



June 5-6, 2024 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024 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 left at 11:30 a.m.

Officers in attendance: Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:46 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:57 a.m.

Communications

459

[Request of Michael Ocallaghan to address Council regarding death](#) (Communication)

Document number: 459-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

460

[Request of Ezzie T to address Council regarding concerns about homelessness](#) (Communication)

Document number: 460-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

461

[Request of Margaret Zebroski to address Council regarding homelessness](#) (Communication)

Document number: 461-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

462

[Request of Anne Di Elmo to address Council regarding the need for safer infrastructure for active transportation](#) (Communication)

Document number: 462-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

463

[Request of Donelda Weiss to address Council regarding gun violence](#) (Communication)

Document number: 463-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

464

[Authorize the Eliot Area Parking Permit Program as the new area parking permit pilot directed by Council and the Centers and Corridors Parking Management Toolkit](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191775

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

465

[Appoint Felisa Hagins and reappoint Gustavo J. Cruz, Jr. to the Prosper Portland Board for terms to expire June 30, 2027](#) (Report)

Document number: 465-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Prosper Portland

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

466

[Amend Council Impact Statement to include economic impact analysis of any proposed regulatory changes](#) (Resolution)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Prosper Portland; City Budget Office

Time certain: 10:20 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Utilities

467

[Appoint and reappoint Portland Parks & Recreation Board members for FY 2024-25](#) (Report)

Document number: 467-2024

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 10:50 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

468

[*Amend Business License Law and Arts Education and Access Income Tax Codes to conform confidentiality provisions to State law \(amend Code Sections 7.02.230, 7.02.240, replace Code Section 5.73.100 and add Code Section 5.73.120\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191745

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

469

[Assess properties for sidewalk, curb and driveway repair for the Bureau of Transportation \(Y1102\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191762

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

470

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Berrydale Park Improvements for an estimated \\$3,300,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191746

Neighborhood: [Montavilla](#)

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 434.

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

471

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement between Metro and Bureau of Environmental Services for natural area acquisition at 15504 SE Martins St](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191747

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed

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

472

[*Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockwood Water People's Utility District in the amount of \\$135,000 to supply water meter reads for sewer services billing](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191748

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed

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

473

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

Document number: 191749

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed

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

474

[*Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Right of Way Services with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the 82nd Ave Glisan and Davis Signals](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191750

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

475

[*Authorize competitive solicitation for the construction of the SE 82nd Ave Crossings: Ramona, Tolman and Lambert Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191751

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

Regular Agenda

476

[Proclaim June 2024 to be Portland Pride Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 476-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

477

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with Portland Fire Fighters' Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 43 to settle an unfair labor practice complaint](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191752

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

478

[Accept recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award on-call price agreements for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite](#) (Report)

Document number: 478-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

479

[Accept recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award on-call service price agreements for Bureau of Environmental Services Capital Improvement Program staff augmentation](#) (Report)

Document number: 479-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

480

[Assess properties for sidewalk, curb and driveway repair for the Bureau of Transportation \(Y1103\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191770

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

481

[Initiate foreclosure action on 3312 NE Broadway for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191771

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

482

[Initiate foreclosure action on 1445 SE 174th Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191787

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

483

[Initiate foreclosure action on 2734-2738 NE Alberta St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191772

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (3 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

484

[Initiate foreclosure action on 4929 NE 28th Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (4 of 8)

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

485

[Initiate foreclosure action on 4611 N Minnesota Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191773

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (5 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

486

[Initiate foreclosure action on 16909 SE Lafayette St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (6 of 8)

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

487

[Initiate foreclosure action on 2626 N Baldwin St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191774

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (7 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

488

[Initiate foreclosure action on 4909 SE Mitchell St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Time requested: 30 minutes (8 of 8)

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to substitute Exhibits A-1 and B-1: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading as amended June 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

[Create and establish compensation ranges for five non-represented classifications to support the legislative branch of the government structure defined by City Charter](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191753

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Second reading agenda item 448.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, June 6, 2024 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.

Commissioner Rubio left at 4:02 p.m.

Commissioner Ryan left at 4:12 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:28 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Time Certain

490

[Accept the 2023 Annual Report on Sister City Activities](#) (Report)

Document number: 490-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

491

[Accept Downtown Portland Clean and Safe Enhanced Services District Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 491-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 2:45 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List June 5, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Name	Title	Agenda Item
Ted Wheeler	Mayor	
Rebecca Dobert	Acting Council Clerk	
Dan Ryan	Commissioner	
Rene Gonzalez	Commissioner	
Mingus Mapps	Commissioner	
Carmen Rubio	Commissioner	
Linly Rees	Chief Deputy City Attorney	
Michael Ocallaghan	(Communications)	459
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Allan Rudwick	Eliot Neighborhood Association	464
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Felisa Hagins	Executive Director, Service Employees International Union Oregon State Council	465
Heidi Brown	Chief Deputy Attorney	477
Lex Jakusovszky	Senior LGBTQIA2S+ Policy Analyst	476
Mary McCarty	Artistic Director, Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Cayla McGrail	Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Associate Planner	476
Molly Smithson Callahan	Board Member, Oregon Pride in Business	476
Jamie Channell	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
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Sara Tretter	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Myra Howard	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Sarah R. Osborn	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Cin Bowman	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
CJ Rachko	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Susan Hunter	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Sparky Lindsay	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Eve Sepulveda	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Katie Drake	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Karen McColloch	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Riley Miller	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Althea Gregory	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Kai Jordan	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Sarah Clark	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Leticia West	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Jessamyne Ivy	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Kristi Balzer	Portland Lesbian Choir	476
Dr. C.N.E. Corbin	Board Member, Portland Parks & Recreation	467
Jess Cline	Procurement Manager	478, 479
Sherree Matias	Administrative Specialist II	480

Name	Title	Agenda Item
Kevin Foster	Foreclosure Prevention Manager (Coordinator III)	481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488
Brigid O'Callaghan	City Treasurer	481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488
Sharon Nickleberry Rogers	Financial Analyst III, Budget & Liens Supervisor	481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488
Rob Brewster	(Testimony)	481
Erzsebet Eppley	(Testimony)	483
David Petersen	(Testimony)	483
Mike Liefeld	Planner, Supervising Zoning Nuisance & Site Inspections	481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List June 6, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Name	Title	Agenda Item
Ted Wheeler	Mayor	
Rebecca Dobert	Acting Council Clerk	
Dan Ryan	Commissioner	
Rene Gonzalez	Commissioner	
Mingus Mapps	Commissioner	
Carmen Rubio	Commissioner	
Anne Milligan	Senior Deputy City Attorney	
Chido Dhliwayo	Government Relations Specialist II	490
James Autry	President, Portland-Ashkelon Sister City Association and Chair of Portland Sister Cities Coalition	490
Phil Potestio	President, Portland-Bologna Sister City Association	490
Rick Lamberson	President, Portland-Guadalajara Sister City Association	490
Chi Chen	President, Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association	490
Thomas Benke	President, Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association	490
Karin Hansen	President, Portland-Mutare Sister City Association	490
Mami Kikuchi	President, Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association	490
Alix Nathan	President, Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association	490
Tatiana Terdal	President, Portland-Lviv Friendship City Association	490
Devin Reynolds	Enhanced Services District Coordinator - City of Portland	491
Mark Wells	Downtown Clean and Safe Executive Director	491
Vanessa Sturgeon	Downtown Clean and Safe Board of Directors Chair	491
Laura Brown	(Testimony)	491
Anita Davidson	(Testimony)	491
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Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

June 5, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning everybody. This is the June 5, 2024 morning session of the Portland City Council. Rebecca, good morning. Please call the roll.

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

Speaker: Now we get to hear about the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, and welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [Portland gov slash council slash agenda](https://portland.gov/council).

Speaker: Information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page.

Speaker: Individuals may testify for three minutes unless the presiding officer states otherwise.

Speaker: Your microphone will be muted when your time is over.

Speaker: The presiding officer preserves order disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting other council.

Speaker: Others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed if you cause a disruption, a warning will be given.

Speaker: Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting.

Speaker: Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass.

Speaker: 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 if you are a lobbyist, identify the organization you represent. Virtual testimony. Testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thanks a lot. First up is communications. First individual please rebecca.

Speaker: Item 459 request michael o'callahan to address council regarding death.

Speaker: Mr. O'callahan, welcome back. You know the drill. Okay. Thank you for the privilege of addressing the council again on the last time I was here.

Speaker:

Speaker: The deaths. And now your response was the, opioid crisis, which I would consider a rationalization and actually, that is the symptom, not the cause. Okay? The cause is hopelessness. Okay? That's why people turn to drugs. They don't have hope. And when you steal all their stuff, they lose hope. But only 20% of the opioid deaths were the unhoused, 80% were housed anyway, I'm here to announce that I'm going to run for mayor and sit in your seat. Okay. Yeah, I'm going to sign up today. Yeah, and, check my record. Okay. And then nobody can stand to this record. I started a free food program with a bike and a trailer where we gave away 17 million pounds of food on a zero budget with 82 volunteers. Okay. Gave away 2.5 million pounds of salmon, gave away 120,000 pounds down here in Portland. Okay. Took nine cases to the state supreme court in alaska. Down here as an unhoused. Took my case to the ninth circuit, where they declared Portland's camping ordinance unconstitutional. So I've got a lot of other things on my record, so check

it out. Mayor michaelson.com, that's my internet site, and it is continuously improving. Okay. So I appreciate the opportunity to address the council.

Speaker: Thank you sir. Best of luck. Thank you. Next individual please. Item 460 request of city to address council regarding concerns about homelessness. Is as he online.

Speaker: As he is not here.

Speaker: All right. Next individual please. Item 461 request of margaret zebrowski to address council regarding homelessness. All right. Item 462.

Speaker: Request of an d elmo to address council regarding the need for safer infrastructure for active transportation.

Speaker: Starting to feel like a jilted lover? Yeah. She's here, she's here.

Speaker: We're in zoom online.

Speaker: Good morning. Anne, how are you today?

Speaker: Good morning. I am doing well. How are you?

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Welcome yes.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and council members. Thank you so much for giving me time to speak today. My name is andy elmo, and I'm a resident of woodlawn and a pedestrian trimet user and fairly new cyclist. I'm here to talk about safer infrastructure here in northeast Portland, I really appreciate all the improvements that pbot continually makes to our bike and pedestrian infrastructure, such as our incredible neighborhood greenways. But unfortunately, cars and trucks keep getting larger and, and drivers more distracted, putting more people at greater risk to reach vision zero. We need more protected bike lanes, crosswalks, and bus and pedestrian islands, especially on high flow streets. I live close to the rosa parks protected bike lane, and I'd love to see more streets like it around town. Northeast killingsworth would be a great candidate for such

infrastructure. It's a street I have to cross all the time, and where drivers tend to be less considerate and more aggressive, they rarely stopped. They rarely stop by marked intersections, let alone unmarked ones with showing complete disregard for Oregon law, it seems insane to me that I have a much better chance of crossing on mlk, which has much, much higher flow and is much wider as well. I usually have to wait until there's a lull in traffic or trimet bus drives by, so thank you. Trimet bikeway, and that's when I can see into the intersection visibly, visibility is problematic on killingsworth, and it's shockingly it's much, much worse on alberta, and that affects all forms of transportation. And it slows down absolute everyone. This is where daylighting would make everyone much safer, little farther to the south is northeast Broadway, where I frequent a lot of really incredible businesses. Have you tried to cross Broadway recently between 11th and 23rd? Good luck with those four lanes of cars, and fema crossings for a street with so many great businesses, it's really as unsightly as it is dangerous. It would really benefit from more traffic calming measures. Maybe you know, a median pedestrian islands, that would also encourage more foot traffic. And of course, a protected bike lane, I cannot tell you how many times a driver has waved sheepishly at me after not letting me stop on as often as not stopping for me on any of the streets I mentioned. Weaving is a nice gesture, but safer crossings are much, much better. And this is where we need you, Portland has so much potential and could become a truly great place to walk, cycle or use. Mobility device. I love I love supporting the great small businesses of the city and exploring our wonderful neighborhood greenways that the city has wisely put in, but to continue to do so, I need to feel safe. I need to feel safe on my feet or on my bike, or walking to a trimet stop. Thank you so much for listening to me today.

Speaker: Thank you anne, and I know commissioner Mapps would would like to comment as well. He's our transportation commissioner. Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Well, and I want to thank you so much for testifying today, I'm glad that you, appreciate some of the, bike infrastructure and safe infrastructure that, pbot has implemented recently. I also have some good news. Pbot will be out on northeast killingsworth this summer making safety improvements, frankly, the reason why we're able to do that is through our fixing our streets program, which the voters and their great wisdom passed just a couple of weeks ago, we will also be out on northeast broadway in the very near future, making important improvements there. I'll tell you the only reason we can afford to pay that pay for that is thanks to some grants that we recently received from the biden administration. So we're moving in the right direction. We appreciate you, exploring our multimodal transportation system. And I very much appreciate you being here today.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Sure.

Speaker: Thank you. Anne next individual, please. Item 463, request of donald weiss to address council regarding gun violence.

Speaker: Donald has not joined us online.

Speaker: All right, so we're obviously a little bit ahead of schedule. Why don't we go to the consent agenda? Rebecca, have any items been pulled off of the consent agenda?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan I Gonzalez, I maps, I yea. Rubio Wheeler I the consent agenda is adopted and our next time certain is in three minutes.

Speaker: We'll take a three minute recess.

Speaker: Authorize the Elliott area parking permit program as the new area parking permit. Pilot. Directed by council and the centers and corridors. Parking management toolkit. Commissioner Mapps, colleagues, this item comes to us from pbot, this ordinance authorizes the city to create a new parking permit area in the Elliott neighborhood, here's some background on this ordinance, now, we all know that sometimes when people attend events at the Moda Center and the Memorial Coliseum, they park on residential streets in the Elliott neighborhood, which makes it hard for residents to find on-street parking. The plan this council is being asked to approve is designed to improve parking management in the Elliott neighborhood, especially when there are events at the Moda Center and Veterans Memorial Coliseum. I'm here today to tell us more about this ordinance. We have Rally Stark, a parking district project manager with pbot, and we have Kristen Aldrin, a parking operations program manager, also with pbot. Welcome

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners, next slide please. O'Reilly next slide.

Speaker: Okay, before we go into the Elliott pilot, I wanted to give you a bit of background on why we manage parking in the city of Portland. Good parking management can encourage people to use buses, bikes or walk instead of driving. It helps keep the city clean and makes it easier to get around. It also supports local businesses because people can find parking and visit shops and restaurants more easily. As shown on this slide. Parking management is included in many plans and policies that guide our work. Next slide. Why we're here, the area parking permit program was established in 1981, and it helps residents address the impacts of commuter parking in neighborhoods. This is accomplished through permit systems that limit visitor parking. Residents and employees within an area then can have the option to purchase permits to park beyond the visitor limits. 35 years

later, in 2016, council approved the centers and corridors parking management toolkit, which authorized new tools to manage parking with the goal of reducing on street parking demand. This paved the way for pbot to alleviate parking constraints that can't be addressed with the traditional area parking permit program, and in 2018, council directed pbot to initiate two programs to pilot programs the elliott permit program, which is what we will be presenting to you today, was the first program, the pilot that evolved from that directive. And the second one is the boise parking management plan, which is currently underway. Reilly will now explain the proposed pilot program.

Speaker: Can I jump in here real quick? Commissioner Ryan, do you have your hand up?

Speaker: I'm so curious about something, thanks. So for this presentation. I'm sorry I'm interrupting so soon. It was established in 1981, correct? Yeah. And then in 2016, that's when this. So did anything happened? What happened between 1981 and 2016, we have 18 different area parking permits that were established. Yeah, there's already 18, but, there were it's constrained because the 1981, program is a is designed to address commuter parking and that and it successfully has done that. So 18 zones have been established since then.

Speaker: I knew that there were some missing bullets between that. And so that helped immensely. Thanks

Speaker: Next slide please.

Speaker: Good morning. After several requests from the elliott neighborhood to help manage parking, one failed attempt at creating a permit program using the traditional area parking permit rules in 2019, pbot established the lloyd event district in 2022 and committed to work with the elliott neighborhood to address impacts. At that point, pbot convened a task force of residents and businesses that

met 12 times over the course of 17 months to study parking in the Elliott neighborhood and the impact large events have in and around the Moda Center. The task force were mostly residents, and they have lived in the neighborhood anywhere from 1 to 41 years, and we also had business owners, employees, renters, a representative from Legacy Emanuel and Land Use Chair of the Elliott Neighborhood Association. Our data showed that demand for parking is low to moderate on a typical day. As you can see on the left in green. However, during event hours, or during evening hours, on event days at the Moda Center, the data showed a significant impact as you can see on the right in red, parking is extremely constrained on event days. Next slide. In early 2024, ballots were sent to each household in the proposed permit area, bordered by Flint to the west, Russell on the north, MLK on the east, and Skyler to the south. 172 Elliott Neighborhood households voted, and a total of ten contiguous block faces shown in the dark. Green voted for the permit. In this met the minimum requirements established by the task force to form a permit area. Next slide. After seeing the results of the ballot, PBOT and the task force felt it would be in the community's best interest to form a cohesive area, making it easy to understand for residents, businesses and visitors. Therefore we determined to adjust the proposed area to what is shown on the slide. This is the first permit area of its kind, piloting new processes and tools to manage parking during events rather than traditional commuter parking, which Chris had mentioned earlier. The goal of the proposed permit program is to prioritize on street parking in the Elliott neighborhood for residents and their guests, so that they can find parking during large events nearby. All households in the shaded areas are eligible for permits, and a permit would allow them to park beyond the time limit. The proposal will limit on street parking for two hours between 5 and 10 p.m. All days from October through May. In the summer, PBOT

will prepare the permit program for online applications for an October 1st start date. So as you can see, the map distinguishes the following. First is the blue area, the permit area, which includes signs restricting parking. And then there's a buffer zone which is the yellow area. This does not include signs restricting parking. All households within the buffer yellow zone will be eligible for permits, and these households are eligible for permits for the following three reasons. The western edge of the permit area between flint and williams is commercial, with daytime operations leaving parking capacity for adjacent residents in the evening. Second, there are several multifamily buildings north of north page and on the east side of williams, that have limited or no off street parking and therefore need an on street parking solution. Third resident on the north end of the permit on the on the south end of the permit area, specifically on tillamook and between tillamook and on rodney, between tillamook and thompson could be most impacted by spillover event parking since it is still relatively close to the event venues to the south of the permit area. Next slide. The permit costs are based on median family income. The permit price is \$80 for the year, and then there are two reduced tiers that are either \$55 or \$38 based on lower family incomes. We're also offering free annual guest free annual guest permit and 30 free guest permits to each household. This came directly from the task force and public input, out of concern for caregivers and former residents who have been displaced from the neighborhood and went to visit family or friends. Next slide. The evaluation and future expansion of the program will be decided by pbot and guided by the input of the neighborhood. We're going to continue to work with the task force that we have established next winter and spring, using the following metrics to make any changes for the, permit for the following permit year. Parking demand. Efficiency of the permit area on event days and non event days. Traffic counts on northeast tillamook, which is a

neighborhood greenway spillover impacts and the amount of permits purchased within that yellow buffer zone. Next slide.

Speaker: The future parking management tools. We'll be coming back to council with code changes from what we learned from this pilot and the boise parking management plan pilot after implementation and adjustments are made so that pbot can have better tools to address parking management. In the end, our goal is to have expanded parking management tools and strategies to apply to the needs of the current situations in the city. This concludes our presentation. We are happy to answer any questions, and we also have, alan rudwick, who is the elliott neighborhood association land use chair and was also a member of the projects task force here to speak to you about this work.

Speaker: Great, did we want him to come up and say a few words or.

Speaker: He is here?

Speaker: As long as you made the effort to come. All this way and be here today, welcome. We'd at least like to have the opportunity to meet you and say hello. Well

Speaker: Hello. Good morning, members of the City Council. My name is alan rudwick, and I'm the land use chair. As just said of the neighborhood association and a member of the task force. I'm here to express my support for the elliott parking proposal. As a resident of the neighborhood, I've seen the parking challenges caused by events in the rose quarter, drawing thousands of visitors leads to a lot of spillover parking in our neighborhood, forcing residents to park blocks away from their homes, often late at night with children or groceries in tow, since 1994, our neighborhood association has made several attempts to get a permit program up and running. And with the new pilot programs, we actually got one that makes sense. And pbot has done a good job working with the a diverse task force to develop data driven plan addressing the event, event parking, I'm

gonna skip that because we already heard all of that, part permit programs are effective tools in many cities. From the beginning. We requested that the trailblazers and rose quarter event management would cover the permit costs for residents. The reason for this is that we wouldn't have a problem without them. They're making a ton of money on these events, and they have been reached out to several times, but unfortunately they have not offered any support even for the low income portion of the program so far, their lack of financial support is unacceptable. The contribution would make a big difference, helping make this program more equitable and effective and demonstrating their commitment to being good neighbors and community partners, there are other groups like this that do contribute to our permit programs elsewhere in the country, not locally, while this parking issue is important, it's not our top priority as a neighborhood association, our highest priority for the past five years has been closing the open air drug market around dawson park and stanton street streets and right of way owned supposedly by pbot. Many of your staffers already are aware of this issue, I'm not sure why it's taking five years and why we aren't done yet, but we still think this is our top issue. And in closing, I support this and I encourage you to vote yes. And I also encourage you to reach out to the trailblazers or whatever machinations are going on with selling the arena. We can we can throw a little bit of money at this program. It's not that much money if the donations need to go to a nonprofit. Elliott's got us 500 1c3. We're willing to act as a go between. Let's get this done.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you, thank you. Appreciate it. Any questions before you ask about public testimony. Do we have public testimony today? Rebecca, we do have one person signed up. All right, let's hear it. Ts kleinpaste ts is online.

