and management along the way, which can say to that, definitely we there's probably thousands of pieces of documentation that your team has to pull together each and every year as part of this process. So it's quite the endeavor, but always appreciate that those items are pulled together. They are provided to us. Anything that we ask for, it's provided to us. Any question that we have, we are given a response and so that's very, very good news. Each and every year. Outside of that, there are some other things that we always note in this letter. Did we have any issues with the planned scope and timing of the audit? Did we finish things outside of what was agreed upon to the start of this process? And the answer is no. And this is done in a very timely and efficient manner and finalized by

the end of October, which is definitely one of the earlier entities or governmental entities to issue and finalize their audit report after the June 30th year end. So very good news there. Um, in terms of significant accounting policies, there's a section that talks about is there anything that change in terms of how the city is accounting for things this year compared to last year? Anything that would change the comparability to how things were presented last year versus this year outside of a new accounting standard that comes out from time to time, we wouldn't expect there to really be changes. You want to be accounting for things consistent in the same manner each and every year. So there was a new standard this year that had a bit of an impact on any arrangement that you have, where you have subscription based arrangements, anything where you're basically using the software that's owned by someone else and the city doesn't own it and you're making a subscription payment for that. So that was adopted this year, didn't have a substantial social impact on the financial statements, but you'll see that reflected in the financial statements. There weren't any other changes in accounting policies that that we noted. We did have a couple of audit adjustments that we're going to talk about, and these are classified as what we call past audit adjustments and what a past audit adjustment is, is something that is actually not reflected in your June 30th, 2023, financial statement. But it's something as we were going along and doing our audit work, items that we noted that again was something not recorded in the correct period, was there not documentation for it? Was it not recorded at the correct amount? You know, those are the types of things that can drive an audit adjustment if it rises to a certain level and if it's not above kind of our materiality thresholds, then this is something where it may not be reflected in your financial statements this year, but likely is already in the coming fiscal year. So we'll talk about that. I'm going to pass it along to mandy. She's going to talk to you about the

couple items that we noted there. Good news with both of those. It didn't impact your overall your, you know, cash balances or anything like that. It wasn't that these items aren't recorded. It's just the timing of when they were recorded. So we're going to talk through those in just a minute. Outside of that, we didn't have any, again, material weaknesses, but we do always have best practices from all the governmental entities that we work with. We continue to provide recommendations to your staff and management as we go along. And typically, when we do have items like this, past audit adjustments, we'll have recommendations to address those. So you don't see things in the coming years related to these items, go ahead and advance the slides. All right. Mandy, do you want to go through these couple items?

Speaker: Yeah, sounds good. So as Keith mentioned, these aren't material adjustments and we're not requiring the city to record those, but we are required to bring them to your attention. So the first entry is related to some of the construction and process projects. And so that related entry there for \$13 million just indicates that these is that that dollar amount should have been reclassified into capital assets and moved out of the construction and process line item just because of the status of those projects. So this is really more just a matter of where it sits on the balance sheet and just making sure that you guys are getting those moved over timely. Um, in line with city policy. And then that second entry is just related to some of the cash clearing account activities. So similar to what Keith said, there's no cash missing or any cash not recorded, but we just noted that at year end some of the cash balances hadn't been moved out to the proper funds and gone through the normal clearing process with turnover in the treasury department. So we just call that out there. The dollar amount that we saw that

should have been moved out to those funds specifically, go ahead and advance the slide.

Speaker: All right. This is nearing the end of our presentation. But just want to say thanks to everyone involved in this process and thanks, of course, to ron. Kevin and their teams that we work with very closely throughout this process. We're talking to a lot of different folks throughout the city at various bureaus, but mainly with kind of the finance team there and really appreciate them hosting our team periodically on site during the audit process. I know as we continue to come out of covid, more and more, we're getting to have that face time with our with our clients again. And so really appreciated being able to come out on site at the Portland building periodically throughout our audit. So appreciate that. Go ahead and advance the slide. All right. I think that's everything that we had. So i'll pause there and happy to answer any questions that all of you may have.

Speaker: Very good. Excellent colleagues, any questions? Keelan we don't have any testimony on this, is that correct?

Speaker: That's correct.

Speaker: Very good. Well, I certainly appreciate this report. I want to thank auditor rede and I want to thank the auditor's team. And I want to thank our private sector partners in all of this. It's very difficult, tedious work. What we see is just the very, very final product that, again, represents many, many, many hours of very hard work. And I'm always grateful when we get to the end of this process and we're able to see that on the whole things are very solid. And I want to thank all of our city employees who work every day to make sure that it stays that way. Thank you so much, colleagues. Anything else? Very good. Thank you, auditor. We appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank.

Speaker: All right. Our next item is item 1015. This is a non emergency ordinance, mayor.

Speaker: This item is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. We're a little bit early.

Speaker: Oh, didn't see that. Okay. Why don't we take a ten minute recess and before we unplug the mics here, for those of you who are interested in testifying and I understand we have several dozen people signed up to testify on this item, please ensure that your remarks are two minutes or less. We will be enforcing that. Thank you. We're in recess until 3 p.m. 1015. Adopt new supporting document rents to Portland comprehensive plan related to the housing needs, analysis and buildable land inventory to address future housing needs.

Speaker: Access to affordable housing and develop capacity and just a reminder, we have quite a few people signed up to testify on this.

Speaker: So please have your talking points be two minutes or less for testimony because we want to make sure we hear from everybody who'd like to be heard from today. Commissioner Rubio thank you, mayor.

Speaker: I'm I'm excited to bring forward to council these updates to the city's comprehensive plan and to continue the discussion on one of the most important issues facing Portland housing affordability. As we all know, one of the most basic ways to address housing affordability is to produce more housing, more housing of all types and all sizes and housing that meets different needs at different points in our life. And as we as we look to do what we can to build more housing, it's helpful and important to have a clear understanding of where we are and where we're headed and what we have in front of us today are essentially two reports on data related to housing, each of which plays an important role in informing the city's potential future actions and decisions. The housing needs analysis and the buildable inventory provide baseline information about current housing conditions

and future needs and where we have the opportunity to grow. So these documents will help inform future policy decisions, starting with the upcoming housing production strategy that we'll learn more about today at our July work session on housing production. I believe one of my colleagues asked, what does success look like? And I think success is expanding housing choice and opportunities in neighborhoods throughout the city, working together with regional, state and federal partners and in collaboration with the private sector, which is the predominant builder of housing. It is a big challenge that is shared by all growing west coast cities, understanding the housing need and how much capacity the city zoning has to accommodate housing is an important first step in addressing our needs. The housing production strategy, which you will learn a little bit more about today as a part of an additional information briefing is an important next step in the city's efforts to address housing needs once it's adopted by council next year, it will serve as an action plan, identify the multifaceted strategies that the city can pursue to further its ongoing work to remove barriers to and to support the production of housing for all income levels. As a reminder, the housing production strategy a new state requirement is not before City Council today, but. But we will have it ready for council in late summer of next year. So now I will turn it over to patricia diefenderfer and her staff from vp to lead us through the presentation.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Thank you so much, commissioner Rubio, hello.

Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm actually going to hand it over to tom armstrong, our supervising planner, for this project, who will walk us through the beginning of the early parts of this presentation, and then i'll take over after that. Thank you all right.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm tom armstrong. I'm a supervising planner at bts. And my team has put together a lot of the information

that you see today in terms of the housing needs, analysis and the buildable land inventory. Um, as as commissioner Rubio said today before, you will provide the basics on the housing needs analysis which which is the focus of today's hearing and it is an ordinance, a land use action to adopt a new housing needs analysis and a new residential buildable land inventory and then secondly, because it's hard to talk about housing needs without talking about the strategies to address those needs, we're joined today by our bureau partners, and we'll give council a preview of the upcoming housing production strategy work. And again, this isn't necessarily for action by council right now, but it gives you a preview, a look about the work that we're going to be doing in early 2024 to bring back to you. Um, you know, as as we said and as is in the ordinance, the specific action before council is to repeal the 2009 housing needs analysis, which we did as part of the 2035 comprehensive plan update and to adopt the 2045 housing needs analysis. And then at the same time to repeal the residential portions of the 2015 buildable lands inventory and to update that and adopt out the 2023 residential all buildable land inventory because this is a land use decision by council. So we have compiled the legislative record of all of the written testimony. Tony is being collected and documented in the map app. So far we have about 30 pieces of written testimony. All of the evidence and the supporting documents and the testimony that was before planning commission to get us to this point is located in the ordinance file on the auditor's web web site in the file system. So that information is also available for council and the public to review. So what is a housing needs analysis? Is this starts this is a state map dated required analysis that all cities have to go through under statewide planning. Goal ten. We need to show or ensure that we have enough zoning capacity to accommodate meet our housing needs over the next 20 years. The new this needs analysis and based on changes that the state legislature have made over the last

