



June 26, 2024 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, June 26, 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.

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

Motion to elect Commissioner Gonzalez President of the Council: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4; Gonzalez absent)

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-4 (Gonzalez absent) roll call.

Commissioner Gonzalez arrived at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner Mapps left at 1:13 p.m.

Council recessed at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

Council recessed at 1:23 p.m.

Communications

562

[Request of Hillary Gray to address Council regarding the importance of safe biking infrastructure for seniors](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 562-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

563

[Request of Eldo Varghese to address Council regarding bike infrastructure and city densification](#) (Communication)

Document number: 563-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

564

[Request of Noreen Murdock to address Council regarding Portland's Performance Art Venue fees](#) (Communication)

Document number: 564-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

Jenn Hartmann Luck presented to Council for Item 564.

565

[Request of Mark McCrary to address Council regarding Portland's Performance Art Venue](#) (Communication)

Document number: 565-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

566

[Request of Graham Cole to address Council regarding Portland's Performance Art Venue use by arts organizations](#) (Communication)

Document number: 566-2024

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

567

[Appoint Brian Ames to the Planning Commission for term to expire February 28, 2027](#) (Report)

Document number: 567-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

568

[Appoint Andrew Dykeman, Sam Rodriguez, and Kym Nguyen to the Development Review Advisory Committee for terms to expire June 25, 2027](#) (Report)

Document number: 568-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Time certain: 9:55 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

569

[Proclaim July 2, 2024 to be the 60th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act Title VI Day](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 569-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

570

[Proclaim June 2024 to be PTSD Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 570-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Office of Community & Civic Life

Time certain: 10:25 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

571

[Reappoint Bob Gagliasso and Zakari Slicher to the Plumbing Code Board of Appeal for terms to expire June 25, 2027](#)
(Report)

Document number: 571-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

572

[Reappoint Dean Lukowicz and Laura Benedict to the Electrical Code Board of Appeal for terms to expire June 25, 2027](#)
(Report)

Document number: 572-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

573

[Proclaim results of the Municipal Nonpartisan Primary Election on Measure 26-245: Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety](#)
(Proclamation)

Document number: 573-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Disposition: Placed on File

574

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 189 to recognize previously non-represented employees classified as Senior System Analysts on the Human Capital Management Team as represented employees classified as Business System Analysts](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191790

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Disposition: Passed

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

575

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Union, Local 189 to settle outstanding grievances and amend the Housing Business Systems Analyst and Housing Business Systems Analyst, Assistant wage scale](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191791

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Disposition: Passed

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

576

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with the Portland Fire Fighters' Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 43 to add Field Training Officer premium pay for Community Health Medical Responders assigned to train and coach new Community Health Medical Responders in the Community Health Assess and Treat program](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191792

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources; Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

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

577

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with the Professional Technical Employees, Local 17 to adjust the salary schedule of the Field Science Technician Trainee Classification](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191793

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Disposition: Passed

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

578

[*Authorize lease with Central City Concern for commercial office space at 110 NW Third Ave at an estimated average lease cost of \\$17,283 \(amend CLM Contract 10069, formerly MM C52823\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191794

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Facilities Services

Disposition: Passed

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

579

[Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and use of the alternative contracting method Construction Manager/General Contractor for fleet maintenance and headquarters repair for an estimated amount of \\$42,016,303](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191795

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Facilities Services

Second reading agenda item 548.

Disposition: Passed

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

580

[Approve designation of five trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove Heritage Tree designation from seven trees](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191808

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

581

[Authorize Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the Carolina Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation through exercise of the City's eminent domain authority \(BES Project E11004\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191796

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 549.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

582

[*Authorize Housing Bureau to dispose of hazardous equipment used to collect readings of the lead content of interior and exterior painted surfaces](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191797

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

583

[*Authorize 22 grant agreements totaling \\$8,586,574 for the provision of services in support of providing affordable housing](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191798

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

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

584

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to increase amount by \\$500,000 to provide research, field work, technical assistance, data collection and analysis \(amend Intergovernmental Agreement 30007361\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191799

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Disposition: Passed

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

585

[Certify abstract of votes cast and proclaim Measure 26-245 approved at the Municipal Nonpartisan Primary Election held on May 21, 2024](#) (Report)

Document number: 585-2024

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Elections Office

Disposition: Accepted

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

Regular Agenda

586

[Appoint and reappoint members to the Structural Engineering Advisory Committee for terms to expire June 26, 2027](#)
(Report)

Document number: 586-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

587

[Amend Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Code to allow a one-time transfer of interest earned in FY 2022-23 and review by the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund Committee of code amendments proposed by City Council \(amend Code Sections 7.07.050 and 7.07.060\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191809

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

588

[Authorize three-year Homelessness Response System Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County](#)
(Ordinance)

Document number: 191810

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Second reading agenda item 546.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend Section 7.1.1, titled Membership, in the HRS IGA to read the following: The SOC is composed of five voting members – the County Chair, the City Mayor, one County Commissioner, one member of the City Council, and an east Multnomah County city elected official. The SOC will also include not more than seven non-voting members, three of which are: one business sector representative, one behavioral health expert not a current provider with the Parties, a SHS taxpayer. The County Chair will serve as the chairperson of the SOC. The City Mayor will select the member from City Council and the County Chair will appoint the member from the County Commission. The Parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert and SHS taxpayer: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-3 Mapps, Rubio, Wheeler; N-2 Ryan, Gonzalez). Motion passed.

Motion to amend Section 7.1.1, titled Membership, in the HRS IGA to read the following: The SOC is composed of five voting members – the County Chair, the City Mayor, one County Commissioner, one member of City Council, and an east Multnomah County City mayor. The SOC will include four non-voting members: one business sector representative nominated by any business chamber of commerce located in Multnomah County, one behavioral health expert not a current provider with the Parties nominated by the County, a SHS taxpayer who is a non-Portland resident, and the CEO of Health Share Oregon. The County Chair will serve as the chairperson of the SOC. The City Mayor will select the member from City Council and the County Chair will appoint the member from the County Commission. The Parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert and SHS taxpayer: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-5)

Motion to add CEO of Home Forward to the SOC as a non-voting member: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3 Mapps, Rubio, Wheeler; N-2 Ryan, Gonzalez). Motion passed.

Passed to second reading as amended July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

589

[Authorize the City Attorney to take legal action against insulin manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other parties to recover public funds expended by the City as a result of the unlawful inflation of insulin prices](#)
(Resolution)

Document number: 37667

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

590

[Accept bid of \\$3,073,190 from Kodiak Pacific Construction Co. for the NE 97th Ave and NE Couch/Davis Area Improvements Phase 1 Local Improvement District Project \(Procurement Report - ITB 00002310; C-10067, C-10068\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 597-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

591

[Pay settlement of \\$175,000 to resolve a claim for attorney fees in Duncan, et al. v City of Portland involving Code Sections 14A.50.020 and 14A.50.025](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191811

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

592

[*Pay settlement of Ariell Hartwell bodily injury lawsuit for \\$100,000 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving Portland Fire & Rescue](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191802

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

593

[*Pay settlement of the Estate of Jonathan Nichols wrongful death lawsuit for \\$225,000 involving Portland Parks & Recreation](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191801

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

594

[Amend NE Couch – Davis Street Local Improvement District boundary and reduce system development charge funding by \\$1 million in exchange for system development charge credits with no change to pending lien amounts \(C-10068\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191800

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 559.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

595

[Amend Liquor License Recommendations Code to rescind the requirement for mailed notice of liquor license applications, align application procedure with current process, and rescind section requiring Council notification of Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission proceedings \(amend Code Chapter 14B.100\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191813

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Council convened at 2:04 p.m.

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Ryan arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Alan Yoder, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Mayor Wheeler left at 2:46 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m. Commissioner Ryan presided in his absence.

Commissioner Ryan left at 3:31 p.m. and returned at 3:43 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Time Certain

596

[Authorize competitive solicitations to implement the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund's Climate Investment Plan Strategic Program 6: Comprehensive E-bike Access and Support not to exceed \\$20 million over five years](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191814

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Agenda

597

[Accept bid of \\$3,073,190 from Kodiak Pacific Construction Co. for the NE 97th Ave and NE Couch/Davis Area Improvements Phase 1 Local Improvement District Project \(Procurement Report - ITB 00002310; C-10067, C-10068\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 597-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 15 minutes

Previous agenda item 590.

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Absent

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

598

[Pay settlement of \\$175,000 to resolve a claim for attorney fees in Duncan, et al. v City of Portland involving Code Sections 14A.50.020 and 14A.50.025](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191811

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Time requested: 15 minutes

Previous agenda item 591.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Vote called. Item failed to pass. (Y-2 Ryan, Rubio; N-2 Gonzalez, Wheeler)

Motion for reconsideration: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Rubio. (Y-3 Ryan, Rubio, Wheeler; N-1 Gonzalez)

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

Passed to second reading as amended July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

599

[*Pay settlement of Ariell Hartwell bodily injury lawsuit for \\$100,000 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving Portland Fire & Rescue](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191802

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Time requested: 15 minutes

Previous agenda item 592.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

600

[Amend Liquor License Recommendations Code to rescind the requirement for mailed notice of liquor license applications, align application procedure with current process, and rescind section requiring Council notification of Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission proceedings \(amend Code Chapter 14B.100\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191813

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Permitting & Development

Time requested: 20 minutes

Previous agenda item 595.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend Finding 6 to update the cost of required mailings from \$15,821 to \$59,424: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3 Gonzalez, Rubio, Wheeler; Ryan, Mapps absent)

Passed to second reading as amended July 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Order

601

[Assignment of City Bureaus, Programming and Liaison duties as stated in Mayor Executive Order dated June 27, 2024, and effective July 1, 2024](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191803

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Disposition: Executive Order

Thursday, June 27, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
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Ted Wheeler	Mayor	
Keelan McClymont	Council Clerk	
Dan Ryan	Commissioner	
Mingus Mapps	Commissioner	
Carmen Rubio	Commissioner	
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Ross Caron	Bureau of Development Services Analyst III, Development Review Advisory Committee Liaison	568
Jeff Selby	Interim Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights	569
Ron Silver	Ron Silver and the NW Freedom Singers	569
Tyesha McCool-Riley	Mental Health Program Specialist	570
Courtney Gilmore	BHR Occupational Health	570
Joel Michels	BHR Occupational Health	570
Amit Kumar	Bureau of Development Services Engineering Supervisor and Structural Engineering Advisory Committee Liaison	586
Rene Gonzalez	Commissioner	
Donnie Oliveira	Director, Planning and Sustainability	587
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Skyler Bocker-Knapp	Senior Policy Advisor	588
Andy Mendenhall	CEO Central City Concern	588
Mindy Stadlander	CEO Health Share of Oregon	588
Chief Day	PPB Chief	588
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Jim Francesconi	Fellow with Hatfield School of Government	588
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Heidi Brown	Chief Deputy City Attorney	588
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Stacy Borke	Multnomah County Chair's Office	588
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Kari Koch	Bureau of Development Services, Cannabis & Liquor Program, Coordinator II	600

Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

June 26, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning, everybody. This is the June 26th, 2024 morning session of the Portland City Council.

Speaker: Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: Good morning. Ryan.

Speaker: Here.

Speaker: Gonzales. Maps. Here. Yea. Rubio. Here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: Now we're going to hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning. Welcome to the Portland.

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](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 and decorum. Disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your

testimony 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 that you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you, thank you, so, colleagues, as you're aware, every six months we transfer the position of council president to the next commissioner in a rotating sequence. I believe all of us up here have now, had the honor and pleasure of being the presiding officer of the council for the last six months, commissioner Mapps has been the council president. And what we were chatting about up here privately, i'll say some of it publicly. He has done an outstanding job as the council president, the council president, often with no advance notice, becomes the presiding officer. If for any reason I can't be here and often I get pulled out at the last second and then it's up to the council president to, run the meeting. And as I say, often without the benefit of the prep and even i, as the mayor, as the presiding officer, I have that benefit of preparation. And so often it's even tougher to be in the position of council president than it is to be the mayor and the presiding officer and commissioner Mapps, I just want to tell you, this was a particularly, difficult six months in terms of council agenda and scheduling and everything else. And you did a great job, and I was also proud of the way that everybody on the council chipped in and helped and made it seamless. So thank you, sir, for your service, we have in the next order of rotation is commissioner Gonzalez. As council president, I would like to move that commissioner Gonzalez be the council president between, for the last six months of the year. Is there any objection or can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Ryan seconds. Any further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan I maps Rubio. Hi.

Speaker: Well, it's always easiest to vote for the guy who isn't here, and so let's surprise him when he gets here. I am very happy to vote. I and commissioner Gonzalez will assume, that service for the next six months. And i, appreciate commissioner Gonzalez's willingness to do that. With that, we'll go to communications first. Item, item 562. First individual, please request of hillary gray to address council regarding the importance of safe biking infrastructure for seniors.

Speaker: Hillary gray, I don't think they've joined us all right, we can come back to hillary if hillary joins us in the next few minutes, item 563. Next individual, please request of aldo vargas to address council regarding bike infrastructure and city densification.

Speaker: They canceled their request. All right.

Speaker: Next individual, please. Item 564, request of noreen murdock to address council regarding Portland five performance art venue fees. I believe they the group would like to present together. May I read the next item? Of course. Well okay. Yeah item 565, request of mark mccrory to address council regarding Portland five performance art venue and item 566 request of graham cole to address council regarding Portland five performance art venue use by arts organizations.

Speaker: Welcome. Thank you for being here. We appreciate it.

Speaker: Wonderful. Thank you, good morning. My name is mark mccrory. I'm the executive director of the Portland gay men's chorus. And happy pride. I see you decorated adequately for, to celebrate mayor Wheeler, commissioner Ryan and commissioners Rubio, Gonzalez and Mapps, I want to thank you for giving us this few minutes to share concerns and hopes for a more engaged performing arts community and a more vibrant downtown and a more inclusive Portland. I come before you, representing a coalition of approximately 18 small to mid-size arts

organizations who we call the Portland nonprofit arts coalition. What prompted this initiative was that in preparation for the Portland gay men's chorus spring concert in March, this most recent March, we received news about some surprising additional costs that were not in our budget, nor in the original contract to rent p5 facilities concerned. We reached out to other renters of p5 and those that would love to be able to rent the facility, but due to the high cost, are unable to do so. It also was apparent that information sharing about increased expenses and processes were not always clearly shared. It was unanimously agreed that as nonprofit arts groups, we must speak out and bring this to your attention. The coalition came about just prior to the city of Portland approving the our creative future cultural plan. We were thrilled to see that elements of that plan, especially goal number three, illuminated the need for greater access to arts and culture facilities for both current and potential users. It also acknowledged that the cost of utilizing p5 is often prohibitive. In fact, spring of 2023, we did not rent the city facilities in order to save costs by having our concert at the patricia resource center for the arts in beaverton. Today, I'm with two of our coalition representatives, graham cole with whitebird and jenn hartmann luck with Oregon children's theater company, both also current users of p5 facilities. We come before you to express our concerns that the cost of using city owned facilities to serve tens of thousands in our community is beginning to outpace our resources to perform in those facilities. We believe that arts and culture are the soul of a city and an economic driver for revitalization, which are also reflected in our creative future. But if we cannot afford to stay downtown, we have to look at other alternatives. Please know that we all understand the need to cover expenses and mitigate the impact of costs. Even for city facilities, this is at the forefront of our work. Every day. However, we also want to be clear that it is our goal to partner with the city to come up with

solutions rather than simply state our concerns. And we welcome ongoing communication as our creative future strategies are developed. Thank you. Thank you mark and good morning council morning.

Speaker: My name is graham cole. I am a proud Portland native and the executive director of whitebird. Mayor Wheeler, you recently proclaimed may 1st, 2024 whitebird day in recognition of our contributions to Portland's arts landscape, and we are truly grateful for that recognition. Welcome. Like most Portland arts nonprofits, whitebird absorbs financial losses to ensure that Portlanders have a wealth of affordable opportunities to make the trip downtown and enjoy great art. Each one of our performances represents dozens of venue workers, paid hundreds of cars parked and thousands of drink spot all downtown. We present as many performances as we possibly can, but are limited by costs rising and funding sources plateauing. Portland five costs are a major part of this equation. Front of house labor, for example, went up by 13% last between last season and this season. Rent increased by 10% the same year. Our revenues are not keeping pace with these increases. These costs add up and make presenting at Portland five formidable for most arts organizations and impossible for many others. Let me be clear we fully support fair compensation for all arts workers that said, the current status quo make Portland five rentals a financial ordeal that suppresses the full potential of Portland's downtown economy. While we recognize Portland five and its associated expenses falls under metro's purview, the city has already played a part in stimulating the downtown economy through rental subsidies and other support. As this council and the next considers the future future of Portland's arts policy, we encourage you to consider investment in the arts an investment in Portland's future success. I was in the room when this council approved our creative future, the new cultural plan for the region that, among other things,

advocates for addressing barriers to facility and space use and significantly increasing funding across the region for nonprofit organizations. I was truly moved to hear that we stand together in seeing the arts as a driving force behind the revitalization of Portland. I couldn't have said it better myself, so I won't try, but I completely agreed with you, commissioner Ryan, when you said that arts is about jobs, arts is about survival. Arts is a major part of our economy. And I agreed with you, commissioner Rubio, when you said that arts and culture is intersectional with multiple other issues, and it's also essential to our overall health and vitality as a city. On behalf of whitebird and the 18 arts organizations that make up the Portland nonprofit arts coalition, we are thrilled to have this council as champions of the arts in Portland, as the city's arts and culture program takes shape and the city decides on action to take toward the goals in our creative future framework, we look forward to working in close collaboration with you to lead downtown to a new era of vitality. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, graham. My name is jenn hartmann luck. I'm the producing artistic director with Oregon children's theater, and unlike graham, I'm a new resident of Portland celebrating my year anniversary this month. And while I might be new to the Portland community, I am not new to the incredible impact that Oregon children's theater has had on this community for the past 35 years. Prior to covid, oct served over 120,000 students per year at p5, presenting work in the newmark and winningstad theaters. Prior to that, oct used to present work for schools at the keller auditorium. Can you even imagine it? Can you hear it? 3000 children screaming in joy, seeing live theater often for the first time in that great hall in this fiscal in this first year, I have learned that a great part of Portland's dna is having attended your first live theater performance with Oregon children's theater, and that is an incredible legacy. And in what was meant to be oct's first full year

back after covid, we had to cut our season in half. Due to the financial constraints, we were only able to present half of a season serving only 60,000 students, which is still a number I'm proud of, but I find it hard to believe that OCT is no longer able to serve the youth in our community the way we used to, due to the increasing costs of producing work in our venues. It's a devastating thought to imagine a season where OCT can no longer bring thousands of young people downtown to have their first live theater experiences. As Mark said at the beginning, we've come representing a coalition of small and mid-sized arts organizations who all have similar stories and similar challenges, challenges that are impacting our ability to serve the community right now. It was unanimously agreed that as nonprofit arts groups, we must speak out and bring this to your attention today. Arts and cultural organizations are major drivers of economic development in downtown corridors. We all know this, and rebuilding does take time. We also understand that. But for some of our organizations, we don't have multiple years to let our creative future framework unfold slowly. We need change and we need it now. Oregon children's theater needs the support now, we are not here only to share concerns, but to offer a few suggestions for next steps. We know in the coming months the city will begin to draft actionable plans in response to the acceptance of our creative future cultural framework. The Portland nonprofit arts coalition is asking that we are invited to the table for those planning sessions, and we are requesting more transparency in the process and procedures in how P5 is managed via Metro, how arts organizations are accessing those opportunities. Let's allow this moment with the passing of our creative future, to be the catalyst for a new vision for arts and culture in Portland. Together let's build a systemic solution to the sustainability of the Portland five centers for the arts and its users. Per goal 3.9. In our creative future framework. Thank you, Mayor Wheeler for your time to

commissioner dan Ryan for your leadership in this space. To commissioners Rubio, Gonzalez and Mapps, for your willingness to work together with us, with the small to mid-size performing arts groups who so much value the vibrancy of the Portland community. We look forward to being part of the solution to elevate and empower arts, culture and the culture community towards a more vital and thriving downtown. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate the presentation, commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Yeah. First of all, right, on time.

Speaker: It was that's that's impressive performance.

Speaker: Background was noted. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you. Noreen. Mark. And graham, first question is, I'm just curious, have you had an opportunity to go across the river and do this? Presentation, if you will, testimony to metro?

Speaker: No, this is our first, attempt to get the word out.

Speaker: It's really good. I hope that you do go across the river and get on their agenda for one of their meetings soon. Very good. Thank you. As you know, it's important since they, operate, the p5 through the murk governing body. I know it's really simple and not complicated. Yeah, and then we own it. So we're the it's on our balance sheet, but we don't have the operational control at the moment. It's another fascinating iga that we have at the city, so anyway, I just hope that first of all, you have a chance to do that. And I also want to say that charity montez, the head of the arts office, is here. Waive your their chassis, I hope that the three of you and charity talk after this meeting and, of course, we want you to have a seat at the table anyway, it's really important that you have decision making opportunities as we move forward. I'm sorry you're going through this. I thought it was bad in 2008

when I was at the ballet, and it was really hard on our budget then. So I realize it's only gotten more challenging. Thank you. Empathy thanks for being here, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: I just want to thank, those of you that are here, mark graham and jennifer, your testimony, about these costs, and how they impact our live performances and accessibility, to the public here. There's no doubt that these are public institutions that belong to the public, and they should and cost shouldn't ideally be a barrier. And I agree with commissioner Ryan. It would be great to go, get in front of do this. Exactly. Also at metro. That's a great idea, and we all know that time is of the essence, and regarding our creative future, I completely support you being at the table. I'm glad that, you're connecting with commissioner Ryan's office on this, and just thank you for the advocacy that you bring. We need to hear more of this. And especially in this time of transition where things are changing and leadership is changing, it's really appreciated. So thank you for what you do. Thank you. Thanks a lot.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Keelan could you read the names again of the folks that that were up front that may have come in since then?