Speaker: Welcome. Close ts, you just muted yourself.

Speaker: Can you can you unmute. There you go.

Speaker: Hello. Apologies for that. It took my computer to, to get up to speed. Hello mr. Mayor and commissioners I'm speaking to agenda item 464, I am a volunteer at bike farm, and I speak here because I greatly care about our organization. Bike farm is an all volunteer run nonprofit collective. We're dedicated to supporting cyclists. People can come to our space and learn about bike maintenance. They use our bike tools to fix their bikes. And we serve many groups in the city, including many lower income individuals. We are located on first avenue across that big toyota dealership, right in the heart of the proposed permit area, and I'm generally highly supportive of any measure that discourages the use of cars. I think moore street should be made entirely car free. I think parking downtown should be at least \$10 an hour. I think it should generally be miserable to drive. I also believe in generous accommodation and exceptions for those who simply cannot do without a car, and that is why I'm speaking to you today about the elliott neighborhood parking permit program. I support the proposal generally, the purpose would be necessary after 5 p.m. In those busy months, but our organization is only opening open in the evening as we are all volunteer run. We start at 5:30 p.m, so we would be impacted, and it might be strange to see someone who is a cyclist advocate for exceptions here, but the reason is that while pbot spent a year and a half on consultations, bike farm was never actually consulted, had we been, I'm sure that pbot would have been able to work with us on a piecemeal solution for a specific needs. But currently that's not the case, and the number of guest permits that would be available to us will not cut it. The 30 that are being proposed to be available for free per year won't last us a month. And there are two groups in particular that visit bike farm that would need to be able to reach us by car. The first group is those who attend our. We wheelchair maintenance clinic that is once every week or sorry, once every month. We host a

wheelchair maintenance clinic for wheelchair users. It's highly popular. It's very well attended. Wheelchair users can help troubleshooting maintenance issues to their wheelchairs, wait lists are often several months, but if they come to us, they get it fixed right away. The second group is people making donations. They bring their old bikes and old parts to our shop. We are all volunteer run. We have no source of income other than what we get donated and we're only to operate because of those donations, if it becomes much harder to get those donations to us necessarily, that will need to be by car because these bikes aren't moving anymore. And people also need to be able to leave after they donate us, it'll be harder for us to continue to operate and cover the rents. So I'm generally supportive, but I would like to see pbot expressly directed to work with us to figure out a piecemeal solution to the needs of our patrons, especially for those who use a wheelchair. Furthermore and finally, I'm of the opinion that the camping ban is cruel and that sweeps should stop.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you commissioner Mapps I want to thank these for his presentation, and I'll direct this. My question, to staff, is it possible to work with this group to figure something out? That's right.

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you for your testimony, this permit program was initiated for mostly for residential permits, but there are organizations in the neighborhood such as bike farm and pica, the Portland institute of contemporary arts. And we are committed to working with you all to make sure that your parking needs are addressed. This program will not begin until October. So we do have time and we are definitely we're definitely going to work with you and make sure that everything that you need to operate your organization is met.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. And thank you. Thanks to pbot for your responsiveness in this space, colleagues, I don't know if there are any questions,

but I do want to share this with you. I'll tell you as I got up to speed on this project, which has been going on for a long time, I've just been incredibly impressed at the planning, public participation, and, and just follow through on this particular project. It really is a great case study and how to do, good public policy, especially grassroots driven public policy. So just my thanks to staff and my thanks to folks in the neighborhood who really pulled off, I think something special here. Thank you.

Speaker: Great. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps and pbot staff, reilly and kristen and alan, it was helpful to have your testimony for sure, I just have I'm supportive of this. I just have a couple questions. So I understand it better. And also, I really like the free permits, and guest permits that you're offering to the residents. That seems thoughtful. Is the pilot going to be tested when.

Speaker: So it'll start in October and then we plan we're going to do a series of evaluations. So around December will be, looking at traffic counts on northeast tillamook. And then around March, we'll be doing more evaluation where we do a data collection, to look at parking occupancy, to see the what the effectiveness of the permit program is. And then we plan to do a write up in the spring, noting if we think there should be any further expansion or if there's anything that needs to be needs to be modified.

Speaker: And so really definitely timed it with the peak of the blazer season.

Speaker: That's right. Right. Cool. And then my other question is, I'm curious now about the one of timbers stadium, I just call it timbers stadium.

Speaker: I can't keep track of who has the naming rights, when did that get established for goose hollow? Oh it was. I think they have one. Right.

Speaker: A while ago, it was a while ago. So that district was established, really early on, like early 2000. And then in 2016, that is when the permit program was

established in. Well, we have both the event district and then there's a restricted event district in northwest. So they've been around for years.

Speaker: I think that's why the chronological bullets earlier confused me, because I kept thinking of that one. Oh yeah. They're not the same exact thing.

Speaker: No. So that event district is meters, don't you think?

Speaker: Most people assume they're kind of the same thing. Yeah, because I just mean.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. Because there's also the lloyd event district and then there's the providence park event district. So we have the common theme is there spillovers from big sports ball events.

Speaker: That's right. Yeah. Okay that's right.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: That's good. I just was curious why this one was so delayed in comparison.

Speaker: Yeah, because this is, this is just generally a new parking permit program. So the one in providence park is it's a metered program. And then there's, like, the adjacent goose hollow has parking permits. Right. But that one in goose hollow, it's also addressing the needs of commuter parking. So people who would drive downtown park in goose hollow and then walk or take the bus into work because of the max line, is near.

Speaker: Yep.

Speaker: So that neighborhood just has different issues than this. So and then in elliott, they didn't have a daytime commuter issue. It was specifically event goers. So that's why after 18 of these area parking permit program districts and 40 years, that's why we've got this this one that is specifically for event goers. All right.

Speaker: That's that I only I've utilized both of those, as a sports ball consumer. And I always I've thought about this. So that's why I wanted to ask these questions. Yeah I would just add that in 2018 we hit the pandemic.

Speaker: So we were starting to get involved with the pilots. You know, six years later, we, the neighborhoods all wanted to take a pause during the pandemic. So that's why it's taken six years from the I assume that the good people from Elliott are probably been patient on this.

Speaker: So yeah. All right. Thank you, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Just have a quick question. So is this intended to be all year or just during the peak season? Ideally if it goes how you would like.

Speaker: Yeah, it's, peak season, which is October through May, and there's a chance that it gets expanded through the whole year based on events. But the difference between the months of October through May and then the summer months are very different. Like it's, less than a third, probably a quarter of the events happen in the summer. So it really that that need isn't there, but maybe down the road, the permit program does become, you know, as, as that neighborhood grows, there could be the neighbor. The permit program could change to an all year one. Thank you.

Speaker: Very good. Any further questions? This is the first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Next item please. Item 465a report appoint Felisa Hagens and reappoint Gustavo J.

Speaker: Cruz junior to the Prosper Portland board for terms to expire June 30th, 2027.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, thank you, Mayor. I'm thrilled today to nominate, both of these individuals to serve on the Prosper Portland board, this is a critical

time to continue the strong leadership on the board. In April of 2023, City Council adopted advanced Portland, a call to action to build a more inclusive, prosperous competitor and future ready city focused on economic growth. And while advanced Portland is a city wide strategy that relies on other public, private and nonprofit partners, prosper plays a crucial, important, crucially important leadership role in implementing this five year strategy. The mayor and I both believe that tavo and felisa have demonstrated the values, work experience and volunteer service to guide prosper Portland through this pivotal period of our city's future. I'd also like to note that tavo has served on the prosper Portland board since 2015, and this will be his fourth term. We're so grateful for his steadfast leadership and are particularly appreciative that he's willing to serve during a period of significant change within the city over the next few years. So with that, I'd like to ask felisa to come up and say a few words. Welcome

Speaker: Hello, I'm felisa hagins, I'm the executive director of the service employees international union, Oregon state council, the Oregon state council is the entity that helps coordinate the political program for both locals. We have 85,000 members in the state of Oregon, and we're the largest union in Oregon and nationally. And I am incredibly excited about this opportunity to serve on the prosper Portland board. I love the city of Portland, and will continue to love the city of Portland. And I believe that we have a bright future ahead of us. And I also believe that future only works if we include sort of economic prosperity at every single level. I also really like development, which I think is a weird thing, and people don't expect that from me, I would say. But I believe that if we develop a city, a beautiful city, that's an equitable city for everyone, we could be a model not only for the nation like we have been in the past, but we'll continue to be in the future and a

model for the world. And so I really look forward to serving on the prosper board to make that vision come true. And I'm happy to answer questions.

Speaker: What do you see as the priority for the board going forward?

Speaker: Oh my gosh. Well, I'm looking forward to my board. Orientation will be my first priority if I'm appointed, and excited to hear from tavo and kimberly. But I think the first priority obviously, moving right now is the Broadway corridor. I think that that's a really critical redevelopment process that needs to go well and has an incredible amount of potential. I also think that the small business investments in the program, the prosper runs for our small business community, we're a city that relies and thrives based on the health and welfare of its small businesses. And so some of the sort of less sexy but continued work that prosper needs to do to continue to make our city a place where people want to live and work. So those are the two that I'm most excited about.

Speaker: I strongly concur, thank you. That's great answers. And kimberly was behind you, nodding her head vociferously. So yes, that could have gotten real bad.

Speaker: Okay, any further questions? Colleagues this is a report I'll entertain a motion to. Oh. I'm sorry, do we have any public testimony? You do not. Okay. And, kimberly, did you want to say anything before we move on? Very good, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Yes. Commissioner Mapps moves second. Commissioner Ryan seconds. Bless you any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah. I'm just thrilled when I saw the two that Trevor was going to renew and that Felicia said. Yes. And I really appreciate that. You mentioned development because, you know, you've always been about economic justice and that's called jobs and building a workforce. And we know with work through the trades and, and

then those that maintain those facilities, our, our jobs that offer hope and prosperity for families and family wage jobs. So I think there's a I think it's a fallacy when we think that labor and business development can't figure out how to come together at very strategic times, especially when a city is trying to build some much needed, prosperity and not allow our tax base to keep departing. So, I'm really grateful that you signed up for this and that kimberly and the team sought you out. So I'm an enthusiastic. I

Speaker: Gonzalez, thanks so much for your willingness to serve. I vote I maps.

Speaker: Yeah, I want to thank our volunteers for agreeing to serve on this important committee.

Speaker: I vote I yea. Rubio I just want to say I was thrilled that you agreed to serve. And we've had numerous conversations about the potential and alignment, natural alignment. As commissioner said, between labor and development. And so I'm really excited to see your contributions manifest on this board, and, really glad for your experience and your new perspective. So very excited. Thank you again. I vote yea Wheeler.

Speaker: Well, and you're taking willie's place, is that correct?

Speaker: I am, yeah. Willie myers retiring.

Speaker: Great. I want to start off by thanking willie myers for his service to the board. He did an outstanding job. He stepped in at a challenging time, his performance was exceptional. We appreciate everything that he did in service to prosper Portland and the community at large. I can think of few people as well prepared to step into that role as you, felisa, and I know how busy you are and I'm greatly appreciative that you're willing to bring your time, your talent, and your energy to what I think is one of the most important boards that we have here in our community. You're ready to jump in on day one, and I'm sorry tavo isn't here to

hear me say nice things about him, because sometimes at the gym I rib him relentlessly, but I want him to know that I really appreciate his steady hand and his leadership of the board over many years. And I'm very happy that he is also willing to step forward and serve. I think between the two of you and the rest of the board, that is a formidable, combination. And I appreciate the amount of work that will be required to execute on the two top priorities that you identified, they happen to also be my priorities. And I believe this board's priorities, this this council's priorities. So we will be there to support you and help you. I know you are not shy. You will ask if you need anything from us, but the offer remains open and I thank you for your service, I am happy to vote. I in the report is accepted and the appointments are approved. Thank you.

Speaker: Well. Thank you. I look forward to the work.

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you for being here today, one second, colleagues, I just want to make sure I got my talking. Could you do me a favor, rebecca, and read item four six, six, amend council impact statement to include economic impact analysis of any proposed regulatory changes. And commissioner Rubio, I believe you're.

Speaker: Yes. I would like to pull this back to my office. My intention is to bring it back next week, but we need some more time.

Speaker: Point of order, commissioner Mapps. I understand what we're doing here. It's also a time certain. Is that fine, i'll refer that to legal counsel.

Speaker: I think as long as we. I mean, it would be a lot better if we just waited until 2020, but it seems like a minor point, and I think the relevant folks are here. So as long as council clerk is noting it on the agenda, I mean, the point is to make sure that people who want to testify testify. It's being pulled back. So, noted on the agenda and let's call it good.

Speaker: Okay, great. Thank you, we will move to item four, seven seven of the regular agenda.

Speaker: Authorized letter of agreement with Portland firefighters association. International association of firefighters, local 43 to settle an unfair labor practice complaint.

Speaker: Colleagues. This ordinance resolves an unfair labor practice complaint from the Portland firefighters association. Chief deputy city attorney heidi brown is here to walk us through the ordinance. Welcome, heidi. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor. Good morning. Good morning, commissioners. Good to see you all today. This ordinance is a settlement of as the mayor said, an unfair labor practice complaint. It's a relatively minor amount, basically, is background. There was an arbitration award where the city and the union disagreed on what the meaning was, and we reached out to the arbitrator, who had retained jurisdiction to answer questions and unfortunately, we're not sure what happened. But he, the arbitrator just was non-responsive. And, has now withdrawn from taking cases. I don't know if something health wise happened or what, exactly. However, he was unable to answer our question. So the union filed an unfair labor practice complaint to get an answer, and we were able to find there were a number of allegations in there, and we kind of came to this settlement agreement, which involves paying \$5,000 in attorney fees. And then also reinstating, 72 hours of sick leave for the firefighter, which is three full days for firefighters. Given the schedule that this firefighter is on, and we ended their probation period, probationary period about three months earlier than usual. So that's the settlement. I'm happy to answer any questions. If any of you have any colleagues, any questions.

Speaker: Do we have public testimony?

Speaker: We do not.

Speaker: It's an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan Gonzalez. Hi, maps. Hi yea. Rubio. Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The ordinance is adopted and the settlement is approved.

Thanks, heidi, for your good work on that. Thank you. Appreciate it. Colleagues.

Next we will move to item number 476. This is a proclamation to proclaim June 2024 to be Portland pride month. Colleagues, our next item proclaims June as Portland pride month in Portland. First, I'm going to pass it over to commissioner Ryan. Yes.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor, as adjusting to where we were, one second, it gives a chance for people to gather. Great. So well, I actually had to take a moment and reflect when I turned to prepare for this item, as an elder queer living in the city. A city known as a safe place for lgbt et tiki. Plus, it can be relatively easy to believe that the fight is nearly over or the urgency less important now than in the past. But that's my privilege speaking, and I'm reminded of the trans person who lives in most states in our country or in rural Oregon, or in a neighborhood in Portland who does not feel safe to be themselves. I'm reminded of my spouse, who is a non-binary out teacher, a counselor actually in a local high school. Their students enjoy the benefits of someone who looks and feels like they do, who speaks spanish and then english. Pivoting to add value. Then I'm reminded many students are forced to make it through the day feeling unsafe and unseen. They don't have an out counselor at their school that we have come a long way from the days of my youth, there is still more work to be done and we must be vigilant and keep our hearts full of compassion and kindness and courage. I'm now pleased to introduce lex jacket, I always like I mess up your last name. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker: Kaszowski, we're getting there.

Speaker: The policy analysis from the bureau of equity and human rights and you've been here three years now. Three years? Yeah. Happy pride to me. It's so great to have you here, lex. It's always good to see you. And please take it away.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you all. Thank you. Council. Good morning, City Council. My name is lexi. I use they them pronouns and I'm the city's senior lgbtq plus policy analyst in the office of equity and human rights. Thank you for having me here today. Happy pride. First, I'd like to thank you all for your staunch leadership and investing in the work of lgbtq plus equity here at the city of Portland. We're proud of the fact that while so many other jurisdictions across the country are tearing down progress, that we here at the city are building equity. I'm thrilled today to honor our annual pride proclamation alongside the queer alliance employee resource group. We have some members here today and some other esteemed community members. I'm excited to be joined by a cohort of members from the incredible and esteemed Portland lesbian choir, from a representative with our Oregon pride in business, which is our state's lgbtq chamber of commerce, and from our city's own lgbtq historian. So, without further ado, I'd like to invite our members of the Portland lesbian choir up to the dais, and I'd also like to introduce mary mccarty, the choir's artistic director, to share a few words before we are graced with their performance. Welcome, mary.

Speaker: Thank you. Lex, my name is mary mccarty. I use she her pronouns, and I'm the artistic director of the Portland lesbian choir. We're thrilled to be here today. This is only a small portion of our choir. We actually have 150 singing members and we only could fit 20 in this morning. So, we're going to sing two songs, the first is how could anyone? It's a song by libby roderick that we use as a song of healing and hope within our community. And we're really. We often tear up whenever we sing it. It's a song of inclusivity and hope, and then the second song, we're going to

sing is one that's coming from our upcoming concert, which is called love who you love will be at first united methodist church on June 14th and 15th. Pl choir.org. If you want to learn more about that, it's I'm coming out. How could anyone have.

Speaker: How could anyone ever tell you you are anything blessed and beautiful?

Speaker: How could anyone ever tell you? You are blessed and whole? How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle? Well, how deeply your connected to my soul. How could anyone ever tell you you are anything less than beautiful? How could anyone ever tell you you are less than whole?

Speaker: How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?

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Speaker: How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?

Speaker: How deeply we are connected to my soul. I'm a come and how to. I'm coming out. To

Speaker: I'm coming out I want the world to know. Come to let it show. I'm coming out I want the world to know. Got to let it show.

Speaker: There's a new me coming out. And I want to live.

Speaker: And I want to live a completely positive I think this time around I am gonna do it like you never knew it. Oh, i'll make it through. The time has come for me to break out of the shell. I have to shout that I am coming out. I'm coming out. I want the world to know. Got to let it show. I'm coming out I want the world to know. Got to let it show.

Speaker: I've got to show the world all that I want to be.

Speaker: And all my abilities. There's so much more to me. Somehow I got to make him just understand I've got it well in hand. And oh, how I have land. How spreading love.

Speaker: There is no need to fear. And I just feel so good every time I hear I'm coming out.

Speaker: I want the world to know. Got to let it show. I'm coming up I want the world to know.

Speaker: Got to let it show.

Speaker: I come in, I come in, I come in, I'm coming I come in, out.

Speaker: Awesome. Appreciate it. Very, very much.

Speaker: Good morning. Thank you, Portland lesbian choir for performing in celebration of their 30th year and this year's 47th anniversary of Portland pride. Proclamations my name is kayla mcgrail desai, and I'm an associate planner in the bureau of planning and sustainability working on the lgbtq plus historic sites project. This ongoing project protects, uplifts, and celebrates our city's lgbtqia two plus history and associated places, including ones associated with Portland lesbian choir. As a queer preservationist and city employee, I'm deeply honored to be surrounded by queer visibility, joy, art and history today and every day as we reflect on our queer pasts, presents and futures, I want to highlight key moments in Portland's queer experiences. Starting in 1971, Oregonians have celebrated some sort of pride event. Since then, Portland prides have evolved and expanded to its weakened festival across the waterfront, gaining recognition by Portland City Council in 1977, including lesbian in the title title. Beginning in the early 1980s, thanks to activism and advocacy of many Portlanders and continuing to celebrate our diversity around this time in the 1980s, queer choirs, including the Portland lesbian choir sang out to raise queer visibility and artistic expression. Often it was

and remains a powerful political statement to openly and visibly identify as the only choir with lesbian in its name. Over their 38 years, Portland lesbian choir has significantly shaped our city's queer and artistic cultures and have been a performing feature of pride for several decades. It's truly an honor to have them here at this pride proclamation, making another contribution to our queer culture. They are a testament to living authentically, welcoming all, and fostering joy. I look to them and all other aspects of Portland's queer history and historical places, as reminders and examples of queer resilience and pride. Please show up and show out for the history makers such as Portland lesbian choir, as this is just a beginning of another significant year in Portland's queer history, I'd like to pass it to molly from Oregon pride in business.

Speaker: Thank you kayla.