few years, these housing needs analysis need to be updated every six years. So this is going to start a cycle where the city updates this analysis every six years at and it is, as I said before, it is a supporting document to the comprehensive plan that gets adopted by ordinance by the council. All which is what what we will be will be doing here today. Um, what it means to be in a, a supporting document to the comprehensive plan. One is that we have a number of these documents as the buildable land inventory, the economic opportunities analysis office, the natural resource inventory, public facility plan that that are really foundational documents that inform the policy decisions that inform changes to the zoning map or the zoning code. Um, but they, but they are document sort of existing conditions and expected future conditions. Uh, what we're doing here today is, is amending those supporting documents as they're going to inform future policy decisions. But we're not making any policy decisions, actions right now as part of, as part of this ordinance work. So as we've talked about the housing needs analysis and the housing production strategy are two related documents. Um, we're really focused on the need analysis and the buildable land inventory here today. We as you will see, we based that work on on both a study of existing conditions and how those how the population, Portland's population and housing conditions have been changing, especially over the last, um, ten, 11 years. We use that information to inform our housing forecasts. What that projected need will be in the future and it's at the same time we use those development trends to inform our buildable land inventory and we combine those two into what's called a housing capacity analysis that really shows us where we are in terms of needed housing in the future. And as you will see, this housing capacity analysis for most other cities in Oregon, most especially outside the metro region, they use this information to inform, um, sort of their future urban growth boundary amendments. That's not really a decision that,

that Portland needs to make. That's that that's done on a regional basis by metro. So we use it to inform, um, as you will see in this presentation, what kind of housing do we need? What kind of zoning changes, incentives, programs can we use to support the production of particular kind of needs? Added housing? And so in that sense, our our capacity analysis is just comparing where we have room to grow, what that future need is, is really a first basic step for Portland. And it and it really gets into the production strategy which, which becomes is um, you know, the deeper dive in the policy and of things. So we start with a housing forecast. This is the foundation. Um for our work, uh, you know, despite losing population in 21 and 22, we are still planning for long term growth. The we're preliminary numbers for 23 shows us turning that around and that we're starting to grow again in the region is still planning for growth. The state is still planning for growth. We're planning for growth. This is a long term forecast. We're planning for recovery and future growth. Um, this household forecast is based on the 2019 metro regional forecast. Um, for about. 97,000 new household is between 21, 2021 and 2045. Uh, to that we add a couple of factors. One to account for vacant housing units. Um, and then the other is, is for second home replacements, vacation homes. Um, we want to, we want to accommodate that for that, for, for vacation rentals to make sure again we have enough housing for our population that gets us to a needed housing units of about 106,000 units at the same time, we're looking ahead in 2023, the state legislature passed new housing legislation in um for the Oregon housing needs analysis that really is going to do things a little bit differently. And so we've added into this forecast, um, early adoption of, of that methodology to account for what is called underproduction in which begins to, to look back and look at the number of households that have been created and, and how that compares to the number of housing units that have been produced and what we've seen over time is a lack of

housing production, keeping up with population growth or keeping up with new household formations. And so we've added again, we've added a factor here of about 9000 additional units to make up for that under production. The other new requirement is for, uh, explicitly accounting for uh, housing our houseless population under the past regulatory state regulations requirements, as you know, housing houseless has been about shelter for emergency shelter. Um, and, and now there's a more explicit direction to include that the, the actual permanent housing units into our forecast, which is basically says, you know, making sure our zoning accommodates has enough room to accommodate housing. All of our our houseless population. So when we factor those in that that number gets us to about 120,000 new housing units by 2045. And that that's an annual production target of about 5200 units per year, which as you will see later in this presentation, is on par with about what we've been producing over the last ten years. The other housing target that we've come up with is really accelerates at the historic under production and the housing for the houseless to really align ourselves with governor governor kotek's statewide housing production strategy which really then puts us at that catch up target of about 55,000 new units by 2032. That raises that annual production target to about 6000 units per year. Um, and, and we're that's where we really start to again, look at this production strategy, look at our stretch goals and, and really has been informing some of the work that we've we've been doing to boost housing production. An overall. In addition to just looking at overall housing production. We also have to look at a number of different factors, different demographic factors. The state has a start with housing affordability. Um, you know, we need to produce housing for a number of different income levels. Particularly, we are focused on housing affordability for lower income. Portland householders. Those those earning less than, than 80% of the area. Median

income, um, which is a household. Earning 63 to \$90,000 a year depending on on the household size that currently makes up about. At 47% of the Portland households today they when you factor in the under production and the housing for the homeless that boosts our our future need to about 63,000 units or about 53% of the future housing growth. Um really needs to be focused on this lower income category. Sorry we also in the housing needs analysis look at at needs for other types of households. Um in characteristics. Um, you know, we know we've seen families with children that have been in decline. Currently they make up about 23% of Portland households. So if we want to maintain that level of, of diversity, we need to be looking at at producing 28,000 units, a larger units with more than two to bedrooms, two or more bedrooms. Um, we also know we have an aging population and so we need to look at what are we doing to enable the development of housing that, that are suitable for elders. As we, we know we have a population station that has a increasingly people with disabilities. And so we need to look at accessible housing. There are some there's some overlap here, some intersectionality between the needs. Um but then we also also need to look at we've, we've seen home ownership rates decline primarily because we've been priced poorly developing mostly rental housing. But we need to so we need to focus on home ownership and what are strategies we can do to boost home ownership and those needs as. So the forecast is really about the demand side of the equation and the buildable land inventory is really about the supply side. Um, you know, where do we have what is the development capacity within the city as and that really is what is, what is the likely or expected number of new dwelling units that can be accommodated under the existing zoning. So we look, look at the existing zoning, the existing plans. We look at at current development trends to try and estimate rate. Where is that developed potential. We factor in available

infrastructure, where we factor in physical constraints like steep slopes or wetlands or brownfields to really get at an estimate of where we have capacity to grow. Um, this is, is again based on our, our, you know, comprehensive plan growth strategy to grow in centers and corridors. Um, we have have, you know, the this has been a focus of our comprehensive plan since 1980 to focus growth in our our higher density transit oriented bike oriented, pedestrian friendly um transit streets and neighborhood business districts and, and we're doing that. Um, you know, as you can see portrayal of that on the right here where our density is or our development capacity is located and we have room. For about 237,000 additional housing units. Uh, most of that is, is located in our centers and corridors and especially the central city, the central city accounts for about, um, almost 30% of our future development capacity city. And so that's really the focus. Um shows the importance of, of boosting producing housing in the central city as a key to our, our, our future growth plan. At the same time, we do have, um, development capacity spread across the city in all districts in the city. Um, it really is aligned and matches with where we expect growth when we, when we look back 20 years, where do we, where is growth occurred in the city and, and projecting that out 20 years into the future. We're in pretty good alignment in terms of that distribution distribution of capacity and being able to accommodate that future growth. We also look at what kinds of housing types are we enabling in terms of future growth and how does that align with expected development. Again, most of our 90% of our future growth capacity is in our multi dwelling and mixed use zoning. And so what you see here is that is that sort of bias towards those multi dwelling housing types. Um, and, and again, there's some variation in there from wood frame construction. The 2 to 4 story buildings, all the way up to the, the steel and concrete high rise towers. We see in the central city. And so again, back to sort of the production. What is the

challenge ahead for us? Um, this is a chart that shows our the number of new units permitted each year going back to the year 2000. This is a chart we showed back in the July work session on on housing the pink dashed line here is um really shows that 5200 unit annual target it it's achievable it's something that we've done in the past it's a challenge right now under current economic conditions. Um and you know we're going to have to continue to work harder to reach that 6000 unit production level here. Um, a especially with today's economic conditions. But really what the housing needs analysis shows and what the buildable land inventory tree shows is that overall all we can do this, we can meet our our future housing needs at and as with all things the devil is in the details. And we need to go to that next level and think about the different types of housing and how we what other programs and strategies we can do to support that production strategies and with that, I'm going to turn things over to patricia to talk to give you a preview on the future housing production strategy work.