Speaker: Oh yeah, of course. Hillary gray is the one individual we were waiting on. All right. No.

Speaker: All right. I don't see hillary here to the consent agenda. Have any items been pulled off of the consent agenda?

Speaker: No items have been pulled.

Speaker: All right, please call the roll on the consent agenda. Ryan, I maps, I Rubio, I Wheeler I the consent agenda has been adopted. We will now move to the first time certain item please. And that would be item number 567 appoint brian ames

to the planning commission for a term to expire February 28th, 2027. Colleagues, today we appoint one new member to the planning commission, a key commission, of course, in the city that shapes our future growth as well as our land use plans and it advises the City Council on land use planning, as well as overall zoning issues. I'll pass it over to commissioner Rubio, and she'll share her remarks to introduce the appointee.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, mayor. Today we're excited to welcome Brian Ames as our ninth commissioner to fill one current vacancy. As a reminder, Portland's planning commission is a nine member group of volunteers tasked with advising City Council on Portland's land use and planning policies, long range goals and plans. They have specific responsibility for guiding, developing, maintaining and updating the city's comprehensive plan and zoning code. Expertise on the commission ranges from land use and planning and architecture, and design to conservation and natural resources, and community development. In making recommendations to council, the commission considers the economic, environmental and social well-being of the city in an integrated fashion. I'm grateful to Brian for his willingness to serve on the commission, and I'm particularly excited about how he will bring his deep love for Portland and his extensive knowledge and experience in construction management and development to the commission at such a critical time in our city's history. So I will turn it over to Brian to say a few words.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Good morning. Brian Ames, nice to meet you all. I'm currently a project manager with Walsh Construction, built and renovated over 500 affordable housing units since I've been at Walsh, I'm a proud fourth generation Oregonian, and I care deeply. Like commissioner Rubio said about the city and its future, married to my

high school sweetheart, alicia. And we have, three young sons, and I enjoy coaching youth sports and playing golf in my free time. I'm looking forward to bringing my 16 years of construction and development experience to the commission at a critical time in our city's future, I view housing as essential public infrastructure, and we need to build more, better, faster, and at less cost to house Portlanders of all economic levels. Given my experience in the construction industry in Portland, I am pragmatic in how regulations impact the ability to develop in this city, and I look forward to working closely with the city on long and short term planning efforts to take bold action to meet our housing objectives.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Speaker: I think that completes I just want to say thanks, brian, for stepping forward, your skill set is exactly what we're looking for. And, obviously the pay isn't particularly good, the meetings can be very technical. You obviously have the background and the expertise, and I appreciate your passion and, frankly, your willingness to serve. It sounds like you have a very busy personal life and a lot of commitments there. So I doubly appreciate your willingness to serve the community in this regard. So thank you. Thank you, this is a report i'll entertain a motion to accept it. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second, please? Second. Commissioner Ryan. Second. Any further discussion? Seeing? None. Keelan, please call the roll. Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio, for completing this. These appointments. It looks like this is the ninth position and it's been vacant for a year. So I'm really pleased to see that it's been formed, for the first time since this has been created in March of 2023, really looking forward to the addition of construction experience development experience. And I also like that you opened up a little bit about your personal life and your devotion to Portland as a city for the

long term. We need to keep hearing that. Anyway, thank you for your service. I vote I and accept the report. That's.

Speaker: Brian. Thank you so much for agreeing to serve on the support and commission and I vote yea yea. Rubio.

Speaker: Brian, thank you so much for your service. And I just want to say how it was so great to meet with you and learn more about you. I was very impressed with, your background and your commitment to Portland. And, you know, the long story of Portland, which was which was really helped you stand out in a very unique way, and just your your perspective is exactly what we need right now on the commission. So we look forward to seeing what you do and the influence that you have there, and I'm happy to vote. Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler, I vote I thanks, brian. Thanks commissioner Rubio. And the report is accepted. The appointment is approved. All right. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Next item, please. Keelan. Item 568. Also report, mr. Mayor.

Commissioner Mapps, I believe this is a time you are correct, I am mistaken. Thank you. See, that's how we all work together. I have to wait three minutes.

Speaker: I have a second reading on five, nine, four.

Speaker: Let's do it. Five, nine for a second reading.

Speaker: Amend. Northeast. Northeast. Couch davis street local improvement district boundary and reduce system development. Charge funding by \$1 million in exchange for system development charge credits with no change to pending line item colleagues is commissioner Mapps just indicated this is a second reading.

Speaker: We've heard a presentation we've had opportunity for public, testimony on this. Is there any other business? Seeing none. Keelan please call the roll. Ryan I Mapps I Rubio I Wheeler I the ordinance is adopted. We are in recess till 955. That's about a minute and a half from now. Good catch sir.

Speaker: Oh, no problem.

Speaker: 55. Let's go ahead and item five. Six. Eight, please queue.

Speaker: Appoint Andrew Dickman, Sam Rodriguez, and Kim Nguyen to the development review advisory committee for terms to expire June 25th, 2027.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, thank you, Mayor.

Speaker: The development review advisory committee was established in June 2001 as the city's primary advisory body regarding development review. The draft seeks to foster a timely, predictable and accountable development review process and advocates for the consistent and fair applications of regulations. The draft 17 members represent groups with interests in development and development, review processes, and they are appointed by the City Council to one three year term with the possibility of serving a second three year term. So I'm pleased today to present the following three candidates for appointment to three three year terms as members Andrew Dickman from, representing large construction contractors. Sam Rodriguez, representing a large developer, and Kim Nguyen, representing frequent development review customer. So I'll now turn it over to Drake Liaison Ross Karen, to talk a little bit more about the appointees.

Speaker: Good morning. Morning, my name is Ross Crone. I am the Bureau of Development Services. Soon to be Portland Permitting and Development Liaison to Drake. With these three appointees will have almost all of the direct positions filled. We'll still have three remaining vacancies that we're currently working on filling, what I want to do with you all today is just give you a quick highlight of the three proposed candidates, the first one, as Commissioner Rubio stated, is Andrew Dickman. He's being nominated to our large construction contractor seat. Andrew is the director of operations at Lease Crutcher Lewis with 27 years of experience. He is involved in multiple local and level local, state and local level organizations,

including vice chair of the state of Oregon building code, structural board. He's a member of the national association of minority contractors, as well as the association of general contractors and more. Andrew focuses on serving people within his company and the community, and is passionate about sustainability and working on resilient, eco friendly projects to support the region's health. Sam rodriguez is being proposed to be nominated to the large developer position. Sam is a senior manager director at mill creek residential development. With over two decades of multifamily housing development experience and 16 years experience as an architect, he is currently a member of the Portland design commission and his second term is ending in October, at which time he terms out, as well as as well as that he's also a member of naiop. Oregon smart growth and others. He brings both an operational and policy perspective to the development review process, and looks forward to improving city processes and enhancing the community's quality of life. The third candidate for nomination is kim nguyen, and she's being nominated to the frequent development review customer seat. Kim is a principal of concept design and associates, with over 15 years of experience focusing on middle housing and infill projects. She has years of experience helping clients with design, building codes, land use review aspects of projects and navigating the city's development, review and permitting processes. She has years of experience helping out there. Kim aims to use her knowledge and experience to continue to improve the permitting process, emphasizing the importance of codes and rules in the city's livability, both sam and andrew are in attendance today. Kim was unable to attend due to some international travel. All three of these candidates bring a wealth of experience and important perspectives to track, and we are pleased to present them for nomination. So if there are no questions at this time, that would conclude my part of the presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Very good. Yeah

Speaker: Do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: We have one person signed up.

Speaker: Why don't we go ahead and hear him?

Speaker: Kevin ochoa kevin was going to join in person.

Speaker: Kevin ochoa all right, I don't see anybody any further discussion or questions on this item. If not, I will entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved commissioner Mapps moves second. Commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion, please call the roll. Ryan.

Speaker: Well, first of all, thank you. Andrew, sam and kim for saying yes, I'm impressed with the collective experience we recruited commissioner Rubio. This is a great a great composite. And I loved, doing these appointments for drac. They, they really do a lot of work to. And they were really pivotal in the strategic thinking about how to move our permitting from the silos that was in to how to integrate it so we can have a better customer experience for our individuals, our nonprofits, and our businesses that that rely on that. So it's a really important body. Good work. Thank you. I vote yea maps I yea. Rubio, ross, I want to thank you, ross.

Speaker: Karen, I'm sorry that I mispronounced your name, I know how that feels, I apologize for that. Also start by thanking you for all your great work to support drac, and also recruit and onboard, all our members. You do such a great job. And to andrew and sam and kim, I appreciate you all bringing diverse wealth of knowledge, and the city is lucky to have you, so I'm very happy to support these, support these appointments. And I vote i. Wheeler.

Speaker: Excellent appointment. Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. I vote I the reports accepted. The appointments are approved.

Thank you, colleagues, we have a few more minutes, so why don't we go to item five, eight, nine? And that should close the gap for us.

Speaker: Authorize the city attorney to take legal action against insulin manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other parties to recover public funds expended by the city as a result of the unlawful inflation of insulin prices.

Speaker: Colleagues. Item number 589 is a resolution. It will put us in a cohort with other jurisdictions. It's regarding diabetes. As you know, diabetes is a national epidemic. It impacts millions of people throughout the United States. Approximately 7 million people take insulin as life-saving medicine to address diabetes, including many city employees who receive health insurance through the city. Insulin manufacturers and pharmacies benefit pharmacy benefit managers have artificially inflated the price of insulin over the past 20 years. If you'd like to know more about pharmacy benefit managers, I highly recommend this weekend's comprehensive article in the New York Times. The city as a self-insured payer for health insurance for city employees, has paid inflated prices for insulin. This resolution authorizes the city attorney's office to file a lawsuit seeking to recover amounts that were paid at inflated rates for insulin, deputy city attorneys Carolyn Turco and Naomi Sheffield are here to present the resolution. Welcome.

Speaker: Good morning. Good morning, and, Carol, I'm going to present Caroline's, presentation because she is not here with the reorganized schedule.

Speaker: So Naomi Sheffield, deputy city attorney, I'm going to talk briefly about insulin prices, pricing, and specifically as the mayor mentioned, this ordinance would authorize the city attorney's office to pursue affirmative litigation against the insulin manufacturers and the pharmacy benefit managers. And I have a few slides to share with you. I think slide one is up on the screen. The oh, Caroline's on Zoom. So if she wants to present, I'll let her jump in. Now but if not, I'll keep going so that

you guys can move along, so the city, as the mayor mentioned, is a self-insured payer for our health insurance for all city employees and family members who are also under the city's self-insured plan between 2016 and 2022, estimates from that plan show that we spent about \$5.7 million on insulin, and that's about \$800,000 per year. The law would seek to cover recover some of those amounts that we believe were overpaid because of the inflated prices. Slide two. Again, diabetes is a national epidemic. It affects 34.2 million people in the united states, and roughly 10% of the us population. About 7 million people in the united states take insulin every day to provide the life saving medication, in response to their diabetes, next slide. Insulin has been around and in use for a very long time. There has been minimal innovation to this point in the drug over the last 40 years, over the years, we know that manufacturing costs for insulin have actually decreased. But despite the little innovation and the decrease in production costs, the price of some insulin has increased by more than 1,000% during the last 20 years. The price increases greatly outpace inflation in other areas, which the next three slides are simply demonstrative of. So next slide. So this slide shows the increase in pricing for eli lilly brand insulin, and that was an increase of more than. 1,500% between 1997 and 2018. And again that the higher line shows then compared to kind of other standard pricing increases, slide five. And this is similarly showing an increase of about 600% between 2001 and 2018 for the novo nordisk brand of insulin. And slide six is another 600% increase between 2001 and 2018 for the sanofi brand of insulin, so again, similar massive increases in prices. You can go ahead to slide seven. The litigation itself would be handled by an outside a law firm. The city attorney. The ordinance authorizes the city attorney's office to engage an outside law firm who specializes in these types of cases. The firm would be paid on a contingency fee basis, meaning that they would only be paid to the extent that the

city recovers money. In the lawsuit, the currently known defendants, as was previously mentioned, are the insulin manufacturers eli lilly, novo nordisk, and sanofi, and also the pharmacy benefit managers, which are commonly called pbms, and those are express scripts, cvs caremark and optum rx. The legal claims would relate to a civil conspiracy, which is a rico claim, unjust enrichment and potentially violations of consumer protection laws, as well as possible claims, for injunctive relief or other damages under rico, we believe that this lawsuit would be in the best interest of the city to help promote the city's core value of fiscal responsibility, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Speaker: Thank you. Naomi colleagues, any questions at this point, do we have public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: All right. Very good. This is a resolution. Please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Yes? I think it's smart to join with these other jurisdictions to leverage our municipal power in these types of lawsuits. I'm glad to see that we're represented by outside counsel on a contingency basis. That was great that you brought up that point. So it sounds like we don't win, they don't get paid. That's a great deal for the city and our community members. I vote I maps, I Rubio, I Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The resolution is adopted. Thank you very much, naomi, for your great work on this. We will go back, please, to item number five, six nine on the time certain agenda a proclamation proclaim July second, 2024 to be the 60th anniversary of the civil rights act title six day colleagues, our next item is you just heard is a proclamation recognizing the 60th anniversary of the civil rights act and providing proclaiming title six day, which is July 2nd, as we all know, this is legislation of profound historical significance, laying the foundation for nondiscrimination in public programs and services and paving the way for critical

legislation such as the voting rights act, the fair housing act and the Americans with disabilities act. I appreciate that council has the opportunity this morning to reflect on this critical work to begin, i'll introduce jeff selby, interim director of the office of equity and human rights. Good morning jeff.

Speaker: Good morning mayor, good morning, community members, colleagues, mayor and city commissioners. I'm jeff selby. I use he him pronouns, and I have the privilege of directing, directing the office of equity and human rights. We're here today to honor the civil rights act of 1964 and the ongoing fight for justice by City Council ordinance. The office of equity and human rights is charged with setting the equity policy for the city of Portland. Our civil rights title six and language access program staff work to ensure the city is compliant with our federal obligations under title six of the civil rights act. This is why celebrating and honoring the 60th anniversary of this landmark law is so important. Title six specifically provides a framework for the city of Portland to build fairness and justice into policies that help us better serve the public as we center systemically excluded and institutionally oppressed community members. We've accomplished a lot as a city, including adopting equity as a core value, adopting and implementing the city's first title six plan and compliance plan policies, and establishing and implementing the city's first language access and language pay differential policies. We have so much more work to do of course, as a city, but it's important to celebrate our successes. This work is being performed at a high level of expertise and passion by our city wide civil rights title six team doctor cheryl felicia means, sabra purifoy, aaron garber, paul and manager danielle brooks and our city wide language access program manager tatiana elizalde. Thanks also to the rest of the office of equity staff, all equity managers and practitioners for moving this forward. This work forward as well. In 2015, congressman john lewis returned to selma, alabama on

the 50th anniversary of the civil rights act, where he and other civil rights Marchers crossed the edmund pettus bridge. We come to selma to be renewed, he said. We come to be inspired. We come to be reminded that we must do the work, that justice and equality calls us to do. And I know the office of equity in the city of Portland will continue to heed that call. Before I get to our guests, I want to acknowledge sabra purifoy from our civil rights team, who coordinated all this. Today. She is ill and unable to join us, but she did the heavy lifting to make today's celebration possible. Now, I'd like to introduce our special guests. I am honored to introduce the northwest freedom singers, the original freedom singers began in the south in the 1960s, during the then burgeoning burgeoning civil rights movement. The singers helped spread the work of the civil rights movement, traveling all over the united states, empowering and educating and educating audiences through communal song. Ron silver formed the northwest freedom singers in honor of the original group. We are honored to have them performing us for us today. Please join me in welcoming the northwest freedom singers.

Speaker: Good morning everyone. Mr. Mayor, council members, judith, mary asked me to just say a couple of words of introduction before we started to sing for you all, and, I retired after 33 years as an assistant united states attorney, and did a lot of civil rights work for most of that time. Since I retired in 2015, I've spent most of my time as a civil rights educator. Working with young folks and adults throughout the northwest. And what I've seen is, over time, since I've retired, there has been a push throughout the country to basically not let me talk about what I talk about in many of our states, from a civil rights high of 1875, we reached a nadir as a republic in the world of civil rights that required the civil rights act of 1964. And what I think we are seeing in real time in our lives is much of our country wants to go back to, 1890, in the world of non civil rights. So in that spirit, it's really important

that we not just honor the history, honor the rights act of 64 and voting rights of 65. But realize that it's a constant struggle and we're in it right now. And because we're talking about civil rights, you can't do civil rights without civil rights. Music. And so, in 1963, when the children Marched in birmingham, before they went out to March, they sang, they sang to get ready to March. They sang when they Marched. And we're going to do two songs for you today, woke up this morning with my mind on freedom, and ain't gonna let nobody, ain't gonna let nobody turn me around. And you would have heard those songs at every demonstration you went to. Now I have to ask, are we singing that way, or are we singing towards you?

Speaker: Whatever your preference is.

Speaker: Okay, well, with all due deference, I think we'd like to sing that way.

Speaker: That's perfect.

Speaker: We're gonna have to move the mic over here to get my mic. I think I have to move the mics, don't you?

Speaker:

Speaker: Woke up this morning with my, my mind.

Speaker: It was free. Woke up this morning with my mind.

Speaker: Stay on freedom I woke up this morning with my, my mind is on freedom. Hallelu hallelu hallelu hallelu hallelujah I'm a walking and talking with my mind my mind standing on freedom I'm a walking, talking. My mind is staying on freedom. Walking talking with my mind. Stay on freedom. Hallelu hallelu hallelu hallelu hallelu hallelujah I'm going to walk, walk, walk, walk walk walk.

Speaker: But when my freedom walk, walk. Whoa, whoa I'm going to walk, walk with my mind on freedom. Whoa whoa whoa whoa lord I'm going to walk walk walk walk. Other. Ain't no harm to your mind.

Speaker: Your mind. Day of the lord. Women no harm and keep your mind no harm. To keep you safe.

Speaker: Ain't no harm to keep your my mind.

Speaker: Keep on freedom.

Speaker: Hallelu, hallelu hallelu hallelu. You matter well. Tobaccos the voice mario de priest. Saunders. Sister rosie.

Speaker: Loving we are.

Speaker: March 24th years ago, as members of the northwest community gospel choir. And we still keep singing. And now I'm turning it over to sister rosa, who's going to do a little preaching.

Speaker: If you feel like standing up when I sing, be happy. If you guys here.

Speaker: Okay? Yeah.

Speaker: You bet. Nobody turn me around.

Speaker: No. Turn me round, bro.

Speaker: Turn me around.

Speaker: Ain't gonna let nobody turn me right. Keep on walking.

Speaker: Keep on a talking. Marching up to freedom land. Ain't gonna let no to oppression.

Speaker: Turn around, turn I can't turn right.

Speaker: Don't the president turn director lannom. Keep on walking, keep, keep on the talking. Marching up to freedom land. Ain't gonna let gun violence turn you.

Speaker: Goodbye.

Speaker: Turn me round I keep on a walking. Keep on a talking. Marching up to freedom land. Came on to let nobody turn me right.

Speaker: Turn me around, turn me round. They gonna let your body. Turn me round.

Speaker: Keep on walking. Keep on the talk I said keep on walking.

Speaker: Keep, keep on the talk is keep on the walking.

Speaker: Keep keep on talking. Marching on to freedom land. They.

Speaker: Well, thank you. To the northwest freedom singers. And thank you, jeff, for your presentation. Thank you for the uplifting performance. I think that's just what we need. And frankly, I think that's more of what our society needs on a regular basis. So, down here, taking time out of what I'm sure are busy schedules and sharing, not just with us here in the council and the people in the chamber, but everybody who accesses this online as well. Thanks. Thanks for your generosity and sharing your great, great gift to lift all of our spirits. At this point, I'll entertain comments from my colleagues. I'll start with commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor, I want to start out by thanking our guests for joining us today. And I want to thank you for that powerful, song, and, colleagues, I also want to say this. I'm proud to join this council and celebrating the 60th anniversary of title six of the civil rights act. Now, of course, as we've learned today, the civil rights act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in public places, provides for the integration of schools, and makes employment discrimination illegal. And title six of the civil rights act says that if a program receives money from the federal government, that program cannot discriminate against people based on race, color, or place of national origin. Of course, title six applies to the city of Portland, and this council embraces the values embedded in that legislation, which is what this proclamation is all about. On the 60th anniversary of title six of the civil rights act, this council honors those who fought for civil rights. And we recognize that more action is needed to achieve the full promise of the civil rights act of 1964, which is why I'm so proud to join you in this proclamation. And I encourage all Portlanders, to engage in these celebrations. Thank you very much, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Rubio, thank you.