Speaker: My name is molly smithson callahan. My pronouns are she, her, and I serve as the board secretary for Oregon pride and business for over 30 years, Oregon pride and business, previously known as the Portland area business association, has championed opportunity development and advocacy for Oregon's lgbtq plus and allied business community. When 2020 put a full stop on how our organization had functioned, we took the opportunity to re-envision how we could empower lgbtq plus business owners, employees and allies across the region and eventually the state. When we came out as Oregon pride and business, the city of Portland's prosper Portland grants were instrumental for apib to expand our member support hire a full time staff person and increase our engagement with corporate partners. The results have been both tangible and far reaching. We have fostered two cohorts of entrepreneurs through a mentorship program and incubated two local businesses. We launched our career readiness program, a series of free, inclusive online workshops that provide skills and encouragement for

folks to enter or reenter the workforce. The city's commitment to marginalized communities is clear. Through its continued support of the office of equity and human rights. This year, it's been an honor to work with this office on our upcoming pride and policy inclusivity at work seminar, which will empower participants to initiate positive change within their own organizations and beyond. So what's next? Oregon pride and business and the national gay and lesbian chamber of commerce would like to work with the city to add certified lgbt business enterprises to the qualified types of minority business enterprises that can register and access business contract opportunities within the city of Portland. Last week, we also announced our statewide expansion plan, beginning with establishing an advisory board. This group of professionals will help build 13 regional chapters across Oregon and southwest Washington. We look forward to partnering with the city and our leaders to build a Portland affiliate chamber that focuses on serving the unique needs of our local economy. A lot of people say, vote with your dollar. Portlanders do that by supporting lgbtq plus owned and allied businesses, many of whom are members of Oregon pride and business. But we also expect the Portland City Council to support our community with the taxes that we pay. Portland has the largest percentage of lgbtq people out of all major us cities, and we continue to grow in numbers. If the city wants to revitalize our local economy with equity in mind, they must continue to support efforts for lgbtq plus business owners and professionals. This pride. We thank the council for its historic efforts and implore you to continue to invest in programs that build equity for the lgbtq, plus business community. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Both kayla and molly and lex, does that complete? Where did lex go? There it does. Back to you. Okay, great. Thank you very much. I'll now entertain comments from my fellow commissioners in the order, commissioner Mapps, thank

you, mr. Mayor, colleagues, at first I want to start off by thanking staff and our guests for today's presentation. Also, a big shout out to the Portland lesbian choir for that incredibly uplifting performance. And colleagues, I also want to say this. I am delighted to join you in proclaiming June to be Portland pride month. Now, I think many of us know that the history of pride month goes back to the stonewall riots, which occurred on June 28th, 1969, when police raided the stonewall inn, a gay bar in new york city. Now, at the time, it was common practice for police departments to raid gay bars with the intent of harassing and shaming customers. That practice was challenged on June 28th, 1969, when the new york city police raided the stonewall and. But on that night, the patrons of the stonewall inn fought back and sparked a civil rights revolution. In 1970, just a year after the stonewall riots, new york city held its first gay pride parade and in 1971, gay pride parades spread to boston, dallas, milwaukee, london, paris, west berlin, and stockholm. By 1972, pride parades, were established in atlanta, buffalo, detroit, Washington dc, miami, philadelphia, and san francisco. Here in Portland in 1975, we held our first pride celebration when a group of about 200 people gathered very near to us, over on the south park blocks for a gay pride fair. In 1976, Portland held its first gay pride March cathy bless Portland activist and, friend of council kathleen saadat, helped organize Portland's first gay pride March. Sadat described that March, with these words. Quote. We were Marching along and doing chants, being scared and seeing people on the sidewalk who we knew were gay or lesbian, but were afraid to join the March. Now, during pride month, it is important to remember the courage it took and still takes to come out to celebrate lgbtqia plus identities and to demand lgbtqia plus rights. And on this day and in this month, we should also remember and recognize the incredible civil rights victories won by Portland's lgbtqia plus community. For example, in 1977, the city of Portland issued its first proclamation

for gay pride day. In 1987, this council approved an ordinance stating that city employees cannot be fired solely because they are gay or lesbian. In 1981, this council adopted a civil rights ordinance that banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment, and public accommodations. In 1993, this council extended health care benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, and 1998 this council passed a resolution that implemented nondiscrimination protections on the basis of transgender identities. And as we know, in 2008, sam adams was elected mayor of Portland, which makes him the first openly gay mayor of a major us city. And in 2020, our colleague and friend dan Ryan was elected to this council. And I will remind us that with this budget that I believe we're going to pass, next week, this council voted to maintain staffing levels for the city's lgbtq asia plus program despite intense pressures on our city's budget. Now to sum up today we're nearly 50 years removed from Portland's first pride event over that half century, much progress has been made, but much work remains to be done. For example, violence against members of Portland's lgbtqia plus community continues to run rampant. Employment and housing discrimination against members of the lgbtqia+ community are still common, and our health care system continues to fail. Our lgbtqia plus neighbors. So while there is much to celebrate this pride month, it is also important to remember that there are many battles ahead. That's why I want to take this moment to urge all Portlanders to celebrate pride month and that's why I also want to urge all Portlanders to seize this moment and do your part to further the cause of lgbtqia plus rights here in the city of roses.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Rubio, so I just want to thank mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan for bringing this forward. And to the queer alliance, to the Portland lesbian choir, office of equity and human rights. Kayla and molly, thank you for your excellent performances and your advocacy and

your comments, deep. Thank you so much for all the work that you've done over the years, to make sure that young people show up feeling proud and bringing their full selves into this work, and also for demanding recognition and dignity. I also want to lift up all our lgbtqia plus employees who unapologetically stand up and have refused to let anything hold their voices and their power back. That also, you know, I want to say that also includes my own staff, angela rico and byron beck and jimmy radosta, who every day show up as their full selves and, and definitely, stand up for the right thing. And community. This also includes a deep appreciation to my friend and colleague, commissioner dan Ryan, whose very presence and representation on this council is a testament to that leadership and has made a huge difference in our city. I also want to acknowledge all the bipoc, lgbtqia, and intersectional folks and the distinct visibility challenges that they face every day, as well, I deeply appreciate all your commitment to justice and support for future generations through your actions. And that you you show people that they are worthy of being seen, and I also just want to acknowledge lex, lex, I've got to say that in the past three and a half years I've been on this council, I have seen firsthand how your work and how you bring the lgbtqia community in to the city has transformed our city. So I just want to say, we say, I see you, we see you, and you are shaping the city and how inclusive that we are and that we should be. So thank you, lex, for that, and thank you for showing us how it's all of our responsibility to create this environment and support this work in our bureaus and our community. And again, thanks to the excellent performers and everyone connected to this work. And thank you for building belonging in Portland. So happy pride month to everybody.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner gonzales, I want to thank you, mayor, commissioner Ryan, for bringing this proclamation.

Speaker: Thank you. Lex kayla, molly, and the Portland lesbian choir for being here today. That was such an uplifting performance. It feels a time so much of our dialog around identity can be overwhelmingly grievance based. And society needs a place to address grievances. But we also need to celebrate, to embrace self-actualization. Your music today was celebratory, inspiring, and lifted our hearts more than a little, so thank you for that. But I'm thrilled to join in proclaiming June to be pride month here in Portland. My colleagues have done a good job of highlighting the history of Portland in this area and supportive community. I just want to call out, as other jurisdictions jurisdictions passed legislation that discriminates and excludes. As Portlanders, we say not here, not ever. This is a city of acceptance of love. We appreciate and support this community with that, I'm happy to proclaim June as pride month and look forward to the official weekend of celebration next month. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, thank you, mayor, and thank you, colleagues, for all those wonderful words. And, always appreciate the history lesson that you provide commissioner Mapps to lax, the queer alliance team. There's many here. The lesbian choir, especially the artistic director, mary mccarty, kayla, it's great to have a queer preservationist at the bureau of planning, sustainability. I met you when we were kicking off the darcelle plaza, conversations. And you were so helpful in that setting. I think I had a few people say I had no idea the city had someone with such intellect related to this issue. And also, it was great to have Oregon pride in the house and to hear about you expanding into 13 chapters regionally. That's so important. And I can't, I must, I must say our movement has always advanced immensely by the marketplace, that's just kind of how our society is built. And I want to thank you all for the inspiring presentation. I'm just reflecting last night. I spoke at the queer film

festival, which last night took place at the Kennedy School, and I was reminded of the coming out stories that are revealed often in queer films and, you know, I was even thinking back to the my era in the 70s when I was a child, and it was like the ABC movie of the week or the after school special just might have a little hint. Or digging in the newspaper and reading about this guy named Harvey Milk and San Francisco, and it just allowed you to have a moment, not feeling isolated as a kid that was dealing with coming out. So that was my coming out decade. And in that decade, I experienced random violence and sexual violence. In my late teens and in my 20s. And those scars propel me to always show up today in this role with a responsibility that no one should go through, the shame and the isolation of those incidents that I experienced not that long ago. So happy Pride Month Portland, nice transition right? I'll see you at the parade next month. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Thank you colleagues. Thank you. Commissioner Ryan in particular. Thank you, for your thoughtful remarks, all of you. And Lex and Kayla and Molly. Thank you for coming forward and testifying. And the Portland Lesbian Choir. Thank you for all that you do in our community this morning. We're taking the time to honor the contributions of a community that represents resilience, diversity and of course, pride. Pride Month is another chance for us to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and its incredible contributions to our community and to also highlight the ongoing struggle for basic civil rights that impacts people not only here in our community, but indeed all around the world. I'm proud of the fact that Portland has long been a city that openly values inclusivity, equality and justice, and while we don't always live up to those values, we still as a community, come together with a goal of achieving them intentionally. Our LGBTQ+ community is a vital part of Portland's fabric, and it contributes to the rich culture that makes

our city unique. From arts and culture to business and public service, the contributions of this diverse community has helped shape our city into the dynamic place that it is, and the dynamic place that it will be for generations to come. This month, we not only celebrate the progress that has been made, but as commissioner Ryan, I think did very, very eloquently. We also have to take this time to overtly understand and underscore the price that people pay and the challenges that the community still faces. The fight for equality is far from over, and it is never ending, and it's our collective responsibility to stand against discrimination and prejudice in all of its forms, whether it be leveled towards us individually or whether it be leveled towards someone else. We must continue to advocate for the rights and the dignity of every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation or their gender identity. As we embark on this year's pride month, let's remember the pioneers who paved the way for greater acceptance and understanding. Their courage and their determination is what brought us to this moment, and it's their legacy that inspires us to continue pushing for a more inclusive and equitable society. They have set the standard, and now our challenge is to live up to that standard. I encourage everyone here to participate in the many events and activities planned for pride month in Portland, and now it is my great honor to invite the Portland lesbian choir to read the proclamation. Great. And thank you so much for being here and taking time today to do this.

Speaker: Whereas the city of Portland is committed to diversity, social justice, equity and mutual respect as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community, and whereas the long and ongoing struggle of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and other sexual and gender minority lgbtqia+ community is for basic civil and human rights, continues to provide inspiration to all those who work against discrimination and oppression.

Speaker: And whereas in any movement, it is imperative to remember its history and center the voices of its most marginalized members, especially transgender. Women of color like marsha p johnson and sylvia rivera, who fought back against police violence at stonewall, figures in a long lineage of leaders who have fought for queer and trans liberation and whereas, the presence and visibility of the lgbtq plus community is vital to the quality of life of all residents and visitors alike in the city of Portland, a city known as a safe harbor and home for this community and whereas pride celebrations have been held continuously in Portland since 1971 and pride Marches since 1976 and 2024 marks the 54th anniversary of pride around the world.

Speaker: And whereas we are witnessing a relentless attack on the dignity and rights of all lgbtq plus people, but most specifically transgender adults and youth who are not only being denied basic health care but are being targeted for state oppression and violence. And whereas it is vital to not be silent nor avert our eyes from the threats that our lgbtqia plus family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and community are facing, and to find ways to protect each other and continue to be a safe harbor and home for all our queer and trans people and whereas, especially in the face of discrimination, we celebrate with pride the dedication to service, art, craft, work, and mutual aid that the lgbtqia plus community shares with all the people of Portland.

Speaker: Through more than three years of a global pandemic and ongoing struggles for justice.

Speaker: Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim June of 2024 to be Portland pride month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you. We can we

take, let's take about a six minute recess. We'll reconvene in, just a couple of minutes before the top of the hour. We're in recess. Please join me.

Speaker: Sure. 111111. One. One.

Speaker: Two. One. We'll wait till he gets back. Rebecca says i. Two. Four. Six. Seven years. All right, gang, back in session.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Four. Six. Seven. Four. Six. Seven is a report.

Speaker: Appoint and reappoint Portland parks and recreation board members for fy 20 2425.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: That's why you're all waiting for me. Okay thank you, mayor and the parks and rec advisory board was established in 2001 to ensure that the park system delivers on a mission to provide healthy parks and natural areas, urban forest management, recreation services, programing for residents of all ages, and facilities that are accessible to all Portlanders. This year, the board has three positions to fill and three positions to renew. The nominating committee reviewed 19 applications. Thank you everyone who applied and they interviewed seven candidates. Thank you to our parks board members for their time and passion for Portland parks and recreation, and for their continued engagement. Today we are joined by the esteemed chair of the parks and recreation board, doctor c annie corbin. Doctor corbin, thank you so much for taking time out of your busy professor schedule to be with us today and it's wonderful to be on your lovely campus. We're excited to hear about your new appointees and take it away, doctor corbin.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, and good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. For the record, I am doctor sydney corbin, chair of the Portland parks and recreation board, as, as, commissioner Ryan stated there was significant interest in our advisory board this year, and I would like to thank board members casey mills and chris o'grady for co-chairing the nominating committee. There were many exceptional candidates and were excited to recommend for appointment three members who had skills and experience that helped the board better reflect the makeup of our city. They include bill van bang, an it professional and parent of two young children whose experience in stewardship and volunteering for includes volunteering for peninsula elementary school. Friends of trees, columbia land trust, and the northwest trail alliance. Alison snopek, a nonprofit executive in the arts and culture field who also serves on the board of directors for the Multnomah County cultural coalition and has a passion for the outdoors. Samarokena a manager of advisory boards and commissions in the city's community safety division and co-founder of the northwest association for global affairs. These appointees will replace three members of the board, and I would like to take this time to recognize bonnie g. Jozwiak who served on the board for six years and will end her term on June 30th, 2024. Within her tenure, she held numerous leadership positions, including vice chair and chair during the covid pandemic. When the board continued their work online and urban public park systems were fully acknowledged as critical, natural resource, a vital infrastructure for and crucial for supporting health and well-being. Two members of the board, alana guinea and jonathan beckett, made the hard decision to resign prior to their term completion. I trust and believe they will continue to serve Portland and parks at a different capacity. Three current members of the board casey mills, sabrina wilson and sue ann ho, are due for reappointment with the terms ending on June 30th, 2027. Mills

and Wilson will be serving their second full term and Ho, who is completing a partial term appointment, will be serving her first full term on the board. I look forward to continuing to work alongside them. I know that this board's advocacy and collaboration will be important for the success of a sustainable future for parks. And on behalf of myself, the board and the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau, we are looking forward to welcoming these community members. Joining the board. I understand that Portland Parks and Rec has submitted a report for these appointments, and reappointments for your consideration, and I strongly encourage your support and approval. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Gonzalez I just had a threshold question, Commissioner Ryan, going forward, appointments to this board will come through. How work in the new form of government.

Speaker: You're asking me, let's have that conversation, should we have a point of order and maybe have a, I don't know, Michael Jordan's not here. I just wasn't expecting it.

Speaker: I'm sorry. I've been having this question for all these boards. No so I can we can take it offline and won't impact to, you know, you ask the question.

Speaker: I'm comfortable with questions always, as you know and I think it's good transparency for government to have these kind of dialogs, I assume, because we haven't had this conversation yet, that it would probably be, connected to the DCA of the area. I would assume that the city manager would have a say so in that, and the mayor and then maybe I'm just thinking out loud here that the this new form of government, then the City Council would, have that come to the meeting and then they would most likely usually approve it with all of that vetting they were on prior. Okay that's just me, answering it, from my gut, I haven't had time to study this

question. I'm sure others maybe have not as well, unless someone has, talked to the charter, transition team about this. Have you talked to them about it?

Speaker: Not about this. I mean, under the new form of government, both the mayor and council can create new boards and commissions. They each have independent authority to do that. But for our existing one, this is an interesting cleanup item is do you pick one under the mayor you put on the legislature, and even if it's under the mayor, do you, still go through the process you described where a appointees are ratified by council? I was mostly just curious. It's an important board, and i, was just curious. What?

Speaker: I hope we use it as a time to look at just how many boards and commissions we have. This one is not in that category. It's pretty standard to have a board for such a large bureau, but there's a lot of boards and commissions, kind of like there's a lot of bureaus and offices. And I know as we try to make our government more efficient, we will need to look at such, can I just say clutter at times where we have maybe, perhaps too many?

Speaker: So that's my personal let's put a pin in this, because it's a good question. It really is. I actually was going to answer it differently. I think it would still report to the bureau director, but I don't know that. And I don't want to presume that. So this is a good conversation for us to have a report to the bureau director. Well, it's still advisory to the parks bureau, is it not? So I think it will still be advisory to the bureau, but I hope it's also connected to the dca.

Speaker: Or why are we building the dca system?

Speaker: Agreed. Yeah and, you know, well, we can talk about it later. We're getting off on a sidetrack, but good. Okay.

Speaker: Yeah. I appreciate the question, and I appreciate the dialog, I vaguely remember that as part of our transition planning there, it was on our plan to set up

a subcommittee that would evaluate our boards and commissions and advisory boards. I assume that that work is happening behind the scenes someplace I do think it's important, you know, colleagues, for example, I will share with you that in my portfolio, I believe I have more than two dozen advisory boards that report to me in some form or another two dozen, yeah. A lot going on in transportation, and then they all actually do really important work, but as we move to the new form of government, we really are fundamentally reinventing how we do our work, and I think it is worthy to I think it's important to remember that our advisory boards are an important part of how we do that work. And as we reinvent the, the administrative functions of the city, we should also think about the voluntary functions of the city. That's it.

Speaker: Great. Thank you, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: I'll just jump on. Add to that too, that I think there are, we're undergoing our own work with the advisory boards in the housing, bureau, which are numerous, and so we're we're undertaking that work right now. It would be great to have a place where we can have a clearinghouse and conversation about just what's going on in our bureaus and what's still outstanding for discussion among council about moving forward, also want to make a distinction that there are some advisory boards that advise the bureau, and then there are set up to advise council. So they should be those nuances should be treated differently for their roles.

Speaker: Totally agree.

Speaker: Absolutely. Good. Thank you, do we have public testimony or was there any other question?

Speaker: We do not. Okay.

Speaker: We do not have public testimony.

Speaker: This is victim of dan.

Speaker: This is a report excuse me if. Excuse me. If you do that again, then we're going to ask you to leave because that's not your time. This is a report. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Commissioner Gonzalez moves. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you, doctor corbin, again for your leadership. It's been very steady. It's been great to experience it from this position. And I also want to thank the returning members when sabrina and casey for renewing your commitment. And to the new board members, bill, samir and allison, welcome to the team and thank you for your time we had on the phone yesterday. All of you are really passionate, and it's always fun when you ask people about their how they access the parks. It's kind of like local schools where the favorite school is the one near them. So there's always a park near you that captures your, attention and your time. And then it's always interesting to hear the one that's a little bit further removed and why that's attractive to you. So, you know, Portlanders love their parks and so you're, you're taking on an appointment that many would like. There was a lot of applicants. And so I look forward to hearing how you lean in and join the leadership of doctor corbin I vote yea gonzales.

Speaker: I just want to thank some your willingness to serve. I vote I maps, I yea. Rubio I want to thank commissioner Ryan for bringing forward these stellar candidates and also the parks parks team and also doctor corbin, for all your work on behalf of the parks board, thank you for the returning folks who are signing up for another term. Really appreciate your continued work. And to the new members, for stepping up to serve the city. I vote yea Wheeler.

Speaker: Important board, lots of work, the decisions that the board makes are critical to the future of the park system. Doctor corbin. Thank you for all that you do. We certainly do not compensate you for the work that you do. And we're so grateful to have your your experience. Thank you for your for your service. I'm happy to vote. I the report is accepted and the appointments are approved. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: Next item back to the regular agenda for seven eight, please. It's a report except recommendation of the chief procurement officer to award on call price agreements for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite. The bureau of environmental services uses sodium hypochlorite to act as a disinfectant when treating various wastewater systems. This report authorizes price agreements to purchase bulk amounts of sodium hypochlorite to better ensure continuity of treatment supplies. Interim chief procurement officer kathleen brennan is here to present the report. Welcome, kathleen. Is she on line? She must be mayor Wheeler making it today.

Speaker: Yeah. Yes, sir. And I will actually be on the next one too.

Speaker: Okay. Thanks. Welcome

Speaker: Good morning, for the record, my name is jess klein. I am the goods and services procurement manager, for procurement services, on January 31st, 2024, council passed ordinance number 191614 authorizing the chief procurement officer to facilitate a competitive solicitation process to obtain responsible and responsive offers for the delivery of bulk sodium hydrochloride chlorate, in accordance with Portland city code 5.33 on March 20th, 2024, the chief procurement officer advertised an invitation to bid number 0002297 on behalf of the bureau of environmental services and on April 4th, 2024, two bids were received and deemed responsive to the requirements of the solicitation. The city issued a notice of intent

to negotiate an award price agreements to h.s.a, inc. In the amount of \$7,163,450, and jci jones chemicals, llc, in the amount of \$5,336,550, for a total not to exceed of \$12,000,500. Both suppliers have current city of Portland business tax registrations, and are in full compliance with all city contracting requirements. Neither supplier is covid certified. The chief procurement officer recommends that council accepts this report to negotiate and accept and execute agreements with the two responsive suppliers. I am available for any questions as well as, a member of the iss management team.

Speaker: Colleagues, any questions? Public testimony?

Speaker: There's none.

Speaker: This is a report i'll entertain a motion to accept it.

Speaker: So moved.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second, please? Second. Commissioner Gonzalez seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing? None, please call the roll. Ryan I gonzales I Mapps I Rubio I Wheeler i. The report is accepted four excuse me 479, this is a report as well, except recommendation of the chief procurement officer to award on call service price agreements for bureau of environmental services capital improvement program staff augmentation. This report authorizes price agreements for on call supplemental personnel support to carry out construction management, inspection, and project work during peak workload periods. As part of the bureau of environmental services capital improvement plan. Jess klein is here to talk about this one as well. Thanks, jess.