Speaker: Thanks so much, tom. Again, just for the record, patricia diefenderfer, our chief planner here. So now we are going to shift to a preview of the housing production strategy. As you heard, the housing needs analysis is about the numbers and fulfilling the basic statewide planning goal ten requirement to analyze us and make a determination as to whether the city has sufficient development capacity to accommodate expected growth. So at a very basic level, as you heard the answer is yes. The city does have the capacity to meet that housing demand. However, in order to meet the overall housing demand, the production and the diversity of housing needs the city. There are a number of actions the city can take and is likely to take in the future to influence the production of housing. So this is where the housing production strategy comes in. So this next component of the presentation is about what we're calling the housing production strategy

framework. It is not, as we noted before, it's not before council for action currently, but it is a preview, a future work that will be coming to the council in the late summer of next year. So next slide, please, tom. So the housing production strategy, as was mentioned, is a new state requirement to make cities more accountable for not just doing the basic planning, but to take action to support housing production. A housing production strategy is a list of specific actions the city will undertake to promote development to address the identified housing need. And Portland is already doing a lot to promote housing production. You will hear about some of our recent efforts in some future slides. This production strategy is an opportunity to assess what we are doing, what we could do better, and what new initiatives we might need to undertake. The actions, as you can see on the on the slide here, that the city can take span a number of broad categories and include actions to reduce regulatory barriers and encourage housing production, which could include zoning and other code changes. These could include incentives, which could also be financial incentive, such as tax exemptions and fee or sdc waivers or exemptions, for example, and public funding for affordable housing, as well as efforts to streamline development. The development review process and the permitting process. The categories you see on this slide are recognition that a wide range of strategies and approaches are necessary to address the housing production and housing affordability challenges facing the city. There will be a focus on meeting the needs of the households that were mentioned by tom low income households, communities of color, people with disabilities and other state and federal protected classes. So again, this preview is a work in progress. What we're presenting today are early, high level concepts. Staff will be working over the next many months to further develop these and other strategies through continued internal and agency coordination, action and community and stakeholder

engagement. Next slide please. So council may recall seeing this slide back in the July housing work session as well. We just wanted to put this here as a reminder. The city has different tools and levers it can apply to encourage development of housing at different income levels. As you can see from the chart here, for the lowest income level for the lowest income housing units, the primary tools are funding which typically come from housing bonds and tax increment financing funds that are set aside for affordable housing. The city also has the ability to offer incentives that can encourage the production of affordable housing at various income levels, including middle income housing. They can include tax exemptions, zoning bonuses to a tax increment financing and loans, and permit priority for affordable housing. The regulations the city adopts that apply to housing development generally influences production of housing at all income levels. Some examples of this include zoning and other development code regulations, sdc fees and requirements and infrastructure requirement placed on development. Next slide please. So there's a lot of information on this slide. The not going to go over everything on this slide. The main purpose of this slide is to communicate. The city has been working to increase housing production and address housing needs for many years and has undertaken many projects to advance a variety of housing goals. Just to highlight a few notable ones for example, the affordable housing projects that have been constructed with funding from city and metro housing bonds, regulatory changes such as the residential infill project, which updated zoning regulations to allow for plexes and six plexes and single dwelling zoning districts and which encourage the development of middle housing and expands housing or homeownership opportunities is an example. The shelter to housing continuum projects, which allowed shelters and permanent supportive housing and more zoning districts in the city to accommodate housing at the lowest income

levels is another example. Also, ongoing efforts to improve and permitting and process sorry, the permitting process and encourage development by giving priority review to affordable housing projects, allowing for the deferral of sdc's and the recent ordinance related to seismic requirements for office to housing conversions are other examples of the work that the city has been doing. Next slide, please. So this slide shows that the city the city is not waiting to finish the housing production strategy to take action. There are many efforts that are in the works currently, even as staff are working on the housing production strategy. So on this slide you can see a list of these actions and they're organized by what types of units, by income level that they largely help to facilitate. So just to highlight a couple examples here, um, creating an inventory of public lands that could be developed with affordable housing is an action that's ongoing code and regulatory changes that facilitate production. Street line regulations and process and reduce conflict such as the regulatory improvement code amendment package or recap and updates to the inclusionary housing regulations and the housing regulatory relief project are a few of the strategies or efforts that are going on right now. And these will be described in more detail in subsequent slides. So also as previously noted, the housing production strategy, of course, is still a work in progress. The next several slides will will outline potential future action zones that the city might take to advance housing production at all different income levels. These are preliminary ideas that are still being further develop out and represent some of the potential future actions. Staff from multiple bureaus are currently working together to identify and refine a broad range of actions. Um, so the next several slides I would like to invite staff from partner bureaus to present the next couple of slides, which will highlight some of the potential actions by the different affordability

levels. Next slide please. Tom. I believe that, yeah. Jill chen thank you, jill. Appreciate.

Speaker: Thank you. Patricia. Just for the record, I'm jill chen. I'm housing investments and portfolio preservation manager at the Portland housing bureau. And I want to thank you, mayor and commissioners for the opportunity to provide a peek at potential affordable housing strategy for which we will be returning in 2024 with more details. Our potential strategies are under three categories focused on funding, incentive and other tools for funding. The first is the need to find a replacement for the Portland and metro housing bonds. These bonds were critical for the increased affordable housing production over the past five years. This represents over \$100 million in investments by the city in affordable housing. The second is the need to create new tax increment finance districts. Fb receives 45% of all tax increment finance resources for affordable housing, historic ali this is the largest source of funding for affordable housing. We know that central city and east Portland tiff plans will be presented sometime in mid 2024 and we're hopeful that you will look positively to it. However we want to ensure that substantial funding for development is not immediate. So any projects to be funded are still a few years out in terms of the next funding source, we would like to make sure that we as a city are leveraging other resources as the state legislature passed an unprecedented 1 billion plus for housing in the latest budget biennium, and we're seeking to leverage those resources with available funds and also working with we will continue working with federal and county governments to align our resources. So that's sort of the package of funding in terms of expanding incentives, we're looking first to expand incentives offered through inclusionary housing, a package is forthcoming in early January of 2024, and this is based on the work that fb has conducted under the inclusionary housing recalibration study. And we're moving

forward with the workgroups recommendations at the core is the expansion of deeper property tax exemptions outside of the central city. We are offering to brief your offices and happy to set those meetings up. In addition to the incentives, we're also looking at zoning changes and creative zoning changes that might support affordable housing, especially up zoning as appropriate in terms of other tools as patricia mentioned, we have already started the work and will continue the work on a public lands inventory and a prioritizing sites that are developable and suitable for development, but also have a strong financing feasibility for completion. But and last but not least, we're looking to support our mission aligned organizations interested in building affordable housing on land. They own has worked with donated land and church owned land, and we're greatly appreciative of those partnerships and we're always looking for ways to support others as part of the solution. As, as patricia mentioned, this is just an initial list of strategies with more to come. So and without further ado, i'll pass it over to my colleague lisa boff to talk about middle income housing. Next slide. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and council. For the record, I'm lisa abeloff. I'm the director of development and investment with prosper Portland and I she her pronouns and as jill and patricia mentioned, I'm here to share a high level summary of some of our early thinking regarding potential strategies to support delivering on the 8600 units of middle income units that are needed by Portland householders making between 80 and 100. Median 120. Median family income. And I just wanted to flag that this is a key priority, both as we think about housing production, but also as we think about it from an economic development perspective, as identified in advance. Portland, where middle income housing really helps respond to challenges that we're seeing in our central city from diversity of uses or along our commercial corridors, particularly for those areas where economic health and

resilience was really disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and where we think middle income as well as affordable housing can be a key tool for the city to implement. So similar to Jill, we have three buckets. It's financing tools, incentive programs and zoning changes under financing tools. I just wanted to highlight with limited, very limited federal and tax credit resources available for middle income housing, expanding local and state financing tools really becomes critical and in as I think about that kind of the opportunity to partner with the state and their increased commitment and energy regarding middle income becomes key. And as Jill mentioned, there is a strong commitment that we are seeing coming from the state, both around affordable as well as middle income units prosper in the city, are excited to have the state as a partner and appreciative of that. There's so much work going on at that level and as part of our tip exploration processes from east Portland to the central city as directed by council, we're actually hearing about the importance of accessible middle income housing as well as affordable housing to community on a daily basis. In fact, we just heard this again yesterday at an east Portland steering committee and working group joint meeting where they they constantly mentioned both affordable housing as critical to stabilizing community as well as middle income homeownership and rental projects. And we expect that any TIF plan proposals that come forward to council over the next year resulting from the exploration processes, I would expect to see this as a potential use on the project list across central city and east Portland within the incentive programs. In addition to increasing direct financial availability, there are other incentive tools the city can offer to help support middle income housing. That's things like the homebuyer opportunity limited tax exemption program, otherwise known as HOLTY, which offers a ten year tax abatement or exemption on homeownership units. And then within this category, we also wanted to acknowledge that there is a