Speaker: I just first want to say thank you to everyone for bringing this timely, proclamation forward. And to rosie, amber, ron and all of the freedom singers, thank you so much for moving us. Not just with your knowledge, and the words of the songs, but with your hearts. And it's just every time you sing. And I've heard you sing over the years now, and it's just, you move a place in me and I'm sure all of us that, needs to be moved, you know, and more often, and it just fills me with hope and inspiration. And it's truly what we need in the world right now, so thank you for that special, special gift, one of the most important civil rights acts right now that's ever passed in the history of the united states is under attack. And we're seeing it play out all across the country in big and small ways, which is frightening, including in institutions we once regarded as immovable and protectors of these values and rights. And that's now shaky. So we need to do everything we can to lift up how important they are, and to make sure that we're, we're turning the tide so that we're preventing anything from moving further backward. So it falls on all of us, we can't normalize these rollbacks. We need to continue to keep the flame for justice and civil rights alive and bright in whatever ways that we can every day in our schools, workplaces, every everywhere we gather, and so I want to honor this 60th anniversary, which opened the doors for so many, and quite frankly, for some of us, it enabled even some of us to be sitting up here on this council. So, let's make sure that we keep the connection to important, historic moments like that alive and present for the next generation so that they understand the impact of these things, we need to know our history, and it matters. So we need to share that and make sure our young people know that history as well, it's vitally important to keep continuing to open doors, hold them open, and if needed, to knock them down still, so that we can ultimately realize our community's full potential. So I just appreciate

living and working in this community. With leaders and organizers and musicians and singers who bring their full selves and their hearts into this work and living these values and fighting for these values every day. So thank you for being here. Thank you for reminding us once again about our history, and that it's up to all of us to keep it alive.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, thank you for taking us to the upper room this morning.

Speaker: The mayor's right. We really needed it, at least I did, the standard standard spirituals is exactly what I kind of wish we did this at the beginning of every, council session, especially when we have really difficult issues to discuss that, remind me of the song. Sometimes I feel like any time you're doing what's right and just you're on a, you're walking up an escalator that's coming down, and if you don't keep walking, you'll just will go right back down to those dark times. So thank you so much for reminding us. And again, taking us to the upper room. I'm reflecting on a play I went to, in ashland of, I don't know, must have been ten years ago. It was the play about lbj during that time, and they did a really good job of, showing how what a big struggle that was and kind of taking advantage of jfk's death, where people just had a little bit of compassion to listen a bit differently. And so you always try to take care of those moments. And, anyway, I just was reflecting on how moving that play was and how many great actors were involved. And I think it went all the way from ashland to, new york and won a tony. I'm a theater geek, so I had to put that in. Anyway, thanks for being here this morning. We really needed it.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, I think this is has been a tremendous opportunity. I want to thank you for giving us this opportunity once again to not just celebrate, but reaffirm our city's commitment to human rights. This proclamation honors the monumental 60th anniversary of the civil rights act and

title six, which safeguards against discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal funding. It's a tribute to the courageous trailblazers who fought 60 years ago and a recognition of the ongoing efforts across our nation to uphold these fundamental rights. Reflecting on our city's history. It was over a decade ago that this City Council established the office of equity and human rights, ensuring our steadfast commitment to these principles today serves as a poignant, and I would also say, fun reminder of the expectations that we set for Portland, a city that we like to uphold as standing as a beacon of progress and resilience. Moreover while recent years have presented significant challenges for all of us, we have not let them dampen our hope or our resolve for a brighter future. Instead, let us use this moment to celebrate the indomitable spirit of our communities and the enduring strength of our city, and express our deep gratitude to all civil rights pioneers, both here in our own community as well as beyond. Thank you everyone for your commitment to justice and to equality. Let us continue to work together. Inspired by those who paved the way and motivated by the future, we envision for our community and those who follow us. In honor of today's proclamation, there will be a reception in the lobby of the 1900 building from 1030 to noon, hosted by the office of equity and human rights. We encourage everybody who would like to participate to do so. Now I'll read the proclamation on behalf of the Portland City Council. Whereas the civil rights act was signed into law by president Lyndon B Johnson on July 2nd of 1964. And whereas this landmark piece of legislation has played a pivotal role in dismantling legal segregation, paving a path for civic, political, educational, and economic progress, and opportunity, and leading to a wave of other civil rights laws and new protections, such as the voting rights act of 1965, the fair housing act, and the Americans with disabilities act, and whereas, included amongst the civil rights acts, 11 titles is title six, which provides protection

from discrimination based on race, color or national origin. In federally funded programs, services and activities. Additional regulations and executive orders since enacted have expanded and grown. Civil rights. Title six obligations and responsibilities to include environmental justice, language access, the advancement of equity and support of underserved communities through government. The city of Portland is a recipient of federal funding, is subject to title six, and whereas despite significant progress, entrenched systemic and institutional racism creates and sustains barriers and disparities that negatively impact communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, and other systemically excluded communities in housing, employment, income, health, education, transportation, and frankly, all major aspects of life. And whereas nationally, the protections and progress of the civil rights movement are being eroded, undermined and attacked. And whereas the city of Portland acknowledges the responsibilities and the role of government in addressing the pervasive disparities faced by communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, and other institutionally oppressed communities, because such discrimination poses a threat to health, safety and welfare of our entire community, and humbly acknowledges that we have much work yet to do. And whereas the city of Portland strives to uphold and practice its core values of anti-racism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration and fiscal responsibilities in support of community members as well as our own employees here at the city of Portland. And whereas, the city of Portland is committed to its core values through embodying the objectives of the civil rights act to assure that no person on the grounds of race, color or national origin, including limited english proficiency, shall be excluded from participation in denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, including disparate treatment or disparate impact in the city's programs, services, activities, or administrative acts as

required by title six. And whereas, City Council created the civil rights title for and equity program in the language access program in the office of equity and human rights to work with partners across all city bureaus to coordinate the city's civil rights, racial equity, and language access efforts, and help the city become a national leader in defining and achieving equitable outcomes and eliminating disparities amongst Portlanders. And whereas Portland honors those who fought and continue to fight for civil rights and celebrates 60 years of increased opportunities and access for communities of color, color, immigrant and refugee communities, and other systemically excluded communities. While recognizing the continued action is necessary to achieve the full promise of equity, equal protection, and justice for all. And whereas the city of Portland shall continue to identify and implement solutions to improve equity and uphold the ideas that the civil acts, the civil rights act, represents, and do all that is necessary to ensure that all people can thrive. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim July 2nd of 2024 to be the 60th anniversary of the civil rights act, title six day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you. Thank you. Why don't we take a three minute recess? We'll reconvene at 1037. One point. One.

Speaker: Oh.

Speaker: Time. Certain

Speaker: Proclaim. June 2024. To be ptsd awareness month.

Speaker: Colleagues, our next item is a proclamation recognizing ptsd awareness month to present on this item, I'd like to introduce courtney gilmore and joel michaels from the bureau of human resources. Occupational health team and taisha mccoool riley mental health program specialist. Welcome. Thanks for being here. Good morning. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning everyone, I believe. Hey, Courtney, I see you online, Courtney is going to start us off. Welcome this morning. Everyone, so as we recognize the significant impact of post-traumatic stress disorder, we can have on mental health and well-being of our employees, PTSD is a serious condition that affects everyone who has experienced or witnessed a traumatic event, and it can manifest in a variety, in a variety of ways, including anxiety, depression, and difficulty concentrating. Statistics have also shown that PTSD is prevalent, is a prevalent issue in the workplace. So according to the National Center of PTSD, approximately 7 to 8% of the US population will experience PTSD at some point of their lives, the condition affects approximately 3.6% of adults, which is about 9 million people. And a given year. Additionally, workplaces that experience higher levels of stress and exposure to traumatic events, such as emergency services, healthcare, public safety, report higher incidents of PTSD among our employees. And so for the city of Portland, that includes our fire, our police, our public safety employees. Pbot p, fleet, water, just to name a few, they are encountering the public every day. And so they are experiencing traumatic events as well as we are committed to the health and well-being of our workforce. We are dedicated to fostering a supportive and understanding workplace environment where employees can feel safe and empowered to seek help as they need, we, as occupational health and the mental health program, believe in supporting our employees through many different mental health resources, which includes our, our EAP program, employee assistance. And with this particular program, we provide, confidential counseling services available to all city employees, as well as anyone in their household to support, to provide support and guidance, in addition to counseling sessions, we also have critical incident stress management services that are available to our city employees during a traumatic event. So we can use

our eap to have a mental health professional come on site or virtually. To debrief with our employees. With whatever traumatic event that may have occurred, in addition to eap, we also have waived our mental health services through our health plan, so that include any type of mental health services or substance abuse services as far as appointments, inpatient and outpatient, care, as well, also training and education, so continuing to conduct regular workshops and seminars on mental health awareness, stress management and coping strategies, and trauma informed care in the workplace, also encouraging flexible, flexible work environments or arrangements. So offering when it's available. Flexible work schedules and remote work options to help employees manage stress and maintain healthy work life balance, and then also, you know, open communication and transparency. So promoting an open and, stigma free environment where employees can feel comfortable discussing their mental health concerns with their supervisors and their colleagues, also another thing that I believe that, taisha joel and myself have been trying to normalize is also mental health days, so encouraging the use of mental health days to ensure ensure employees to take care, the necessary time to take the necessary time to care for their well-being, not just physically, but also mentally as well. And then also just another thing to bring attention to council is, as we are a very small team, also consider additional funding for resources for our employees, so committing additional funding to expand mental health resources, ensure ensuring access to high quality mental health care and enhancing support programs as well. And education, we encourage our employees, experiencing symptoms of ptsd or any other mental health concerns to utilize these resources that we already have available and to seek help without any hesitation. We are committed to ensuring that all employees have access to the support they need to thrive, both personally and professionally. Mental health is a crucial is crucial as

physical health, and we are here to support employees in every way, every step of the way, we believe that prioritizing mental health, mental well-being is not only enhances the quality of life for our employees, but also improves their productivity and job satisfaction and ultimately benefiting the community as a whole. Thank you. Thank you courtney.

Speaker: Thanks, courtney.

Speaker: I'm joel michaels. I use he him pronouns. I'm the city's occupational health and well-being program manager. I'm also a nurse practitioner and I'm speaking here today both as a city manager from within the bureau of human resources and a health care provider with experience working with people who have ptsd and other mental health challenges, acknowledging and destigmatizing ptsd and other mental health challenges is of the utmost importance. Right now. For many, this is a very stressful time with so much going on nationally, globally and locally. There is a lot of stress for people living with mental health challenges within the city, city staff are facing the challenges of budgetary constraints and reorganization of work from the charter reforms being implemented. Those with underlying mental health challenges, especially ptsd, are easily triggered and retraumatized when they feel this stress at work. From a manager's perspective, it's important to understand that ptsd impacts the workplace and that following trauma informed care practices can help a trauma informed workplace keeps the person with ptsd feeling safer, both physically and emotionally. It helps them feel empowered and supported while avoiding harm. It's done by applying trauma informed principles, several of which overlap with the city's core values. Transparency builds trust. Collaboration includes shared decision making that removes power differences and the values of anti-racism and equity help to identify and address ongoing biases and historical trauma. It's important to recognize and

discuss PTSD from a health care provider perspective, because PTSD, PTSD can be treated successfully, we have evidence based recommendations that work. These include several types of trauma informed and trauma focused therapy, including cognitive behavioral therapy, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, and reprocessing or EMDR. Narrative exposure therapy to name a few. And we have medications which have been shown to improve PTSD and manage associated symptoms like nightmares, flashbacks, avoidant behavior, insomnia, anger, irritability. So thank you for recognizing June as PTSD awareness month. Just as you recognized May as mental health awareness month, the more we raise awareness and destigmatize taking care of our mental health challenges, the more people are likely to seek effective treatments. The harder we work to live into and operationalize the city's core values and the trauma informed core principles, the safer, healthier, more resilient, and more productive our workforce and city will be.

Speaker: Good morning everyone. Taisha is back in the building. You'll probably get tired of seeing me, but this is what I do. I live and breathe, the idea of how do we continue to center the well-being of ourselves and our community, not just so that we can show up and do a job or show up and hold a special position, but so that we can have a healthy, thriving, safe, comfortable community, here in Portland and across the nation, for those of you that don't know me, Taisha McCall Riley mental health program specialist, and I'm also a clinician, greetings to you all, as you all have heard my colleagues speak about is, June as national PTSD awareness month, and I'm here today to affirm that the city of Portland, acknowledges and recognizes the prevalence of trauma and its impact on community members and city employees alike. So with that being said, I'd love for us to take a moment to reflect on our past and our current realities. If we were just to kind of just cut out the last five years of life, let's just think about the global pandemic. Let's think

about, the continued racism and discrimination, the state of our country, the injustices we see internationally, layoffs, financial, strain, addiction, abuse, mental health crises. We see every day on our streets. Homelessness grief and loss, violence, gun violence. Chronic illness. And that list can go on and on, reminding us that we can't know a person's truth or their story by merely looking at them. There is more to a person than what meets our eyes. And if anybody is like me, with these eyelashes on in my glasses, I still can't see. But I say that to say is that sometimes we look at things and we make assumptions, and we make judgments, and we don't know the full story. Trauma is subjective and it is complicated. It can be obvious with a clear cause and symptoms that seem to make sense, or trauma can be buried in high functioning individuals. As depression, anxiety and anger without any recognizable origin. The causal event may have occurred a week ago, a day ago, or half a century in the past. Trauma can often be a silent destroyer, affecting our minds, mood and our bodies. And as Courtney said, if we aren't destigmatizing mental health in the workplace, we are showing up here every day, suffering in silence and attempting to push through things where we require additional support. If we think about our workplace, we have our frontline workers, we have community, we have you all who are exposed to trauma personally and professionally, we have police, we have our park rangers, we have city employees, black city employees, city employees of color, those who are in the field are first responders. We are being exposed to complex trauma on a regular basis, and many of us are not, seeking or being provided the adequate support to be able to build our resilience, cope and to push through those experiences. Trauma can express itself in various ways depending on our age, our race, our ethnicity, our developmental level. Life experiences, our emotional health, and so much more. It is not the end of our story though, and that is the part we don't often

talk about. Is that recovery is real. Recovery is possible with intentional healing centered efforts and knowledge. We can manage it, and now is a prime time to cultivate safe and welcoming environments within the city, as well as healthy interactions with communities so we can do so that we can do better at not inflicting traumatic trauma on folks. And not retraumatizing individuals who are already suffering and struggling. We are resilient in spite of many adversities that we have, we have or are enduring. I think we forget that as we always think about the past, we don't actually live in the present. And if anyone is like me, my life has definitely been living the last several years, and I think it's important to give room and space for those who also share that same experience. But we are resilient in spite of those things. The good news is that many people are able to live healthy, fun, fulfilling lives even after experiencing difficulty. And as we face our truths and realities, let's be encouraged to tend to our wellness. Let's use our city employee. Resources and other community resources. Let's build our self-awareness, we're important. We're each valuable, and we're worth the time, energy, and effort necessary for us to take care of ourselves, and, yourself holistically. And i'll end with a shameless plug, today you will all citywide. There will be a word Wednesday email that will go out that is centered around trauma, and then also, if you check out the mental health, intranet web page, there are some documents that can help us, like a resilience action plan, I've developed a trauma debriefing and processing guide that helps us to track, traumatic events and helps us to guide how we address, our teens who have been exposed to trauma, and I also have developed a crisis. Last suicide prevention guide that helps us to, support employees and colleagues when they are navigating difficulty in the workplace that we are exposed to. And i'll end with a quote. Trauma is personal. It does not disappear if it is not validated when it is ignored or invalidated. The silent screams continue internally, heard only by the

one held captive. When someone enters the pain and hears the screams, healing can begin. Thank you so much for your time today.

Speaker: Thank you. And does that complete the presentation? Yes. Great. Well said. Well done. I'll open this up to my colleagues for comments before we read the proclamation. First up is commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. And I want to start out by thanking you for bringing this item forward. And I want to thank staff for today's presentation and the important work that today's presentation is based upon. I also want to say this I am proud to join this council and proclaiming June 20th, 24 to be ptsd awareness month here in the city of Portland. As we've learned today, the purpose of ptsd awareness month is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress disorder. Approximately 8 million people in these united states, including thousands of Portlanders and many public servants, are affected by ptsd. Ptsd can develop from experiencing or witnessing traumatic events. Trauma manifests itself differently in each individual, but the conditions often lead to symptoms such as flashbacks, insomnia, and anxiety. Now, it is critically important to support those affected by ptsd, and that's why this city is committed to implementing trauma informed practices and creating safe environments for those experiencing trauma. And that's why I'm proud to join this council and proclaiming June 2024 to be ptsd awareness month here in Portland, Oregon. Thank you very much, aisha, and thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Rubio, thanks for bringing this issue to council.

Speaker: And I sometimes hear people use the term ptsd very lightly in a casual way, about when they're stressed at home or with, like when they're venting and stuff, but it's important to know that it's not a joke and it's not a laughing matter.

It's an acronym that's become synonymous for anyone experiencing even a small level of stress, but as we heard you say, you know, you talked about the symptoms. It's more than just feeling stressed out, the truth is, it's rooted in trauma. It can affect anyone, and we just heard about these things from you, and so i, I think there's been a lot already said. I'll just say that there's no shame in getting the help that you need to live your best life. It should remain a priority, of all of us, as city leaders and managers and supervisors, to make sure that we're providing the support and assistance to helping those with ptsd get on a path to wellness and recovery. So thank you for bringing this forward, for many out there in the community, it's not just a month, but an everyday journey. So I appreciate the awareness.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, thank you, mayor. Thank you. Courtney, joel and tasha, it's always good to see you. Taisha. You're you are really everywhere, Portland is a city that cares. We're a community that stands by each other in times of need. And I'm always going to be dedicated to continue to build a network of support for those affected by ptsd. I appreciate your comments, commissioner Rubio, because it does get used too loosely. And, currently, this includes expanding access to mental health services, promoting educational initiatives, and encouraging open, compassionate dialog. I want to take a moment to honor the bravery of those who live with ptsd every day. Your strength inspires all of us and the family, friends, and caregivers who provide unwavering support. Your dedication is deeply appreciated. Let us use this month to learn, to empathize, to act together. We create a Portland where every individual feels they are seen. They are heard and supported in their journey towards healing. And the timing of this is not lost on me. We have the upcoming holiday and I know I have two older brothers and a brother in law who

can't be around crowds of the explosions. With that holiday, and they take their dogs of course too. And so I again think it's very timely to talk about that trigger that's coming up next week. Thank you. And let us move forward with compassion and commitment.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Today of course, we're taking a moment to mark a significant observance, and that's ptsd awareness month, a time dedicated to deepening our commitment to understanding and supporting those who are impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder, ptsd. As we heard during our presentation, touches many in our community, including veterans, first responders and survivors of violence. This month, we focus on shedding light on their experiences and reducing the stigma around mental health. Our community's goal should be to ensure that everyone impacted by ptsd has access to the necessary support and resources. I want to thank the many health care providers, advocates, and community leaders who daily contribute to this important work. Your efforts are essential in supporting our community members facing these challenges. Let's commit to continue to work together to provide effective support and promote understanding for those dealing with ptsd. It's now my honor to read the proclamation on behalf of the Portland City Council. Whereas the city of Portland proudly recognizes June of 2024 as national posttraumatic stress disorder, ptsd awareness month, dedicating our efforts to enhancing education, increasing awareness, and reducing the stigma associated with ptsd. And whereas ptsd can develop from experiencing or witnessing a range of traumatic events such as military combat, abuse, terrorism, accidents, and natural disasters impacting the body's hormonal and autonomic nervous systems, and manifesting various symptoms like flashbacks, insomnia, anxiety, and disturbances in relationships. And whereas approximately 8 million

adults in the united states, including members of our own community and city employees, are affected by ptsd annually, which can sometimes prevent with confusing and unrecognized symptoms linked to past trauma. And whereas the manifestation of trauma varies greatly and it can be shaped by one's own identity, developmental stage life experiences, and cultural, familial and social environments. And whereas it is crucial to promote ptsd awareness, to eliminate stigma, and to support those affected in seeking timely and effective treatment as understanding, compassion and inclusivity are vital for their care and recovery. And whereas the city is committed to implementing trauma informed practices across our policies and processes to create safe, welcoming environments that support support those who are experiencing trauma. And whereas we are dedicated to educating our staff about ptsd and trauma informed care, encouraging use of resources, personal strengths and community support to foster resilience and aid recovery. And whereas, recovery from ptsd is achievable with persistence and with appropriate support, highlighting the resilience of those affected who can lead fulfilling lives despite severe adversity. Adversities. And whereas we all must prioritize our mental health and awareness and utilize the city or community resources available for holistic self-care, embodying the spirit of unity and compassion as expressed by nelson mandela. Quote. Our human compassion binds us the one to the other, not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learned how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future, unquote. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim June of 2024 to be ptsd awareness month in Portland and encourage all Portlanders to observe and engage in this important awareness campaign. Thank you. Thank you. All right. We'll move to the regular agenda. First item, please. Item. Number 586.

Speaker: Appoint and reappoint members to the structural engineering advisory committee for terms to expire June 26th, 2027.

Speaker: I'll turn this over to commissioner Rubio. Did I get the wrong one?

Speaker: Which one is this one? Sorry. Five.

Speaker: Eight. Six.

Speaker: This is a board appointment. Thank you.