Speaker: No problem, gabe, for the record, my name is jess klein. I get the services manager for procurement services. On January 25th, 2023, council approved ordinance number 191155 authorizing a competitive solicitation for the purchase of construction management, inspection and project support personnel services for

an estimated amount of \$18 million over five years in accordance with pcc 5.33. On April 24th, 2023, the chief procurement officer advertised rfp number 0002085 and for proposals received and opened on may 15th, 2023. All proposals were deemed responsive to the requirements of the solicitation. The proposals were evaluated and scored by a panel of evaluators, including a member of the minority evaluator program. The city issued a notice of intent to negotiate an award price agreements on June 23rd, 2023, a protest was received on June 26th, 2023, and after review, the chief procurement officer sustained the protest and awarded an additional agreement per revised notice of intent to negotiate an award issued July 7th, 2023. No additional protests were received. The revised notice of intent to negotiate an award awarded price agreements to the following firms cmp, cs, llc for \$5.25 million, llc for 5.25 million, and allen construction management services for 5.25 million. All three, all three of the firms to be awarded price agreements are state of Oregon covid certified have current business registrations and are in compliance with all of the city's contracting requirements. Bureau's level of confidence in the cost estimate is high. Awarding a price agreement to these firms will allow the city to continue work in areas where staffing limitations exist, and continue to provide excellent service to customers and the public. It's requested that City Council authorize the chief procurement officer to execute price agreements for a combined not to exceed amount of \$15,750,000.

Speaker: Is that the end of the presentation? Yes, sir.

Speaker: Questions? Public testimony.

Speaker: There's none.

Speaker: This is the report. I'll entertain a motion. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Commissioner Gonzalez is second. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll. Rebecca Ryan gonzales | Mapps | Rubio | Wheeler | the

report is accepted. Next item. Item number 480a first reading of an emergency ordinance to assess properties for sidewalk curb and driveway repair for the bureau of transportation. Colleagues, this is a routine internal city business process to assess property owners for sidewalk repair charges. The ordinance lists a total of 153 properties and \$364,668.05 to be assessed, cheri mathias from the bureau of revenue and financial services here to walk us through the ordinance, welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I am I am cheri mathias from the revenue division. And joining me today is, with me today is lee munson from pbob. This ordinance is for sidewalk repair on property that is required by the city per city code. Property owners are given the right to file a remonstrance objecting to sidewalk repair charges. The revenue division received ten remonstrances in response to the proposed assessment notice mailed and the filings have been forwarded to pbob. Sidewalk inspection and repair department for resolution. Those remonstrances have been removed from this assessment and are not in this ordinance. This concludes my presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Questions. Public testimony.

Speaker: There's none.

Speaker: All right. Very good. This is a first reading of the nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Rebecca, please read items 481 through 488 into the record.

Speaker: Item 481. Initiate foreclosure action on 3312 northeast broadway for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 482 initiate foreclosure action on one, 445 southeast 174th avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 483 initiate foreclosure action on 273432738. Northeast alberta street for the collection of delinquent delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 484 initiate foreclosure

action on 4929 northeast 28th avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 485 initiate foreclosure action on 4611 north minnesota avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 486 initiate foreclosure action on 16909 southeast lafayette street for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Item 487 initiate foreclosure action on 2626 north baldwin street for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property, and item 488. Initiate foreclosure action on 4909 southeast mitchell street for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property.

Speaker: Colleagues. These are all first readings of nonemergency ordinances. Colleagues I'm also referring items 484 and 486. Back to my office. Next, I move a technical amendment to item 488 to substitute exhibits a1 and b1 to replace the original lien amounts with the current updated amounts owed. Can I get a second second? Any further discussion? Call the roll. Ryan is this for the amendments?

Speaker: Okay. The amendments I Gonzalez I maps, I yea. Rubio I Wheeler I the amendments are now attached to 488 now to the remainder of the ordinance hands.

Speaker: These ordinances are part of a coordinated effort by the mayor's office, the bureau of development services, the revenue division and the city attorney's office to pursue remedies including foreclosure for vacant and distressed properties with delinquent lien payments. It begins the foreclosure proceedings on seven properties with delinquent city liens that are eligible for foreclosure in accordance with city code 5.30. The liens were placed against the properties by the bureau of development services for code enforcement violations. Various nuisances, and or nuisance abatement. These properties have been identified as causing significant problems for neighbors, and are the subject of multiple and

frequent police calls and numerous enforcement activities. The revenue division works closely with bts to identify properties with delinquent account balances, many of which are designated as vacant and or distressed properties. Kevin foster are foreclosure prevention manager, is with us today to take us through the item. Introduce his co-presenters. Welcome, kevin.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor, and good morning. Council my name is kevin foster, foreclosure prevention manager in the bureau of revenue and financial services revenue division. With me is sharon nickelberry rogers, supervisor of the budget and liens team in the bureau of revenue and financial services revenue division. Also joining me is mike liefeld, property compliance division supervisor in the bureau of development services. Joining virtually is bridgette o'callahan, the city treasurer. Also, dan simon, the city attorney. Next slide please. Our foreclosure program is a combined effort by the bureau of development services. That's the city attorney's office, revenue division, and the city treasurer. Foreclosure is used as a final resort to motivate property owners to correct the violations on their property. All the properties being presented today have been identified by the bureau of development services as vacant and distressed properties. These properties are creating livability issues in the neighborhoods they are in. These properties have multiple complaints from neighbors, require to receive multiple police and fire calls, and usually because of the neglect to the property, they become eyesores in the community. Typically, the owners of these properties are out of state owners with no vested interest in the community. In some cases, the owners are deceased and the family is not engaged in resolving the issues with the property. Some owners are unresponsive and not motivated to address the violations, as they do not live in the. They do not live in the residence and are not being affected by the issues that the property is causing. We have sent out two required letters in the past 60 days,

notifying each property owner and each person of interest of our intention to move forward with the foreclosure action. I've also made attempts by phone to reach the property owners as well. Next slide please. The city offers opportunities to property owners to avoid, reduce and pay the outstanding lien, as well as time to correct the property code violations. As an example, when property owners are willing to correct violations and after the case is closed, they can reach out to the bureau of development services and request a review of their case. Bts will review each lien and see if the owner qualifies for a reduction of the balance due. Typically, the lien amount is decreased if they are not able to pay that balance in full, they can reach out to the revenue division and we will provide them with a payment plan. In some instances, owners who meet certain criteria may qualify for a waiver through the bureau of development services. Payment plans are offered by the revenue division. The payment plans that are offered by the revenue divisions can be extended up to 60 months. If the owner defaults on the plan, we offer options for the owner to make up those payments so we can continue on with the payment plan. We also work with owners on a hardship plan. This provides temporary relief to our homeowner. This plan can be extended for up to 12 months. Our ultimate goal is to return the property back to a productive use so we will make attempts to work with owners who commit to a reasonable agreement to resolve the issues with the property. As an example, last year, a property owner came to council asking they had corrected the violations and they had asked for some time so they could sell the property. They agreed to a payment plan and which they did perform on, and they did sell the property. I would also like to point out when the original foreclosure referrals came to me back in April, there were a total of ten properties we've been able to remove four of the properties from the from the list. Next slide please. Today I'm submitting six properties 26 lanes and \$300,000 owed. The

properties highlighted are three properties from a prior a prior council foreclosure list, 21 lanes and \$487,000 owed. Next slide please. In an effort to ensure that the foreclosure process is equitable and does not disproportion harm vulnerable communities, specifically black, indigenous, and people of color, we use census data from the population research center to determine the ethnicity, ethnicity of the person who lived in the who lived in the property. The data we used is from 2020 after it was reviewed, it determined that moving forward with foreclosure on these properties will not impact bipoc communities. Next slide please. The first property is located at 3312 northeast broadway. There is one lien against the property delinquent since 2023, and in \$20,000 owed. This property is in a high traffic area surrounded by businesses. The property has an open, dangerous building case for structural fall hazards. Bricks and glass are falling from the building. The property is covered in graffiti and open to entry. There are constant complaints of squatters at the property at one point it was reported that squatters were camping at the site. There is a there's also an excessive accumulation of trash and debris being left at the property in 2021, the bureau of development services was working with the property owner to redevelop the property. The owners intent was to build an apartment complex and also have space for businesses. The owner has not moved forward and has not been engaged through this process. When the property was forwarded to me, I did extensive skip tracing to try and find contact information for the property owner, but I've not been able to speak with them. There have been. There have been two police calls at the property and 31 calls made within 200ft of the property since 2023. I do want to acknowledge that I did speak with one of the developers that was working on this project, and he did relay that the owner is still trying to get the financing to move forward with, with building the apartment complex on this site. Next slide please. This property is located at

2626 north baldwin street. There are two liens against this property delinquent since 2022, and \$4,600 is owed. We do not have an official notification, but the mail that we are sending out is being returned, stating that the owners are deceased. Also, I used its which is a system that we use to locate property owners, and it also is saying that the owners are deceased. I've been unable to reach a next of kin or obtain any or obtain any estate information. The complaints on this property are accumulated of trash and debris being left at the property. There is also squatters unlawfully entering the property. I do realize the amount is insignificant, but with no engaged party the issue will only get worse. Drain city resources and continue to frustrate the neighbors. There have been five police calls to the property and five police calls within 200ft of the property. Since 2022. Next slide please. The next property address is 2734 through 2738 northeast alberta street. There are three liens against the property delinquent since 2023, and \$53,000 is owed. This property has an open, dangerous building case due to the structural damage and potential the building could collapse. The bureau of development services has a code hearing order to demolish the building. The property has extensive roof damage. There is. There have been complaints. Complaints have been received for unlawful entry to the building, resulting in squatter act resulting in squatter activity happening on site. Due to the condition of the building, a fence was placed to keep squatters out, but they are just breaking the fence to get in. If you look at these two pictures, the brick, you can tell the top one was from 2020 and then the bottom one was a picture taken this year. And you can tell that the bricks have started falling off the building. Bricks were bricks were falling from the building to the sidewalk. The owner of the property did reach out to me last week, and was asking for some additional time to correct the violations. I reached out to manager and also also bts to see what we could do about removing the property from the list. Because this

property is in this condition and it's such a the foundation is unstable, we aren't able to move, we aren't able to remove it from the list. Bts also did confirm that no permits have been filed by the owner, with the property being in its current condition. We need resolution. There has been one police call to the property and 60 calls were made. 60 police calls were made within 200ft of this property. Since 2023. Next slide please. This property is located at 1445 southeast 174th avenue. There are five liens against the property delinquent since 2017, and 57,000 \$57,000 is owed. This property has complaints for trash and debris on site. At one point there was unpermitted construction on an accessory building at the property. Complaints were also received that a complaints were also received that a salvage and car business was being ran at the property, as well as complaints regarding inoperable. Inoperable inoperable vehicles being left at the property. There have been 29 calls to. There have been 29 police calls to this property, and 33 calls were made within 200ft of this property. Since 2017. Next slide please. The next property is located at 4611 north minnesota avenue. There are three liens against the property dating back to 2021, and roughly \$29,000 is owed. This property has roof damage from a fire at the property. The property is due to the roof damage. The property is open to the outside elements. There are trash and debris covering the property. Both the house and the garage are open to entry. I did speak with the owner who lives out of state. His intentions when I spoke with him were to redevelop the property into a 23 unit apartment complex. But that but that is not materialized yet and I don't believe any permits have been filed. Next slide please. The next property is located at 4909 southeast mitchell street. There are 1212 liens against the property, with the oldest one being delinquent since 1995 and roughly \$135,000 is owed. This property has a long history of nuisance code violations complaints. This once was a single family residence. The property began to

deteriorate in the early 2000. There was roof damage that was not repaired, which caused severe water damage to the inside of the home. This eventually caused black mold to grow on the back of the house and inside of the house. Several attempts were made to work with the homeowner to correct the violations. However, the violations were not remedied. In 2013, the property was referred to the extremely distressed property enforcement program. Ed pep cases are typically referred by the Portland police bureau and or district housing inspector. In 2015, under a code hearing order, the property was demolished. Now that it is a vacant lot, there are still complaints. Trash and debris is being left at the property, as well as overgrown grass. I spoke with the attorney who is representing the estate and we have worked out an agreement. He the attorney had his client apply for the lien reduction review program, and we did offer a lien reduction review for this property owner, bringing the bringing the balance down to 135,000. We have set them up on a payment plan for all 12 lanes. The reason why I'm moving forward with it today is because the payment, the owner has not made the payment. They plan to make it on Friday, and if they make that payment next week, we would just remove it from your guys's vote. I want to also and for this property, there have been 11 calls to this property and 74 calls were made within 200ft at the property. Since 2012. Next slide please. The next steps in this in the foreclosure process. Council will vote next week whether to move forward with each ordinance. If approved, the ordinance would authorize the city treasurer to conduct the foreclosure sale. The property owner may pay the amount owed up until the sale date. After. After the sale date, the former property owner can reclaim the property during the 90 day redemption period. This will conclude my presentation and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaker: I have a question about about the one property you mentioned that the owners are presumed deceased and next of kin are unreachable. What happens to the proceeds? Are they held in escrow or are they held in in a lost property fund? What? How should it be discovered? Who the next of kin are? Do they? Do they have a claim to those proceeds? What? What happens in this case?

Speaker: I'd be happy to answer that, mayor, this is bridget o'callahan, the city treasurer, the process is that, you know, we once we conduct the foreclosure sale, if there are proceeds remaining, then they they are the property of that estate or the individuals who own that property. And so we go through our normal escheatment process, we certainly try and contact them, and remit the funds to the prior owners, but if that's not something that can happen within a reasonable period of time, then we do escheat the funds to the state of Oregon. And of course, those with an interest or the heirs to that estate would have access to those funds.

Speaker: So, so we go through our process and then eventually does it just become part of the state's unclaimed property fund?

Speaker: Correct. Okay. Then they would go through that process if they're if they're found at a later date. Correct? Okay. That's that's helpful for me, then I had a question, kevin, about the data that is used, you know, I'm obviously looking at the condition of the property, the willingness of the owner to remediate the problems. What level of nuisance it is to the community. But one of the standards that you're using is activity or police calls within 200ft. And, you know, that strikes me as a not very precise measurement, just because there's activity within 200ft doesn't necessarily mean it's focused on that property, does it?

Speaker: That is that is correct. But we're trying to look at what, so when we offer that, we when I get that data, it just shows the calls that go directly to the residents. And then.

Speaker: Because that's, that's more compelling to me, the calls that are right at the residence, you know, people breaking in, people murdering people, throwing their garbage, leaving automobiles, whatever that's compelling to me. But I just sort of find in these presentations I call 200ft away, maybe five houses away. I mean, it's so I'm not I'm just not sure how relevant that is to me.

Speaker: Well, excuse me, I think part of the other reason why we're including that information is to say, what's going on in the neighborhood, because the neighbors. So there's other activities. So, okay, even though, it may be 200ft away, it could be a squatter. That's going to that house. We don't know what the extent is of those particular calls, but okay. I mean, you can certainly move it for the future.

Speaker: Yeah. For these properties, the risk is self-evident. Frankly, just looking at them. Yes, but that, that just sort of struck me, colleagues, any other questions before I ask about public testimony, yeah.

Speaker: Just real quick, first of all, thank you both, Kevin and Sharon, that was a great. That's exhausting. The work that you have to do. It seems like you're here more often than you probably are. And I appreciate the question, Mayor Wheeler. And I actually think it's very relevant, based on the conversations I've had with neighbors in these situations. So I think if you looked at the data prior to that 200ft, you might not see anything. And then when you have this condition of the blighted property, then you might see a different uptick in data. So when I talk to neighbors that are in these situations, they really appreciate the scan that goes beyond just the property. So I just wanted to lift that and also I want to end with, I think this is my fourth time I've heard this report, and it's so nice to see in the next steps. It's not 12 months, but it's three months. So thank you, Commissioner Rubio and everyone involved with that legislative update. I appreciate it.

Speaker: We have public testimony.

Speaker: We do. We have one person for item 481 and three people for item 483. Great. First is rob brewster. Rob is on line, yeah. Good. Thanks. Good morning. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Loud and clear.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. Well, in general, thanks for the political climate in Portland. It led to my ivf, son and, also some issues it had with the boy scouts. It's been a good city to work in, in many ways. And, our company is gay owned and, have been involved in quite a few projects, including the project in north park blocks. We did the conversion for or under the old ymca building to under armor, which resulted in a great new park, at dunaway and did pine street market. So we've been heavily involved and we've been working on this project, 3300 northeast broadway, otherwise known as gordon fireplace. For a long time, originally we intended it to be an office building, but unfortunately, it caught, caught and covid and decided that that wouldn't make any sense. So we spent a long time working with the city to try to get the change of use for the upper floors, to convert it into 18 units, and that process was painful. We were told it was going to be six months to get a permit. It took 14. It got caught up in issues around the city requiring that we provide a new signal at that intersection and redesign the infrastructure at the intersection, which is just a highly unreasonable, the city was required by a settlement with an with over an ada issue to replace the corner. And when the city went out to do its measurements. And I've got photographs of all of the work that it did, it would have had to itself actually replace that signal and instead avoided doing that by waiting for us to do our work, you know, we have worked, you know, with all due respect, kevin, you and I have talked, I have been in constant email communication with somebody from the city of Portland since September of last year. Every single

month, and those people range from matt, from mike macias to, a number of others, including kristen leon and, mike. Well, mike was the main one, and he and i, have been working on this as recently as two days ago trying to fix it. We have been told to make repairs. We've done the repairs. I was told that this issue was related to a shrub that grows up on the southeast corner of the building, and not to what this thing is actually currently in for. So I think that it's we'd like I'd like to have some more time. I represent the developer who is owed money itself on the project. I do not represent the ownership, but I want to meet with the ownership, try to encourage them to move things forward and get the building into some form of a compliance. But it would be very helpful to have some help from the city instead of constantly being pushed in multiple directions. Again, we have dealt and worked diligently with representatives from the city and it's created a bit of a confusing environment. It's a great building. We put it on the national register are we want to just save something that I think contributes to the neighborhood, and we recognize that it's not pretty, but the graffiti that's on the outside was paid for by the city of Portland and has attracted additional graffiti since then. Nice chimes.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Erzebet epley.

Speaker: Hello. Hi. I'd like to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to testify. And I would also like to thank kevin foster for reaching out to me so that, I'm involved in this process. My name is bob epley. I represent the owner of the property at 27342738 as custodian and just because it seems to be, something important, I would like to say that I've lived in northeast for decades, alberta street is the neighborhood I grew up in. I'm currently a resident of the elliott neighborhood. I am actually, a woman, and, an immigrant and the daughter of a refugee. And so I'm very invested in the community here, and I have been very

involved with it, as well. So I'm here today to testify both on my own behalf and the behalf of others who might similarly be dispossessed but not have my privilege to address you today. And I do want to say first that I'd like to make a statement regarding the defamatory claims made in exhibit b1. The claim is that I've been unable to be reached by phone and have not responded to voicemail messages. This is untrue. I've been in routine contact with the bts, specifically mike massett, and I've given him access to my contractors and to the various reports that I've paid for. He has been in communication by email with my attorneys within the last two weeks, and I met with him personally in a zoom meeting with my contractor, I did also want to make an aside about the bricks that were shown in the picture, the bricks when they fell, no bricks have fallen since. I immediately had a stonemason come out and remove and pin the remaining bricks, and mike massett said that he still felt that that was unsafe. And so we had the whole course of bricks removed on the second story in that picture. It was misrepresented that those bricks had fallen onto the sidewalk. They did not. Those were removed by a stonemason, and they were removed specifically because the city asked them to be removed. The claim is also made in the evaluation criteria checklist that I haven't been cooperative and have made no effort to correct the violation. This is also not true. I spent tens of thousands of dollars remedying the situation, including immediate repair of the brick, removal of the brick on the second course, engineering reports, asbestos surveys, architecture drawings, and sidewalk closures. In April, I was told by my contractor that the city refused to issue a permit to foster permits because it would take the city too long to issue the permit, and so I do not have a permit in place for that reason. And I would just like to say, I beseech you to please take this property off the foreclosure list. I've done everything possible, everything asked of me. And

I'm now having claims entered into the public record that are defamatory as a result. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: David peterson.

Speaker: Welcome, hi, david peterson here, I am with tom cantor. I'm an attorney in Portland, and I represent miss epley on this matter. And, I am not going to take the time to repeat what she has said. I will just kind of touch on some of the points.

Speaker: She is not an out of state, owner, as she said, she does have a vested interest in this property in the neighborhood, which she owns as custodian for her minor son, I can can represent certainly that she has been engaged with the city since at least may of 2023, when they started code enforcement proceedings against this property, she's participated in the hearings officer proceedings, she has worked as best she can with bts on on mitigating the impacts of this property within the limitations of her financial resources. And really, that has been the struggle here, is that she has just not had the financial resources to invest in the work and things that have been needed on the schedule that the bts has sought. So I do think it is somewhat misleading, for mr. Foster to suggest that this owner has been non-responsive when she has in fact been, participating quite actively with the bts throughout the code enforcement proceedings, that said, what's going to be the next step here, miss epley is on the verge. Of closing the sale of another property. We're hopeful that it's going to close tomorrow, which is going to generate funds that she's going to have available to invest in this property that she has not had available before. So we would ask that the council at least delay any foreclosure proceedings for another 30 to 60 days, because I think you will see that she will be able to, address the issues. She will have the resources to address the issues that she hasn't previously had until this time. So fingers crossed that this transaction is

going to close tomorrow. It looks like it will, and that's where we stand. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Speaker: Thank you. David.

Speaker: The final testifier was a duplicate. That concludes testimony.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Colleagues, any further questions before we move these along, commissioner Rubio, then commissioner Mapps, I'd like to invite, mike leefeld to come up and specifically respond to some of the issues that were raised in in testimony.