request that has come forward to council regarding the expansion of the sdc waiver. Today sdc exemptions are available to rental projects affordable to housing households earning 60% or less and then for home ownership projects for folks earning 100% or less of median family income. So sdcs are important tool, but they're also critical. We also know that they're critical to our infrastructure bureau partners being able to deliver on streets, transportation, open space, sewer and stormwater capacity. And we acknowledge that there are trade offs for council considerations in this category. And last but not least, under zoning, we see strong alignment between the residential infill project and supporting middle income housing by expanding the types of housing available in our residential neighborhoods, particularly seeing the potential for infill housing in places where the market is potentially actually naturally performing at middle income levels, i.e. At 80, at 100, median family income such as in east Portland, where we have a moment to think creatively about the tools we have as a city to stabilize community through new middle income housing development, including through infill. And with that, I think am handing it back to patricia.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you so much, lisa. All right. So we're almost we just have a few more slides. And this next slide, we just wanted to highlight some potential near-term regulatory changes that affect housing at all income levels. Um, so one of the things that council will be seeing very soon is the housing regulatory relief project, which will be coming to council in January of 2024. This project proposes a package of zoning code amendments that grant temporary relief from select development regulations and procedures for a period of five years to facilitate housing development at all income levels. Adoption of updates to the inclusionary housing regulations. As jill mentioned, that expand the inclusionary housing incentives to more projects is also a piece of legislation that will be before council in January of

2024. Another near term future project is a staff evaluation, and this was alluded to in some of the other slides. But a staff evaluate version of the zoning incentives and bonuses across zoning districts to optimize not just the number of housing units produced, but to encourage production of diverse housing types, including accessible units and family size units. As it relates to permitting improvements, as we know, there's a permitting improvement project that is ongoing and will continue around implementing the single permit authority to improve decision making and ensure transparency and consistency in outcomes in the in the development review process, improving the customer experience through staff training and customer service surveys, among other approaches establishing permit timelines and doing ongoing monitoring to for performance to meet those timelines, implementing regulatory and process improvements through ongoing review of different business processes and improving cross bureau policy coordination. Other strategies that are potential actions also include conducting an analysis of an infrastructure capacity in the inner east geography of the city to inform potential future expansions of dwelling zoning in that area. There's been several written comments you've received written testimony related to this topic, and you're likely to hear public testimony about this in the upcoming hearing. Also analyzing barriers to condominium development which are necessary or important to increasing home ownership opportunities and continuing to evaluate additional ways in which to facilitate the conversion and reuse of central city office buildings for housing. Next slide, please. So now what? To just kind of speak to the outreach and the engagement that's going on related to the housing production strategy. So outreach and engagement on this, on the housing production strategy has been ongoing for some time and will continue in the first phase. The focus of the first phase was to introduce the project to different stakeholders and to seek feedback

on needs and gather some ideas about what what strategies the city should pursue. That outreach has been both within in among the city in multiple bureau teams through technical advisory committees as well as outreach to key stakeholders and external and stakeholders and community groups. In phase two of the outreach, the purpose will be to share the draft strategies and get feedback on prioritization. Very much kind of tapping into the same groups and existing technical advisory groups for that as well as doing more broad citywide outreach through survey and open house and also with the focus on bipoc focus groups and community meetings and then phase three as we approach bringing the this housing production strategy back to City Council. So we will be making modifications as needed and to the strategy phase and publishing the housing production strategy. And that will go to the planning commission for hearing and recommendation and ultimately to City Council for hearing and recommendation on um, next slide, please. So so very close to recapping here. So just last, uh, second to last slide, these are the next steps. Just to recap that council can expect. So this housing needs analysis, as we mentioned, is what's before council right now for adoption. State requirements do require that the housing needs analysis be and the and the buildable lands inventory that supports it be adopted by the end of the year. So looking for council action on that at the next at the next meeting, which is scheduled for December 13th. Jan January of 2024, the council will see a couple of the projects that we mentioned that are the near term actions, which include the amendments to the inclusionary housing regulations to expand exemptions and then the housing regulatory relief project at just noting here again recapping the outreach that's being conducted on the housing production strategy to finalize the those strategies and that document. And then with the intention of bringing the housing production strategy to council for adoption in the summer of 2024. Next

slide, please. And I believe this is the last slide, just to recap, to remind council what the action before council is today. And currently the planning commission on October 24th did recommend unanimously that the City Council, uh, both take these actions, repeal the 2009 housing needs analysis and adopt the 2045 housing needs analysis and similarly, repeal the residential portions of the 2015 buildable land inventory and adopt the updated 2023 building buildable land inventory. And with that, I think that completes our presentation. Thank you so much. We're happy to answer any questions you might have.

Speaker: Very good colleagues before we get into public testimony. Does anybody have any questions? Keelan how many folks do we have signed up.

Speaker: We have 32 people signed up.

Speaker: Very good. Two minutes each name for the record. Keelan will call the names and please be very much on point as we will meet you at two minutes because we want to make sure we hear testimony from everybody who would like to be heard today. Thank you.

Speaker: First up, we have I'm sorry, Keelan.

Speaker: One point of order. I apologize for interrupting. Just to remind people, this is a first reading. So the council will not actually be voting today. We will just be hearing public testimony today. Then we'll close the record at the end of this. So if you're hanging on, expecting a council vote, I just want to let people know that that doesn't happen at this part of the process. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. First up, we have matt tucker. Bomb.

Speaker: Great. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Uh, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Thank you so much for taking time to listen to input on the housing needs analysis today. My name is matt tucker. I am the board, a board member at Portland neighbors, welcome. And I'm excited

to speak on behalf of our organization today. We would like to thank the bureau of planning and sustainability for their thorough work on this report. We've reviewed it closely and want to highlight a few important points beyond the headlines. First, as you noted, in a work session last summer, mayor Wheeler, our current zoning capacity on its own would contain you our current housing trajectory, which means continuation of our housing crisis and suppressed production. And second, our zoned capacity is not strategically located. Only 33% is in amenity rich, high opportunity neighborhoods, and 42% is in areas with high economic vulnerability. Third, black native American and latino Portlanders making the average income for their demographic are unable to afford a home anywhere within city limits. Fourth, we need to boost housing production at all income levels, and we cannot rely solely on government funded construction to maximize production as the city's attention turns to creating a new housing production strategy, we hope you'll use this opportunity to address these important points by supporting the production of many more homes throughout our high opportunity neighborhoods. So the Portland has more abundant and affordable housing options for everyone. Our ask today is for council to support this approach and to direct to formally formally include a project to upzone the inner eastside from 12th out to 60th, from fremont down to powell in the housing production strategy, we're calling this initiative an inner eastside for all. And our goal is to re legalize multi-story mixed use buildings, four floors and corner stores throughout the inner eastside. Portland neighbors welcome has formed a broad coalition of partners who support this initiative. You'll hear from some of them today. And you can see the work we've done to demonstrate the feasibility and popularity of this idea in our written testimony. We'll hope you use we hope you will use the opportunity presented by the housing production strategy to work towards a more livable Portland. Thanks for your time.

Speaker: We have kyle johnson.