Speaker: I'm on the wrong item. Sorry

Speaker: We got staff here. We could just. Okay great, I think I found it, okay, colleagues, I have the pleasure of bringing forward appointees to the structural engineering advisory committee. The committee is a citizen advisory body, and it advises the director and bureau of development services and the appeals board in technical structure, structural engineering matters relative to reasonable interpretation and to alternate materials and methods of construction. The committee is comprised, composed of six members with expertise in structural engineering. So I will now turn it over to amit, who will present the proposed appointees.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor, commissioner Rubio and members of City Council. Good morning. My name is amit kumar and I'm the supervising engineer with the bureau of development services, as was previously stated, the structural engineering advisory committee is a citizen committee that advises the bureau of development services on matters related to structural engineering. Portland city code title 24.10 .085 specifies that members of the structural engineering advisory committee, consisting of six members licensed in Oregon to practice structural engineering, be appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council members, may be appointed to no more than two consecutive three year terms. These appointments will fill current vacancies on the committee as the terms of the

current members are about to expire. Therefore, on behalf of the mayor and commissioner Rubio, it gives me great pleasure in recommending the following distinguished members of the structural engineering community as members to their first three year terms on the committee. First, we have anne meunier, an is the principal in charge with kpff consulting engineers, a global engineering firm, and has 30 years of structural engineering experience in the design of new structures and seismic rehabilitation of existing buildings. She has overseen several projects in the pacific northwest, as well as on structures around the world. Some significant structures she has worked on in in the Portland metro area include the Oregon health sciences university's don baker children's hospital. Expansion providence medical center's expansion, adidas Americas, north American headquarters expansion, tmt developments, park avenue, west tower, Portland state university's peter start center renovation and seismic upgrade, and viking pavilion, to name just a few. She actively engages with the architecture, engineering, and construction industry in Portland, serving as a board member and treasurer for the structural engineers association of Oregon. As a board member for the architectural foundation of Oregon and the critical buildings committee for the Oregon resilience task force. From 2011 to 2012, and believes that she can lend her experience by serving on the structural engineering advisory committee and help Portland towards building a safe and resilient city. Second, we have ed quisenberry. He is the founding principal of equilibrium engineers. Ed has over 30 years of structural engineering consulting experience on a broad range of building types, including civic, commercial, education, healthcare and housing facilities. In california, Oregon, and Washington. Some of the notable projects he has worked on include the Multnomah County courthouse, Oregon zoo master plan, university of Oregon pacific hall renovation, and seismic upgrade, linfield college seismic upgrades, and

renovations. He's the past allied member and director of the American institute of architects, Portland, and has been an adjunct faculty member at the Portland state university. He has been the past president of the structural engineers association of Oregon and the national council of structural engineers association. Ed says, and I quote, I'm an excited, I'm excited at the opportunity to apply my over 30 years of structural engineering experience to serious discussions about creative solutions for the Portland built environment. I would hope to be a voice of reason, and to have a fair and open minded approach to evaluation of the engineering judgment of my peers. Last, we have randall toma, randall is a founding partner of abt structural engineers, which is a minority owned business based in Portland. He has over 28 years of structural design experience, and he has designed and managed many complex projects, including multi-story office buildings, mixed use developments, multifamily housing, educational facilities, infrastructure. Randall has experience working with different types of clients and owners, including many public agencies. Some of the public agencies include Portland community college, Portland public schools, Portland water bureau, Multnomah County, and home forward, and, randall says, and I quote, being a person of color myself, I am fully committed to collaboration with people of all diversity and ages. I feel that this produces the best outcomes as it ensures that viewpoints and experiences of all are thoughtfully discussed and considered. I am excited to be part of like minded group who will have input into guiding Portland in the direction of providing life safety for its residents in the form of seismically safe structures and code. In addition to the above mentioned three new members, we are recommending reappointment of three existing members to provide community continuity on the committee. The three existing members whose reappointment is being recommended have served their first terms and, if reappointed, would serve the

second and final terms. The first member recommended for reappointment is hamid afghan. Hamid is the founder and president of I engineering, a local structural and civil engineering landscape architecture and planning firm. He has been the principal for the structural design and evaluation of a variety of industrial, commercial, educational and multifamily projects, providing in depth knowledge of a wide range of building systems and building materials. Hamid's wealth of design and construction experience facilitates creative and economical solutions. Hamid is often asked to provide forensic engineering services as well as expert testimony in court, and is frequently a guest speaker for forensic structural engineering. He has taught at Portland state university and clackamas community college. The second member for reappointment is shirley chalupa. Shirley is a principal with dsi engineers. With over 23 years experience in structural engineering, she has overseen numerous mass timber core form steel, steel, modular, seismic retrofit and renovation projects throughout Oregon. She believes in preserving the character and history of the city of Portland by seismically retrofitting and reusing existing buildings for the next generation. She has preserved numerous numerous historical buildings throughout Portland, such as the olympic mills, east side exchange hotel, chamberlain, among others. Shirley believes local government can benefit with engaging with community members like herself. She is an advocate in instigating respectful, meaningful dialog about equity in the workplace. And lastly, we have jennifer eggars. Jennifer has over 23 years of structural engineering experience, including the design and seismic retrofit, renovation of elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools, and the public private university campuses, along with public, civic, government and private developer work. She is a principal with home structures, which has offices nationwide and globally. Jennifer has vast experience with seismic evaluations and or retrofitting of existing buildings

and currently serves as the vintage building committee chair for the structural engineers association of Oregon. Jennifer also has experience in the use of alternate materials such as frp and evaluations using alternate technologies such as base isolations. These recommendations are based on a thorough outreach and review process, and in the consideration of city and the bureau of development services goals on equity, inclusion, and anti-racism, and specifically on the bureau's commitment to racial composition of boards, commissions, boards and committees. It is our sincere hope that these candidates will bring a wealth of expertise and experience to the structural engineering advisory committee, and the appointments will help ensure the good work of the structural engineering advisory committee continues on behalf of bts, the development committee and all Portlanders, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members, mark tobin, kent, you and clinton ambrose for the outstanding service of six years on the structural engineering advisory committee. Thank you for your time, and i'll be happy to answer any questions. The council may have very good colleagues.

Speaker: Any questions. That was very thorough. Those are excellent appointees. Do we have any public testimony on this report?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: All right. Very good. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Rubio seconds any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan, I gonzales I Mapps I Rubio.

Speaker: I want to thank the appointees for their willingness to serve and thank you for your good work. I Wheeler.

Speaker: Well, as always, I'm very happy that we have people with this level of skill who are willing to work with us in the public sector, make sure that we're being accountable, that we're seeing things right, have somebody look over our shoulder and make sure we did the math correct. That's especially true in the case of this particular commission. These sound like outstanding individuals with extensive experience. And so thank you for giving us very, very high quality candidates for this. I'm happy to support this group of appointees. I vote the reports accepted and the appointments are approved. Thank you. Thank you. Next next individual next item 587 amend Portland clean energy community benefits code to allow a one time transfer of interest earned in the fy 20 2223 and review by the Portland clean energy community benefits fund committee of code amendments proposed by City Council colleagues. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It accomplishes two things. It's first of all, it's a code amendment, and it allows a one time transfer of pcef interest that accrued in fiscal year 20 2223 to the general fund, which was included in the City Council adopted fiscal year 20 2425 budget that passed on June 12th of 2024. Secondly, it allows the pcef committee to have the opportunity to review amendments to chapter 7.07 proposed by City Council before those amendments are placed on the council agenda. These changes come to council with the support of the pcef committee. Danny olivera, deputy city administrator of community and economic development, is here to answer any questions that anybody might have, are there questions before we hear public testimony? Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Yeah, it would be good if. Donnie, could you come up and just give us an intuitive understanding of what's happening with the second piece of, this amendment, the it looks like we're doing a process change around approving amendments. Just

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner donnie oliveira, for the record. So, commissioner, what we have the code amendment in front of you today. We thought we would take a moment to just sort of align the language in the code to better reflect how the committee is going to interact with council going forward. As we move from a commissioner form of government to the next form, it's not clear how the committee would interact with council. So this language just solidifies that that dotted line approach.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. That sounds fine.

Speaker: Is there a public testimony we have one person signed up.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Ron giannettino villatoro. They were going to join in person.

Speaker: All right. I don't see them. Any further questions? If not. Oh, there he is. Where online. Online. Hi, rafi.

Speaker: Hi, everyone, my apologies for not being there in person. So, mayor, members of council, again, for the record, my name is randy toro. I'm the co-chair for the Portland clean energy fund, I just want to one first and foremost, just, thank, the leadership from the mayor and commissioner Rubio, and everyone here in the council, for collaborating, working together for the past year, I know there's been some, tough challenges just working, around addressing some of the key challenges facing many Portlanders, and so I really appreciate the work that everyone does in council, just to piggyback on, director olivares comments here, you know, the very much intent, of the proposed, amendment from the pcef committee is just, again, continued collaboration. I think a good practice here, is continue to collaborate, collaborate with City Council, especially a new form of government. How we think and review about amendments to pcef code. I think our

committee believes it has a unique perspectives. And I think part of creating good, policy, you know, moving forward, is always that collaboration. It is in no way intended to, replace or do anything around the City Council's charge around, having the purview of code changes. So, but I just want to sort of share, I'm happy to answer any questions, but, thank you again, all for your leadership, and thank you again.

Speaker: Thank you. Randy, questions. All right. Very good. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next item, please. Item number 588, authorize three year homelessness response system.

Speaker: Intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County colleagues, just as a reminder, and I don't think anybody up here probably needs the reminder. But for the record, a unified homeless response system is crucial because the county has the necessary services, expertise and funding streams that we require to be able to address the homeless crisis. In particular, the county has mental health services. They have substance use disorder treatment services. They have navigation to housing services that we do not have. And they also have access to streams of funding that can help address the homeless crisis that we do not have access to individually. It's clear, and we all agree, that the joint office has not been wholly successful up to this point. The joint office has lacked coherent goals, accountability or a data driven approach. This new iga addresses these issues by establishing an actionable work plan, clear oversight and data driven systems. That is why many, if not all of you have demanded real oversight of the joint office of homeless services. This plan was developed with a broad coalition of stakeholders with behavioral health, nonprofits, public safety and housing. Background. It positions us to use the metro shs dollars more effectively, along with additional city, county, and state resources. Addressing homelessness extends beyond building

more affordable housing. We need to also develop treatment capacity, create job opportunities, and construct more emergency shelters to help people get off the streets and connect them to whatever services they need to remain off the streets. We need accountability and we need action. And while this plan is not perfect, I believe it provides both. We added directives to ensure that specific issues that were raised by council members were addressed by the strategy and oversight committee that would be created through this iga. We have established benchmarks, specific performance and action benchmarks that we need to see as a City Council. And if those benchmarks are not achieved, or we believe that the system is not functioning the way we on this side of the river envision that it should function, then this iga gives us a much cleaner and easier opt out from the iga at a later date. So with that brief introduction, I believe there may be some additional amendments today.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you have an amendment?

Speaker: I do, I'd like to propose an amendment to the iga. I move to amend. Well, first of all, before I get to the technical details, let me say this. This has been a very challenging process for this council, and I respect the changes that my colleagues have brought forward. Commissioner Ryan and I have had numerous conversations about one aspect of this much larger document. We have an honest disagreement. The disagreement surrounds the question of the strategy and oversight council and commissioner Ryan, with a majority of the council last week passed, a, an amendment that would add three voting members to the strategy and oversight committee. While I agree with commissioner Ryan and the council majority that those voices are critical voices and that they should be represented in those discussions, I disagree that they should be voting members. I believe this particular committee, which is one of several the strategy and oversight committee, should be

made up of elected officials who are accountable directly to the public. There should be those other voices through ex-officio members, and there are already other ex-officio members. So I agree with commissioner Ryan and his logic that there should be service providers represented, that there should be business interests represented, that there should be taxpayer interests represented. I agree with that. I just don't think from a functionality perspective, they should be voting members of this committee. Some of those voices are already included in other committees as well. So I move to amend section 1.1.1, titled membership in the his iga to read the following and bear with me. This is technical. The soc is comprised of five voting members the county chair, the city mayor, one city commissioner, one member of the City Council, and an east Multnomah County city elected official. The soc will also include not more than seven non-voting members, three of which are one business sector representative, one behavioral health expert, not a current provider. With the parties, and an shs tax payer. The county chair chair. I'm sorry the county chair will serve as the chairperson of the soc. The city mayor will select the mayor member from the City Council, and the county chair will appoint the member from the county commission. The parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert and s-h s taxpayer. Can I get a second? Second commissioner Mapps seconds. Thank you. Colleagues, are there any other new amendments that you would like to propose?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: 7.1.1 I'm sorry, where section seven. It should be what, 7.1.1?

Speaker: I think you just said one point. 1.1. So it was just correct.

Speaker: Okay, I see okay.

Speaker: So I moved to amend section 7.1.1 titled membership, and then the rest as I read it. Sorry, I've been reading a lot today. I appreciate it. Commissioner Ryan

has an amendment, thank you, mayor. I realize that, we've been doing some conversations about this, and I now am aware that you're doing, I guess, an unfriendly amendment to the amendment we passed last week. So I would like to bring back a friendly amendment to edit this a bit, and I will read it into the i'll read it now. The soc is comprised of five voting members. The county chair, the city mayor, one county commissioner, one member of the City Council, and an east Multnomah County city mayor. The soc will also include three non voting members, one business sector representative nominated by the chamber, one behavioral health expert, not a current provider, and that could be nominated by the county and an shs taxpayer who is a non profit county chair will serve as the chairperson of the soc. The city mayor will select the members from the City Council and the county chair will appoint the member from the county commission. The parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert and s h s taxpayer commissioner Ryan, can I ask for a clarification on this one?

Speaker: Are you done, I am done, so I'm just comparing the language that you just, proposed to the rec to the language that I think is in the mayor's proposed, amendment. I think the difference is you take out not more than seven non-voting members. Is that the only edit you're making, or is that the edit you're making here and adding the mayor as the east county and the east county elected has to be a mayor.

Speaker: Okay. Yeah.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: I was trying to not have it grow beyond seven.

Speaker: What's that? So could i, could I ask.

Speaker: Sorry okay.

Speaker: Could I ask a clarification on that I think I think we might have so I just oh it's still seven. Correct. You're just saying three of the seven has to be the three representatives that that you described. So there will be those three for sure. And then there are the other four ex-officio members that were already envisioned. Is that correct? So it's a total of no more than seven.

Speaker: Correct. No more than seven. Okay. But the other four are already been established. Correct. Yeah.

Speaker: So and they're voting so we're and so and they're non-voting. They're ex-officio. So there are seven ex-officio with this. There would be currently there's four ex-officio non-voting members. And I'm going to ask staff to come up to clarify. So Sarah is what I want to make sure I get this right. It's all in the details. So there are currently four ex-officio members. Commissioner Ryan, I believe your intent is to add three additional ex-officio members one who is a service provider, one who is a taxpayer, and one an expert in behavioral health. Correct? Yeah. The way you described it. Correct.

Speaker: Can I jump in just to kind of maps? I think the crux of this, the debate right here is whether or not ex-officio members are voting members.

Commissioner Ryan, is it your intent to give for the folks that you add to this group to be able to vote, to be voting members or non-voting members?

Speaker: I'm going with the flow. You know, I'm definitely a disrupter, but I'm not an obstructionist. So I'm trying to figure out how to get the right people at the table, because my lived experience as a person who's elected four years ago was that if we didn't have people like that at the table, we wouldn't even have built for zero past. Sure, I'm just getting back to what I've experienced and making sure that at that table of influence, we have the right cross-sector voices at the table, I appreciate that.

Speaker: Also, I want this to pass next time when it goes to the voters. And so the people that came out to support it from the business community, who really endorsed it and worked hard to get it passed, and it really basically been shut out much of the last four years since it's been implemented, that they're back at the table so we can build some momentum for this to also be passed. When we go back to the voters.

Speaker: Got it, but I think the core of this debate right here is, or let's just clarify your intent. So we have ex officio members, the mayor says ex officio members shouldn't be shouldn't have a vote. An official vote. And, are you saying they should?

Speaker: I'm saying that we should reduce the number of non-voting to three. And maybe there's been some confusion since this has been going back and forth quite a bit. Mr. Mayor, as I listen to the mayor last week, and if I listened to the many lobby calls coming at me from the industry, it's that, they didn't want the people that we were adding to have a vote. The assumption in all of those phone calls were that the other four, the other five, four, four would have a vote.

Speaker: Okay. Mr. Mayor, I'm kind of having a hard time following the plot. Can you kind of translate what commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: I can't, because I'm hearing two different things. So, I mean, is it seven or is it three? Ex officio members? What are you proposing?

Speaker: Well, mayor, why don't we start with what you initially proposed?

Speaker: I'm proposing up to seven. No more than seven.

Speaker: And they're all non-voting. Correct. Even the elected officials. No no no no no.

Speaker: Okay, so you. That's what I need, right? There you go. So we have the five elected officials, two from the city, two from the county, one from east county.

Totals five voting members who are elected county be a mayor. And I'm fine with that. Then the ex-officio members, there are currently four ex-officio. They are not voting, but they're sitting at the table. They are participating. They're providing input, they're there every step of the way. You're adding three, as I understand, not seven. Correct. You are adding three to the four that currently exist in the language, and they will be one business sector representative nominated by Portland metro chamber, one behavioral health expert, not a current provider with the parties nominated by the county and an shs taxpayer. And you have who is not a Portland resident, is that correct?

Speaker: To keep the geographic diversity correct? Okay.

Speaker: I have a question. Yea. Rubio has a question.

Speaker: So, did that help?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Not really. I still don't understand what commissioner Ryan are these are the ex-officio. Do the ex-officio commissioner Ryan should the ex-officio people have a vote or should they not have a vote? I think that's at least as I understand the 4 to 3, and they will not have a vote.

Speaker: I'm.

Speaker: I'm conceding that the math isn't working for me. Can we take a ten minute recess? 1134 we will reconvene in ten minutes. Let's see if we can iron this out. Can we have staff please get together? Five. Four. Okay. That's helpful. We're just gonna have to have this discussion about, like.

Speaker: Can can we can we actually have this conversation on the record just so everybody is clear. So, commissioner Ryan, thank you. For, the reason on my camera's not on. I'm trying to be helpful to people at home by not having my camera on. There we go.

Speaker: Close ups really necessary? No, it's not pretty.

Speaker: It really isn't. Any rate. So my apologies to everybody at home watching, commissioner Ryan, thank you for the convening. And I did not participate because we have a quorum issue, but maybe commissioner Ryan, you you could talk about what the outcome was or what the understanding was from that discussion. I.

Speaker: Well, and so we are looking at the number of non-voting members. So we've all established the five voting members who are electeds everyone have that one. So last week I was adding three members to that. And last week the amendment that passed 3 to 2 was to make them voting members. The lobby, insiders are not happy with that. There's been a lot of pushback. And so I'm entertaining ways to stay at the table to keep moving. This forward. It's necessary. I think that we have those three voices at that committee level, not seven more. And so the difference between mine and yours is you're adding seven non-voting members to the five voting. I'm merely adding three. And the three are the ones that we voted and approved last week.

Speaker: Okay. Plus plus changing east county elected. Excuse me to mayor to a mayor of an east county jurisdiction, correct?

Speaker: Yeah, I could be talked off on that one, but that seemed to rise up as a concern.

Speaker: Okay. Yeah. So can I just so I can clarify.

Speaker: And I want to get to commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, why don't you have your commissioner? Yeah, yeah, definitely. Go.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio and I wanted to clarify before we go, just to keep I didn't finish and that's my bad for not getting this in there. One business sector representative, there's not an attachment on who does it. It just we want somebody

from the business lobby that was very I hope we would recruit people who are active in passing, the here together in 2020. And I would like to have their voice at the table so we could keep them engaged and hopefully have them at the table when we bring this back to the voters. The other one is a person with a behavioral health expert that's not currently being paid. So there's no conflict of interest from shs\$ and one, one taxpayer who's an individual, that could live anywhere in Multnomah County, ideally outside of Portland, just to keep that balance going. And I hope that we recruit somebody with a lived experience, either, as with homelessness or with behavioral health. Those are that's the perspective I think would make that table of making decisions. And steering and guiding and holding accountability stronger than the current body of just the five electeds that I just concede with not allowing it with them, not being a voting. Since maps were voted yes on that. So I can do the math so that will pass 3 to 2. And so I'm trying to make this one stronger. In my opinion.

Speaker: My question is some of my question. And some of this got worked out in the break or my question answered in the break, was about specifically calling out one chamber in particular when we have numerous chambers, I like the idea of having that perspective. I just want to make it inclusive. And, we have a lot of minority chambers and business.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: So, with that understanding that we can change it to be an inclusive Multnomah County chamber member of any chamber or organization, business organization.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: My attachment there is more the candidates that, in my opinion should rise to the top are those that were actively working on the show's passage in 2020 and those that have been critical friends since then. Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Sure. So I'm trying to follow, how this discussion has evolved, and I think it's evolved considerably over the course of the morning, so one question on the table was, should ex-officio members have a vote? And it seems like there's now a consensus in the room that ex officio members should not have a vote. Is that that's correct.

Speaker: It was correct after you seconded the mayor's amendment, because, again, I can do the math. And that means that you would vote for that 3 to 2.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Got it. So now the basic debate is, how many ex-officio or non-voting members we have, and it seems like the options are 3 or 7. Is that roughly correct, and then within that, there's a question of who gets to nominate those either three representatives versus, seven representatives, colleagues. I'll tell you, I'm a little bit agnostic on that. I think I'd like to hear some dialog between the mayor and commissioner Ryan, on which answer is best. Unless you guys agree on a solution.

Speaker: So let me ask a couple of questions then, if I could, and I'm going to ask of staff. So my reasoning for as drafted, the four ex-officio members were non-voting. And then I added in through my proposed amendment the three members as commissioner Ryan had described them, also as ex-officio non-voting members, for a total of seven. So I added his three to the four that were already included. Can you describe what the four that were in the original base ordinance, what those four ex-officio members represented?

Speaker: Yeah, thanks, mayor. So, those four members, as delineated in the iga are home forward the independent housing authority in the region, metro housing

director and the coordinated care organization like health share of Oregon, for example. And then one another representative to be identified and that would be identified by the steering and oversight committee. So that fourth person was not, specified who they would be, the idea behind those four members, or at least those three that are, clearly listed and I believe this was the understanding, is that those three are the biggest kind of payers into that system. So whether it's the health share or health share is like, the leader of the board of all the hospital groups and all of the health care representatives in the region, or, metro, obviously with the shs tax is providing a lot of the funds that would flow into this system, specifically home forward being the independent housing authority really runs the majority of affordable housing within the region. So that was the idea to have them sitting on the committee, but being no non-voting members.