Speaker: Good morning, morning, commissioners. My name is mike leifeld. I'm a supervisor in the property compliance division at the bureau of development services. My team is working on both enforcement cases for northeast alberta and northeast gordon, or northeast broadway and 33rd. I guess we'll start with gordon's fireplace, so this has been a long standing issue. We've had enforcement cases and multiple complaints since 2019, and bts approach to all enforcement cases is to engage with responsible parties and find a, compliance plan when we can't meet timelines or action isn't being taken, then we need to escalate our steps and include additional enforcement actions. And that is what we've had to do at this property, we did site fall hazards to the public right of way. The building has been repeatedly and ongoingly open to entry, most recently Portland fire has responded to two fire calls in April and may of this year. So we started out with notices and we provided timelines for repairs, required repairs. Those timelines weren't met, finally we had to file a code hearing. And so the code hearing, requested relief. In terms of civil penalties for not meeting timelines. And only when we filed that code hearing did we would did we see action on some of the fall hazard issues, but remaining issue for masonry work, which still presents a fall hazard to the public right of way, is still unresolved. And so that's an order of the code hearing, that is in violation, in all of

these cases, we find that we have to incentivize responsible parties based on city actions. And so we are starting to see some action, even based on this foreclosure hearing. And, it is part of the process. And so we had obtained a warrant to board up and secure the property this week because of this foreclosure hearing. We did finally receive contact from representatives who authorized their property preservation contractor to go do that work. So while it's true the city didn't have to do that work, we did have to take the steps of obtaining a search warrant from circuit court because we could not get engagement up to that point. So I think our record will show that, unfortunately, we do have to take this step to move people closer to compliance. And I think the record shows, failure to comply with timelines. And, and we are pursuing we're requesting foreclosure, to signal the importance of these issues and hopefully have the issues corrected. So that is, northeast Broadway. I don't know if there's any questions specific to that before I move on to Alberta.

Speaker: So just really quick. So I just want to just be transparent to for the public that, in terms of the length of, of permitting that was cited. Also, is it is it your understanding too, that part of the delay was because the turnaround time on the, of, of, the representative for the property was, was delayed as well.

Speaker: So bureau of development services and our new permitting and development entity, is very familiar with that, a phrase that the permitting delays have caused problems. And admittedly, that is often the case. But when we're talking about permitting, it is a partnership. So once a plan is submitted to the city, the city is obligated to perform reviews and submit, submit responses to the proposal. Then it goes back into the permit, tease ball, ball court and the timeline is on them. And in this case, I think we had had the permit was issued within 12 months. But if you look into the record, you'll find that while the city did its first

review within 30 days, the applicant took 30 or 3 months to respond to those original issues. And that's not faulting anyone. That is a lot to juggle, but it's simply not fair to say that all the delays were caused on the city's end. Certainly when we look at our timelines, if we can identify there were delays, our system will track that. But there are time to there are time delays that are caused on the applicant side to work with their design team, organize their plan and respond back to the city, and that is outside the city's control and for just a quick follow up to you, and so during that time to the property had continuing to be racking up code violations, during that period, with the unsecured building and loose, masonry, etc, and is it my understanding that there have been two scheduled code hearings on this property where the customer was a no show for both of them?

Speaker: I, I know we've had one code hearing and I believe, the graffiti office might be working on another co hearing code hearing for graffiti issues. Bts has held one code hearing, that order was received. The violations were sustained and order was issued. The order has not been complied with. I do not recall if representatives participated in that.

Speaker: Okay, but it's your understanding that there's been ample time up until this point to address productively a lot of these concerns.

Speaker: I would I would say yes, so after the code hearing where we went to that, judicial process, we had an order. The order was shared with all the parties, my staff has worked with the previous representative contact. That person was was let go and we could not find another contact. We made inquiries to mr. Brewster. Those did go unreturned. We reached out to other members of the llc ownership and did not hear back from them. And so only recently we've started to receive contact because of this foreclosure hearing. Again, the code hearing was months ago and that order requires the building to remain secured, boarded and free of

nuisances. And because that wasn't done, we had to obtain a search warrant and we were prepared to do that work. It only got taken care of this week because of this foreclosure hearing.

Speaker: Thank you for that information, for all that work.

Speaker: Thank you. Welcome

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps. Did you have a no. All right. Very good. Any further questions? All right. Item number 481. Item 482 483 485 487. And 488 as amended. Our first readings, they all move to second reading. Thank you. Next item 489 is a second reading.

Speaker: Create an established compensation ranges for five non-represented classifications to support the legislative branch of the government structure defined by city charter colleagues.

Speaker: Any further discussion on this item, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan. Hi. Gonzalez. Maps. Hi Rubio. Hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi

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Speaker: All right. Good afternoon, everybody. This is the Thursday, June 6th, 2024. Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Good afternoon. Rebecca, please call the roll.

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

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

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [Portland.gov/council/agenda](https://portland.gov/council/agenda). Information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page. Individuals may testify for three minutes unless the presiding officer states otherwise, your microphone will be muted when your time is over. The presiding officer preserves order disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in an ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to a test for trespass. Additionally, counsel may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. If you are a lobbyist, identify the organization

you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. First item is item 490. It's a report.

Speaker: Accept the 2023 annual report on sister city activities.

Speaker: Colleagues, today we have the opportunity to hear from our Portland sister city associations as part of their annual report to the Portland City Council. For those who may not know, Portland has nine sister cities and one friendship city. Sister one friendship city, with whom we forged ties to encourage cultural understanding, friendship, collaboration, and partnership. Our sister city associations are led by incredible, highly dedicated volunteers who build bridges across the globe and represent an uplift our communities here in the city of Portland. Through this presentation, the council and the public have an opportunity to learn a little bit more about the work of our sister cities and their respective associations. I'd like to now hand it over to chaido, delaware international relations director in the office of government relations, to kick us off and introduce our Portland sister city associations. Chido. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is chido delgado and I serve as the international relations director for the city of Portland. As the mayor mentioned, as part of my work, I support Portland's sister cities, a committed group of community leaders and volunteers who work together to put on incredible variety, variety of activities and events that support our engagement with the international community. Before inviting my colleagues to speak, I would like to provide some background on the sister city program and the work of the international relations program. As you are all aware, the international relations

program is housed within the office of government relations. We help to elevate Portland's international reputation, promote the city's policies, and help to make Portland a more welcoming city. I do not exist in a vacuum. Portland's local international community is active, and we work in partnership with local, international facing partners and stakeholders such as the world affairs council of Oregon and the Oregon consular corps. For instance, the past few years have certainly been challenging, but the Portland sister cities coalition has worked to steadily maintain and reactivate many efforts, putting this afternoon's reception alone was no easy feat, and I commend the members of the coalition for contributing to its success. These members play an integral part in our city's cultural fabric and vibrant living. Be it taking part in the rose festival parade, gao xiang for years has brought the dragon boat races that have typically begun training right before spring on the willamette, Portland guadalajara's cinco de mayo event along the waterfront has included a naturalization ceremony for new us citizens. Our sister city associations have deep roots within our communities and contribute to uplifting the lives of Portlanders. From student exchanges. The arts Portland sister cities are members of sister cities international, a nonprofit organization that was initiated in 1956 to foster mutual friendship, peace, and understanding internationally. True to the spirit of sister city international, Portland's nine sister cities and one friendship city enhance international ties for the Portland metropolitan area by facilitating cultural, educational and economic exchanges between our local community and communities across the globe. Today, the leadership of Portland's sister cities association associations are pleased to present their annual reports to you on their efforts and activities undertaken and the 2023 calendar year. Thank you for taking the time to listen and accept this report and while we're fortunately missing a representative from ulsan, south

korea, due to unforeseen circumstances, without further ado, I would like to introduce James Autry, co-chair of our Portland Sister Cities Coalition and the president of the Portland Ashkelon Sister City Association, who really, I believe helps to keep things together, really is I think a lot of the people behind me would agree, to present for his association. Thank you. Awesome. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor. Thank you. Hello.

Speaker: Yes, there we are. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor and Commissioners, appreciate the opportunity to be able to serve. If you could go ahead and start the powerpoint, are we all going to be able to see that? Awesome. Yeah. Go to the first slide there for Ashkelon. If you could go forward. Yep. Very good. Go to the next slide. So Ashkelon has been a sister city relationship with Portland for 37 years. We currently have a population of about 153,000 citizens there. And it's just as you can see, just a little bit south of Tel Aviv, north of Gaza. And there's about 5861 Ethiopian Israelis living in the city. And we also have a beer distillery there and water desalination plant and so forth, and lots of young creative entrepreneurs. Next slide. Ashkelon is a 5000 plus year old Philistine garden city right there on the coast. It's really a place for Israelis and both Palestinian and Arabs to go and be able to be on the beach there in the Mediterranean Sea. Next slide. Yep. Our Mayor go back one. Our Mayor is Tom. There we go. Tomer Glam. And he's been Mayor for the last 4 or 5 years. And in that area of Ashkelon is the Silicon Forest of Israel with lots of inventions and major technologies coming out of that area. Next slide. The Portland Ashkelon has been working since March of. We hope to plan a trip in 2026 to be able to attend and see some events there in that area. But our focus in the last 4 or 5 years has been to help all the other sister city associations, where we created a website, a Facebook page, and then as you have experienced our annual reception in Grand Floral Parade. So next slide, here's our website front page and we include

all of our different associations. So you have a great place to go right there Portland sister cities coalition. Org to be able to access each one of the association's websites. Next slide. This is our annual reception. Next slide. We sign our annual memorandum of understanding between each one of the associations. Next slide. And this was last year's grand floral parade. Again, we had our mayor join us for the second year and look forward to seeing him this Saturday for this year's presentation. All these guys actually coordinated and decorated the trolley. Next slide. Some of our staff from your offices there were able to help us carry the banner, and we always have shofar blowers, blowing their shofars. And I'm shouting shalom, shalom throughout the city. Next slide. Here's our trolley decorated with flowers, and we'll be doing that again this Saturday with the mayor. Next slide. And for the first time, my wife was able to join us. And this is a little girl who was playing queen esther. So she works with who just moved to salem. So it'll be just me this time this year. Next slide. And next slide. Introduce phil. Mayor Wheeler and members of the council.

Speaker: I'm phillip potestio.

Speaker: I am the president of the board of the Portland bologna sister city association. I said I said, greetings to you all if you didn't hear that. And I introduced myself. I'm philip potestio. It gives us great pride, to be twinned with bologna, Portland bologna is a city of about 500,000 people, about 100,000 of them students, university students. And we have now been sister cities for 20 years, we remain committed, vital and engaged as sister cities. Our ties and communications are strong, and there are dedicated individuals, both in governmental and civic volunteer capacity, working daily on this relationship. This year has been a remarkable year for Portland bologna sister city association, as we have initiated, a couple of new items in our menu. We now have a virtual tchibo ami with food and

friends education program, exchanging chef ideas, between our two metropolitan areas, we sponsored a ferrari, based wine event. They don't sound like they go well together, but the ferraris were displayed, and we tasted, italian wines. Last August, we exhibited bolognese artists at the Oregon society of artists this last year, and we helped connect, representatives from prosper Portland travel Portland and their counterparts in bologna, specialized in innovation start ups and the travel industry. Most of all, we re-initiated our youth exchange program in the summer of 2023, hosting 11 students, high school aged students from bologna, their Portland counterparts. Our ambassadors, are busily preparing for their visit to bologna, which begins in two weeks. These are family stays, not based on study but full of experiential impact, lasting friendships and connections, with our cities are the result of many volunteer hours and also the generosity of our supporters and our students families. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary tomorrow evening at the fabulous car barn of george pastore, one of our association's founders and most ardent supporters of bologna and its beautiful 40 miles of porticos is celebrating its unesco patrimonial cultural designation. This week. And mayor lepore, is there, overseeing that celebration, and others are also involved in it throughout the city. Portland is I'm sorry. Bologna is also the, one of the initial legs of the tour de france this year, which is a rare opportunity for a city outside of france to be included in that mammoth bike race event, also, just to brag a little bit, bologna football club, can use all of your support next year as they have reached the champions league for the first time in its history, they've been a middle of the road team for years, and they jumped to near the top in syria this year, and the city is excited about it. There were over 100,000 people lining the streets, two weeks ago as a parade went from the stadium to piazza maggiore, where another 40,000 people greeted the team members and a bus, having been around this partnership for 20 years, it

strikes it continues to strike me how well matched our two cities are this year. I've been struck by how much we still have to learn and to share with each other, areas of transportation, food and beverage, innovative technology, sustainability, athletic and leisure, apparel and tourism's, surfaces have been scratched, but there's still much to be developed and accomplished. Sister cities are the best vessel for this kind of collaboration and meaningful knowledge exchange, cairo, dilwale and of course, the office of government relations have been so valuable to us, even more so than usual this year, available for long distance meetings, working with representatives from bologna, coming up with ideas as alternative solutions, and even while, bearing disappointing news, cairo has been a true godsend, as an association, we will continue to organize events highlighting bologna and our city of Portland. We're blessed with an energetic board, and attract new interests with our projects and initiatives. We understand, as I imagine most of us here do today, that fundraising is a necessary component of our existence and operations, and go to our website and please contribute. And, we'll have our sagra, which is our main, fundraising event each year, on in October. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. My name is rick lamberson. I'm with the Portland guadalajara sister city association mayor and commissioners. Thank you for having us today, established in 1983. Just a reminder, we're, you know, 41 years old now. So a pretty big deal, glad to be a part of this next slide, you know, here's some information that you guys get to see every year, but essentially, guadalajara is our rose city. South of the border, it's a wonderful, beautiful city. And I highly recommend that you, take the time to visit. And I hope that perhaps that can happen. This year. Next slide please, the, our main fundraiser event. And chiedo did mention this is our cinco de mayo fiesta. We I want to personally thank the mayor and all of you commissioners for the effort that that you have made in city hall has made to kind of help us make

sure that the city is prepared and safe for a nice event like this. You know, one of the things that I don't know that I've ever mentioned here is that it costs about \$700,000 to start that event up, all of which goes to, you know, Portland city parks and to tent vendors and to other people that that we pay to kind of get that thing going. And it brings millions of dollars. But more important to that is all the people that it brings down to the event. And it's reinvigorate hitting, the downtown area, which, our organization views as a very important thing. So we're glad to be a part of that. Next slide, please, we, feature music and dancing from guadalajara. You know, the mariachis that come every year are mexico's premier and best mariachis. We'd love to get to the point where we can bring dancers from guadalajara up to. But we have dancers from around the Portland area, woodburn and many other places that that absolutely look forward to this every year. Next slide please, that's just a fun picture with a lot of people in it. Next slide please, cheeto also mentioned this, but I want to I want to say that I really love and appreciate our naturalization ceremony, this year we only had 30 people from eight different countries, but what a thing it is for me to see and for others to see people becoming citizens, at our event on that day. And as I get a chance to along with the rosarians and the customs and immigration service, get a chance to shake the hands of those people, it is a real honor for us to be a part of that. So our organization views that highly. Next slide please. We also put on a catholic mass on Sunday. It's a everyone is invited, the guadalajara mariachis actually play and sing at that event. And it is a wonderful tradition, that we enjoy putting on every Sunday at cinco de mayo fiesta. Next slide please, you know, our mission really is to just like all sister cities, is to share business, education, culture, and really the love of the citizens of Portland and guadalajara. We've been doing that since 1983. And I want you to know that that is our that that we continue to try to do that next slide as a part of our

community giving this year. We were excited to be a major sponsor for, group from guadalajara, the mexico and el corazon, this was an event that happened in salem, but all of Portlanders were allowed to go. Was a free event, and it was really a wonderful thing. So as an organization, we continue to, kind of put money where our mouth is when we earn it. At cinco de mayo fiesta to bring arts, culture, business and education to the citizens of Portland and surrounding areas. Next slide please. We also, I'm very proud to and honored to say jose troncoso and the bombero program continue to train people, all around the southern mexico and, and, south America in guadalajara and surrounding guadalajara, in life saving, life saving firefighting techniques. Now, my visit with the bombero leadership down there this year showed me that that they are quite proud of their firefighters down there, and they're no longer in great need of our trainers, which makes me really happy. That means that people are we're saving lives down there, but we still utilize their trainers to train others from around the, from around really the country in and around, guadalajara. The next slide, please. And our community giving for this year will include donations to education, arts and businesses. We try to turn around what we what people are generous enough to give us and what we have earned, and we try to do the best that we can and be good stewards of that money. Honoring our mission. And we thank the mayor and all of you for allowing us to be a sister city. And we enjoy being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks for your great work. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Hello, mayor and commissioners. Quisha light. James here from poland and sister city association, our association was first founded to, in 1987. That was pretty much prepared to have the, sister city relationship set up. So the next year, City Council approved the, sister city relationship with was shown in may 1988. Okay and then I have to share the, the bit of history which the reason we have that

initiative is to bring in the dragon boat race to the willamette river. That's how we started. But who to know after 30 years endeavors, that turned out to be a local heritage and traditions. Ever since. Next slide. And this is just who you are. We are. I have to say, you know, a lot of people thinks we are a boat rowing club. No we're not. We are a sister city association or we are a cultural exchange group. And we do more than cultural exchange. We do education, you know, programs change, we do. We help out the governments during the policy exchange and economic development, you know, between the two sides. But I have to say, dragon boat race is our main, you know, focus and main, activities that we, that we perform year over year. Next slide and kaohsiung is the I would say the, one of the largest seaport in taiwan and the largest in the city originally started with, petroleum refinery and, and chemical, you know, industry and then turns to be a now turning to be a very, you know, people friendly, family friendly city after, you know, 20, almost 20 years trying and then now the city originally was the second largest population wise in taiwan. Now they are dropped to the third, the third population, you know, city in taiwan. Okay. Next slide. We're doing the annual visit, exchange between kaohsiung and Portland. We, visit the kaohsiung during the, the lantern festival, which is the end of the chinese new year. And this is the picture that I collect from this year, this year's visit in February, we, we have the honor to have the, commissioner Ryan with me. And they have this tool, rubber dock. Okay right on the port of Portland. We took, you know, all the people is the entire delegation. Plus, the kaohsiung city government, City Councils, people. We took, took a sign in behind the, the rubber dock. And then on the on on top of the, the, right hand corner is the lantern festival celebration, one of the buddhist temple. And then you see, Ryan is giving a very inspirational speech to the student. Or they just loved him. They mobbed him. They want to take pictures with him. Yeah. Commissioner Ryan was certainly as a big hit

at the high school. Okay and you see the high school is down below. They have, currently they have I would say 50, 40 to 50,000 students in the entire campus. And you see, we're taking a cultural event, which is lantern festival. We kind of making handmade dumplings. Everybody there is ready to take a post. But commissioner Ryan is one. Just want to perfect the dumpling he's making. So he's he's doing that next slide.

Speaker: Now we know we're having at council next week.