Speaker: Hello mayor and councilors. My name is kyle johnson and I'm here today to talk about why approving the housing needs analysis, including four floors and corner stores throughout the inner east side, will create a more bike friendly city. Well, I'm the vice chair of bike loud, which has signed on to the letter of support for this proposal. I'm speaking, you today as the founder of go by bike, which started and runs the largest bike valet in north America in 13 years of operation, we have safely and securely parked over 700,000 bikes at the bottom of the aerial tram over those years, we have seen the biggest increase in people riding their bikes from those who have shorter commutes, allowing more people to live closer to where they need to go allows for more trips that are ideal by bike. By approving these changes, we'll be giving those future residents the option to move around by bike in the netherlands, which has a complete network of protected bike infrastructure. We see that the number of people who are willing to ride a bike to their destination is at trips that are around 15 minutes away by bike. Our goal as a city needs to be to create more trips that are 15 minutes away by bike and make sure that there is safe infrastructure along the way. When you look at where our future housing stock can currently be located, too much of it is in the periphery of Portland, where we do not have good transportation options when we concentrate our future housing out there, we are making it much harder for those residents to be able to ride by bike to reach our climate and transportation goals. We need to get to 25% of all trips made by bike. The housing potential that will be unlocked by these changes will make it much easier for future neighbors to help us meet those goals. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Next up, we have michael anderson, mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: My name is michael anderson. I'm a senior housing researcher with sightline institute. We're a regional sustainability think tank sightlines housing program is built on the fact that when people choose to live closer to each other, they voluntarily cut their energy use roughly in half. But energy use is just one of many things at stake in this housing needs analysis. That's why I'm here today with others to say, as the city moves from this, housing needs analysis into its 2045 housing production strategy, it should include a project to include a broad re legalization of small scale apartment buildings throughout Portland's closer in neighborhoods rather than duplicate others. I'll just make one quick point today about displacement that if you turn to page 64 of the nga, you'll see this startling fact in the central city, more than half of the unregulated, affordable homes in Portland that's inexpensive, older plexes and apartments sit in a fairly small ring of neighborhoods around the central city, no further east than 60th avenue. The city designates these as high opportunity neighborhoods. New apartments were banned from much of this area in the 1980s, though the apartments that had been built by then are still in apartment zones, surrounded by this lower density zoning. Next time demand rises for this area, what's going to happen to the people in those older, unregulated, affordable apartments? Rent hikes, rent, evictions, displacement? But but by allowing apartments throughout the rest of these walkable inner neighborhoods, Portland would open an economic steam valve to protect against this scenario, new demand could result not in displacement, rent, but in new construction and a bigger tax base. As you'll hear today from affordable developers. This change would accelerate Portland's production of below market homes while holding market prices lower. This change would let all our inner neighborhoods evolve the same way. Buckman and boys in the northwest district were once allowed to. It would diversify neighborhoods economically, cut energy

use, boost economic growth and reduce dependence on cars. We urge you to include a project like this in the upcoming plans.

Speaker: Next up, we have zachary lesher.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioners, for the opportunity to testify. Hi, my name is zach lesher. I'm a renter in buckman and I'm here to support Portland neighbors welcome call to upzone. The inner east side for four floors and corner stores. I'm testifying today because I love the inner east side. It is filled with parks and restaurants and allows me to live car free due to its many frequent bus lines and wonderful neighborhood greenways that make biking easy and safe. I want more people to be able to call the inner east side home and not just people who can afford to buy a single family home. I want to see an inner east side where affordable apartments aren't only limited to being built along dangerous roads and a high crash network, but can be built anywhere mixed in with other homes to create an even more diverse, vibrant community than we already have. With the new housing supporting new neighborhood businesses, that wouldn't be possible without being within easy walk of so many residents as you listen to other testimony on this proposal, I hope you will see that this change is popular and that people have so many different and varied reasons for supporting it. Therefore I would like to ask that the inner east side for all proposal be included as a strategy in the housing production strategy. Thank you. Next up, we have dave peticolas.

Speaker: Hello, my name is dave peticolas and I'm a homeowner in north Portland. I moved to this city years ago and quickly fell in love with it. But I have nevertheless grown increasingly concerned over how many decent and hardworking people cannot afford housing in this city where they work and live. But as a volunteer for Portland neighbors, welcome. I have also learned that there are practical, reasonable and economically beneficial steps we can take. We can update our

zoning rules to allow more expansive vision of gross growth and possibility for this city. I know that Portland has already taken some steps in this direction and am grateful for the work the council has done. Whenever I see new housing going up in my Portland neighborhood, I am excited and optimistic that a more inclusive and accessible city is within our grasp. Please continue your good work by approving the housing needs analysis as it does show that the status quo is not enough and we must do still more to support growth and housing formation as part of doing more. Please also support the inner inner eastside for all plan as part of the housing production strategy so that high opportunity areas of the city can be prioritized for new construction. Thank you, mayor and members of the council for listening to my testimony.

Speaker: Next up, we have kevin cronin.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Uh, mayor Wheeler, members of the Portland City Council. My name is kevin cronin. I'm here representing housing Oregon as their director of policy and advocacy. Thank you so much. Time today for taking time to listen to all the testimony at housing Oregon. We are a collective voice for nonprofits dedicated to community development and equitable housing solutions. Our members span across community development corporations, public housing authorities and homeless service providers working tirelessly to create sustainable communities and provide affordable housing. In Oregon. Today I'm here in support of the item 15 and support of upzoning. The inner east side up upzoning of the inner east side is crucial for.

Speaker: Thank you, uh, for expanding the locations where affordable housing projects are financially feasible all by increasing the number of parcels where such projects can be developed, we enable more effective use of public funds, ensuring that they yield maximum impact in areas that are rich with opportunities.

Speaker: So urge you, as our city's leaders, to support this and the housing needs analysis and incorporate the upzoning to the eastside as a key element in the housing production strategy. Thank you so much for considering this and have a great day.

Speaker: Next up, we have sarah ratcliff.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. My name is sarah radcliffe and I am the director of government relations for habitat for humanity Portland region. At habitat, we see firsthand the need for affordable family sized homes throughout Portland and habitat. Portland region receives between 800 to 1000 applications for every 60 affordable homes that we build, and over 80% of our homebuyers are households of color. And many of those families were severely rent burdened before accessing an affordable mortgage. A lack of affordability causes frequent moves. Homeless ness, foregoing other basic needs and family stress, all of which leads to negative outcomes for kids allowing a mix of housing types and convenient high opportunity areas with strong schools is one significant step that our city can take, and that's why we support upzoning in the inner east side to create more housing access in this resource rich area. I also want to note that densification and home ownership can be complement land use strategies, affordable family sized homes for sale can come in the form of four story condominium buildings. And if we pair density with the community land trust model, we can preserve a slice of the inner east side for diverse households today and for generations into the future. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have doug klotz. Hello

Speaker: Um, my name is mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is doug klotz. I am a member of Portland neighbors welcome. And my wife and I are homeowners in southeast Portland at 35th and harrison, we support Portland

neighbors, welcomes plan for an inner east side for all, which will bring more housing to our well-served high opportunity neighborhood housing with four or more stories should be possible on all streets, not just arterials. We live four blocks from an arterial and it already there are as an older 18 unit building and several three plexes there we are able to walk and bike to work, to shop and for health care. And we welcome new homes which will allow more people to share our neighborhood and tells us that while Portland indeed has enough capacity for its zoning needs, much of that capacity is in is in places like east Portland, where new housing would bring a high risk of displacement for the low income residents there. On the other hand, the inner east side plan would shift housing growth to the inner east side. This upzoning will allow more land costs to be split between many apartment homes, making more and less expensive housing feasible. This new housing will be close in will avoid displacement and will reduce pressure on east Portland. Stabilizing prices. There I urge you to direct to include this plan in the housing production strategy, which they will be working on in the coming months. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have zachary lawrenson.

Speaker: Hello, mayor. Commissioners my name is zachary lauritsen. I'm coming.

Speaker: It looks like zachary may have dropped off. Oh, here we go.

Speaker: Back and better than ever. Here we go. I don't know what you heard. It did a little funky thing there. So, zachary lauritsen, Oregon, walks where a pedestrian advocacy organization. I just want to give a plug for walking here. And with regard to this measure 11015, which is we know that density makes walking feasible. And so the more we can have people living close to the corner store, the more we can have people living close to the park, the close to the school, close to their favorite business, close to their favorite wherever, and they can get there on

foot, have all sorts of positive outcomes, right? So that's around physical health, mental health of being out and moving. That's around safety. We actually know we have a safety crisis on our streets and we know the more people that are on the streets, which is actually counterintuitive, but the more people on the streets, the safer it is for people who are on the streets. And so it's also good for businesses, right, because you have more traffic, you have people on foot popping in and making purchases. So Oregon walks is an organization wholeheartedly supports denser housing and supports this. This effort. So thank you so much.

Speaker: Next up, we have david sweet, mayor and commissioner.