Speaker: And, skylar, is it your impression that given that they are largely funders of this system, that their voice at the table would be important? Yes okay. I'm not sure what I could probably if we add commissioner Ryan's three, I don't have a problem removing the one. Discretionary member, if you will, but it seems to me those other voices are important voices to have as we're making strategic decisions as they are the funders of the system.

Speaker: Are they already involved in the system? Are those are pretty commonplace players. So they're already in the system. They're already at some tables. Correct.

Speaker: They are. They are at some tables. I think the thinking that's the difference then is definitely that the steering and oversight committee will create the bylaws, will create the charter for the system. And having the biggest funders kind of into that system, they thought made sense, is my understanding. Yeah. Okay.

Speaker: I might just offer up. I mean, when you talk specifically about metro, you know, they're already extremely prescriptive in terms of corrective action, requirements to the county. They have a giant stick. And I almost wonder if we're giving them too much of a stick by putting them in this, in this role, again, I'm responding in real time to the, the to the various points. But if I get commissioner Ryan's fundamental point is that we have some really important stakeholders in terms of who pays the taxes that have largely been excluded, from the development of our houseless policy in the region. And, I metro is not one of the people that's been excluded from the dialog here. And, so I just would submit that I think health care's or health shares are sort of separate. Very interesting question. And I'm going to just leave that open right now. I'm kind of pondering that, given the need for them to be involved on both the behavioral health and core medical, but do they not already have pretty, you know, substantial voice? And just to give you an example, they have very direct, influence the city of Portland and their funding of things like chat. We have to play by their rules and, we engage with them strategically, because they're a funding source. I just don't know that they need another seat at the table in order to carry that very big stick. Again, I'm adjusting in real time. I totally get engaging with those folks at a strategic level over the long term. I just, some of them already hold a lot of sway in this area.

Speaker: Yes, I think that makes sense, commissioner. I also i'll just state because you all might not be aware, but the implementation subcommittee does contain the metro housing director, home forward and health share. So they are participating in that committee, I think there was a thought that having those funders also at the steering and oversight committee would make sense to really bring them into this conversation, kind of at that highest level. That's a choice, for all of you to make.

Speaker: And honestly, as we talked that through out loud, the mayor and the chair can choose to invite them to those meetings. So if they so choose, and that's really your if you feel like they need to be at that particular table, you invite them as often as you want.

Speaker: And I think the steering and oversight committee will set bylaws in a charter. And so they could also choose at that point to include other staff or other members as well. So I do think they could make that choice down the road. So should they. So choose. Okay commissioner Mapps, then commissioner Rubio, I'm going to ask ask staff for some advice and perhaps some guidance here.

Speaker: I think you've heard what commissioner Ryan is trying to accomplish, and I think you have a pretty good sense of what the mayor is trying to accomplish. And certainly you folks are the experts in terms of the micro mechanics of how this iga is going to work. Do you, do you have a recommendation on how we can reconcile all this? Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Could I just intercede one thing? Yeah. You're asking direct reports of the mayor, I know. How do you expect them?

Speaker: I mean, well, I would I would be interested.

Speaker: I trust them to be working hard on this.

Speaker: It's a fair, legitimate question, but it's kind of venue shopping, right? You ask the direct reports of any commissioner. What do you expect them to say? Well actually, I don't know.

Speaker: I for the most part, i, I'm on staff to be commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: I think it's a fair question, but I think it's disingenuous in this context. I think that go ahead. I just put it on the record, this type of venue shopping and that type of actually, I'm going to intervene.

Speaker: First of all, my staff has spent a year working on this. They have never demonstrated anything that honesty and integrity and transparency to this council, and I frankly don't want them to be in the position of making a decision we have to make. It's a tough decision. And so, I think their original recommendation was the ordinance that we were to vote on last week and the day before the holiday, the afternoon before the holiday, we got a bunch of amendments, which we have included as part of this document, and they were the ones who led the effort to include those 12 additional changes to this document at the last minute. Frankly, by working over the holiday. So thank you for that, I think we're close here, commissioner Ryan. I don't think we're very far apart. I just from my perspective, I just want to make sure I understand it sounds like these important funding organizations are at the table elsewhere. And as commissioner Mapps indicated, they could be invited to sit in the room. They could be asked their opinion by members at the table. There's nothing that precludes the elected officials from saying, I want to hear from healthshare on this matter before we make a decision, or I want them to present, help us better understand. So I actually have less concern about that now that I've heard it, to be honest.

Speaker: Say something.

Speaker: Yes. Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: So, I agree with the to the metro housing director is at different levels. That feels out of form with the other ones. To me personally, and that's a staff level, you know, role which important, but maybe not at this table. I do think that health share should be there because I think that's the way to make them also buy into the plan and have a stake in what's happening. I think that's critically important. I think that's what's been missing from a lot of this. So I worry about taking health share off, also home forward for the same reason. So I actually support keeping,

everything we discussed, but just keeping home forward and health share and then putting metro, having having them have multiple other points of entry, unless it's a leadership level person, that would make sense to me.

Speaker: So, commissioner Ryan, commissioner Rubio has offered a friendly amendment to a friendly amendment. Can we all close the gap there at a second for this friendly.

Speaker: I don't we're not we're having a conversation. We're still we're still stay with it.

Speaker: Yeah, I heard what commissioner Rubio, said, and i, I get the reasoning around health share I really do that makes sense. They haven't been at the table. They're a provider of revenue and expertise on knitting together what's been too often ignored at the county's homeless response around behavioral health and mental health, home forward is a provider that receives a lot of money from the coffers of the taxpayers of the city and the county, and I don't have the same sentiment about them being at the table.

Speaker: I actually share commissioner Ryan's concern about recipients being in this particular context. I think we need their feedback, I at a strategic level, I wouldn't put what to me is akin to a vendor at a strategic guidance level. Funders are are one thing, that's nothing personal about them. But i, I have some trepidation on that. I commissioner, I am intrigued about your point about health share, though, and I'm thinking this through in my head. I mean, you have the you have the behavioral side of it and the medical side of it. And when we're thinking about a system for homeless, commissioner Ryan's amendment called for a behavioral health expert that's not a current provider, that actually checks the box of the primary voice that I would think of. But is it when you're thinking of a system, the health share component related to medical or homeless? I'm just trying to parse

out what actually health services health share kind of brings both potentially both sides of that. I'm just I'm just trying to understand more what we're well, i, commissioner, I hear you, I am just going also on the fact that it got elevated to the point that they should be at a leadership level.

Speaker: And there's a there there. I'm assuming there is reason and discussion for that and that there has been lengthy dialog around why. So I'm not going to pretend to know why, but maybe we can ask staff what was the thinking behind nils share?

Speaker: Do you want to go? No so health share. It's a coordinated care organization. They have the most members kind of those coordinated care organizations in the region. Their membership is largely Oregon health plan members. So medicaid and medicare members and so the idea was a lot of the folks that were served under the homelessness response system would also be healthshare members, and previously, they hadn't necessarily been at some of the tables where we were making those decisions. This idea was, to your point, commissioner Rubio, to integrate those systems with also our shelter strategies, our housing strategies, and to make sure that we were, implementing accordingly. And so that's why they're present at the implementation table. But it was also thought that maybe they should be at the steering and oversight committee as a non-voting member, so that they could provide some strategic guidance. They could educate about the different programs that were in place, and they could represent their membership who are largely, there's a the venn diagram is largely a circle of the folks that were serving in our sheltering, strategies with the healthshare membership as well.

Speaker: And just.

Speaker: Oh, go ahead. I didn't mean interrupt.

Speaker: No, it's okay. Those sound like valid reasons for me around health share specifically.

Speaker: And just so clarification then so we're envisioning, you know, this is a medicaid eligible community for the large part. So, we absolutely need them, to be medicaid eligible, be acquiring their information and building a system that supports them. I just I just want also want to just want to calibrate expectations, though, because healthcare does have kind of our health share has kind of these two pieces and they don't they're actually sometimes don't even really feel integrated between the behavioral health and the core medical. Even within health. Share. And so, I just wanted to be clear as to what we're trying to solve for. And if, you know, whether they should be at the strategic level or one of the lower boards, I don't know that I have that super strong opinion. And again, thank you for the explanation. I don't know on health share that I have a strong opinion where they should sit, but they should be a stakeholder in some respect.

Speaker: And i'll just say one more thing I don't. I don't, I think for similar reasons, I understand what you're saying about, home forward. I my concern is for similar disconnection reasons. So, so for accountability and for alignment. They do bring in national, you know, federal resources. And that is my concern. That would be my concern to not not because they are bringing a system or a perspective of business as usual. It's more concern that, where we could leverage fully leverage out what they have to bring to bear. There might be opportunity. We're leaving on the table. That's my concern, that probably is the thinking to sort of be have a more productive alignment of their resources with these resources at the leadership level. So I think it makes sense. I mean, I don't have a strong opinion about that one, but I do about health share for sure, but I would i'll probably defer to the mayor because his team has been working on this for a long time, so.

Speaker: Well, you know, home forward is you indicate brings federal resources to the table. And so they have to be involved at some level. Yeah they are health share has to be involved at some level. County has to be involved or excuse me, the metro has to be involved at some level. And I want to acknowledge that commissioner Ryan has taken a big step here from where we were last time. Insofar as they are not voting members, they are ex officio members. So I want to acknowledge that commissioner Ryan has put a compromise on the table. So from my perspective, this isn't necessarily a hill to die on. There's a much bigger picture here, and I think what we could do, unless anybody has specific questions, why don't we hear public testimony? I know we have, I have invited some testimony. People who bring some broad perspectives to this iga, and I think we have a couple of people who will want to testify on the amendments since. Well, first of all, is commissioner Ryan's amendment on the table yet? I don't believe it's been it's not on the table right now because we were editing it in real time. Do you want to leave it open for now and you can put it on?

Speaker: I want to say this before the testimony so people can see how this is moving along. I agree about health share along with commissioner Rubio. I think that was a really great add on today, I don't have the same sentiment about, home forward. And so I would be fine, editing this friendly amendment to friendly amendment to friendly amendment to add, healthcare as a non-voting member. The rest are so embedded in this system and, I want to end with saying that these additions help us really shake up a system that has been so rooted in in the housing first model, and no one disagrees that housing is important. It's just that we've been struggling to bring in mental health and behavioral health into this conversation. So this gives us the hope and also the independence of voices

outside of the system. So I'm getting very satisfied that the non-voting composite is giving us that balance that will keep the pressure on, to keep improving the system.

Speaker: Commissioner, I just maybe I'd like to get to public testimony, but a question for staff. Maybe you could educate my team while we're going through public is really understanding the flow of funds related to home forward to and from the joint office, because I'm actually not very clear on that. I understand what they do generally in the region and I understand they have other sources of funds, but how it flows to and from the joint office, I'm, I don't, I don't know. So I if you could educate my team while we're listening to public testimony that would be appreciated. I'm happy to happy.

Speaker: Great. And, at some point I think, commissioner Ryan, if you are going to put an amendment on the table after public testimony, we need to go through it again and make sure that we have the language correct, because based on our transparent dialog that we just had, we can now put together an amendment on what we just heard.

Speaker: And so tj's working on that.

Speaker: Okay, great. Yeah. Good public testimony, we'll start with invited testimony. We have a couple of folks, do you have that list or do I have it? I haven't, of course I do.

Speaker: One moment.

Speaker: I just have a question, this was a second reading before when I went home last night, so how did we know we were going to have testimony today?

Speaker: Usually I did, as the presiding officer, I have discretion to bring testimony. My read of the room when we sat down last time was the iga was in mortal peril. And so I thought it would be important to bring some of the community voices that,

you know, worked with us over the course of the last year to develop this iga, to give their perspectives.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Just wanted to make sure you'll be familiar with procedure virtually each and every one of the first time I've experienced it.

Speaker: Right.

Speaker: So we're going to hear both invited as well as testimony for the public. Testimony will be both on the iga as I said, as well as on the specific amendment. Each testifier Keelan will be limited to our usual three minutes. First, we have andy mendenhall and ceo, who is the ceo of central city concern, andy, thanks for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Afternoon mr. Mayor, members of City Council, thank you for allowing me to speak today in support of the proposal for adoption of the new intergovernmental agency with Multnomah County. For the record, I'm doctor andy mendenhall, ceo and president of central city concern, known as c.c.c. Again, thank you for the opportunity to be here. As you know, we are a major provider of health care, housing and employment services in the region and we serve vulnerable members of our community and have for the last 45 years, we strongly supports the city's endorsement of the new intergovernmental agreement between the city and county. We believe that adopting the new homelessness response system ordinance is needed and will bring positive outcomes to our region for a couple of different reasons. The first reason I'd like to highlight is that this iga acknowledges a renewed and strengthened relationship between the city and county, and amplifies alignment and commitment to key strategies to resolve the homelessness and behavioral health crisis, harming our region. Second, the Multnomah County homelessness response action plan addresses our community

challenges in the appropriate size, scope, scale, and forms of intervention necessary to heal some much neglected areas of investment. This plan was developed with the broad base of experts and stakeholders, including direct input from those experts. Through the Portland central city task force, convened by governor kotek in the fall of 2023. Third, and highlighting, mayor Wheeler, your your initial, presentation of this iga, the new iga robustly supports the framework for accountability for Multnomah County to deliver on the homelessness response action plan and also elevates both shared ownership and transparency demanded by the public to understand the investment of regional tax dollars collected to care for our unsheltered. Pardon me, our unsheltered and vulnerable neighbors. Supporting this new iga is an important commitment to partnership and the deployment of a critical systemic plan and investment to respond to our homelessness and behavioral health crises. It won't solve every problem, and inevitably, there will be disagreements. But neither the city nor the county can meet the goal of ending homelessness or making our city a place where we can be more proud of by tackling these issues alone, we're optimistic about the homelessness response action plan and its strategic direction, and urge you to support the homelessness response system iga ordinance. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you doctor mendenhall. We appreciate your leadership. Next up we have mindy stadlander, the ceo of health share of Oregon. Thank you for being here. You probably have much to say.

Speaker: Yes, please educate us. I saw your questions. I

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. So my name is mindy statlander and I'm the ceo of health share of Oregon health shares, the state's largest coordinated care organization. And we work with a variety of partners to administer the Oregon health plan for more than 450,000 people living in the tri

county areas. Many of those constituents are the same as the ones that you work to serve. Much like you talked about, I think we all have work to do around integration, both within our housing system, within our medical community, and within behavioral health services. And I'm so excited that you're on the precipice of leading work that's going to do that very thing. I'm here to testify in support of the homelessness response action plan and urge you all to move forward with the IGA, with Multnomah County, to support this important work. We're at a critical point in time, and I am fully supportive of this plan. It's actionable. It rapidly expands our shelter capacity and ensures an organized housing, navigation and care coordination system that we don't have right now. It increases access to much needed behavioral health services and identifies specific strategies to better serve community members of color and LGBTQIA, two plus individuals who are also experiencing homelessness from a health care perspective, recognizing the link between homeless services, behavioral health, and medical services is critical to making sure not only that we do a better job of serving the community members we're all charged to serve, but also that we're good stewards of taxpayer dollars. I want to emphasize, though, that any plan is only as good as the implementation, as you all have championed. We've spent far too long planning while community members suffer, and it's time to get to work. The most important part of this plan is the accountability for execution that comes with it. The city, county, a broad array of community stakeholder staff like me and members of my team will learn and adjust as we implement this plan. And we've already seen improvements through things that you've prioritized around shelters and safe rest villages. And we're positioned to do more so with your leadership and oversight. We can improve the lives of Portlanders and the vibrancy of our city. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And could I ask a question? You heard some of the discussion here around the dais. Did you have a particular opinion one way or the other?

Speaker: You know, I really respect your leadership role in setting the framework around who you need at the table. We will be here to support the implementation of this work in whatever capacity. You see fit.

Speaker: Great answer. Well done.

Speaker: A plus. We're the politicians here. That was I we need training.

Speaker: Good one on one. Next up we have, chief de with the Portland police bureau. Chief, thank you for being here.

Speaker: Well, good afternoon.

Speaker: Afternoon, so, mayor, thank you. Commissioners thank you, I just want to share quickly. I got a text on my personal phone this morning from a buddy of mine. He was with some other men last night, and they were discussing a dinner they had last Friday night at andina at 13th and glisan. And, they said, you know, we were down there a year ago and it was discouraging because it was surrounded by boarded up windows, graffiti and more. We were concerned about our safety, as was the staff, last weekend it had changed significantly. Businesses are back with windows clear and the restaurant is doing well. And I want you to know that I hear that regularly, and I attest that to all of your leadership and all of the bureaus, and to see the city really working together. And it's not just about the police. So it's just, wanted to pass on that encouragement. I also have enjoyed probably one of the few, the robust discussion, whether today or last week's council, that I pay attention to around these issues, and honor just to share for a few moments my thoughts. Why I support this. And I have my own, very transparent concerns around some of our processes and cooperation and partnerships with some of our fellow public leaders. But I really have a lot of confidence in the mayor and his team, and I want

to thank skyler knapp and others who worked on this, because they were very intentional on including a public safety lens in this conversation. And my understanding of this agreement is it provides for some additional resources for public safety, specific, even law enforcement. And the next week or two, i'll be taking my team to tour unity, where there will be some additional beds set aside with the commitment that we will have, opportunity to take people who are danger to themselves or others or intoxicated, unable to care for themselves. This is a service that we have not had since the sobering center was closed back in 2024. I mean, excuse me, 2020, we're in 2024. And, I know that the county is moving forward on trying to establish a new center, but this stop gap will be a great opportunity for us, and I look forward to seeing the renovations they've done and then their willingness to commit to partner with us and having this in place and having us to be able to have influence in that. With the new, guardrails that are put in to this agreement to give the city, a more of an influence in the decision making is critical. You also heard from doctor mendenhall. We work very closely with c.c.c. On many different initiatives, so I appreciate his leadership and forward thinking. And I know that this is going to create additional treatment options and areas where we step in specifically. So I share many of the council's concerns and thoughts about going forward. It's not lost on me. It's a significant chunk of change. And it is the taxpayers money. But feel believe that the mayor and the team have done a great job including us. In this conversation. I wanted to make sure you were aware of that. So thank you for your ongoing support. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thanks, chief. Appreciate it, next up, nate takara, incident commander, street services coordination center. Hi, nate. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor. Good afternoon, commissioners, my name is nate takara. I'm the incident commander for the street services coordination center.

The SSC was created under the leadership of Mayor Wheeler in March of 2022. Our objectives are to streamline services for the folks living outside and to coordinate camp cleanups with the various city bureaus. I work closely with the impact reduction program, Port Fire Police, and of course, our newly formed city outreach team. I was very fortunate to be part of the team that got the Clinton Triangle up and running. I'm able to see firsthand the importance of partnership between the city, county and our shelter provider, Urban Alchemy. And the difference this makes is for the betterment of those experiencing homelessness. The Clinton Triangle task site is a very unique because of this partnership on a regular basis and through collaboration efforts, there are multiple Multnomah County providers providing medical, dental, addiction recovery, mental health, social work, peer and housing supportive services on site at the Clinton Triangle. All provide individualized support for individuals staying at the Clinton Triangle. These important wraparound services are an essential part of getting these individuals prepared for housing. I've been a first responder for 36 years, and I see the parallel between the emergency room and the Clinton Triangle as a medic, we transported individuals needing assistance to the emergency room. Once there, they would be able to be stabilized and moved on to appropriate care. This is no different than what's occurring at the Clinton Triangle. Our outreach teams can refer individuals, individual campers on the street directly into the Clinton Triangle. Once there, these individuals are able to stabilize and receive the essential wraparound services that are needed to move them through the continuum of care. Adult goal of getting these individuals housed. Speaking from the perspective of the Street Services Coordination Center, the key components of the partnership between the city and the county are housing components and the wraparound services that are being provided on site. This allows a constant flow of individuals coming into the shelter site and moving on to

stabilized housing. This continued continuous flow allows our team to continue to get the people that are camping on our streets into shelter and receive the help they need with the short period of time. Through this effort, the city, urban alchemy and the county provided were collaboratively able to house over 160 individuals over the last eight months. Mayor, the concept that you envision with the creation of the clinton triangle works. Again, thank you very much for allowing me to comment on this idea.

Speaker: Thank you very much, nate. Appreciate it, jim francesconi, former city of Portland commissioner. Welcome, jim. Thank you. Thank you for being here.

Speaker:

Speaker: So I'm here kind of to support the iga and really in two capacities. One is that prior experience as a city commissioner, which is dated. And I didn't have the challenges that you have. I did have parks, transportation and fire, but not the challenges that you have. Secondly, now I'm a citizen and I always will be a citizen in my diminishing life period here that I have and so our goal is not only to help government because government has to lead the reduction of harm to our brothers and sisters living on the streets, but also to our neighborhoods and businesses. But we also have to restore the ability of government and its credibility to solve other, more difficult problems. So those are the purposes. So the reason to support the iga is because we do need to focus on implementation, but we have to appreciate the work that you've done. The county chair has done the commissioners have done to set the stage for that. We can't be diverted for the first time. The performance of elected officials is going to be measured by do they produce a thousand shelter beds in two years or not, that these are the kind of are we going to end discharge from the hospitals or not? Are we going to house 2600 people or not? It took guts for elected leadership. I'm not sure I would have had it to

tell the public, we're going to do this in a specific time period, including your folks. So that's number one. Two is the integrated. Finally, it's not just housing only, it's behavioral health. And integrating the systems. That's the second thing. The third is the governance changes. You talked about. The one I haven't heard enough about is the operations committee. Michael Jordan is going to be co-chairing it. The city has equal authority on it. And the charge of the operations committee is the financing, the performance measurements, how you execute this thing. Stepping away from the IGA throws out the goals and you're still going to hold the bag. And you also are going to have I didn't know the difference between Medicare and Medicaid and Medicare when I was on the City Council accessing as commissioner Gonzales said, those Medicaid dollars with leaders like Mindy who are sitting here and Andy that are volunteering to help, that's what you want. Plus, the state and the federal government have to do more for Portland and Multnomah County, and only that will happen with a joint process between city and county. So our goal here is to help the homeless. But our goal is also what can we do to assist you because we have deeper other issues that we're not getting to as a community. Thanks for your leadership. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it, Jim, that complete, sorry.