Speaker: Yeah. All right. And this is the event we just been through is the annual reception of the of the sister city coalition. And this is picture taken from last year and maybe some of them from a few years ago. We do have our 35th year anniversary celebration back in 2023, and have dedicated rose back ceremony, you know, done by the, rosarian and, Portland parks and, recreation bureau. So that was very well done. And, and grandpa ray, sister city association is always sponsor a grant for parade as one of our entry and plus the suda high school band Marching down the Marching down the, the Portland, Portland, the grand flower parade next slide. And this is a sister school. They've been here just like, they kind of are coming along with the growth of the sister city. They come here almost on. First they started, first visit, Marching down the grand parade in 1989. Ever since, they never missed a trip except during the, during the covid three years. They kind of absent because of that. But you see, they becoming a local hit, especially during the grand parade. They give out a two, performance to david douglas school district, the fourth grade and the fifth grade as one of their program because they are, sister city exchange high school with with, suits between ceuta and, and the david david douglas high school and they also give out during the Monday night of every rose festival weekend after Monday night, they give out the community a spectacular, one one hour plus, you know, cultural dance performance. Okay. Next slide. And

then, as I said, it, I would, start off the city and our main event is the dragon boat race. This a tradition started, of four boat, kind of, acquired from kaohsiung, 1989. Now we turn to into our second generation of a boat, a boat fleet, so that actually, this is our 16th boat. We have a cry from kaohsiung. And we're doing this, race event year after year. The only time we stop this again is two years during the, during the pandemic. Next slide. And this is the I dotting. This is the, you know, our events a little bit unique. It's not like any other, dragon sports race in, throughout the united states or other part of the world. We are treat this as a season means we start the dragon boat race at the beginning. At the end, by the end of, end of March, we launched the boat. We're doing it. Starting it means we give lives to a object, to a piece of art becoming a real life creature. Which is the boat that we saw, you know, gliding through the willamette river every during the springtime, the Portland. And then I have the honor. Every year we have, city's participation, you know, most of the commissioner here has been doing this. The picture here you saw is the, is this year's from commissioner gonzales. Doing the dog team. And I know commissioner Mapps, commissioner Ryan and our mayor. I believe you have done this before. Yes I have, yeah. So. Yeah. So it's being supported by by the by the city hall and of course, all others, you know, association throughout Portland's area. Okay. Next slide. And then we have, this coming Friday, we have the annual welcome dinners. Basically is welcome. All the delegations, three man delegation from kaohsiung city government college and City Council and to the high school performance team. They are the three main team we have. We have a annual welcome dinner to welcome them. Come to the Portland rose festival event. And, of course, with all the local, the business associations, representatives to present during that, during that, welcome dinner. Okay. Next slide. And then this is, this is the thing we have opening ceremony on the, the Saturday of the rose festival grand, just right before

grand fall parade. We do the opening ceremony, and then I believe most of the commissioner and mayor, you been to this, ribbon cutting ceremony, and then this year, we have the honor to have, commissioner Ryan scheduled to do the to do to do the cutting. And then we announce the beginning of the two days dragon ball race, and everybody will be a winner during the race. And obviously, the first time we're going to have a team from the city hall leading by commissioner Ryan. Who who are we going to see you perform? And you will grab the flag for sure. Next slide. I do want to mention the entire event or the entire organization to hold this, whether it's the exchange of the visit between between the two sides and all the having the dragon race, we are a zero payroll association. We don't have any any staff. Everybody is all volunteer, including the people who help to put out the events and maintain this dragon boat fleet. And I certainly have a request to the to the City Council is please give us a better facility or help us to have a better facility so we can house those piece of art so they can last for many years to come to have this annual event or tradition in Portland for the for the years over the decades to come. We do need your help to somehow build up a better facility so we can continue to maintain this this equipment, this boat and this tradition. Thank you very much. Okay.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is thomas benke. I'm president of the Portland harbor sister city association. Unfortunately my presentation today will not be as bright as some. You will have seen, but I want to speak very briefly about our history, of our with our russian city, from glasnost to the ukrainian steppe. And I want to briefly present to you, summary of our platform for peace. Next slide, as you've seen, we've elected to maintain our sister city relationship with habarovsk every other us russian city relationship has gone dormant or has been dissolved outright. We maintain our relationship with habarovsk because by our example, we

feel we can demonstrate that peace is possible. I want to talk briefly about our roots next slide, as you can see from these dates from 1987 through 1991, through the dissolution of the soviet union, that the our association was formed four years before the dissolution of the soviet union, you'll note that that, we visited habarovsk at about the same time that, president ronald reagan visited moscow in 1988. Next slide. I want to talk to you briefly about our founders. There's mike lindberg, who some of you may have known from days past. He was a member of the first delegation to habarovsk, next slide. Some of you might have known sid lezak, or you certainly should know of him. He was also in that delegation along with catherine. Hey, I want to say, of all our founders I admire most, sid lizak and catherine hay, sid lezak was a giant of Portland's legal community. Catherine hay reached out to our russian partners long before it was fashionable. Next slide. So, like mike lindberg, sid lezak and catherine hay, the board of directors of the Portland habarovsk sister city association, has asked itself what can we do in these unprecedented times? We decided on words as action, what we hope will be useful. Words we declaim, I chose that word very purposefully. We declaim. We stand on a soapbox in the middle of the street, and we tell people what we believe, in large part because we think that a lot of the hurt in the world could have been avoided had others stood up and declaimed in a time of in peril and crisis. You think of germany as an example. We declaim a platform for peace that is consistent with international law, that recognizes the preeminence of human rights over the juridical rights of nation states. I use that word purposefully again, juridical, because I know that nation states are ultimately fictions, but people are not. We want a platform for peace that is culturally equitable and which ensures the well-being of the russian and ukrainian peoples in perpetuity. Some of you may not know the importance of that word peoples, but we use it very specifically here to

demonstrate that we absolutely do believe that the ukrainian people exist in a should be self-governed. We're not apologists for the russian federation. Next slide. There's the platform for peace. It's packed full of meaning. It should be read slowly, but I won't read it to you here and now. I can see you breathing more easily. Next slide. Even more so we've got it posted on our website and the russian language. We post it in every language. If we had the budget, but the point of it being posted in russian is that it's intended not necessarily for an American audience, but for our russian friends. These are words, ideas that our russian friends can use to push back against the dominant narrative in russia today. When the moment comes. Next slide various precepts of the platform for peace is that ukraine and russia are recognized as nation states. We believe that human rights should be construed broadly. We believe that the rights of nation states should be construed narrowly. There's a concept that is not steeped in common international law, but one which we believe should be self-evident. We reject spheres of influence. We reject irredentism. For those of you who have to look that up, I know I did, it means taking another's territory under the premise that you're protecting your own people. People should be protected no matter what their culture. And no matter what nation state they live in. The right to immigrate, to come and go is balanced against the right of nation states to exist. Something that may be controversial in certain circles. What is not controversial, we believe, is that the military power of nation states not should not be usurped by private interests. If you're wondering about the applicability of these various precepts, please go home and think about them in terms of the relationship between jerusalem, and, in gaza, israel and gaza, I think that these are universal ideas that can be applied outside of the russian-ukrainian conflict. Finally, next slide. Our goals are to be declared again. We are declaiming our goal is to promote, construct, active discourse among persons diametrically

opposed on the facts, but fundamentally in agreement on how people should treat each other. If I only had time to say one thing to you, it would be that sentence. People who have diametrically opposed on the facts should be able to agree on how human beings should be treated under our platform for peace. Historical argument becomes irrelevant. And importantly, if we're to be criticized because it includes too much or it includes too little, my goal in drafting the platform for peace was to draft the least statement necessary to advance consensus. Consensus consistent with our values and mission. Because the more you have to argue about the greater the opportunities to get sidetracked. Last slide. This, of course, is not your statement. It's mine. If you have any questions, you can ask me after the presentation, we have a comments box on our website. If you give us any words of encouragement, they will be widely disseminated. If you have any words of criticism, they will be welcomed and duly addressed. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, thomas, could I just make a comment here? First of all, thank you for your continued leadership, you're the boss at a very difficult time, and I think most of us up here can probably appreciate that. And in thinking about the emails and the calls we tended to get a year, year and a half, two years ago, I will tell you, we get a lot fewer today. I think people are starting to understand and appreciate that this is not a formal relationship with the putin administration, that is not what this is.

Speaker: Oh that's right. Next slide. Yes. And by definition, what it is a people to people contact for cultural, educational and commercial purposes.

Speaker: And the reason this entire cis outer city program was created was exactly for moments like this, when people when nations were not seeing to eye to eye, when the world was at risk of chaos, led by political leaders, that the people would still have an open line of communication and an opportunity to share, so that

rather than demonize people based on the politics of their leadership, we could actually see the value of them as fellow humans. And i, I know you personally have taken some grief for your stewardship of this particular sister city relationship, I just want to tell you how much I personally appreciate it. You you could have walked away and you did not. You stuck with it. And that is exactly what you needed to do. So thank you.

Speaker: Thank you know, there is one more slide. Oh, sorry.

Speaker: I did not mean to interrupt.

Speaker: That's okay. I forgot. It's exactly what you just said. No, putinism. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps. Thomas. Before you go, I just want to, underscore and echo some of the mayor's comments.

Speaker: I really appreciated the, subtle and sophisticated approach. You've taken to an awfully difficult moment. I think the sister city program is really important. I can see some of the tensions that you referred to. Replicating themselves, throughout the globe. And I think we're all struggling with figuring out how we move forward in a positive way. And you've really modeled that today, and I really appreciate it. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you much for your time.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Hi. Is her microphone cars okay.

Speaker: Good afternoon mayor. Good afternoon commissioners, I also wanted to say thanks to tom because and to all the other presidents and members of the sister city association and to all of you folks for the really inspiring things that have happened today. I feel really good and ready to move forward and be part of more good stuff. So thank you everybody, I am with the Portland mutari sister city association and mutari is in zimbabwe. Next slide please. We were established in

1991 out of a response to apartheid in southern africa. Portland, mutari sister city, supports humanitarian efforts in mutare and surrounding villages and manicaland, mutare and inland port city is located in the eastern highlands of the mozambique on the mozambique river, and it's the third largest city in zimbabwe with a background of forestry, farming and tourism, it remains a region known for growing coffee beans and especially in the vumba area. Next slide please, this this clinic in this picture here was built as a part of our sister city effort between the years 2000 and 2008, and it's currently well equipped and serving a 15 kilometer diameter service area, in addition to acting as a medical hub for the region, it has become an hiv testing center and provides anti retroviral therapy to anyone who tests positive. Saint walburge's clinic receives sustainable funding from plan international. Fact one a trust unicef and usaid and it has become self-sustaining, which is what everyone dreams their work can do. Next slide please, we also support an organization that we short by short, we call faso. It stands for the family aids support organization. And here people have access to vitamins and medical care outside of antiretroviral treatment. And they can access food because many individuals are struggling to get their basic needs met, and so often they're supplementing contract income with, fetching and selling firewood, school fees for children are also helped to be paid. And, for people with hiv, aids. Next slide. Over the years, we've supported smu school of sewing and creative design with materials and funds for operation. Next slide please, so this is our mural and it is in the city of Portland. And if you want to go see it for yourself, it's on the corner of the southwest corner of northeast grand avenue and broadway. And I want to finish with this before you hope is vital, because first of all, our sister city struggles, covid only made things harder. And I thought once covid was done, it was going to be easy to just pick everything up and start going again. Well, that wasn't so easy. But

in the last year, we have made some new contacts that are showing new interest, and we are courting them. And some of the folks showed up at the reception today. And so I am so excited. Hope is vital. Hope. I have hope for the future. The mutare sister city association is going to survive, and I'm hoping next year at this spot you're going to be seeing somebody entirely new and different. Great. So thank you very much.

Speaker: Well, first of all, thank you. Your leadership has been exemplary and I'm not actually happy to hear that somebody else i'll be in the background. There you go. I know you'll continue to stay engaged. This this has, you know, been a labor of passion for you and we all appreciate it. Thank you. And this is the last time i'll get to say this at this particular meeting, but thank you. And thanks. Thanks for doing it.

Speaker: And I thank you all because I have, kind of an insider knowledge about how the work goes for you here and then what? You have survived in the last few years is pretty exceptional. So thank you all for your commitment to our city, our beautiful city that is coming back. Hope is vital. It is, it is.

Speaker: Yes it is. Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you for having me. And, mayor and commissioners, my name is mamie kikuchi. I'm from Portland. Support sister city association. And next slide, please. So sapporo is in japan and we are the largest japanese city north of tokyo. And the population is about to almost 2 million. And we are settled that land is settled by the indigenous ainu people beginning over 15,000 years ago. And japanese migrants started to settle in the late 19th century. And so we have somewhat similar, history with Portland, where like new settlers coming in about 100 to 100 years ago, and we are known for sapporo snow festival and also hosted, 1972 winter olympics. Next slide please. So this year we are celebrating our 65th anniversary. And this photo is actually from five years ago when we were

celebrating 60th under. But we just had, this morning we had a courtesy visit with, mayor akimoto and mayor Wheeler. And so support, support delegation is visiting Portland right now. We are staying. They are staying here until this Sunday. And so we will enjoy that grand floral parade. And also Portland. I'm happy to report Portland delegation will visit sapporo in September and mayor Wheeler could join. So that would be really exciting news and i'll try to get a new suit and a new tie.

Speaker: Prior to that, I just this five years old, this photograph I got up my game.

Speaker: Okay. Yes, next slide please.

Speaker: That's true.

Speaker: So, for that, last year, a lot of our activities kind of came back after covid, and I'm really happy to report, one of our main, activities we support is, support summer institute, which is high school students study abroad program in sapporo. And so they, after three, four years, they finally last year we started, send we resume this program and next slide please. So these students, they went to sapporo municipal high schools and studied with japanese high school students together and students from, students from grant high school. Next slide please. Also, snow sculpture team also participated resumed participating in sapporo snow festival. And I think this is a first also first time after the pandemic. So next slide please. And we continue supporting support foodfair here at the japanese, port. Japanese supermarket in beaverton called uwajimaya. And so it's getting more, popular each year. And we have more people kind of returned shoppers, really waiting for, you know, this, support food fair. And so they just actually some people showed up in the first day and just purchase everything on the shelf. And so that's kind of becoming a little bit problem. And but, so we are helping, we provide, we work with Portland state university, international students, and we provide lots of volunteers for the support food fair, next slide please. Another project we've been

going on ongoing and especially during covid, what we did with, with Oregon historical society, we started doing this translation project about yasui brother yasui brothers, family, family documents and ming yasui or minoru yasui. He was, one of the japanese, japanese Americans who fought the reality of exclusion and or detention during world war two as a way to the spring, all the way to the supreme court. And so he intentionally he was arrested at Multnomah County and jailed in Multnomah County a few days after this exclusion act was issued. And, he, became in 2015, he became the first presidential medal of freedom winner from Oregon, next slide please. Yes, that one. Yes. So actually, his father, masao yasui, was also very exceptional person who immigrated to the us and when he was 16 years old and started a grocery store in hood river, and he was I think 19 years old, and he, he was working as a community leader, not just a business owner, but community leader. He started japanese school, he also helped japanese founding japanese church. And because of that, he was arrested, right after the pearl harbor. And he was, in, in jail for the entire during the war. And that really kind of damaged his life after he was here for 35 years. And he was kind of, you know, like, still, after 35 years of being community member, he was still arrested. He's assets were taken and he lost pretty much everything. But, next slide, please. And but his family members donated all this, his business record as well as his family record, such as his personal diary. And when he was 16 years old, and also his letters to Oregon historical society at the Oregon historical society. They didn't know how the resource to access this japanese documents. So it was sitting there for 20 years after the donation. And finally they got grant of this translation project. So Portland sister city association worked with volunteers in sapporo who can decipher this old handwritten, japanese letters, which is about 100. Some of them are 120 years old. Letters and diaries. And they, volunteers in sapporo deciphered it and typed typed

in modern Japanese, which is actually quite different from Japanese people spoke used to, spoke in 120 years ago. So but some people still could read this old documents. And so they, typed in modern Japanese. And people in Portland can translate to English. And now it will be, part of this digital collection at Oregon historical society. So it will be available to Portland citizens. And so we, we we've been helping this project. And so, it will be available, I think this, maybe towards the end of this year and next slide please. So and, also we've been because of 65th anniversary, we've been doing a lot of fundraising last a few years. And we did, one of the main high, one of the highlights we did was, two film viewing events, one is about modern Japanese society, about single father and his keep making, ranch bento box every day for his daughter and other. One is, movie musical called Allegiance, which is actually about this, written by or inspired by George Takei, who was Sulu in Star Trek. And he was also Japanese American who experienced this, being stay in the camp and spend five years in camp and so he wrote about his, you know, he developed this story to tell the, the experience of Japanese American in the musical. And so we had a film viewing of this musical and at the Benson high school. So that was our, fundraising effort. Okay. And next slide, please. So that is, the conclusion of my report. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps, no, sorry, I apologize.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: My name is Alex Nathan. I'm the president of the Portland Suzhou Sister City Association, elected as of earlier this year. Thank you, distinguished mayor, commissioners, for all the service that you've been giving to the city through very difficult times. We all love you very much. Not every day, maybe, but I think we can all agree that it takes a village such as Portland to create this beautiful place. We do it together, and this is today's meeting, ceremony is really a testament to that.

Beyond the borders of city, the city of Portland and the state of Oregon is how we bridge around the world. And despite political differences where we can all agree to disagree and whatnot, hopefully is that it really is about people to people. And I've, personally had been involved with Portland, Suzhou Sister City Association, mostly via my wife, who's Chinese born and immigrated to the USA in the 1990s and is always grateful to be an American citizen. And, the fact that this has allowed her to participate in a democracy, to help be part of this mission of expanding the people, relationships, and my ability to see that through her and our children is really wonderful and really fulfilling. So this to reflect on last year that's been presented to me, by the former president, Mr. Robert Frazier, as well as our distinguished members of the board. There's no question the pandemic was very difficult. We lost many of our members through that time, but we stayed very active. And this is going to be a reflection of that. With Portland Suzhou Sister City Association having more than 35 years, 36 years now, in fact. And last year was the 35th anniversary. Next slide please. So Suzhou is a city that I've been to many times, actually preceding my involvement via my wife. I have traveled to China since the early 2000 and seen Suzhou transform all those. Suzhou has been a sister city with Portland for 35 plus years. We've seen the growth from what was a Portland style city, small mall to one that is a mammoth city on Chinese scale. Many millions of people. And this is one of the oldest cities in China. It has a long, long history, a beautiful history. It's near Shanghai. It has high speed now that connects it and has become an economic powerhouse in that country, the if you've not been to Suzhou before, we absolutely encourage you to consider it as a destination. Often it's really tranquil. It's a nice respite from big cities such as Shanghai or Beijing, and the gardens are really something to be said for. And the fact that we have the landscape garden here in Portland is truly tremendous, it is one of the most beautiful gardens outside

of china itself in that fashion. Next slide please. So last year, building up through the pandemic, trying to continue the cultural change is that there was a international mural that had been, set up via remote connections with an artist here in Portland, John Teply, and we had a lot of collaboration between, local people as well as artists in china that helped make this happen. Next slide please. Last year, we also celebrated we as a sister city association. We try to always orient ourselves with events annually if we can. The Lansing Garden, obviously it's a beautiful place, the tea garden as well. And we were very fortunate to get the Quanshu Opera, a group of performers from Suzhou to travel to Portland and come and put on a performance. We held an event there. We had distinguished guests from the Chinese consulate, embassy coming in from San Francisco as well. And it was really, again, another celebration and testament to Portland and its citizens commitment to that event, as well as the outside group of Chinese officials and distinguished guests that came in to visit. It was a wonderful event in the summer. Next guest please. Next slide please. We also with that had the opera exhibit that was performed on site there. Next slide please. Then we had with, their delegation visit, of Mr. Robert Frazier, our vice president, our secretary, as well as other board members from the SCA traveled to China to Suzhou, last year for the 35th year anniversary, I know that, Mayor Wheeler, you had gone in the past, and I was with you on that trip as well. That was really 30 year anniversary. Wonderful. This 35th year, one I did not attend, but it was really, focused on the educational component where we had MOUs signed between various schools, to reestablish the connections, particularly post pandemic. Next slide please. There is also, in addition to the strong educational component, which is probably the cornerstone in many ways of the foundation for see a lot of school to school contacts that we've helped to arrange and facilitate and nurture. We also really spend time on the cultural

aspect. So here we have members visiting the Suzhou Ballet, along with the Shishu Opera that we saw slide on before, and also the Suzhou Symphony. These are connections that we have with music, art, culture that we really want to try to bring in the forefront this coming year and in the years to come, and hopefully we can bring one or more of these groups to Portland in the near future. Next slide please.

Coming back again to the educational component, we were really excited because during the pandemic, as we all know, a lot of school to school exchanges took a pause. Some of them unfortunately even went so far as they fizzled. And it was very difficult to resurrect these relationships and connections. But on the private school side, we had the Portland International School. Actually as a school where our two daughters went to school, K through five and bilingual in their skills, and we were able to get that connection between the school and Suzhou with the Suzhou Experimental Primary School. And we're very happy to say that now that relationship is flourishing, they are doing annual school to school exchanges, and we imagine that will continue to grow. Next slide please.

So here's another proud moment that we have, is we have the vice president from vice principal from Lincoln High School, Mr. Steven Pape, who has joined our board this year, and he went to China last summer, last year. And he will now be heading our education committee's efforts to really reestablish more than a dozen schools that we have in the Portland area, with schools in China. We hope that next year, when we present that, we can show some really great examples of that continued nurturing of the relationships. Next slide please.

Also with that, we have our close connection with the Lan Su Garden and we have Elizabeth Noghay here, who's the head of the garden. And she is signing an MOU with her counterpart. Next slide please.