Speaker: My name is david sweet. I live in the cully neighborhood where we are trying to hold on to the rich diversity that we love. I'm here today to urge you to adopt the housing needs analysis es and to include for floors and corner stores throughout the inner east side as part of the housing production strategy for the last 53 years, I have lived mostly in the inner east side of Portland in the buckman, irvington, saban and alameda neighborhoods. I've watched rents and real estate prices in those areas grow exponentially, and the former economic, economic and ethnic diversity there disappear as a result. For the last. Ten years, I have lived in cully, Portland's most diverse neighborhood, where rising prices are also becoming a threat. A house near me that cost \$400,000.10 years ago sold last week for \$1.1 million. The engine driving displacement in Portland is the lack of abundant housing, and particularly not enough housing in desirable walkable, all high opportunity areas like the inner east side building a lot more housing there will reduce the price escalator pressure on neighborhoods like cully and east Portland. The first step is for the bureau of planning and sustainability to include four floors and corner stores on all lots across the inner east side in the housing production strategy. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Next up, we have Jake Atlas.

Speaker: Hello there. Hi, my name is Jake Ansel's Council Mayor. Thanks for having me today. I live in the Cully neighborhood in northeast Portland, across the street from David Sweet and Michael. Much of my life I've lived in economically and racially segregated neighborhoods with areas of single family homes kept separate from areas of apartments. The best housing I ever lived in was a shared single family house in Seattle that was in an area zoned similar to the inner east side for all plan. It was the most affordable housing I ever had. I biked and walked everywhere and was surrounded by a mix of all types and sizes of buildings and a mix of all types of economic and ethnic backgrounds. We need more of these neighborhoods and fortunately, even if the inner east side plan were enacted tomorrow, it will take decades for that to truly come to pass. Which brings me to my next point, which is my daughter, Thea, nine months old. She'll be 77 years old in the year 2100. And what will Portland look like in the year 2100? Um, given that Portland is a likely hotspot for migration from around the world, in the country for climate change, given that we're hopefully going to keep being awesome and the weird people that we are people will continue to move here. It's just too beautiful not to continue to be a growing region in my opinion. We need to be planning ahead for that. We need to be thinking of the future character of our cities and our neighborhoods. The character that my daughter Thea will help co-create it. As a 77 year old woman in the year 2000, let's be thinking of our children with actions such as these and our housing needs. Analysis doesn't even factor in major climate migration. So something to think about. Thank you. Steph.

Speaker: We have Ben Robbins.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you for your time today. My name is Ben Robbins. My wife and I moved to Portland about a year ago and in the spring I began volunteering for

Portland. Neighbors welcome. When I found out about the upzoning campaign in, I work as a minister. For part of my job is to help people thrive and help communities thrive and it is much easier to do that art when people are able to live in thriving neighborhoods, abundant housing makes every other issue easier to deal with. When the housing is close to transit, jobs and streets that are full of life and just speaking for myself, I noticed that I get out more. I join in the life of the city more. I support our businesses more when I live close to the things I love. So let's allow more housing where people want to live. I support Portland neighbors welcome campaign to upzone. All streets on the inner east side, so please include inner east side for all as a strategy in the housing production strategy. Thank you for your time and thank you for your work.

Speaker: Next up, we have david bennett.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, mayor. And commissioners. And thanks to for the work that you've done. My name is david binnig. I live in inner southeast Portland, and I'm also here to support the inner east side for all proposal to legalize apartments. Really? Because I want more people to have the opportunities that I did when I moved to Portland in my 20s, I lived in an apartment on a quiet street one block off of belmont, built before the city banned them and when my car rusted apart, I moved here from cleveland. I could still walk to my restaurant job today. It would be harder for someone to do that. There's more competition for homes and where we are adding homes there concentrated on by zoning onto only our busiest streets. As Portland has struggled for decades to add enough homes for the people who would like to live here and who would like to keep living here. And if we're ever going to change that, not just maintain the status quo of ongoing displacement that we've seen for decades, we need to look for opportunities to allow more homes and high opportunity areas, as we did when Portland was being

built. This is also a transportation safety issue today. My family lives one block off of southeast division and I can raise my kid on a low traffic street and also walk to the hardware store or bike my kid to music class without needing a car and stay on relatively safe routes. A lot of Portland still doesn't have that safe network and the city needs to continue the work of making streets safe throughout the city. But the other equally important thing that we can do is allow more people to live in parts of Portland, like my neighborhood, where daily needs are already accessible without a car. So I hope the council will approve the housing needs analysis and also work to include as part of our housing production strategy, a project to re legalize small apartment buildings throughout the inner east side of Portland. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have heidi hart.

Speaker: Hi, mayor and commissioners. I'm heidi hart. And I'm a renter in the buckman neighborhood. I'm testifying to urge you to both approve the housing needs analysis and include inter baseline for all as a strategy in the housing production strategy. I'd love the neighborhood I live in, and I want more people in Portland to be able to live in neighborhoods like mine. My neighborhood has complete streets, greenways and all kinds of housing types from single family homes to large apartment buildings and everything in between can have grocery stores, restaurants and shops within walking distance. And I'm a ten minute bike ride and ten minute transit ride from downtown. I live in a ten unit apartment building on a side street and the street in front of my apartment is very low traffic. A family who lives down the street puts cones down for their kids to play in the middle of the street on nice days, which is not something that's feasible if you live in our arterial street. Most of the housing density in my neighborhood is historical because this area was down zoned in the 80s my 1960s apartment building is not on our not on an arterial and would not be able to be rebuilt today. Immediately

next to me, I'm actually in just right there in the back. Um is a single family home that has been vacant for the over three years that I have been living here and it is completely falling apart. If it was redeveloped, it could only have a maximum of four units because of the zoning which is unlikely to happen because of the high land values. The lot that is right next to me should be a no brainer. Apartment building currently no one lives there and no one could live there without a monstrous amount of money spent fixing it up. We need our land use decisions and our inner neighborhoods to be creating new opportunities for people of all household configurations, ages, abilities, and incomes. To live in places that enhance their well-being. We need bold changes to make that happen. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have summer bosola.

Speaker: Uh Keelan. Could I just interrupt for a second? Are people able to see the timer? Is it is it visible? Um, because I feel like a lot of people are stopping at the first bell, and I just want to remind people, the first bell means you have 30s left. It's not. And then you'll hear a second bell when your two minutes is actually up. And I think people have been very succinct and to the point, but I also don't want to cut people off prematurely. So the first bell is 30s left. The second bell is no time left. And if you're on line, you should be able to see the timer.

Speaker: Thank you, ma'am. Go ahead.

Speaker: Excuse me. Yeah. Thank you. Um, hello, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is summer boslough, and I'm a homeowner of over 18 years in inner southeast Portland. And I care about vibrant, livable neighborhoods that are accessible to all income levels. Within a five minute walk of my house, I can go grocery shopping and to restaurants, bars and small businesses. All of which I frequently, regularly. I love going out with my family and never having to get in the car. We can go see a movie, get dinner, pick up a gift for a friend at a local business,

and end the evening with dessert all on foot. I can get to work downtown on the bus or on my bike and my daughter can walk to school or ride the bus and to hang out with friends. I'm grateful every day for my wonderful neighborhood, and I know that my relatively high household income makes it all possible. I want housing equity so that Portlanders at all income levels are able to live in a neighborhood like this. I want to make Portland the best city that it can be. I love living here and I want to continue to allow others to live here and make it possible for new residents and existing residents to have good housing to do this, we need to upzone the inner east side to allow for floors and corner stores, buildings to be built across the area. This needs to include all streets, not just busy streets. I see opportunity cities throughout the inner east side when I walk around that are on busy corridors and quieter streets where multifamily mixed income housing could be built. I'm a member of Portland neighbors welcome and ask that the inner east side for all plan in be included in the housing production strategy that you will be developing soon to prioritize housing availability in the highly desirable inner east side neighborhoods for all. Thank you.