Speaker: No, I just wanted to thank Commissioner Francesconi for being here today.

Speaker: And testifying also for your tens of hours, you're putting in this, could you identify the group that's been working so diligently on this that you're a member of?

Speaker: Sure. I'll be happy to. So and again, first, let me say that this informal kitchen cabinet purpose was to assist you, that we knew that none of us were elected and that you were the decision makers. We also want to say that the plan

passed by the county and you is better than the draft plan, and it has additional items, including how to address the flow into unstructured homelessness. Thirdly, I want to thank people like Angela Martin and others from here together that actually work to improve the plan. But answering your question directly and I can give you a list. It's been my belief that you need key stakeholders from organized labor, from the business community, including the Metro Chamber and Oregon Business Council, from OSF and the philanthropic foundations from, a trusted leaders and the, the purpose of the group was nobody could be just representing their groups. It's all about what can we do to help address some of these issues. So but we also met with the mayor separately with the chair, separately with the governor separately, and said to them, as I'm telling said in my repeating, this is your plan. It's not our plan. The reason you have never seen us comment publicly on this is because it's not our plan. It's a draft. We were not elected. You're elected. So frankly, it was to help jumpstart some conversations that should have happened a long ago. Like specific goals.

Speaker: Yes. We've been asking for that for years. So thank you. And thank you for your, your volunteerism and your influence with the kitchen cabinet.

Speaker: And I apologize for some of my Italian, temperament that comes out sometimes. Commissioner Ryan, it's okay.

Speaker: Irish Catholic people understand that, too.

Speaker: Thank you. Hi, Commissioner Rubio, I have a question and thank you again for your work and your testimony, so do you have as someone who has been part of this, informal kitchen cabinet and talking frankly about all the pieces, one of those pieces being governance. What is your opinion? What is the role or benefit of having Home Forward or Home Share, on on that governance.

Speaker: Council.

Speaker: Well, first of all, and I appreciate commissioner Ryan, the, your efforts to create a united front so that we can move collectively on implementation. So, first of all, my belief is you're elected. We're not. Home forward's not elected. Mindy is tremendous as she is. Is not elected. So you need elected people to lead with our job to help. So steering committee members at that level, I totally support the mayor need to be only elected on the other hand, when you've got the city fire police, I know the pressures you're under. If you've got additional partners that have resources, why would you not include home forward? Why would you not include, it just, health share. And I appreciate the debate you're having. It just doesn't doesn't make on the other hand. So that's my opinion. They should be there if we're going to add people other than electeds, then they should be there.

Speaker: Well, your original proposal has them, and now the idea of adding voices I submit support you, commissioner Ryan, and the idea of adding.

Speaker: But I want to again emphasize that for this, the phase we're in now is implementation. I cannot picture this steering committee setting. They set the table and the goals, but I cannot picture at least our council. When I was there couldn't implement this. And this is a lot more complex. So that's why you have michael jordan and that's why you have the police and that's why you have the fire, and that's why you have behavioral health. It's the operation committee that is going to determine whether this thing is successful. That's my belief. That's the only part of that draft plan. That was history that I wrote was the operation committee, because I know that you need the power of the bureaus, working with the power, the departments at the staff level. Now, that doesn't mean you don't set the goals. And I admired you. Gosh, you're trying to do run things out of your offices. I admired that, commissioner Ryan, when you did, and you and I had a conversation about it, we had to do that. Okay, I'm not criticizing that. But the point I'm making here is this

is so complex that this has to be done at the operations level. And you got great people here. It's been a privilege for me to work not only with the mayor's office, but with the county chair herself, the county departments and I know there's challenges, and I know that there's missteps, but we're on the right path.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Jim. Appreciate it very much. That concludes mr. Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I noticed, we have county commissioner Sharon Myron, in the audience. Do you intend to testify or would you like to testify, commissioner, I signed up.

Speaker: Oh. Very good. Why don't you come on up, commissioner, there's.

Speaker: People have signed up, and she's on the side.

Speaker: She's on the list. She signed up, and she was actually first, right?

Speaker: She signed up for public testimony.

Speaker: Well, she's first now. Yeah. Come on up.

Speaker: How much public testimony is there?

Speaker: Three. Three people. Okay

Speaker: Thank you. Welcome, commissioner. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for the record, Sharon Meieran, Multnomah County commissioner, serving district one. Sharon Meieran. So, this is not an IGA. It's a CYA. This is not a plan based on meeting identified specific needs or setting achievable goals to break with our shared history of unmitigated failure. It's a series of false promises built on faulty premises, meant to make people believe things have changed from the last time the city and county put their heads together. Not that long ago. We're investing in marketing without having designed or created a product. I appreciate City Councilors asking some real questions. Last week, and they didn't seem placated by the superficial responses they received. I appreciate

commissioner Ryan proposed an amendment around leadership of the steering committee, and that some basic accountability measures, which are missing, were proposed in a directive. But adding three people to the sea of politicians directing governments isn't going to change our system. There are no teeth to the requirement of the directive, and the county is just going to be able to keep manufacturing numbers that don't reflect reality. We've tried this approach before, when the county set a goal of getting 300 people off the street in six months, they ended up with seven. Nothing in this document contemplates any changes to the process that failed so publicly and miserably. Now the numbers 2599 like that means anything. Why not 2600? Why not 2598? This ought to be an answerable question, but it's not. There's no justification for selecting the goal, and there's no understanding of what's needed, the costs or timelines or procedures necessary to get there. It's just meant to sound good. Here are the fundamental questions we should be able to ask and answer. If we're going to approve a whole new bureaucracy to cost of hundreds of millions of dollars to address homelessness. First, what are the city and county's basic roles and responsibilities in regard to homelessness? I've asked this questions for months, as have some of you. And county leadership still can't answer the question. Neither city nor county are able to describe their current roles or responsibilities in regard to homelessness. Let that sink in for a minute, because it should be shocking. The local governments responsible for overseeing a \$400 million budget for homelessness, hundreds of millions more for public safety cleanup and behavioral health treatment can't provide a basic diagram depicting who does what in regard to homelessness, but they're offering a new so-called plan that doesn't describe how a single thing will change. No one running for mayor. Not that anyone is or anything, but hypothetically should be able to look at themselves in the mirror and be okay with

signing this malarkey. This agreement should have been done until that most basic question of who does what is answered, but it does do one thing. Indisputably, I request I have just a couple of minutes and I ask for your grace and finishing.

Speaker: We have a pretty well look. A courtesy isn't elected.

Speaker: Thank you, I appreciate that.

Speaker: I appreciate that mayor. This consolidates and this should be a concern to the city. It consolidates leadership of the system in the office of the county chair, leadership of operations, and a director chosen by the chair and determination of policy plans and a committee made up of politicians. We need a committee of experts, accountable structures and achievable goals built on established needs, with tracked markers and timelines to hold all parties accountable. The deliverables that everyone gets so excited about and point to as something solid in this otherwise vague, amorphous collection of jargon literally falls apart under the slightest scrutiny. We won't be doing anyone any favors a year from now, a year and a half from now, when we're supposed to have met these measures by adopting a plan that pulls a bunch of numbers from thin air with no basis in reality, no budget and no strategy associated with them, and literally zero chance of achieving them. No hospital system has been engaged with the process yet. This document proclaims that if adopted, no one will ever again be discharged from an e.r. Or a hospital. Back to the streets. I work in an e.r. And that's ludicrous. My medical diagnosis of the city is it's suffering from an acute case of delusional psychosis. But we get away with it because no one's diagnosing it. And it's a shared delusion with people who should be calling it out. But it's not too late to do the right thing. And I see that you're moving toward that, that I appreciate first and foremost. We desperately need a clear accounting for the roles and responsibilities of city and county should be done, should be doable in a week. We're already required by the

current iga not to disrupt services. If it expires and it's going to expire before anything is done here. So let's continue to provide services. That's what true collaboration is about. And that's what we're about here. And remember finally, it's about people's lives promising false deliverables that sound good for politicians. Installing a cabal of politicians to lead the system. These do harm and they put politics over. People in our city and county deserve better.

Speaker: Commissioner, we're. Thank you. Over the three.

Speaker: And so thank you just my last we need to end it the political drama. This iga has become and solve a real humanitarian public health and safety crises. Let's show real leadership and collaboration and do what's right. Making progress sometimes mean changing directions, and I look forward to working with all of you on what we can, what we can accomplish here. Thank you. Thank you for and thank you for your courtesy.

Speaker: We appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have michael kelly, michael kelly, jared essig.

Speaker: Welcome, jared. Sorry.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, mayor Wheeler, councilors and commissioner myron, my name is jared essig. I was houseless in los angeles for three years under the eric garcetti administration before moving to Portland, I was cully housed for a winter here in Portland. I'm disappointed that there's no one else with lived experience proposed. As a member, either voting or non-voting to this committee, since Portland is a destination on the Oregon trail, unlike boise or grants pass, which are merely waypoints, efforts to criminalize poverty and push houseless people away are less likely to be successful here, and the city and county should focus on promoting social, economic and geographic mobility instead. Now people talk about housing first or behavioral health services services first, I think both of

those are errors, although sometimes one or the other might be appropriate. Maybe you could, get the chinese benevolent association to provide qigong classes in old town instead of, you know, plying people with psychopharmaceuticals as a solution to the alleged mental health problems which do exist. And ptsd awareness month should make you aware that it's not always material causation. That's a factor here. And you know, aristotle has to get brought back to the universities. When you talk about efficient and final causation in nature, you know, people want meaning in life. There is a purpose to, to, you know, being born a human homosapien and not merely like a goose or a duck or a squirrel, although those are good things to be. Now people come because they want maybe a learning opportunity, higher education, personal quest, why did the Oregon trail pioneers come out here in the first place? So you can work with your counties in rural districts to provide temporary, seasonal work and timber, fishing, agriculture, things like that, shipping industry here in Portland, these are all possibilities. It's very hard to find low barrier to entry day wage labor to get paid. At the end of the day. That's what I was looking for when I was homeless in Ia. It was almost impossible to find. People want to put me in houses or ply me with drugs. Those are the two. You have to humiliate yourself so profoundly to get services. So I support commissioner myron's critique, but she hasn't given a very coherent alternative yet, the homeless response action plan should include these measurable, community wide indicators of this. I want to invite you all to meet me tonight at the blanchett house. I'll lay out my, for dinner. I'll buy you all dinner. Blanchett house at five. I'll lay out the rest of my plan. And you're invited to commissioner marin and the board.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Complaints, testimony.

Speaker: All right, that completes public testimony. Colleagues. Commissioner Ryan, I believe tj was working furiously to hot off the press some language together. Here.

Speaker: Pins and needles. Here we go. Thank you. There's a lot of trust. So I'm going to read this right now. Right here's the updated version based on the dialog we've had up here at the dais. The soc is composed of five voting members. The county chair, the city mayor, one county commissioner, one member of City Council, and an east Multnomah city mayor. The soc will include four non voting members, one business sector representative nominated by any business chamber of commerce located in Multnomah County. One behavioral health expert not a current provider with the parties nominated by the county and an shs taxpayer who is a non Portland resident. And this just in the ceo of healthshare Oregon. The county chair will serve as a chairperson of the soc. The city mayor will select the member from City Council, and the county chair will appoint the member from the county commission. The parties will jointly approve the business sector representative behavioral health expert and the s h s taxpayer. That is how it's been written. That's how it's been written that we are submitting, I will just add these two things. I think the business representative should be somebody that's been engaged in this fight from bringing it to the ballot in 2020, since many were. And I think that the individual shs taxpayer should have lived experience either homeless in the past or behavioral health and or that's my personal opinion as we do our recruitment.

Speaker: I have one question and thank you for this clarification. And, it was collective. Yeah, I appreciate it. So, just operationally, how do you pick the ex-officio, the non-voting member from a chamber located within Multnomah County operationally? Just how do you see that working?

Speaker: Can I supplement that question? It's a little bit of a question for legal counsel because we the final sentence of this clause does address the approval of those positions. And so the but it it's hinged on the parties as opposed to the voting members of the committee. So is the parties. I just am supplementing your question.

Speaker: You're asking who are the parties?

Speaker: Yeah. Is the parties is the county and the city, here we have a lawyer coming.

Speaker: I can jump up to answer.

Speaker: I think this partially answers your question, but not completely.

Speaker: So let's let's hear that first and maybe that will clarify.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor, commissioners heidi brown, chief deputy, city attorney, I think the parties were intended because the parties to the to the iga are the county and the city. So that's my understanding of that reference. But if we want to, amend it to just make that very clear that the, the parties come to the county and the city, but that would be the, the normal understanding of that term in this context.

Speaker: Is it implied that it's that we then vote on those appointments at both the city and the county, that that the city and county would jointly approve?

Speaker: Yeah, because the parties are the city and the county.

Speaker: Yeah. At that moment.

Speaker: So it may not fully answer your step by step question, but the end result is both the city and county have to approve the those three folks.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: And weirdly enough, my thinking was it creates an odd dynamic in terms of the various chambers. They are individual organizations. They have specific

objectives and reasons for existing. And I'm trying to decide how we would pick from amongst the chambers. You have the african American chamber, you have business for a better Portland. You have the Portland metro chamber. How do we decide which chamber?

Speaker: Can I partially answer that? Yeah, sure. That'd be up to you in the chair. I mean, that's in some respects I think it is the parties would ultimately.

Speaker: So I mean each one could I think nominate I'm sorry and heidi could answer but I think each one could nominate. The parties are defined as the city and the county, and the city and county would have to mutually agree.

Speaker: And when you say the city and the county, what do you mean specifically the agreement?

Speaker: The parties are defined as the city. And so the actual commission and the City Council would have to agree that the agreement is between the iga, between the city and the county.

Speaker: So I think it would depend on when this question arises of who's going to be jointly approving them. But generally you would probably delegate that to I mean, I can think of some scenarios and we don't have to write this into the iga.

Speaker: I could see a scenario whereby we take all of our chambers and we rotate through them and say, you guys select a member and then six months later you select a member a year or whatever the time frame. I mean, that's one strategy, but I just want to point out that this is a potentially sticky wicket for the electeds because the chambers, they're not all unified in their viewpoints, moving into hope on this one, we could have further dialog about criteria as we get closer to recruiting, because that's called implementation. I mean, at the end of the day, they're ex-officio non-voting, and any member of any chamber, I presume there are public meetings, aren't they?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: So any member of the public could participate. Okay. That's I think I've gotten as far as I can get on that, commissioner gonzales and then commissioner Rubio or did you have was that your question?

Speaker: I, I had a separate one, I guess the, but you know what? I want to see if my colleagues have any other questions. Right

Speaker: Are we still on discussion about this amendment or.

Speaker: I'm just trying to understand commissioner Ryan's amendment. Okay.

Speaker: I want to introduce another amendment. I don't want to hold up this amendment, but I would I was going to add my own amendment.

Speaker: Okay. So let's let's find out whether there is a second for commissioner Ryan's amendment as offered. I second commissioner gonzales seconds. So we'll call that Ryan once we have Wheeler one, we have Ryan one. Commissioner Rubio, so I would like to, I make a motion or would like to make an amendment or propose an amendment to add, home forward as an ex officio member or however we need to say it, that's in alignment with healthshare Oregon, how they're represented. Can you help us, heidi?

Speaker: Oh, I'm happy to. I just wanted to clarify one thing. That information I got back for somebody from somebody who's been working on this more closely than me, which is that the committee was set up, was not set up to be a public committee. So a public body. So mayor, in answer to your question, would it be open to the public then it's going to be up to the committee, because they're not set up, I guess as a governing body.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. But but the body itself could invite whoever they want and ask them to testify and ask their opinion. Correct?

Absolutely. Could any individual member of the voting body invite people to testify?

Speaker: I mean, that is a good question, and it would depend on how they set the committee up and what authority they granted to each committee member. Okay.

Speaker: So they would have to create their own rules. So, correct. Okay.

Speaker: They'll adopt bylaws and other rules to govern their structure.

Speaker: Okay. So, if I understand the flow here, so there is the amendment I put on the table. Then there's commissioner Ryan's amendment that potentially amends, if you will, the amendment that I put on the table, assuming it passes, it may not, but if it passes, then commissioner Ryan's amendment would amend mine. Correct. Or does it replace it?

Speaker: I think I think what I had heard and commissioner Ryan, you can correct me, but what I heard is you put an amendment on the table and commissioner Ryan separately put an amendment to his to his last week's amendment on the table. Okay. So I think you have two separate amendments.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan's then include all of the other language that is included in Wheeler one, except for the changes that he has specifically outlined, outlined here, I believe so, yes. Okay. And then commissioner Rubio, if I and keep me honest here, if I understand then if Wheeler one passes and Ryan one passes, Rubio's is actually an amendment to Ryan one, correct?

Speaker: Correct. Ryan one being today.

Speaker: Yes. Because I already have that voice included in Wheeler one, right?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Yeah. There. Because I had seven, one of which would be the home forward. So your amendment would only assuming it's seconded and it's on the table only applies if Ryan one passes. Do I have that right.

Speaker: Well, except that you're with me.

Speaker: I like the cut of your jib, young man. You'll go far there.

Speaker: We go. Sorry I agree with you. Except I would just clarify as a point of clarification. Your amendment did not specify who the four member non-voting members were in the iga, is it not?

Speaker: It's. It's getting head nods from stuff. It is not.

Speaker: That's not specified in the iga.

Speaker: So can I get clarification from staff on the record, please?

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: We're getting somewhere. This is tedious, but we are getting.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler, just to be clear what your question was, you're asking for the existing four non-voting members prior to correct? Correct. Where where where they are specified. That's your question. Okay.

Speaker: Hello. Council sarah morrissey, for the record, so the four members are listed in the homelessness response action plan, which is your exhibit that is tied to the ordinance. So it is a exhibit within the iga, within that it lists those four positions that you mentioned earlier.

Speaker: Correct?

Speaker: Okay. Great. Thank you. That clarifies. So commissioner Rubio, back to you. You have an amendment.

Speaker: I have an amendment to add, ceo of home forward, right after ceo of healthshare to, commissioner Ryan's amendment, should it pass, but should yours pass? It's already in there. Correct.

Speaker: I will second that. So we have Wheeler one. We have Ryan one and we have Rubio one and legal counsel. If I understand our conversation correctly, we should vote on them in that order. Correct

Speaker: I think that correct.

Speaker: So yours and then, commissioner Ryan's will amend if yours passes.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan's will amend yours to change 7 to 4. Correct. Then it will. And make the other changes. And then if commissioner Rubio's passes it will change 4 to 5 and add in. Yeah. So I think that's how it will work procedurally if and then I guess the only question that I have, because commissioner Rubio's was dependent on commissioner Ryan's passing, is, is your, amendment contingent on the mayor's passing today, commissioner Ryan, or is it independent, like if even if the mayor's fails, do you still is you're still coming forward.

Speaker: Do we even have to cross that right now?

Speaker: Let's. Yeah, let's vote on the mayor's. Yeah. Let's let's let's take the vote. I'm clearly not. So we can. Yeah. I'm clearly not for seven. That makes sense.

Speaker: Can I do a summary as well? Yes, please. Last week existed, and we had an amendment that we approved. And it was to add three voting members. Have we voted yet to get rid of that or is that what we're doing right now that that the ordinance has been amended to add three voting members.

Speaker: So that exists. That's currently what we know. That is currently what exists in the ordinance. So the mayor's amendment would change that if it was passed.

Speaker: And if that had passed, then mine would change it if it passed. Okay, great. So we went from three voting members last week to now, considering seven non voting members or my version four, which just adds the health share. And then Rubio's which would add five. Correct. All right. Just trying to simplify what is it has not been very simple.

Speaker: I had commissioner Mapps is next. Oh sorry.

Speaker: Let's just keep moving commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Oh thank you i, I just wanted to follow up on my question for, prior to testimony, and i, I'm getting a message from my team, but I just wanted to confirm

with your staff, mayor. So home forward and this really speaks to Rubio's amendment one. Home forward is a vendor for the joint office or a recipient of funds, correct? Yeah.

Speaker: Can we get clarification from staff and also the housing group?

Speaker: Okay. Do you need this back?

Speaker: Your steps in today.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor. And commissioners, for the record, skyler knapp, mayor's senior policy advisor.

Speaker: And I think we've crossed over. Good afternoon, I'm stacey boec. I use she her pronouns, deputy chief of staff to chair vega peterson. I'm happy to take your question, commissioner. The joint office home forward is a vendor of Multnomah County, both through the joint office and department of, county human services. I think if we looked at the pie of home forwards allocation from Multnomah County, it's fairly small there. The federal recipient of federal dollars coming into Multnomah County, they oversee section eight vouchers, public housing, domestic violence, family unification vouchers, all the vouchers that come in from hud go through home forward and you just I just wanted to make sure when i, what you describe the funds, they receive from the county, the two categories was one of those the joint office on homelessness or.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Well, they do receive they they administer funds, through what's called straw, which is short term rent assistance. So short term rent assistance, less than 24 months of assistance. Home forward through a network of dozens of providers, administers those funds, all of them community based organizations.

Speaker: Okay. And what's any idea how much they receive from the joint office? Like ballpark figure what we're talking about.