Later this summer we, backtracked. Last year they had the Chinese Sister City International Conference in China again. Mr. Steven Pape was there, Lincoln High School is forging ahead to help

facilitate the school in china with their ib program transition, and they're very excited and very involved with that relationship. Next slide please. Again, we have the mou exchange ceremony between the sister cities, and we really appreciate the efforts, stewardship and leadership, demonstrated by chido, Portland's international relations director, invaluable asset to us and assistance. We really appreciate that. Next slide please. That's I believe the end of our slides. So with that note, thank you again for all of your support for all of all of our groups here. And we appreciate it very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is tatiana trudell. I am president of Portland lviv friendship city association and I want to present tracy goodman vice president of our organization. Next slide please, so I want to remind you, a few facts about lviv. So lviv is a city in the western part of ukraine, about 50 miles from the polish border, 70km, it's an old city, founded in the 13th century by king danylo halytsky and named in honor of his son lev, which in ukrainian means lion. So it is a city of lions. You see lions everywhere here, including on the city's coat of arms. It's a major city in ukraine. It's a political, economic, cultural center. One of the centers, also in the last ten years, it became a major humanitarian and refugee hub. So in 2014, when russia occupied crimea, a lot of indigenous crimean tatars that were pushed out of their homes by russian colonial settlers found refuge in lviv and then in 2022, the city almost doubled in size when hundreds of thousands of ukrainians from occupied territories came to lviv. Some stayed just for a few days before moving on to even safer places, but many of them stayed there, next slide please. So our two cities are very far away geographically, ten time zones, but there are a lot of connections between our two cities. There is, amazing food culture, art, culture, bicycle culture, book culture, coffeeshouse culture, the slides here has six different images. Three of them come from Portland and three of them come from

lviv. And we often ask people, can you tell which ones are from which city? So it's something you can look at later and try to figure out, next slide please. So last year we had a number of different events. So these are some of the pictures from the events. And I would like to highlight some of them next slide please, one of the things we did last year is we launched our beautiful, website developed by Tracy Goodman, Portland Live Org. It tells the history of our connections. It talks about different connections that our cities have, also so past and future events and also the creative history and how jointly Portland is and Lviv residents worked on our logo. And I hope you like the logo. I think it represents well our two cities. Next slide please. So last year we participated in Rose Festival and we had two firsts, during the Rose Festival. So for the first time we signed sister city proclamation, which for us was a big deal. I know everybody's here, maybe tired doing it like 30 years in a row, 60 years. But for us, it was the first time. So it was very special and then for the first time, our members also took part in the Rose Parade as part of Ukrainian community. So for the first time, a group of Ukrainians walked during Rose Parade and it was also a very special event. And we're looking forward to doing it again this year, next slide please, so one of the important things that we did last year is actually doing a visit to Lviv. So I traveled there with my family and it was a hard visit, but it also confirmed the commitment that Lviv residents and Lviv city officials have to have in this relationship. So, you know, every day in Ukraine right now is like 9/11, you can't fly into Ukraine because civilian planes are targeted by the Russians, so the only way you can do is by train or car because it's harder to hit cars and trains and smaller, smaller vehicles or on foot. So we did go by bus from Poland and then, you know, we had to even think whether to go because three weeks before our apartment was hit in Lviv, in the middle of the night, ten people sleeping in the apartments basically were killed, by shelling, other buildings where like there

were office buildings that were also affected, but luckily nobody was working there at night. So we even had to think whether to go or not, but finally decided to go, we had very good meetings at Lviv city hall. We got to meet the cat mayor of Lviv. His name was Left Cheek, which means Little Lion. He's a very sweet cat. And he approved of our relationship. We also got to meet the director of foreign relations for the city of Lviv. And we started our meeting at her office and then the air raid alarm started. So we had to move on to the bomb shelter under the city hall. So the picture in the middle, middle row, you see, that's actually, us meeting at the bomb shelter and I don't know if the Portland city hall has a bomb shelter, in Lviv in two weeks, I had to actually visit a number of different bomb shelters while in Portland. I have no idea if there are even bomb shelters here. And I'm always reminded how privileged we are to live under the nuclear umbrella, under the NATO umbrella, that we don't have to know that while in Lviv it was sometimes five times a day that we had to look for a place to hide, so we also got to visit with, Mr. Czubak, who was part of the 2017 delegation to Portland as part of Good Government's program. And then we visited the Center Unbroken. And this is something that the city had to create from scratch, because there are now tens of thousands of Ukrainians who lost limbs due to the war, due to the invasion, of course, there are people who are getting prosthetics because they were stupid, you know, with a chainsaw or, you know, there are different accidents that happened. But most people are getting prosthetics, are missing limbs because of the shelling, children, especially because of the mines, because so many mines are made to look like toys and they pick them up and then they lose an arm, also, there are a lot of former prisoners of war who were tortured in Russian captivity. And as part of torture, you know, their limbs were cut. So the center provides not only prosthetics, but also physical rehabilitation and mental rehabilitation because so many people are so traumatized. So this is one of the

things we visited as part of the, getting familiar and meeting the city officials of Lviv. Next slide please, other places we visited, of course, were also, opera coffee houses, Ukrainian Catholic University, that was built using the master plan developed here in Portland, by the architecture professor from the University of Oregon and the School of Design in Portland, we also visited, a library that is now doubles as volunteer center. And there we met a retired teacher volunteering there who kind of took us under his wing. So this culture of volunteering is also something that unites Portlanders and residents, because we met so many people dropping during the day, during their lunch break or after work to put in several hours volunteering at the volunteer center, so next slide, please, back in Portland. One, the events we hosted was coffee with Lviv, on the morning of February 24th, 2024. So here in Portland, we met at 7 a.m. At just Bob that serves Lviv latte. And in Lviv it was 5 p.m. And they were drinking their afternoon coffee. So we had that live connection, between citizens of Portland and Lviv, which was a very special event. Next slide please. And then the same afternoon we were part of Believe in Ukraine event, similar events were taking place in over 100 cities around the world. And in Portland it was on Pioneer Square and it was the first time the Ukrainian community had an event at the square. And the community asked me to thank the City Council and the city of Portland and the square for making helping the community make this such a special and inspiring event. So that was that was something that we were very happy to participate in, next slide please, so we also hosted International Vyshyvanka Day in Northwest Portland. This is an event that takes place, third Thursday day in May all over the world, Ukrainians, wear the vyshyvanka, which is embroidered clothing. And our organization hosted a Northwest Portland event. There were events also in Vancouver Hillsboro Ukraine, internationally. So you can see most of the people on the picture wearing all kinds of different embroidered

clothing. Even the person in a white shirt is wearing, special clothing, which is white thread embroidered on white shirts. So something like when you see it up close, it's very beautiful. And, next slide please, thank you very much. We are very happy to have this formal relationship now. For many years we had, informal relationships going to visit each other, welcoming delegations from Ukraine and especially from Lviv, but becoming a formal friendship city and working now on, on, becoming a sister city is very important for the local Ukrainian community.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: And that concludes the formal report. Thank you. Commissioners and mayor, are there any questions, comments?

Speaker: Thank you, before I do, could I just ask Rebecca, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: We do.

Speaker: Not very good. Colleagues. Any further questions? And if not, I will entertain a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: Except so moved.

Speaker: Second, Commissioner Ryan moves. Commissioner Gonzalez seconds, and I just lost my little hammer.

Speaker: Thank.

Speaker: Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan. Yes thank you so much, Cheeto. It's good to see you always. And you always think there's more than one Cheeto out there. Because she does so much with so many of you. So thank you for being the cat herder of this very important sister city association work and all the president's, all of you locally that have hung in there, especially during COVID and kept this going. I think it's echoed by many that. We live in a world that's just so, polarized and petty, if you will, and it really comes down to people to,

to people like it was said by some of you and so I can't think of a more important time for all of us to lean in to the sister cities relationships. And I really want to also thank all of you who, brought delegations, clearly, our downtown needs, our hotels to be filled. And so it's just great when you can also connect the dots on commerce. That includes travel. And I know on our end, we must continue to lean into that as well, we have a long afternoon, and so I'm going to keep my remarks brief, but please know how much I appreciate the sister city programs and all of you who volunteer your time to keep this up and running. So as cheeto said, she can't do it alone. And she doesn't. It's with all of you. Thank you. I accept the report.

Speaker: Gonzalez.

Speaker: I want to thank mayor Wheeler, cheeto and the office of government relations for introducing this report. You know, at times in the city's history, we have been accused of being excessively internally focused, downright provincial at times, those labels have not always been fair, we have, in fact, a very strong immigrant community and multicultural food scene here. We are, an international tourist destination. And on the international trade side, for everything from timber to silicon forest. We've had strong international ties. At the same time, the pandemic hurt the city in ways we didn't and couldn't fully grasp at the times and really fundamental ways. Our social fabric was damaged and is in bad need of repair. Some of that healing requires an internal focus, but it also requires us to step out into the sun. And once again take our place in the globe. The global community, to reconnect with old friends and trade partners across the country, across the globe, with the required healing in mind, I want to emphasize my deep appreciation for our sister city associations who have worked so hard to keep and repair our global connection through some incredible times. You also remind us very directly that we aren't the only ones who have struggled in recent years.

Experiences experienced hurt in recent years. You remind us that we are not the only ones who need to reconnect across the globe. I vote to accept this report and am eager to continue strengthening our relationships with all of our sister cities in the coming years. Thank you.

Speaker: Maps, I want to thank staff and our guests for today's presentations and celebrations. It's really been a remarkable day, I also want to thank the all of our sister cities for nurturing citizen to citizen relationships between the city of Portland and cities across the globe, today has just been truly remarkable to see the span of the relationships and the depths of the relationships that we've been able to, form over the decades. In many cases, and especially for those of you who, occupy leadership positions, and the sister city program, I also I really want to thank you for the courage and humanity that you bring to this work, I know I was expecting, a joyful moment today, in the back of my head, I was also deeply aware of many of the challenges that, Portland faces. And, frankly, many of the sister cities that we partner with face, the path that you have, pointed forward is an inspiration to me, and I think it should be an inspiration to everyone in Portland, which is why I am deeply gratified and uplifted by hearing this report. And that's also why I vote. I thank you, yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank chido.

Speaker: I want to thank cheeto again for your excellent work, and all the sister city and friendship cities, that are here today. Thank you so much for your leadership and maintaining our really important relationships among all our sister cities, and I will say, you know, like everyone today was just a really special day. It was uplifting today. It was also a reminding us of what we've been through together. In, in challenging times as well. But it really was a hopeful reminder to me, as the mayor said in his comments, that we're really all in this together, we are one

global community. And, there is a shared humanity in there that was, very present today, I think. And I felt that and, it was, wonderful to experience, so I want to also just say we are so enriched because of our relationships with you and each of the cities that you represent, you help us strengthen that bond and broaden our global understanding. So thank you to all the dignitaries that are visiting us today. You honor us with your presence in our city. And, to everyone you just bring so much to Portland, but you also share so much of Portland with the world. And so for that, we're very grateful and we look forward to the work ahead together. I vote yea Wheeler.

Speaker: Yeah, I just want to share in the praise that my colleagues have been offering. I want to thank everybody who presented today. Thank you to all of our guests. Thank you for the hard work and the dedication that you put into maintaining our sister city relationships. Cheeto, thanks for your guidance, your advice and your leadership and continuing to help us foster closer ties with not only our sister cities and friendship cities, but indeed in all of our relations that that we, currently engage in through your office. I want to thank you and your team for that leadership. And I also just want to underscore again that, a sister city relationship is easy when the times are good for everyone, a sister city relationship is essential when times are not. And this is one of those times. And so your leadership may require more of you and more of us than anybody had anticipated at this particular point in history, but on the other hand, your leadership has never been more important or more meaningful in terms of what it does to keep our society collectively engaged and I really appreciate that. We have this time every year to reflect, to think about not only the challenges, but also celebrate all of the good things and indeed even the fun things that have happened over the course of the last year. And I would expect that next year you'll have even more interesting things

to talk about. So thank you all for being here today. Thanks for your dedication and your time. I vote I the report is accepted. Thank you everybody. We'll take a five minute recess before we take up our next item. We are in recess. For 491. Also report except downtown Portland.

Speaker: Clean and safe. Enhanced services district annual report.

Speaker: Colleagues, I'm pleased to introduce this annual report highlighting the work the downtown clean and safe esd has performed for its district and ratepayers between October first of 2022 and September 30th of 2023. As you're certainly aware, the city has three enhanced service districts, with downtown clean and safe being the oldest, dating all the way back to 1991. Downtown clean and safe district footprint is approximately half a square mile, or 374 acres of the immediate downtown core, and it encompasses a mix primarily of commercial and residential properties in the central city. As we all know, our central city continues to present several challenges as well as terrific opportunities, and the city of Portland appreciates the ongoing strong partnership with clean and safe to make our urban core a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable place for residents, workers and visitors alike. With that, I'll turn it over to Devin Reynolds, the city's esd coordinator within the office of management and finance, to introduce the items as well as our guest presenters. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Hello and good afternoon, I'm Devin Reynolds. Enhance services district coordinator with the office of management and finance, funded by property managers and approved by the city enhanced services districts pay for extra services that improve quality of life in Portland neighborhoods.

Speaker: Downtown Portland clean and safe is one of three enhanced services districts currently active in Portland and it was reauthorized by City Council on October 1st, 2021. The new contract contains several provisions intended to

increase city oversight and overall transparency of the activities of the district. The annual report to council is one of these new provisions. This is the second annual report prepared under the new contract. The contract specifically requires downtown Portland clean and safe to report on the following items a summary of financial information about the district's activities. A description of programs. A description of stakeholder outreach and engagement, and subcontractor activities. The city's ongoing response to a 2020 audit of the city's enhanced services district program is a related, but separate item in February of this year, council accepted a consultant report that presented a number of recommendations to improve the city's esd program. Our staff is actively working with the districts to develop a work plan for implementation of those recommendations, and we should have an update on those efforts for you in the coming months. While this is interesting work and there are likely questions about it, those program changes are not to be the subject of today's discussion. However today's discussion should primarily focus on downtown Portland clean and safe annual reporting requirements and a discussion with the leadership of the district on their efforts and accomplishments. Now, i'll introduce our presenters from downtown Portland. Clean and safe. Mark wells, executive director steve wycherley, operations director, sydney mead, senior director of downtown programs and virtually vanessa sturgeon, board chair. Take it away.

Speaker: Mark.

Speaker: Thank you very much, steven. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. It is our pleasure to be here again our second time around. How fast a year goes. I'll be able to mark my years by every time I'm up here to give this report, I'm going to hand it over to our board chair, vanessa sturgeon, for some opening remarks. And then i'll go through our presentation with you. Vanessa

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and City Council, for the record, my name is Vanessa Sturgeon. I am the board chair of downtown Portland. Clean and safe. On behalf of our board of directors, representing a diverse group of downtown stakeholders, I want to thank the city of Portland and the hard work of your offices and staff as we continue this strong private public partnership and enhanced service district. It is also our pleasure to be here this afternoon to share our accomplishments and programs for the last contract year. While we still have large challenges and issues to tackle together moving forward, the overall conditions, foot traffic and activation in downtown are improving and our downtown core is coming back. Our board and teams are fully committed to working with you and our many downtown community partners to keep this positive momentum moving full speed ahead. I would like now to turn our presentation over to Mark Wells, our executive director, to provide you with a review of our program services and metrics. Take it away, Mark.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Vanessa. How's that good apology. And I think we're going to pull the deck up here in just a second, while we're waiting for that, I'd like to give a sincere thanks to Devon Reynolds. I want to thank the council for this position. This is, again, a newer position for our ESD program, and Devon came to us from Seattle and hit the ground running, and he calls me and I call him, and he texted me, and I text him, and we work really, really well together. So thank you, Devon. A wonderful addition to the SB, ESD landscape here. I also want to take the moment very briefly to thank my amazing team to my left, Sydney and Steve, also, Emily and Chase are in the back there. I have the privilege and the honor of working with a wonderful team that comes to work every day to make this amazing city a brighter and better. So thank you team! I couldn't do this without you and council for. We have a lot to go through. As you know, some of you know, I can talk way too

much and for too long. So I'm going to be brief, we want to make sure that there's plenty of time for our invited or testimony that's here today, because we do have testimony. And also any questions and feedback and input that you have because that is vital. So again, I will be I'll be short and sweet if that works, so again, it's important to keep in mind that we have calendar years, fiscal years. Our contract dates are October 1st through September 30th, and so I'll try to highlight if there's any changes in some of the reports that we put through. Again, just as a reference, the actual formal report that meets all of the reporting requirements is separate to this presentation. You do have that of course. Next slide please. So again, as we've talked about, the oldest of the three enhanced service districts, 213 blocks downtown. And I'll just highlight the picture there. That's at director park, and that is, we haven't had a team picture of our cleaners and staff and security folks and behind there is the hope van, our new street outreach van, which we'll talk about a little bit more, but fun to have a team, a team full picture, next slide please. So audited financials again. This will be for the fiscal year 2022 to 23. Next slide please. And just for reference this presentation will follow the same format as last year's, we'll have a couple new programs, our street outreach program and some of our private public partnerships that I'll be highlighting, but the same exact reporting mechanism as last year, keynotes here is that our full financial audit is attached to our formal report that you have for McDonald Jacobs. So we're happy and pleased to provide that. And also an important part is that 75% of our revenue, again, total revenue is about \$7.4 million from our ratepayers. We push right back onto the street and direct services. Next slide please. So operational highlights I'm going to highlight our public safety program, our janitorial program and our new street outreach program. If you recall that was part of our renewal was a call from you and from the community and internally that we need to be doing more and have a

more direct footprint, helping our most vulnerable. Portland's on the street. Next slide please. So our public safety program, you'll see the tagline I give that full credit to the gentleman to my left, safety first customer service. And problem solving, we revamped our public safety program both through the renewal and when we hired our newest vendor or our new security contractor. Excuse me. Gardaworld in October of last year, a big thing that we'd like to highlight is our event support and extra patrols. We work very closely with a host of organizations, both with the city, with the county, and with the private sector, whether it's travel, Portland, the Oregon convention center, whether it's internally with some of the city folks and we do everything that we can do to clean up areas, make sure that the areas where events are shine, and also to really provide extra presence of our public safety to make sure that those events go off. Well, examples with a large fashion show that we had the dawn becker ohsu, fundraiser at the art museum, really making sure that we can help folks. Next is the hotel security district. I want to thank council very much for your support. This was a wonderful example of private public partnership funding from the state. The county, the city and from the hoteliers themselves. And this allowed us the funding to augment our public safety program, which is 24 hours. But to add a swing shift and a modified graveyard shift to really focus in on our hotels and our hospitality locations to really support those events. Next slide please. So again, nothing has changed as far as our core scope. Again, a big change when we went to gardaworld and changed our public safety program, was listening to a lot of our ratepayers and operations that worked at night. We traditionally went till about 1 a.m. And our previous vendor, we now have been going 24 over seven. It'll be two years in October that we're 24 hours a day. That's just a recap of our shifts. And again with the hotel safety district, we started that in October of last year. Our hope is to maintain that for a year, we're still trying to get some extra

funding or some funding that the state had committed. We're hoping to get that soon, but again, we've done one round of surveys with our hotels and really found a tangible increase in staff feeling safer getting to know our public safety coordinators, building a better connection with the police bureau, and really supporting the patrons as well. Next slide please. So our types of call again, mirror our scope of work. Our scope of work has not changed other than with a new vendor comes a lot of learning curves. Again, this is a pretty complex private security contract. Again, public safety and the public right of way, a lot of guardrails and a lot of accountability, which we of course welcome and gardaworld has really exceeded our expectations with, with some of these very challenging calls. Next slide please. So here's our program highlights for public safety. And what I've done is I've compared again this is our second year providing a formal annual report to City Council and the public at large. And we're comparing our call types with last year's. Again, please note that those are the calendar contract, calendar dates, and so that ended again in September of last year. You'll notice a pretty significant increase in our call types. Again, we were asked by the city to mirror our call types as closely to Portland police bureau as well. I know I hear Steve on zoom calls saying unwanted persons, nobody's unwanted, but that is the call classification. We treat everybody as customers and with customer service, but again, you'll notice it's a pretty significant increase in most of our call types. And the big blue block to the right. That is a statistic that I'm both very proud of and both very proud of, and also very sad by gardaworld keeps track of this. This is going back from October of last year or year of prior when we started our contract. We keep a running total and they have this number at the main break room at our gardaworld office down on sixth, 141 lives that were saved by our gardaworld public safety coordinators. As the first responder on scene, either administering narcan, cpr or combination of the

two. Most of those cases were individuals that were, progressed in their overdose, were either, flatlined with no heartbeat or on their way to an overdose. And so, again, I could not be more proud of that's 141 Portlanders that might not be with us today. If it were not for our public safety program. Next slide, please. Our janitorial program through, amazing central city concern, we again took our last year and compared just of note, bags of trash collected. You'll see a significant decrease and I will put that credit on the street service coordination center. And with the city, we have a tremendous decrease in our number of tents and illegal campgrounds on our public rights of way, we have seen a wonderful increase in just the collaboration with the street service coordination center, and I would tie that decrease in number. And just there's less trash on the street, the other one that sticks out, of course, is our needles, a dramatic decrease in needles. And that, as we all know, is the increase of using fentanyl changing from, injected iv drugs to, smoking fentanyl off tinfoil. So we have a lot more tinfoil and less needles, you'll also notice another one. The biohazard cleanup, significant increase, I cannot I've been asked by a few people when we review this. I don't know the exact reason why. I just know anecdotally, personally, walking out and talking to our staff. We have a lot of individuals that are in a pretty acute state of, of, challenges and we have to pick up more biohazards and i'll just leave it at that if that makes makes sense. Next slide please. Again, this is a new program. I'm very delighted to share this with you. And it's a really fun partnership. We call all of our vendors we have we do not have a client vendor relationship, we have a vendor family that we work with. We meet every Wednesday morning with all of our vendors, including the Portland police bureau, bike unit, and any time I'm working with the leadership of another vendor, I always explain how this will most likely be a contract that you've never had before, and they become part of our vendor family. So again, our street

outreach program, with helping hands reentry center at bybee lakes. And you'll notice the dates there I've taken. We had this up and running July one of last year. And so what we've done is we've taken the dates, the stats from July last year to February of this year. To give you a little bit more, a broader recap of our stats, because we would only have about 2 or 3 months from last year. Again, total interactions, 978 unique interactions. Again, those are unique individuals that our street outreach team working Monday through Thursday, a team of two in the van, the hope van and then again our team referrals. This has been an amazing asset to both myself and my direct team, and also with our public safety coordinators. When they build a relationship with somebody on the street, we now can say, hey, we'd love to have one of our street outreach workers come by and talk to you. Would you be open to that? Sometimes it's no, but oftentimes it's yes, and we can send that referral directly through a process. And our street outreach team will go out and make contact with that individual, assess them and go from there, and so that's a wonderful program to have, to allow us to take that social service outreach to the next level, and work on that next slide, please. Business and community impact. So I'm going to speed up a little bit. Next slide please. So lots on this slide i'll just point the visit downtown campaign. Lots of media. We are in the middle of changing the narrative. As you all know, when you walk around it is better downtown. We have more people downtown, we have more workers downtown. And that's only good if you don't stop and take a breath and share that with the public. Both here in Portland and our national audience all around. So we're having fun with that. Our holiday pop up shops again, a continual program, nine shops this year, and this gives a business and existing business an opportunity to have a brick and mortar downtown. And we often have success with them signing a lease and staying on our sidewalk ambassadors, our mobile kiosks, doing, talking to more