Speaker: Up we have eric lindsay.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Council

Speaker: Today I speak to support Portland neighbors. Welcome inner east side concept and the four floors for corner stores and corner stores. Um lots of has been said about all of the benefits of lot more housing and high opportunity neighborhoods in Portland. And I won't restate that but one part of this proposal that I think is just really exciting is this idea of corner stores and, you know, we have big swaths of Portland where it's kind of just housing, housing, housing, housing, a lot of single family homes. And then commercial strips and I currently live I'm lucky enough to live in the boise neighborhood right off of mississippi. And I live two

blocks from so many different things. And I just think it is absolutely so much fun to be able to walk to the coffee shop to the corner store, take my kids to get their hair cut, all of that literally just a few steps from my front door. And I think that a lot of folks in Portland would find it wonderful to make big areas of Portland and have those corner stores and coffee shops literally just around the corner. Uh, you know, people love to rag on Portland and whatnot. And I think these are this is one of those opportunities is to really kind of take an optimistic, um, step forward and make Portland an even more wonderful place to live. And I encourage you to really seriously consider the proposal from Portland neighbors. Welcome. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Next up, we have joel bravo. I don't believe they joined us, but we'll move on to tony jordan. Hello

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. My name is tony jordan and I am here to support the eastside for all plan and urge its inclusion in the housing needs. Analysis um, I've lived in Portland for more than 20 years, but before I moved here I spent several summers and long vacations exploring the inner east side while visiting a relative who's lived here for a long time. Um and when we moved to Portland back in the early 2000, we moved for two reasons my wife and I couldn't afford to keep living in coastal california, largely due to the same housing dynamics that have caught up to us here. And because we love the neighborhoods we visited in Portland. Walkable streetcar neighborhoods filled with walk up apartments and especially the rare remaining corner store coffee shop like pollio or the clinton street market. Um I do a lot of work in in zoning and ad and parking reform policy around the country now and I compare building a sustainable and walkable city to growing a garden like, you know, a lot of the work we've done so far, I liken to clearing the rocks and weeds from a plot where you want to grow a

garden, but that's that's specific. Like the parking we eliminated our parking mandates recently and that that does us and we've we've up zoned with the residential residential infill project for some missing middle and that does create an environment where we can grow a city but we can't stop there. We have to you can't just remove the rocks and weeds. You have to plant the seeds and think that this proposal will to not only analyze our housing needs, but also to, um, you know, you have to up zoning with allowing these kinds of apartments and this this to like everyone else is saying for floors and corner stores really does kind of plant the seeds for the city we want to see in the future. And then of course there's still work to be done like adding more transit and dealing with any problems that might pop up. But please do you approve this plan and include eastside for all in the housing needs analysis. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have peter nakano.

Speaker: Hi, mayor and commissioners. My name is peter luciano and I'm speaking to you today in support of including the inner east side for all proposal as part of the housing production strategy. Um, as someone who lives in an apartment on a non arterial in buckman this proposal is personal to me. My home was able to be built because it sits on one of the rare non arterial parcels that is zoned commercial mixed use. Unlike most of the new multifamily homes in Portland, my building sits on a quiet, low traffic street. I open my windows and instead of being bombarded with car noise and auto exhaust, I hear the birds in the trees next to my building and the occasional sound of a bike pedaling past on the greenway. This sounds cliché, but it is my daily lived reality, and yet my neighborhood is highly walkable and most of my errands can be completed within a ten minute walk. At one point I was even able to walk to work because I can live so much of my life without driving, I can avoid contributing to the congestion in our streets and our city's traffic safety

crisis. The mixed use zoning down my street enables thriving local businesses such as crema coffee and a vibrant public plaza, which you may know as the rainbow road that is one of Portland's most beloved spaces. I'm speaking today because I want more people to have the same opportunity. Me in fact, achieving many of our city's stated goals, whether it's increasing housing affordability, boosting local businesses, reducing traffic deaths and combating the climate crisis depends on it. Thank you.

Speaker: And next up, we have barry cochran. I don't think they've joined us. We'll move on to cas cole.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is cas cole and I'm speaking in favor of the inner east side for all strategy to be put in the housing production strategy. I'm a Portlander of over ten years spending most of that time renting and working in the inner east side. Now a homeowner in madison, south in my spare time I coordinate volunteers for a local family shelter and I'm also a housing attorney representing tenants in eviction proceedings. When they're being evicted. The question my clients ask me is where do we go? Where does my family go? We couldn't make it work here, so where can we make it work? So when I get asked what my clients and what my shelter guests need, my number one answer is more housing options, period. The vast majority of my clients are struggling to stay housed and to reenter housing because they have too few options in the market. When there's too few options, your rent goes up and at the same time your ability to move goes down. My second answer would be more housing options where families can walk or bus to where they need to go. Instead of spending precious rent and food money on gas, the four floors and a corner store model provides both housing options and livable, sustainable neighborhoods for all kinds of families in our northeast and southeast Portland is a fabulous area of the city with a

lot to offer, a lot more families, if only there were options available to them. That's why I ask you to support including inner east side for plan in the housing production strategy. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Next up, we have annie callan. Hi

Speaker: My name is annie callan. I live in the hazelwood neighborhood. This will shock nobody, but I'm speaking today in support of the proposal from Portland neighbors. Welcome to include upzoning for inner east side Portland in the housing production strategy. I live in outer east Portland and I commute to northwest Portland. So think about the carbon impact of that commute. If I could afford to live closer to where I work and if we could all do that, it would improve not just our lives, but the health of our city, our communities and our planet. It might sound hyperbolic, but the truth is that small, thoughtful, incisive changes can often have outsized impacts. Now, I'm going to be controversial just to spice things up a little bit. Um um. I don't believe that housing is a human right. I'm a libertarian person and I maintain that nothing which requires the labor of others is a human right. However, I recognize the enormous tragedy that it is when people don't have access to affordable housing and the great thing is we can make that happen and we can do it in a way that we all agree on. This is a great idea. We're not asking government to do more. We're asking government to do less. We're asking government to lift burdensome restrictions which prevent Portlanders from making intelligent choices for ourselves about how we want to live, where we want to live, and how we want to get around. By removing antiquated restrictions, you can lower housing costs across the whole city, improve neighborhoods, reduce homelessness, reduce transportation costs, including the cost of the city, pays to maintain these systems and make Portland more accessible and welcoming for everyone. How

often do you get such a great chance to do less and get so much more? Thank you very much. Next up, we have lacey patterson.

Speaker: Hello, mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for taking the time to hear testimony on the first reading of a pretty technical item.

Speaker: I'm lacey patterson. I'm an urban planner and a member of Portland. Neighbors welcome and a resident of the inner east side and the newly minted district two. I'm speaking today because I believe that the city has the capacity to provide more housing options to more people in areas such as mine. I live in a townhome across the street from a five story residential and mixed use building, and I absolutely love it. Like many others who've spoken before me, I'm really fortunate in that I'm able to walk to the store law, library, pharmacy parks, restaurants, hair salon, even my dentist, if you can name it, just about. Sure I can comfortably walk to it. I believe that this city can make this a reality for many more people than we allow for today. And part of that includes more floors, as you've heard in our neighborhoods. I encourage you to support initiatives like the inner eastside for all in the housing needs analysis and the housing production strategy and zoning update conversations moving forward. And that's it for me. I know my time is not up, but i'll go ahead and yield. Thank you for your time and I hope you'll have a blessed day.

Speaker: Next up, we have ben schoenberger.

Speaker: Mayor, commissioners, thank you. I'm here today speaking on behalf of housing land advocates. I'm a member of the board with that organization. We're an organization that supports affordable housing and smart land use policies that further the goal of affordable housing throughout the region and the state. The board urges you to support the inner east side for all proposal as part of the

housing needs analysis and housing production strategy. It really is critical to include up zoning of high opportunity areas as a one of the strategies in the housing production strategy that the city will adopt. This enables all kinds of people of different backgrounds and ethnicities and races to live in areas that they might not otherwise be able to. That's an important part of the growth of our city to be a more equitable and focused place. On a personal note, this year marks the 30th anniversary of my first moving to Portland, and I want people to have the same opportunities that I did 30 years ago. I've lived in different neighborhoods all over the inner east side and I think that would not be possible for my soon to be graduating from college son like I was at that point in my life. So I'm eager for those opportunities to be spread amongst more folks as it was given to me as an opportunity. And that is one of many reasons that we support the inner east side for all proposal. As part of the housing production strategy. We thank you. That we have robin yee, mayor Wheeler, members of council.

Speaker: For the record, my name is robin yee and I live in montavilla today. I want to urge this council to consider upzoning the inner east side and support the inner east side for all proposal brought forward by housing advocates.

Speaker: Today, I believe Portland can be a place where we can breathe clean air, have a roof over our heads and support our loved ones through these increasingly challenging times. A resilient community is a connected community, a place where neighbors feel welcome and social bonds can be formed. In addition to our many challenges, we face an epidemic of loneliness, and that becomes much harder when our city is designed to go mainly from front doors to cars to parking lots and back. I believe our neighborhoods need to be places where we can live in harmony together and better enjoy. The best thing about our city. Its wonderful people.

Speaker: I support a vision of four floors and corner stores in close to neighborhoods because we can already see how vibrant it makes our city.

Speaker: Many of Portland's great streets and livable corridors think Belmont. Burnside, Stark, Hawthorne Division are mixed use zoning and thrive when allowed to build denser. All of Portlanders benefit from walkable mixed income neighborhoods. Every neighborhood in our city should be open and available to people with diverse backgrounds and incomes for every age, wage and stage of life. This is where Portland needs to go. Thank you for your time. Next up, we have Sam Keelan.