Speaker: I don't know, okay, I don't know. I'm depending on how long we're here, I might be able to find it, but I don't know it off the top of my head.

Speaker: That's helpful. And i, I very much appreciate, commissioner Rubio's amendment here. I understand what we're trying to get at. I have a general concern around recipients serving on the steering committee, as that's a it's not specific to home forward. That's a general concern. I also have a general concern of this board being too big as a steering committee. And whether we can find a place for home forward or any of these providers on a on another layer in the in the org chart, but that's, you know, I just putting that out there that's not specific to home forward. It's just they receive money from the joint office. And that at least raises questions whether they should be on the steering committee.

Speaker: But so I just have a question. So, there's a vast distinction between a nonprofit that's receiving the majority of their operating budget from the joint office or the county right to perform services versus home forward. That is a small percentage of multi million dollars from the federal government as passed through, would you say that we have more to leverage from home forward if they were at the table?

Speaker: I think that home forward receives the largest, allocation of hud resources and leveraging those resources locally and spending federal dollars first before we spend local dollars, I think is a smart strategy. And I think having hud or home forward at the table as a quasi governmental organization who can help leverage set policy that aligns with the work of the steering and oversight committee and the homelessness response team. I think casts a wider net in terms of the outcomes that we want to yield and keeps them closer to this work and, sets

priorities that are hopefully closer aligned to the work that the steering and oversight committee and the homelessness response system are doing. Does that answer your question, commissioner?

Speaker: Yeah. And the second part of that is so, do you feel like, will we have more like they're more likely to share their resources with a lot of the things that are going to come out of this effort than if they're independently not connected. I guess I'm wondering, how do things stand now and versus what would be different if they were at the table?

Speaker: I supplement your question with one piece.

Speaker: Sure. What you're asking there, how is home forward putting any money into the joint office directly right now? And that's not quite what you're asking, but I just wanted to make sure. So I know there are vendor and recipient, but are or are they contributing to currently to projects that the joint office is, is also funding. And if that's too complicated question I don't know that it's can we answer my question first?

Speaker: Yeah. I mean, yeah, I can answer a question.

Speaker: Previous question. So, the just to clarify. So home forward is the independent housing authority for the region. So that's why stacy mentioned it was like a quasi governmental bit different than just a regular kind of nonprofit or cbo organization. And I think, traditionally those conversations with home forward have happened separately, and adjacent to kind of the, homelessness system conversation happening.

Speaker: They have their own governance structure. Correct?

Speaker: Correct, and so the idea is to integrate those conversations, at the steering and oversight committee to ensure that, to stacy's point, we are maximizing our federal dollars that are already coming into the region. So those

vouchers that could be the housing placement vouchers for the folks that we're working with in the homelessness response system. So making sure that we're actually connecting all those pieces to commissioner Gonzalez earlier question to, just so you are all aware, home forward is represented on the implementation subcommittee currently, but at a staff level, not the leadership.

Speaker: Correct. Which is different. Yes

Speaker: Well, commissioner, can you just clarify when you say not at a leadership level versus staff here because I mean, certainly the ceo or the leader could choose to be at the implementation level.

Speaker: Yeah, but I would expect that the ceo probably wants their best operations person in tactician to be at the operations level. That would. That's just an assumption.

Speaker: In the previous two meetings. Yeah, it was not the ceo of home forward would.

Speaker: Yeah I mean I I'm if they choose to prioritize you know they can choose to send their ceo to join the implement. I understand your point to a certain extent, but they it does sound like they have a place at the table. And it, i'll leave it at that. But

Speaker: Okay. Have you, have you had all your questions?

Speaker: I've all my questions are answered.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: And, commissioner Rubio, you have your hand up still. No, commissioner Ryan. Yeah I have the people who oversee this from the staff level have been working on this idea for some time.

Speaker: I first first of all, I respect that. And it has come a long way from a few years where it was like watching paint dry when the mayor gave me this

assignment and you tried to get any responses on the other side of the river. So I do see that it's more fluid today, and I appreciate that. How many years? When I came in home forwards was the managing partner, if you will, of the executive committee. It was like the home forward executive committee that I was a member of, commissioner myron was there. So it was basically what we're trying to build today. We had some system like that under home forward. How many can I clarify? They operate that you weren't on that you were also on the executive committee. So a ceo of a provider at the time.

Speaker: So, I think what you're referring to is a home for everyone.

Speaker: Oh, sorry. Home for everyone. Yeah.

Speaker: Home forward is a separate organization. I just wanted to clarify because and I apologize, words all sound the same, imagine how similar their names are. And it's all the same ceos and, all the people that staff were the same. So I'm sorry that I didn't notice the difference. Yeah.

Speaker: No, I just wanted to make sure I could answer your question appropriately.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: So now that we have the proper name, and they are quite connected, how many years did they operate that executive committee, home forward? Was a member of a home for everyone executive committee, it was it was, held by, the chair and the mayor at the time.

Speaker: Okay. And then the staff responsibility always seemed like it came from the executive director, the executive director. I think that the home for everyone charter identified that the executive director of the ceo of home forward, as the housing authority sat on the executive committee of a home for everyone. Okay.

Speaker: And during the housing first, era, that still is here. But it was really strong then. They were a prominent player at the table.

Speaker: I think they're a large housing provider, section eight and affordable housing. And, eviction prevention and rent assistance and other cases.

Speaker: I just want to get some context in history of their engagement in this, the world of the iga question again, commissioner yea. Rubio.

Speaker: So I just want to be clear. I just want to make clear that we're talking that people understand home forward and a home for everyone are very distinct entities. Home forward sat on that governing body, but they were not a would you say that they were a significant player at that time on that body, no. They sat on the body and on both the executive committee, and then they were a part of the coordinating board, the coordinating board membership was at the staff level, their participation on the executive committee, which I know commissioner Ryan sat on, was their, ceo or chief executive. Okay thanks.

Speaker: That's why I brought it up, because it appeared when I was on it. It did appear that they were significantly involved. And the mayor was on that as well.

Speaker: Great. I think we've gotten to the vote. Please call the roll on Wheeler one.

Speaker: Ryan, to no surprise on this one, the largesse of it going up to seven, non-voting ex officio members was obviously too much for me to get to a yes on the iga. So I vote no.

Speaker: Gonzalez.

Speaker: I'll vote no maps, we're voting on mayor one. Yes. Correct. I'll vote yes on that one.

Speaker: Yea. Rubio. Yes. Wheeler

Speaker: Yes. The amendment is adopted. Ryan. One, please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Okay, so now the one from last week is officially dead. Correct. Okay. Just thought we should all have that moment of clarification, I again think that it's important to have this representation at the table. I think balance is very important. And I think by adding these three plus the one from the healthshare, Oregon is just a perfect sweet spot in terms of building that balance and that creative tension that you need to actually see some more disruption and improvement to a system that's been quite stagnant for some time. I vote I Gonzalez, I just want to say I appreciate a lot of the dialog here, you know, as a general matter, I envision a steering committee being not overly large as a, as a, as a goal, I recognize what commissioner Ryan was attempting to do to bring some outside voices, to really the central, crucial issue, in our community right now, and an area where there's high level of dissatisfaction with the performance of elected officials, rightly or wrongly, so in thinking this through, I just want to acknowledge that i, you know, if I were to start from scratch, I'd want to have a small steering committee. I, I'm not sure. Starting from scratch. I'd want to have a bunch of non-voting members there, particularly if it's not going to be a public meeting. It's really intended to shape long term strategy and, really, where the rubber hits the road for electeds who will ultimately be held accountable for the performance of the system. So, I'm going to support Ryan's one, but I just want to make that general observation that I am concerned that overall, we're going to end up with too big a board here, that could be somewhat cumbersome, for, the next level of government to handle, but I vote I maps, I yea. Rubio, I Wheeler.

Speaker: So, a couple of things I want to say here. First of all, these are ex-officio non-voting members. I think it is valuable to have them in the room, but I would not want them to be voting members. I want to appreciate and acknowledge commissioner Ryan. He and I have had a number of, fairly intense conversations

over this. This is something we both feel very passionately about, I appreciate that he has heard concerns and that he has changed his original amendment to reflect those concerns. And, I appreciate where we are. And so I'm happy to support this amendment. I vote i, Ryan one has also passed to yea. Rubio one. Please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Can I ask a point of order question? Even though we did discuss this earlier, starting to feel like ranked choice voting. So we did amendment one that was seven non-voting and we just did mine, which was four. Correct. And they both passed with different numbers.

Speaker: Right.

Speaker: And last one was five zero. First one was not.

Speaker: And yours includes health share organ. And they're not ex officio which which is great okay. So now we're on Rubio and Rubio's asking to add back, home forward.

Speaker: So we'd go back to up to five. Okay, correct.

Speaker: If it passes.

Speaker: Got it. I want to make sure I was clear about voting no.

Speaker: Gonzalez I just want to reiterate, I think home forward was an extremely important voice in this process. I'm just a little bit concerned as a vendor sitting at this level and just the size of what's contemplated here, I appreciate, commissioner Rubio's proposal and the discussion around it. But for those reasons, I'm going to vote no on this amendment maps. I yea. Rubio feel like we're I feel like we're, leaving incredible potential to leverage, federal dollars on the off the table, if we don't bring them to the table, and I think it's important for all of us to be in alignment. It's a small percentage of their budgets. I don't think they would technically qualify as the vendor that we have in mind when we're thinking about

vendors, but I do really appreciate the dialog with my colleagues, I'm voting yes. Wheeler.

Speaker: Yes, I vote i, so Rubio, one is also adopted. Colleagues, at this point, i'll take a temperature of the room. What we could do is add an amendment to make this an emergency ordinance, but I don't want to do that. If everybody doesn't feel comfortable moving forward, I'm going to vote against the.

Speaker: Okay, then then with that information, let me just make a couple of quick comments, first of all, I want to thank staff. I particularly want to thank skylar and sarah, for nearly a year's worth of blood, sweat, and tears getting us to where we are today. And I believe where we are today is in a great position. And I appreciate your leadership. I want to thank the city staff's every commissioner, every commissioner, staff was heavily engaged in this process at times, it was dense. At times it was frustrating, but where I see us landing here, has moved the ball forward. And we did it together. And I think it's really important that we did it that way. And last but not least, I want to thank the county, the county, the chair's office. County officers, the board of county commissioners, their staffs, they have all been very heavily engaged in this as well. And the community's better for the work that we have done here today. So this is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It's actually the second reading of a nonemergency ordinance, but it goes to the next reading, to the third reading, and we'll determine the date as soon as we possibly can. Or do we have the date.

Speaker: And i'll pass to next week, July 3rd to July 3rd.

Speaker: I don't think we have a meeting on July. We do July 10th, July 10th. So the next meeting, which we believe is July 10th, great.

Speaker: We are, really quickly.

Speaker: We are meeting on July third, but it sounds like staff wanted to pass to July 10th.

Speaker: I could do it remotely.

Speaker: I can do July 3rd remotely. So for counseling it for me, don't cancel it. Okay? July 3rd, it is this is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance moves to July third for second reading. Great. Thank you everyone, yes. Bravo, so I want to pull everybody here for a moment. I think everybody would like a break before we get to our afternoon session. We still have a number of items for the morning session, and I know that there are some people who have been waiting for the afternoon. Are there people here associated with any of the issues that are here? 590, 91, 92, 93? Or 95 who cannot be here this afternoon and so need them read right now? And which item are you planning to be here?

Speaker: Also, this afternoon I don't need I was going to be here by video, but do you guys validate parking because I'm in here?

Speaker: I'm waiting for the parking. I've got to pay when I leave out of here.

Speaker: I think you're looking for the transportation commissioner.

Speaker: My answer. I brought my little ticket inside.

Speaker: Okay, so, so you will be here this afternoon as well. Is that correct?

Speaker: I would like to not be here if I could just get out of the way.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Which which issue are you here for, ma'am?

Speaker: 593.

Speaker: Remember, at this point.

Speaker: Which which 593 there's been so much juicy stuff happening.

Speaker: I've got a bunch of.

Speaker: Okay, let's let's do 593, then we'll we'll move the rest to the afternoon session. If that's okay. Please call 593.

Speaker: Actually, mr. Mayor commissioner Mapps, I have an appointment, which I was supposed to be at a long time ago. So I'm going to need to leave, and I will also miss the afternoon session.

Speaker: Okay. Fair enough. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner, for that notification.

Speaker: 593, please pay settlement of the estate of jonathan nichols wrongful death lawsuit for \$225,000 involving Portland parks and recreation colleagues.

Speaker: This ordinance resolves a lawsuit filed against the city back in April of 2022. Deputy city attorney dan simon and senior claims analyst karen bond are here to walk us through the ordinance. Welcome.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Thank you. Mayor, commissioners, this concerns a wrongful death lawsuit that arose out of the morning of June 25th, 2020. On that date, mr. Nichols was sitting in the driver's seat inside of a van that was parked on southeast 22nd avenue next to powell park, underneath a large northern red oak tree. Unexpectedly and without warning, a branch of the tree broke and fell onto the van. 911 was called and the responding paramedics declared mr. Nichols dead on the scene. Portland fire and rescue and the city of Portland emergency arborist responded to the scene. The arborist examined both the tree and the detached limb and noticed some decay that would have not have been apparent to the naked eye from the ground. There was a small stress fracture or break in the bark, which over a long period of time would have allowed moisture to enter the opening at the fracture location and cause decay. At the time this incident occurred, the urban forestry department of the parks bureau did not have the resources or capacity to perform proactive inspections of trees throughout the city, based on its funding at

the time. However with Portland voters approving the parks local option levy in November of 2020, urban forestry has been in the process of developing a tree maintenance program to proactively care for trees throughout Portland's parks. The settlement of \$225,000 will fully resolve the lawsuit that arose out of mr. Nichols's death. Mr. Nichols was represented by an attorney, and the city negotiated the settlement with mr. Nichols's attorney and the assistance of a private mediator. The city attorney's office risk management, and the Portland parks and recreation bureau recommend a resolution of the lawsuit for \$250,000.

Speaker: Does that sorry, does that complete the presentation?

Speaker: Yes, mayor, unless there are any questions.

Speaker: Any questions at this point, do, question from legal counsel? I just lost my fourth member. Do I need to hold until we have our fourth member present?

Speaker: Because it's an emergency ordinance?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Or do I just need to hold until we have the vote?

Speaker: Oh, you. I think we can continue so we can continue.

Speaker: We just can't vote.

Speaker: I believe so, yep.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Very good, any questions? At this particular point of legal counsel? If not, let's get right to public testimony. We've had people waiting patiently.

Speaker: Addie smith, welcome.

Speaker: Thank you for being here.

Speaker: So no to the validating the parking.

Speaker: Come on up. We the City Council does not validate parking. I'm sorry, ma'am, so give me a second to set up, please, before you start counting down. You bet. When you're ready, we'll we'll.

Speaker: And if we could please show me the clock so that i'll know. Yeah. Yes it'll be right there.

Speaker: Sorry. Got it.

Speaker: Before I begin, before we start counting on the clock, I saw a couple of people here, chair vega peterson's deputy chief of staff. And I saw commissioner sharon myhren here. And I wanted to ask you guys if it is at all possible for this commission. This county, a group of people to take over the meat center, because the continued racism and discrimination by the staff at the department of community justice needs actual oversight. And I am wondering if it is at all possible for you guys to take that responsibility from the Multnomah County commissioners, including chair vega peterson, and enforce, some accountability and responsibility to the staff at the department of community justice. Is that something that you guys can consider? Because the racism and discrimination the issue? To give you a straight answer, I will I will come back and I will expound, okay. Thank you. And then, I want to another question here, how do I add my own? Because I don't want to speak about whatever that is I signed up for, but I didn't see where I could add my own public.

Speaker: So testimony the testimony now is specific to this settlement agreement. But if you would like to testify on any issue whatsoever, whatever you would like, you can sign up with Keelan or council clerk and you can when you're beginning of the meeting. So you don't even have to wait a long time. And you can testify on any subject that you would like to testify on.

Speaker: Right? And that's all well and good, but I've been here all day, so I would like to go ahead and speak, please. As a courtesy will allow it because you have been patient.

Speaker: But now, you know, if there's something else you'd like to discuss that is not specific to the agenda. Communications is the best time to do that. And then and you don't have to wait for the whole meeting. Well I apply I signed up online okay.

Speaker: So I didn't see where I could sign up to just.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: You know, you go ahead very much. Okay now here we go. My name is addie smith, and today is June 26th, 2024. And I am speaking before the Portland City Council, black man and 78th richest person in the united states, billionaire robert f smith, who paid off the student loans for the 2019 morehouse college graduates, said in an interview that each year he is racially profiled, pulled over and or otherwise harassed by the police 4 to 6 times a year. Black man who's not a millionaire or billionaire yet? Jalen b smith, but who is a morehouse graduate, has been racially profiled, harassed, arrested, erroneously charged with crimes he didn't commit and forced under duress to take guilty pleas for crimes he didn't commit. The last time I spoke before the City Council, I informed all of you that I would either not vote at all in the upcoming presidential election, or that I would be voting for president or former president donald trump, because I am tired of voting for democrats who never have the best interests of black voters. Who in mind when we elect you to office, we may as well vote for our enemies. And donald trump is the enemy of democracy and all of us. But what jalen has endured is not indicative of democracy either. And he is a registered democrat voter. When I said I'm voting for trump, I didn't just mean me, I meant jalen's brother and sister whom I

registered to vote. I meant his grandparents, his aunts and uncles who are registered to vote, some of his friends from secondary school and college, our entire family from across many states are disgusted by the genocide that is being allowed to happen in palestine, but also the way that Oregon has continued to allow judge ricardo menchaca to violate the law and jalen's rights under the law. Judge ricardo menchaca has committed perjury from the bench. He has violated his code of ethics and canons of conduct under the commission. He has not been admonished or reprimanded by rachel mortimer. I come to the council meetings to shed light on what's being allowed to happen to jalen, because when I vote for a republican governor or when I vote down ballot, I want other voters to know why. When jalen clears his name, the voters need to know why. Not only was menchaca allowed to violate jalen's rights and the law, but why no one did anything about it. I'm going to play a couple of videos here in my time. The first is of a woman who lied to police about being assaulted by jalen. She called the police and lied after he wouldn't open his own door to his apartment. That he did not share with her to let her inside. You can hear her outside his door banging on it and demanding to be let inside to quote, talk, end quote. The second video is of Washington county sheriff's not serving jalen papers to come to court. When you see them walk to his door on his video door camera and walk away with the papers in his hands. The third video is of the young woman having a facetime conversation with jalen, wherein she tells him that she never loved him and had other men in his house when he wasn't home yet. Despite all of this evidence, jalen's rights are still being violated by the people of this state. I'm going to end it there and not show the video, but on my next time that I'm here, which will be at the next one, if I can get my name signed up, I'm going to show you guys that video because my son has been victimized by this state and has not been helped by anyone to clear his name, and he was under

duress when he took that guilty plea after having been in whatever they call it, when they put you in some sort of a lockdown. Judge menchaca, judge thompson, judge kathleen proctor these people violate the law without without fear of anything happening to them. And it's time to put that to an end.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. And if you want, it's up to you. You could also forward the videos and Keelan can show you how to do that. We can get them before you come back. If you prefer that. Thank you for your testimony. Does that complete testimony please call the roll? Ryan

Speaker: Hopefully you do something about that. Thank you for coming here. I didn't even know she was going to be here.

Speaker: I hope he voted I oh, sorry.

Speaker: Gonzalez.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps. Yea. Rubio I I'm not doing your job.

Speaker: I can't even let the ordinance passes and we are adjourned.

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Speaker: Good afternoon, everybody. This is the Wednesday, June 26th, 2024. Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan, please call the roll. Good afternoon, Ryan Gonzales, Mapps yea. Rubio Wheeler here. All right, now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. 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 disrupted conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed if you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony 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 council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thanks, we have some kids here today. Thanks for being here. You guys have really cool hats. I love the watermelon helmet. That is awesome. Did you guys bike here? Nice. Well done. Great well, we're super glad you're here. Thank you for being here today. So there were a couple items we did not finish from the, from the morning agenda, but what we're going to do is do the time certain on the afternoon agenda first. Correct, Megan. Then we'll go back and we'll cover the items. We didn't get to this morning, which were five, 95, 91, 592 and 595. And thank you, everybody, for your patience this morning. So we'll start off with the first time certain item 596, which is a first reading of the nonemergency ordinance.

Speaker: Authorize competitive solicitations to implement the Portland clean energy community benefit funds climate investment plan, strategic program six comprehensive e-bike access and support not to exceed \$20 million over five years.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio thank you mayor colleagues.