tourists, which we love to see, and then again, our downtown retail advocate position, creating vital information and reports for us. Next slide please. First time for our program. We've provided small business grants, up to \$75,000. They ended up being very competitive. We had a tremendous amount of interest and applications for were awarded to businesses to help with everything from tenant improvements to marketing and to sign a one year lease. So really encouraging, especially for our small businesses, maybe getting them over those last couple hurdles to get into a brick and mortar downtown. Our annual business survey, which i'll highlight in a couple of slides. I look at that as our report card. I'll talk about that in a little bit. And our vibrancy tracker as well, keeping track of retail vacancy reports and also our downtown retail council. It's all part of our networking and community building, we are part of that monthly meeting with all of our retailers downtown to support them and announce events and really make sure that people are connected and sharing good news and good business outreach. Next slide please. So again, our our, foot traffic that we use placer id using cell phone technology, you know the quick one is 10% increase in foot traffic from last year, we're continuing to monitor that. We work closely with organizations like travel Portland and the Oregon convention center, really looking at who's coming, where are they coming from, where are they going and where are they staying, next slide please, project illumination again, a big shout out to the city and to pmo, this has been the second year that we've worked with the city to really light up downtown. Two great things that lighting does. One, it brings people downtown, tens of thousands of people downtown. And with the crime prevention coordinator in me, it never hurts to have additional lighting late at night. So over 800 trees, 270 stars. And again, a big thanks to pmo, the wonderful staff there that helps with permitting and lighting and all the different things that you have to do to light up

the city. Next slide please. So this slide is entitled a recipe for success. And this is was was personally professionally very fun for me because, about a year ago in March, I was in touch with unico properties. That is the car wash fountain right there at fifth and burnside. And they said, what can we do to really work on this area? So we came up with the idea of the ankeny triangle improvement project, and it's a wonderful example of private sector, your enhanced service district clean and safe, and the city of Portland multi jurisdictions. You have the Portland water bureau, pbot, park ranger, the parks bureau that pumped out the water, so again, on the left there before and after pictures, and again, a partnership with unico working with the city to have a joint use agreement in the space. And then the bottom right with the beautiful murals with the Portland street art alliance, and really putting that, we had a tangible reported decrease in crime, and 2 to 3 businesses in that short time have already signed leases and moved into the ankeny triangle. Second slide. Next slide, please. Again, director park, we just signed another agreement with the parks. We did a one year pilot project, and again, you have pictures here from the art contest. The bottom right is was, I believe, a swing dancing with music. And then again, we had a wonderful press conference with our now full time police chief, chief day, with all of our vendors, down at the bottom left, over 50 events in 2023, and we are very excited to continually host events at director park and support the park parks bureau and to get more folks downtown. Next slide. Recent business sentiment. So this is my report card. I'll share with you next slide please, we put this out every year. I believe we had over almost 100 more respondents. I believe we had 410 businesses that responded to our survey, again, we're comparing to 2022, so overall satisfaction in downtown Portland, clean and safe jumped from 68 to 72. And then we really do a deep dive in the different programs, our cleaning statistics, our safety coordinator position up to 86. My three

and a half years, I've never seen a score in the 80s. So I'm happy to see that. And again, a dramatic change in our public safety program and then in our light program, up from one point from 90 up to 91, that's the report that we put out. And that's the first thing I do is look at that. And how are we doing? Because again, we want to get a good gauge of that. And if we're doing well, we want to hear about it. And if we're not doing well or falling short, we equally want to hear about that as well. Next slide please. Again, part of that business survey which is all available on our website. We ask a ton of questions, but we're just highlighting these two, this is asking our businesses in the last year if you have been a victim or susceptible to these four categories, and we still have some work to do. As you can see that the numbers are still high, but we can compare that to different years to look at what are the individual businesses? Small, medium, large. What are their issues that they're dealing with? Because we are hyper focused on business retention and business continuity. Next slide please. So looking ahead next slide please. Thank you very much. As as you'll notice from the joint letter from our chair vanessa sturgeon myself and our formal report, one of our biggest challenges is that we continually receive questions and concerns about maintenance of city assets and structures. And I'm working very closely with the different bureaus, and i'll highlight that the next slide a little bit more details in some of the very tangible relationships and partnerships. But one of our requests is, is that we are trying to do our best to stay within our scope of work and maintain our scope of work. But a lot of the city assets, you know, are illustrated in these pictures that I took about two weeks ago, and so we need to come up with ways that if it's a situation where the city doesn't have the staff or the funding, my, my request to the bureau leadership, folks I'm talking to now is that we've got to stay at the table. We've got to continue to problem solve, and we need to figure out how we clean and safe in the city of

Portland can make sure that our street signs and our parking meters don't look like the way they do in this illustration. Next slide. Looking ahead again, I'll kind of keep on going on that. You'll notice the top one continuing developing relationships with key key city agencies. The street service coordination center, we have been issued or issued. We have been assigned a pbot liaison. Shaylee Urbanski I have her permission to say her name because she's fantastic, we started that kind of formal, pbot liaison with Clean and Safe about a year ago. And to give you a great example of how this works. As we all know, we have limited staff and limited budget, and we only have so many street sweepers. So if pbot is going to go out and sweep Fourth Avenue at midnight on Tuesday, we're going to know about it and we're going to do the power washing. The night before or that evening so that what goes off the sidewalk goes into the street and the street sweeper sweeps it up, it's partnering and really utilizing our limited resources and pbot limited resources to, to be as effectual as possible to the event support that we do. That's again, where that partnership comes in. If we know a large convention is staying downtown, we're going to have thousands of people. We're on the phone with Shaylee and her team coordinating, so she knows exactly what we're doing and how we can support her team downtown to make it shine as best as we can, focused on on methodical work to continue destination placemaking, we're all in agreement here that we're going to turn the tide by. The more people that come downtown, the better. There's there is no better crime prevention tool in the world than thousands of Portlanders coming down to see things, eat things, and have fun. So part of that is Director Park. As you know, we're in discussions with Darcelle 15, with parks continuing that, that partnership and exploration action, and really looking at how can we continue to get Portlanders back down and our suburbanites back downtown as well? And lastly, I the last time I was before you was when we all heard the BTS report on the,

esd audit. And I just want to share that we are still as absolutely committed to those recommendations and really following best practices and transparency and accountability. We, I mentioned to you that we will be starting a community engagement subcommittee of our board, and we have that. They've been up and running since February, we're looking at planning our first clean and safe open house that will be available to anybody and everybody to come meet the entire clean and safe team from myself, my team, from the police, our vendors, and really looking at that and following best practices to keep the esd program as relevant and as, as in line with best practices as possible. And I have one more slide. Thank you so much for your many clicks. There I got steve's permission for this picture. This is the starlight parade last year, he was the recycling guy, was the trash guy. Nobody really liked me. They liked the recycling guy, but you'll be hearing from laura brown, our amazing vendor manager with c.c.c. But the tagline that she came up with this job is about changing lives because we just pick up trash along the way. And it was the first time last year, and we just did it, a couple nights ago of clean and safe and all of our vendors, participating in the starlight parade, which was just very rewarding and fun to, to be part of that. So with that, thank you very much, we could not do this without your support. Your office's support, and the many, many Portland workers that are out on the street working with us to keep this momentum going. So thank you very much. Thank you. Okay.

Speaker: And back to you, mayor.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. Colleagues, any questions or should we go right to public testimony? Why don't we go ahead and go to public testimony? And I know we have a couple of people signed up.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks. You guys appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: First, we have Laura Brown, Rebecca, how many folks do we have, we have five people signed up.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Welcome.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Laura Brown, and I have the pleasure to work with Mark and Steve and the rest of the Clean and Safe team, so on the Clean and Safe team, we, my team, including myself, come from homelessness and addiction and, myself, I was, home less and in my addiction most of my adult life. And I spent my adult life going in and out of, jail downtown Portland here. And I was offered treatment finally. And then after treatment, I got out and I was not employable. I was even told no by, Pizza Hut call center. And that was devastating to me as an adult woman. I had lost my child, I was homeless, and I couldn't even get a job in Central City or Central City. Concerns Clean and Safe program gave me an opportunity in the Homeless to Work six month program at Clean and Safe and, honestly, I wasn't going to stay. I didn't think I even deserved that. That job cleaning the streets of downtown Portland. And someone said, thank you to me. And that changed the course of my life. And so after that, I just kept showing up and doing the best I could. And today, 14 years later, I am the senior business manager, and I've seen thousands of people's lives changed. People that are coming out of incarceration, in homelessness, all different circumstances, is all because of this program. We're getting our lives back. We're given an opportunity to have jobs and so for me, it was just that one. Thank you. From a stranger that I was able to change my life. And it was because of this program. And so that is what I'd like to say is thank you to all of you for supporting our program and giving us an opportunity to change our lives. Well, that's really all I have to say today.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you. Congratulations on your success. That's great. Thank you.

Speaker: Anita davidson, anita's online.

Speaker: Hello, anita.

Speaker: Okay. Hi, everybody. Thank you. Honorable mayor and distinguished commissioners, as you know, I'm a downtown condominium owner, and I do recognize the importance of downtown Portland. Clean and safe to this council and city staff and to all of our citizens in our city in particular. I applaud the personal dedication of mark wells and his team for all the good to applaud. However I trust council will also agree there are improvements still expected, but as yet unaddressed. With downtown clean and safe, the annual report should not be allowed to dismiss the city auditor's 2020 report as flawed. That's a conclusion I have not found published anywhere else by any city staff, official or bds, or the bds consultant. Progress towards improving esd fundamentals are also not mentioned in the report, and some may have happened after the date of this report. Nonetheless, how long must ratepayers ratepayers wait for some changes? But the reason I testified today is to highlight where clean and safe omits information and potentially overstates the cleaning and security accomplishments of its work. My testimony today is personal. I can see up and down the transit mall through my condo windows, and our condo sits at the south border of the clean and safe district. One day I noticed a clean and safe janitorial worker past, the border of the esd on into the psu neighborhood, Portland state. So I started asking, you know, the worker goes up and turns around at i-405, comes back down southwest six, and eventually gets back into the clean and safe district. I started asking, why are esd ratepayers paying for cleaning and security services outside the esd boundary? So I've been on an 18 month quest to find this out. I've had to research a lot, there's not a lot of transparency in any of all the records, but anyway, the same thing also happens with gardaworld. I saw a couple of them once in a coffee shop right at

near psu. They were outside the clean and safe boundary. So then when I watched them leave, they they meander across and back down sixth avenue or something, down into the clean and safe area. So my research led me to a second entity, Portland mall management, inc. Or pmi as we know it, which also funds enhanced services downtown for cleaning and security that falls almost entirely within the clean and safe boundaries. And like clean and safe pmi contracts with Portland metro chamber for management of these services. Both use the same vendors, which clean and safe reports about today. It's really curious why this annual report omits any mention of clean and safe relationship with pmi, or of the additional \$2 million in public funds. Pmi spends for similar and often identical enhanced services on the transit mall. I would expect metro chamber to use its same employees to manage both programs. Mark wells, for example, who is a vice president at the chamber, executive director, downtown clean and safe and also a board member at pmi. So is it possible the results reported by clean and safe are overstated? Instead of being accomplished with 3.4 million, a combined total of 5.4 million has been spent so please consider this and ask omf and pbot to get together. Look at some data and approach the questions I've put in my written testimony, which I also submitted to you today. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you anita.

Speaker: Stephen lynn.

Speaker: Welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. My name is stephen lynn. I'm the owner of under ummon retail stores in and also the director of travel gate Portland. My store is at the corner of southwest park in Washington, and that's right across the street from darcelle 15 plaza. I've been a retailer in the west end for 18 years. I've seen a lot of changes this past October, I recommitted to downtown Portland and renewed my

lease. You might have read that story in the wall street journal. The narrative is changing. The significant strides in revitalization of downtown Portland is facilitated partly by clean and safe. I'm going to say a lot by clean and safe. It's instrumental in the decisions that I made. It was instrumental because I made that decision to re-up partially because of clean and safe what we're all aware of the challenges and the perceptions of downtown, the daily presence of clean and safe is a beacon, to our city. It's making it safer, cleaner and more welcoming place to live, work and instilling a sense of security and confidence in our community. The organization provides frontline support for retail. Yes, retail. It's daily smiles of the cleaners. It's patrols of the sidewalks, and it's the cleaning of the doorways. The safety and security from gardaworld is important. It's critical providing visible presence would not be cost effective or even appropriate if these same services were being done by our police department. This is a difference. It's one of the things that came out of the 2020 riots. We know we need a different approach than just the police department. My customers feel safe and have returned in part because of clean and safe visibility. My staff and I once again feel safe working downtown, and because of the responsiveness of the security team, we actually feel that there's a connection now to where our problems are getting communicated and solved. They are generally our frontline frontline village livability responders. I ask council to continue and if possible, expand this organization. It's working and it's making a difference to the end. I'd like to thank commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Ryan has helped work with clean and safe to be the facilitator of the darcelle 15 plaza, I really think that that's an important extension of what clean and safe has done at directors park. It's going to make a difference. And they have done an extremely good job in facilitating communications between parks. The west end

neighborhood and the LGBTQ community. Thank you, commissioner, for that support. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you and happy pride.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. You too.

Speaker: Mike Davis, good luck.

Speaker: Hello, Mike. Thanks, commissioner.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor. Commissioners, my name is Mike Davis. I'm the CEO of Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers. We operate Bybee Lakes Hope Center here in Portland. But I'm here today to talk to you about our partnership with Downtown Portland, Clean and Safe. Early in 2023, we were approached to provide outreach services in the 213 blocks served by Clean and Safe. We had not historically provided this type of service in the past, but we knew there was a need and through contracting with Clean and Safe, we were able to start a program very quickly. Since July of 2023, our team of two works for ten-hour shifts per week, utilizing the Hope Van to interact with people experiencing homelessness. The team uses various items to initiate interactions with the people that they encounter and are truly working to start building a rapport to help navigate them to resources and ultimately off the street. The team has helped people get to medical care, detox, find food, gain ID, get into shelter, and access many different services offered in the community. Finally, the team has used Narcan countless times to help people reverse the effects of overdose through our contract, we were able to create a mobile app to track the work that we are doing and to add on to the data that Mark had through April of this year. We've actually had 440 unduplicated interactions and a total of 1094 total interaction persons, and we've helped 106 people get into shelters. So let me share a little bit about a success story, let me tell you about Mtx. Mtx was a member of Bybee Lakes once before and decided to self-exit in January 2023. The program manager saw them last summer and began to talk about how

they were doing, and recommended that they talk with our street outreach team. The outreach team met with them on the street, and they decided to return in September of 2023 to bybee lakes. Since returning, they got clean. They've assisted other shelter guests with getting clean and sober and getting into the lighthouse program, as well as finding sponsors empty left for housing. This past December, and they've been in stable housing since. As well as continuing in their sobriety. And this is actually the longest time of sobriety for mtx since they've started their addiction. It is because of the contract we have with downtown Portland, clean and safe, that we have been able to interact with over 400 people on the street where they are at to get the services they need. And about 25% of those folks into shelter. Thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Louise roman. Looks like louise is not here.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Then, if there are no further questions, i'll accept a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: I have a quick question. I know it's getting late, this is probably for staff. Could someone. Can someone in the room? Help us understand the relationship between downtown clean and safe and, the Portland mall management, inc.

Speaker: That's a really great question. And I'd like to go ahead and turn it over to steve.

Speaker: Okay, good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. So I can only address this question as a position that is, focuses on the downtown Portland clean and safe contract and also responsible for some of the Portland metro chamber contracts. So there's two geographical areas. There's the downtown Portland clean and safe enhanced service district, and then Portland mall management has its own

geographical area. That's an area that extends outside of the clean and safe district. And as per city code, clean and safe resources is fund programs in the clean and safe district. Portland mall management has its own goals to provide enhanced public safety and cleaning, almost like an enhanced enhanced service district on fifth and sixth avenues. Those avenues extend outside of the clean and safe district into the Portland psu campus and then a little bit to the west outside of the west side, mainly where the trimet max stops are and the trams and all that kind of stuff. So, the Portland metro chamber holds that contract to manage those services, because that geographical area is outside of the clean and safe district of operationally. What this means is that pme funding goes to pme designated public safety and janitorial staff within the public safety program. On a day shift, there are three public safety coordinators who wear the same uniforms as the clean and safe team. Apart from a patch which designates them as pme personnel. That means when a call comes in for service for public safety that is both in the clean and safe district and the pme area. Pme is funding extra personnel for expedited response due to the strategic nature of its location. So if a call comes in to dispatch and a pme personnel is available, they will be assigned to that call, supported by a clean and safe staff. It is the same for the janitorial team now. Both contracts use the same vendors, and within those vendors there's some mutual aid agreements. For example, within the cleaning team where pmi does not fund the truck that picks up the trash bags, that pmi is in the clean and safe area. So clean and safe picks up those services. So we have some reciprocity of services and things such like so when someone sees someone who looks like a clean, safe employee exiting out of the district, they are seeing a pme funded personnel serve a pme area.

Speaker: Thank you very much. I have one other quick follow up question. We I'm surprised we didn't hear public testimony about this, but I think there's probably

some written testimony. And historically, when we revisit this conversation, one of the tension points or friction points that often comes up, centers on residents, who feel like, the rates they pay are perhaps unbalanced or unfair, especially if it's compared to commercial, I think that those concerns resonated with council in the past, I was hoping there would be some further discussion on that. Have there been discussions and where are we on that?

Speaker: Another good question. Commissioner Mapps, happy to take that one. Sure, yeah. Conversations have been ongoing, both the city, the eocene program and the ucs themselves do recognize the importance of having something like a residential rate cap incorporated into the rate structures. That's just best practice, and we I don't I you know, it was really helpful to have bts planning, inform us of that. And since then, I know that, for example, downtown, clean and safe has done research in it. I've done research in it. We looked at other cities across the west coast and north America to look at precedents and what they're doing as well. So we feel this is a very important move to do and will do. And will add residential rate caps into the rate structure at the earliest possible time to do so.

Speaker: Is that like a year or two years? Five years, it's a good another good question. So typically I think because there's a lot of code changes and ordinances that would need to that would need to be filed to make that happen. And because of the timing that revenue division has for when they send bills out, there are certain times of the year when something like that could be feasible, and generally speaking, I think it would be the easiest to do that when it coincides with a contractual update for an esd, that said, it could happen sooner than that, the so it really just depends. But basically there are a lot of different things that are in play that we have to kind of work around timing wise. And I think probably one of the more important ones is revenue divisions, billing timing, which is August 1st each

year, for the first billing cycle. And to get anything changed before that would be, very difficult at this point, okay. Thank you. Mr. Mayor. I might ask you a question moving forward, in the new form of government, where does the what what dca kind of manages this contract do we know, or this space?

Speaker: Let me get back to you. Okay? I don't know for sure. And I don't want to give you misinformation.

Speaker: We just.

Speaker: But it will continue to operate ultimately under the auspices of the city administrator. Okay, the program will continue to exist.

Speaker: Maybe public safety. Probably not.

Speaker: Omf not probably won't go through public safety. It'll probably go through the community. Is it through yours? The community and economic development community initiative. Okay, great.

Speaker: Good. Okay, interesting.

Speaker: Glad to any other questions I could answer?

Speaker: No. And indeed, I have no more questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Any other questions? Commissioner Ryan, you look like you might have one.

Speaker: No, I just want to vote.

Speaker: I can fix that. It's a tight day.

Speaker: Please, i'll entertain a motion so move. Commissioner Gonzalez moves second. Ryan seconds it. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan. I have to run, like, now. So I just want to say thank you for being here, a couple things that I want to say quickly is the relationship that I've experienced with clean and safe with parks. Downtown has been a game changer. Parks, obviously focuses on recreation and nature, and I think we got that dialed in

throughout the city. Downtown parks and plazas are different, and squares. And so it's really helped us, at the parks, i'll speak for the parks bureau. I think it's really helped them to navigate how that's different. They're basically activation and performing arts spaces. And so that's what they are. And we're moving towards a better culture that knows how to serve that in partnership with all of you. So thanks for your collaboration to you do some fun stuff. I don't know if all of you know this, but we had a ducky drop last two weeks ago and there were two duck rubber duckies that looked like dolly parton. So it was a dolly parton ducky drop, right? And there were like, a lot of parents with their kids and flip flops and all sorts of stuff on a Friday afternoon, and it was packed. And so, you know, more ducky drops I vote yea gonzales I just want to thank you for the comprehensive report.

Speaker: There's a lot of interesting data in here that I'd like to dig into in the coming months, but the interest of brevity, I vote I to accept the report maps, again, thank you for the work. You guys have been great and big fans for a long time, I would like to see some progress on the rate cap for residential customers. I hope that's a conversation that can continue to move forward, and, implied in my question to the mayor, we are about to undergo a significant change in government, and that change is not just, you know, in 2025, I would argue that that change is likely to very much be in place, in less than a month, in some ways, so I encourage you to meet the new dcas that will help manage this space, mark, in particular, I want you to know that pbot is well aware of your concerns around the maintenance of our infrastructure. I share those concerns, too. As long as I have the portfolio, i'll make sure that we're. If we're not, if we can't afford to fix it, i'll make sure that we're at the table. And i'll try to make sure we have a clean handoff as we move to, our next form of government, I vote I yea. Rubio Wheeler.

Speaker: Well, I want to thank mark, steve, sidney and vanessa for their continued efforts to make downtown Portland an amazing place for all of us to live, to work and to play. I want to acknowledge the important work of downtown, clean and safe and all of Portland esds as they benefit not only their districts, but I believe the city as a whole. Your work has far reaching impacts that benefits the property owners, businesses, employees, residents and visitors that you serve in your districts and beyond. To enhance our collaboration with all esds the city. The city continues as commissioner Mapps just indicate to streamline and improve our basic service delivery for the benefit of both esd and non esd areas in our city. Our work with the downtown clean and safe has been and I believe continues to be and will continue to be a very valuable partnership. And I'm really pleased to hear not only about the service you're providing, but about the positive change you are making as a result of the services you provide. Thank you for this report for your partnership and your impactful efforts. I'm very happy to join my colleagues in voting i. The report is accepted and we are adjourned. Thank you. Wonderful.