Speaker: Hello, my name is Sam Keelan. I live one block from Lents Park in southeast Portland and I'm here to tell you why I support creating a great deal more housing in Portland. So I grew up in Michigan, but I just moved here September first, so I've been here for about two months. I sold my house in Michigan to move here, and now that I'm here, there's no more homes for me to buy. I don't necessarily want to buy a house because there's a lot of investment in that that I just don't really care about. But in America, you build family wealth by investing in a mortgage. And I want to do that here in Portland, Oregon. I want to live on the same block as my friends and family. I kind of have a dream of us all living in a family housing unit, not like a shared kitchen or anything, but like just actually living as an extended family unit together so we can grow together and we need more opportunities to put those things. And just putting them right on the corridors isn't going to do it. Our inner suburbs, our outer suburbs, everywhere where you can have housing, there's people who want to live here. So let's stop saying no. You're not allowed to move to Portland and instead say, welcome in. Help us thrive, get a job, get housing, bring your weirdness to Portland. That's what I did I work as a planning and mapping consultant for some municipalities back in

michigan. And they keep doing this thing where they run the assessments and they say, okay, we need to do this. We need to do that. And so the city will pass it ordinance saying we've legalized adus, but within a couple of years only like 1 or 2 have been built. Only 1 or 2 bike lanes have been built and that's because they don't follow the process all the way through to do if then scenarios and say, okay, is this sufficient to create the housing we need? What you heard today is that there is enough room to create the housing needed, but what else needs to happen so that that housing actually gets created and, you know, follow the process all the way through comprehensive cully upzone the city. So I can buy in.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Next up, we have jacob apenas. Hey there, Portland City Council.

Speaker: For the record, my name is jacob apenas. I'm 25 years old, a lifelong resident of Portland and a member of sunrise pdx, a local youth led climate justice organization in at sunrise pdx. We focus on transportation justice. In the past, this has meant fighting against freeway industrial, fighting against the freeway industrial complex and their expensive, unsustainable projects. Today, while that fight still rages on, we are working to fight for something as opposed to playing defense. This sunrise pdx wants to see a city where busses come every five minutes instead of every 15 to 60. We want infrastructure that protects bikers from cars. We want to see a plan that takes vision seriously, seriously. We most importantly want to build a transportation system that's car free or car light. 40% of the state's carbon emissions come from transportation. It's time to change that. This is achieved not only through improvements to public transit, regional rail and safe bicycling infrastructure. It's also achieved through good housing policy policies. That allow that policies that encourage a dense housing development near jobs, schools, businesses and parks allow many more people to live in walking distance of their

needs. Dense multifamily housing also supports local business development, creating a virtuous cycle needed for amenity rich neighborhoods with dense multifamily housing also improves transit service by having more residents in our walkable neighborhoods, it increases demand for trimet's busses and max lines. This encourages trimet to increase service in these areas which then encourages neighbors to take transit more often. It's another virtuous cycle brought along with denser housing. In summary housing policy is transportation policy. We should be fighting for a city where everyone's needs can be met without a private vehicle and dense housing development can help. Helps in this fight. So nice pdx supports Portland neighbors welcomes campaign to upzone the inner east side. The city should include inner east side for all as a strategy in their housing production strategy. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have henry honorof.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor and commissioners. My name is henry honorof.

Speaker: I live in the elliott neighborhood of northeast Portland. I encourage you to both approve the housing needs analysis and include allowing for flaws and corner stores on all lots across the inner east side as a key component of the housing production strategy. My partner and I are raising our daughter in a small townhouse a few doors down from the russell, a six story apartment building that's home to a diverse group of 68 families and individuals. Nils, which is 68 families who live walking distance to transit. Good schools, restaurants, grocery stores and irving park. The things that I love about this neighborhood are now almost two year old daughter, zadie. You can see her playing over there. She had her first ever neighborhood play date with a baby who lived in that apartment building, which only happened because the russell offered an attainable home for that baby's parents. Now, I want zadie and every other kid in Portland to grow up down the

street from a bunch of friends who invite her over to play or walk over to play at our house. What will make that possible is an abundance of homes that are attainable to young families and neighborhoods that are enriching places to raise children. And the way to get that is many more mid-rise apartments like the russell all across the inner east side, not on high traffic, arterial, but nestled into neighborhoods where it's safer for kiddos to play outside. And now the first step of that, to make that a reality is to direct to include legalizing four floors and corner stores on all lots across the inner east side and the housing production strategy. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Next up, we have tricia kent. Hi

Speaker: Hi. Let's see.

Speaker: My name is tricia kent. I'm a resident of northeast Portland. I've been here for a year now.

Speaker: Um, and I wanted to share my excitement about the vision of four floors in corner stores for the future of Portland.

Speaker: My partner and i, much like henry, are working on starting a family and we keep coming back to the same priorities for our future and for the neighborhood.

Speaker: Cultivating an inclusive community and having ease of transport with our little ones. We love biking. We love walking, and we love taking public transportation in and instilling those values in our kids. So we love that. Upzoning is a housing production strategy. Can make this dream a reality for us as well as for so many other Portlanders who depend on these resources. And we also know that right now the site is ripe with opportunity to develop inclusionary housing and that everyone wins from the environment to transportation to housing developers to

our beloved neighborhood. And now and for our kids and generations to come.

Thanks.

Speaker: Next, we have luke, norm. I don't think they've joined us. We'll move on to will brewer, honorable mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is will fruhwirth and I live in outer northeast in the parker school district, and I'm here to speak in support of the inner east side for all proposal from Portland neighbors. Welcome. We're here today because the council is considering the most critical issue facing Portland in our region today, which is our severe housing shortage and its impact on livability. This body and city staffers have already devoted significant time and resources to address Portland's housing shortage through the construction of new shelter facilities, efforts to streamline the permitting process for new development incentive to convert empty office buildings to apartments and exemptions from system development charges for new affordable housing. These are all steps in the right direction. But the fact is that with our critical housing shortage, we must do all these things and so much more to stimulate the production of much new housing in Portland as the land available for development surrounding our city is limited by state law, we must look for every possible location in our city limits. As Portlanders, we love our neighborhoods of single family homes, big lawns, leafy trees. However, our current housing stock is simply insufficient to meet the needs of our community. We must move now to build up to allow property owners and developers to meet this demand with new multifamily housing, especially in the close in parts of the city, with the best access to jobs and economic opportunity and transportation, such as the inner east side. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have peter finley. This desert.

Speaker: Hi, peter finley for I have to admit, this is a little weird and I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you this afternoon. I am changing the subject now, so we're not going to talk about southeast. I'm going to make some statement first, which are rhetoric. One is I do not believe supply is a problem. I also do not believe is a problem. I believe the problem is affordability and the way our capitalistic system works and I want going forward to really have the planning bureau, who's done an excellent job to ask us to questions. The first question is what is growth? I have a garden, my garden during the spring grows like mad. Very tall and. For the rest of the year it doesn't grow up because it doesn't create more units. It creates culture. We need to discuss this issue about what is growth. I was at a meeting this morning. They were all talking about growth rates and wealth. Don't know if that's exactly true. So we need to ask that question. What is growth? Second question is what is livability? Are we just building units or are we building homes? That's a critical difference. We can build units. We can build cheap units anywhere, everywhere. Can we build homes? Can we build places where people can live and grow and thrive? Those are the two questions that I feel we should be discussing going forward. And that's it for me. Thank you very much for the opportunity to talk to you. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Thank you. And peter, thank you. And I agree that does look slightly awkward there you in the large room. I'm practically alone there. And thanks for bearing with us over these few weeks here while we're we're in transition from one council chambers to another so colleagues as Keelan just said, that completes public testing on this item. Um, does anybody have any comments or questions that you would like to make at this stage in the process before we move this to the next phase. Seeing none, the written record will remain open until Friday,

December 8th at 5:00 pm Friday, December 8th at 5 p.m. That means people can continue to submit emails and information. This item is now continued until.

December 13th at 10:30 a.m. Time. Certain that will be the second reading, and the council intends to vote on the item. Then however, if members of council introduce new amendments, for example, amendments based on the testimony we received today, they they will be published on December 11th on the housing needs analysis project website. Should there be new amendments, council may decide to reopen the record. To hear more on those amendments to preserve your ability to testify, please plan to attend the December 13th meeting with that colleague. We are adjourned. Thank you all. Thank you.