Speaker: In November of 2018, our community said yes to the Portland clean energy community benefits initiative on a nearly 2 to 1 basis. Portlanders want to see bold climate action that also addresses the critical needs of our community. And as you're all aware, pcf has implemented multiple rounds of community responsive grants, launched a cooling Portland program, and most recently began implementing the climate investment plan that this council unanimously adopted in September of 2023. This ordinance before us today is just another one of the many actions that we will take to as we implement the climate investment plan. The one we'll hear about today focuses on providing a greener transportation option for our communities. And while this program provides incentives for people with lower incomes, I want those of you who have moderate incomes to know that it also offers tiered incentives to broaden access, strategic program six comprehensive e-bike access and support will help reduce barriers to cycling by providing access,

support and education about electric bikes the use of e-bikes reduces reliance on cars and will help reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and provide a green model of transportation for those looking for an alternative way to get to where they need to be. In addition to working toward our city's climate goals, feeling safe, confident and independent are other ways pcef positively impacts the lives of our community members. In fact, when surveyed, women and bipoc community members say that they felt less vulnerable on e-bikes than on pedal only bikes. I'm eager to get this next pcep program up and running, and look forward to hearing from staff and our invited speakers. So with that, I will turn it over to, introduce pcef program to pcef program manager sam barrasso and team okay.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners, it's good to be before you all here today where we're asking you all to authorize pcef to go forth and develop a bid, negotiate and execute contracts to develop and implement strategic programs. Our comprehensive e-bike program. Now, this action will authorize staff to go out with rfps to seek contracts that support the program and support delivering e-bikes across the community. This is an incredibly exciting program, in part because while many of our other programs install hvac units, plant trees, other things, this is one of the more fun ones that do all of those things and reduce emissions and get a lot of folks out there and excited. So there's a lot of tremendous popularity behind this program, and we're excited to be here to talk about this one. Now, this program, as the commissioner noted, will provide incentives to low and moderate income households, but it will do a whole a whole host of other things that csa here will share about shortly, and again, as part of this, just to emphasize, we will be following standard processes and procedures and work collaboratively with procurement staff, as part of this. Okay. Next slide. So as part of this we'll do a quick overview of the climate investment plan. And then we'll

jump into the comprehensive e-bike access and support program and dive into the program details. And then at the end, we will invite our invited testimony speakers, one of which is joining us remotely. A couple of them which are joining us remotely, and a couple of folks that are here with us in the room. Next slide. So as part of you all, you all have seen us coming before you all over the past month or so forth. And just to emphasize that we continue to diligently implement the climate investment plan. This is another program that has been iteratively adapted, even since the adoption of the plan, based on stakeholder feedback. The program is a trailblazer and innovation for climate justice, and there's a lot of interest in this program as well. We continue to measure and track the potential and outcomes of our investments, and we'll talk a little bit about that here today, and in this particular program, it is a core element of our alternative transportation options for our communities that get us around in ways that are healthier for ourselves and the environment, too. Next slide. All right. Next slide. So as part of developing the climate investment plan, we brought together stakeholders across many different avenues including topic area roundtables, technical experts including staff from the bureau of transportation. We brought together community input both through virtual events, online surveys, and then we kept the members of the public, as well as the pcef committee in the loop throughout as part of public briefings that we held over the course of nine months. Now, this program was the result of one of our topic area roundtables. That was focused on transportation, decarbonization. Next slide. Now this again is part of the collective climate investments we need to make as a region that some of the total need. And I'd say this is a smaller number because this is focused on pcef specific investment areas, not necessarily the grid and other things, but the total investment need. Where we focus is about 50 billion, and again, when we focus on our priority populations, it's 18 billion. And the

specific climate investment plan, which we will update later on this summer, is 750 million. So it's just a state that we're still we're still going to be chipping away at what is a substantive problem, but we're actively building up and scaling up to do that. Next slide. Now in this slide there's just an overview of the funding areas and the generalized allocations that are rolled up across our funding areas.

Transportation decarbonization notably is that 17, that number will increase when we update the climate investment plan later this summer. But in that is where this particular program falls there. And that was a new funding category developed by the program, you know, as part of the code adoptions that were brought before council in October of 2022. So we're excited that some of those code changes helped exactly create the space to make this program happen. Next slide. Now, as part of implementing the climate investment plan, you'll you'll you'll hear before you all later this summer where we'll bring our grants, our community responsive grants, but this particular action is one of the implementation pathways where we issue requests for proposals for program administrators to come in and administer the programs and then one third avenue for administering or implementing the program is through intergovernmental agreements as well as interagency agreements with our partner bureaus. Next slide. Now, this is just a visual to show where we are here, we're in that June time frame, but again, later this summer, July, August will bring our community responsive grants. And you'll see subsequent programming coming before you all further down the road in the summer and fall of 2024. Next slide. Okay. With that, I think you've heard enough from me. I'd like to turn it over to sita ram rao, our one of our newest staff members, to join our team, who is our transportation decarbonization program lead. And we're incredibly fortunate to have her here to walk you through the rest of the program.

Speaker: Congratulations. Thank you. Thank you, sam, for that introduction. And I'm so very excited to be here today to be presenting the e-bike program. Next slide please. I'd like to start with grounding us in the need and the opportunity that the e-bike incentive program addresses during the climate emergency work plan. It was discovered that transportation makes up the largest contributor to our carbon emissions here in Multnomah County. At 44% of our overall emissions, which means reducing those fossil fuel car trips is absolutely essential to meeting Portland's net zero goals. Currently, the push is to get evs, and we love this as a solution to for everyday residents. However, evs are often cost prohibitive, especially for folks who are low income, who are struggling just to meet their basic needs and live their lives. An ev costs a lot of money, whether it's used or new, and e-bikes at a couple thousand dollars, whether it's a standard traditional e-bike or a cargo can oftentimes be used to supplement the car or even, you know, allow them to forego an additional car purchase in a household. Most recently, odot completed a study and surveyed around 4500 households here in Portland. The findings were that the average daily trip is just under six miles, and that 80% of those were completed by car. That is well within any range of an e-bike on the market today. And one of the biggest opportunities here are carbon reductions. But I also don't want to, I want to highlight the fact of other air pollutants, specifically particulate matter and nitrogen oxides that are often, you know, put out when you have a fossil fuel vehicle running those harm our respiratory systems. They cause negative health, income specifically to the lungs and heart, and evs and e-bikes don't put that out there. So it's not just about reducing our carbon emissions, but it's those particulate matters as well. We touched on how cost prohibitive evs can be for the average low income person. The financial benefit of buying a e-bike. This is a conservative estimate that was done by rmi. They estimate a 600 a year savings per

person for an e-bike. Again, that's very conservative. It is, you know, dependent on usage, how the person's lifestyle incorporates using their e-bike, whether or not they have to pay for parking, which we know here a lot of our apartment complexes do charge for vehicle parking if they're able to offset that and get an e-bike instead, that savings can drastically increase. Next slide. I want to bring us back to probably the most talked about benefit, which is carbon emissions. So in our emergency work plan we committed to a 50% reduction of carbon emissions from our 1990 levels by 2030 and net zero by 2050. I want to talk about why evs are an important tool to reaching that goal. What you see here is a study completed by the rocky mountain institute. On the left you see the reduction of fossil fuel vehicles with or without evs. On the left and with e-bikes. Sorry, on the right. As you can see on the right, incentivizing e-bikes ensures that you have. An increased adoption rate and reduction of those fossil fuel vehicles and an overall reduction by an additional 14% of those, vehicles and miles driven. So it's an important tool that we can't deny. And the research tells the story. Next slide. I want to talk next. Now that we've talked about the need, the opportunity and the carbon benefits, how we intend to execute this program. This was detailed in three sections of the cip or three aspects. That is the direct incentives, which is 6000 e-bikes. This would be a point of sale rebate that is done through the bike retailers. We have the job opportunities. So the training of 50 e-bike technicians, this would be an entire program. We did do a survey of local Portland retailers and found out that most of the training currently is being done by the manufacturers of these e-bikes. So the standardization of our training for these skilled mechanics will not only support the repair needs of these bikes that we're putting on the streets, but also our local economy and job market. And the last aspect, which is the multifamily storage and charging of e-bikes. So most low income folks live in apartment complexes. We know that one of the

barriers to e-bike ownership is secured storage. We hope to address that by developing a pilot that specifically targets existing multifamily buildings. So this is not new buildings, it's the ones we have already. And how can we find ways to have secure charging? Most folks aren't going to be able to carry these e-bikes up into their apartments. Their apartments might not have room and we're really excited about this section and hope to have some really innovative solutions from our community here in Portland. So those are the three kind of program subsections that we are going to be deploying during this program. Next slide. I want to talk about the outcomes and goals that we expect to see. Of course, we're going to see the higher usage of e-bikes in not only pcef priority populations, but hopefully in Portland in general. That's going to lead to increased access and awareness about e-bikes as a mobility option. We'll see those reduced ghg emissions and air pollutants. The increased e-bike storage and charging. And I think the most important thing as a Portlander is the increased mental and physical well-being of our fellow people due to their greater outdoor physical activity. And research shows that the more people you have out on the streets, the safer it is for pedestrians and bikers. So we'll be making our city streets better, and how we're going to measure that is the 6 to 17,000 metric tons of lifetime co2 emission reductions. The training of the technicians and the implemented storage and charging solutions in our multifamily buildings. Next slide. So how are we going to implement this program? That is why we are here today. We've identified five specific scope sections. These are proposed at the moment. We are very excited to flush them out some more and get these out onto the street for bid. The most important is the central program administrator. This is going to follow a similar, process and role that you've seen in a lot of the other pcef programs. So bringing in that partner who's going to help us develop and implement the program, we want to bring them on

early, and that way part of their responsibility is the outreach, community engagement and marketing aspect. So we want them on board early to help us do the outreach to community, to the retailers, and be in the room when we're having these discussions and these decision making aspects of our program that will ensure that as they step into implementation and work to coordinate with our stakeholders and provide the safety and education program and these other pieces of this overall e-bike program, they're going to be fully embedded with us. Next is the payment processor scope. This you could think of also as kind of a rebate or voucher processor. There are going to be the technical folks that develop and manage the online portal. They'll handle the application process. This will be where Portlanders go to apply for the program. They will also on the other side of that, be ensuring that they're working with retailers to get them their rebate voucher money in a timely manner. And this entity will be responsible for providing customer service and answering technical questions for both our, applicants and the retailers themselves. We do know that we've got the additional e-bike training and the multifamily storage. Those two scopes, whoever comes on board will be responsible for assessing current and future needs, assessing the best practices, and then developing and executing those scopes. And the last piece that third party evaluator we actually decided to add this to the scope because of what the city of boston has done in their e-bike program, which is they've brought on a third party evaluator, this person or this entity will be responsible for developing the criteria to determine success for the entire program. They'll be responsible for doing all the data collection, both qualitative and quantitative, and evaluating the impact of our program. So we're very excited to, in the beginning, release our first two scopes. And then as we develop, release the later parts and bring this program to Portland, next slide. All right. Now to answer the big question that everyone in Portland has

been asking when they hear about the e-bike program, when can I go into a store and get my e-bike with this voucher? The answer is summer of 2025, so that is the goal to allow someone to go in with their voucher and get that e-bike in order to meet that goal. We are here to get the approval to go to procurement. We're going to release those two initial rfps this fall and onboard them as soon as we can. We're going to spend the winter doing the community outreach and retailer research to do the design considerations and plan the implementation in the spring, we'll release the additional rfps that are needed to bring forth a fully functioning program to the city of Portland, and, and hopefully the summer of 25 is going to be a great one here in Portland. So that I said was one of the main questions. Let's switch to the next slide and get the answer to the second, which is how much is the incentive going to be? That is the second question I get all the time. And right now I don't have the answer. And the reason why is we have begun the retailer outreach, but we don't know what the city of what incentive amount fits the city of Portland. We don't want to just make a decision and then find out that we set it too high or too low. What we do know today, though, is the structure that it's going to take. So we have two brackets, a low income and a medium income for a low income folks there's going to be three tiers. There's a standard e-bike that's the two wheels with a battery. You've probably seen them, they are going to have what we call the base incentive amount. Then you'll have the cargo e-bikes and those are the ones with the bucket in the front. Or it might have space for the kids in the back. They're larger e-bikes. And so that'll be the base incentive with an additional 750 stacked on top of that. And that's because cargo e-bikes are generally more expensive than your standard. Last is the adaptive e-bike. And that is going to be a very separate type of incentive. And the reason is that folks living with disabilities, their e-bikes are incredibly more expensive. So your average e-bike is a couple thousand dollars

a cargo. You might get, you know, 3 to 5, maybe a bit more for a high end one. Adaptive starts at five. Wow so they are incredibly expensive. And that could mean something like a tricycle. So or a trike, it could mean that you need an electrified tandem. And it's not just getting a bike frame that might fit your body. If you have a disability. The customization of this e-bike to meet your needs is often resource intensive. You need an expert and it takes expensive parts. However, the freedom that is given by having an e-bike, the ability to move, to have a vehicle that fits your body is so incredibly important. And that is why we are looking at a percent based incentive that goes up to a set capped amount. So rather than trying to make a one size fit all, we want to be very intentional about how we develop the adaptive program as moving on to the medium income incentive that is going to be treated differently than low income. It's going to be a single set amount. And regardless of the e-bike that you get the type, it'll be that one amount, two pieces. I want to call out here, regardless of the type or income, for every incentive we give out, we're going to include a \$200 safety incentive. And the reason here is we don't want to see folks not be able to afford the helmet that they need to be riding. These bikes, or a good lock or the lights, all the accessories that you need to safely operate a bike. So that's why we have that. And then for each participant, we are only allowing them to participate once in the life of the program. So if you get an e-bike in year one, you don't get to get another one in year five, even if there is somehow money left over in the program, it's one person, one bike. And that is to ensure equal access to everyone. Because we know that this program is going to be under high demand. Next slide. All right.

Speaker: Okay. I think that sums up, our part of the testimony. I think with that, we'd like to turn it over to our invited testimony, starting with, one of our remote colleagues that will be joining us, elizabeth babcock, executive director of the city of

denver's office of climate action, sustainability, stability and resiliency, and so let's let's kick it off to elizabeth first. If it's okay. Let's see if we're looking to see I know that I'm I'm not online, but it may be that elizabeth is not with us.

Speaker: I don't see her. Do you Keelan. No. Okay

Speaker: Can we move to our next speaker? Then let's go on to john macarthur, and let me pull first.

Speaker: John, I see john, beautiful, and so john macarthur is a sustainable transportation program manager, at the trek center at the Portland state university and a professor there. So turn it over to john.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Loud and clear. And we can see you. Welcome

Speaker: Great. I'm sorry it can't be in person to present about e-bikes in the incentive programs I'm presenting in california at the national academies of science on a project related to transportation, transit agencies, activities and homelessness. So so.

Speaker: Oh, john.

Speaker: Yeah, we're. We can't hear you.

Speaker: John, can you hear us?

Speaker: 14 e-bikes for almost 15 years, the adoption of e-bikes has the possibility to reduce, vehicle miles traveled and carbon emissions, as seetha has said, while also promoting, transportation equity and physical activity. My research has shown that e-bikes get more people cycling and more people cycling more often. In addition, e-bikes break down traditional barriers to cycling and help overcome barriers to cycling, such as carrying heavier loads. Kids, other things that one might need, going up hills and traveling longer distances through research that we have, we have seen that people who purchase e-bikes.

Speaker: I'm afraid as soon as I say something, he's going to come back. John, we can't hear you. I don't think he can hear us. I think it's a cell phone issue.

Speaker: For people of all ages and abilities to participate in cycling, that said, the cost is still a major barrier for people wanting to purchase an e-bike, especially low and middle income households. Starting around five years ago, we saw small cities and utilities around the country develop incentive programs. To help reduce the cost of e-bikes. We have been tracking programs since then, and now there are over 80 programs with ten states rolling out programs at various sizes and different types of programs, like pilot programs or full on, programs. We recently delivered a policy report to the state of Washington on providing recommendations to their program, which they hope to launch in late 2024, that will actually extend e-bike incentives to the full state, that said, denver's innovative program, which you will hear about hopefully, here in a second, change the game and has become a national model by setting the framework that most other places are using for their programs. And I heard that the denver program incentives are now more popular, or more popular and harder to get than a taylor swift ticket. The pcep program will create an equally innovative and important mechanism to stimulate more people riding and providing needed mobility for many underserved Portlanders. I've been saying that 2023 was the year of the e-bike moving from a niche, emerging technology to something you would see your neighbors, your parents, colleagues, or friends using them. And that's all i, I have, I'm sorry I can't be there in person. Thank you.

Speaker: I think, if it's okay, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners, we'll invite our other two speakers that are with us here in person to testify. And then we'll keep an eye online to see if elizabeth joins us from the city of denver. Very good. Okay let's call up and bring up, hays. Kenny manager from river city e-bikes, as well as brad davis,

founder of nomad cycles. And we'll start off with Hays Kenny first. Hello everyone. My name is Hays Kenny.

Speaker: I'm the store manager of River City e-bikes in southeast Portland, River City is, a bike shop that's been in Portland since 1995, when our founder, Dave Guettler, established the business original stores on MLK Boulevard. And we have an e-bike specific location a couple blocks away on Belmont. And Sixth. River City has always supported car free transportation, and I'm happy to be here to provide some industry and retail perspective to the conversation around getting folks out of cars and onto e-bikes. River City has been selling e-bikes for about ten years, with a heavy increase in the volume of e-bike sales in the last 5 to 7 years. As more brands have brought new models to market and our existing and new customer bases have had an increased demand for those bikes, the demand grew to such a degree that we have now that dedicated e-bike location, and we sell e-bikes in every category, including commuter bikes, cargo utility bikes, road bikes and mountain bikes. E-bikes have provided a gateway to cycling. For a lot of people coming from a non cycling background and the bikes really open up possibilities for car free transportation for many of our riders over the past five years, e-bikes have made up about 25% of River City's total bike sales by volume, or roughly 10% by units. So it's definitely becoming an important part of our business, we've seen this trend on a steady increase year over year, and industry forecasting indicates the demand for and use of e-bikes will continue to expand in the coming years, mirroring what's already been seen in Europe and Asia, where e-bikes have become a large, viable portion of the transportation sector. Many of the customers buying e-bikes are new to cycling, and their e-bike may be the first bike they've had since childhood. We've seen the overall awareness and demand for e-bikes grow hugely and bring a lot of new riders into the community, one of the main sectors in the e-bike market, for

which we see growing demand is the utility and cargo category, especially with families looking to reduce or eliminate dependence on automobiles. These e-bikes allow everyday riders to carry their kids to school, pick up groceries and household goods, run errands across town, make deliveries and otherwise replace car trips with bike trips. One of the main barriers to entry into this sphere of car free transportation is the cost. There's no getting around the fact that a safe, reliable, well-made, and easy to use e-bike costs more at retail than more. Many folks can easily afford, and this has been a challenge to face as a retailer, especially a business like river city, that prides itself on carrying the best products that meet the needs of our customers, but also wants to provide access to a wide audience. We've grappled with the issue of high cost e-bikes, preventing a lot of potential riders from getting onto these bikes, and one of the main aspects of that for us is that there's a minimum threshold of quality that allows for a standard of safety, longevity and usability of the bike. There are lots of cheap, poorly manufactured e-bikes out there that you can get online, but the downstream costs are significant. When consumers can't find shops to work on these bikes or run into issues with the motor and battery reliability, we and many other shops in the industry won't take on service work for a lot of these brands, as we can't guarantee our work without having wholesaler relationships with these manufacturers that don't provide adequate aftermarket support. And we really need to be able to get the parts, tools and software needed to support our customers. All that to say, providing financial support to allow more Portlanders to purchase bike shop quality e-bikes will get more riders on bikes that will last them for years and years, which in turn furthers the economic and environmental benefits of the e-bikes. As an alternative to automobile transportation. From my perspective, these financial incentives need to be significant enough in dollar value that we can get Portlanders on bikes in the

2000 to \$3000 price range because it's difficult for us to find quality bikes that meet our criteria for less than that. However, compared to electric cars, as mentioned, e-bikes are a fraction of the price. E-bikes allow much of the same utility for riders as electric cars, especially considering what we know about the average trip distance in the metro area being less than six miles and the proliferation of utility e-bikes allowing Portlanders to carry significant cargo loads, further shows that e-bikes can be a viable, relatively low cost alternative to automobiles, including evs. Portland has long been a biking city, and it is our hope that Portland's bike riding community continues to grow in all avenues, whether electric or not. There's space for riders of all types of bikes, every background and every level of experience. The city has seen a decline in commuting habits by bike in the past decade, and I see e-bikes as one tool to reverse that trend and bring more new riders into the fold. And maintain our spot as one of the nation's best cities for cycling. We at river city believe that meaningful actions the city can take to incentivize e-bikes will only benefit the community at large, and help cement our position as a city leading the way into the future with less traffic, happier residents and clean air. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, we actually have elizabeth with us. So I think if it's okay, I think we would love to turn it over to elizabeth bipoc, executive director of denver's climate office.

Speaker: Good afternoon, esteemed members of City Council. I'm so excited to be here to talk to you about denver's e-bike voucher program and the exciting work that the team in Portland is doing to try to launch a similar program. We have seen wild success with this program since we launched it over two years ago. We've had 8644 denverites redeem vouchers, and about half of those are for standard bikes, and about half of those are for e-cargo bikes. We've spent about 60% of our budget towards income qualified vouchers, and we have made some really exciting

improvements in recent years that have made the program even more accessible. So what we're seeing is, just a very strong demand for the program in the community. A lot of excitement, it's helping us to build more support as well for, mode shift and more bike lanes. Getting people out of their cars. We have a lot of challenges in denver with air pollution, and so addressing emissions from transportation is really critical. And it's been a really great program to engage our community, to give them something that is really valuable and really fun for them. And also a way to elevate the community wide conversation about the importance of mode shift to achieving our climate goals, we conducted a survey in 2023 that shows that the average e-bike voucher redeemer replaced 3.45 car trips and an average of 23 vehicle miles traveled per week. So this is a really, really, impressive statistic, it's a pretty cost effective program as well. When we look at, how much greenhouse gas we abate through this program with, the cost of the program itself compared to a lot of other interventions. It's pretty competitive. Obviously, the more you're subsidizing the costs of the bike for those equity outcomes, that does change the parameters around the cost effectiveness. But we've seen huge demand for both the income qualified vouchers and the standard vouchers as well, I'm really just so pleased to see that our community continues to embrace this program. We had some bumps early on in the in, in the process of releasing with, having too many people wanting to get on the site, sign up, and we had some server crashes from our third party. We've smoothed out a lot of those initial early bumps, and, we continue to see just very strong demand. It's also helped us communicate more with the community. We have, something like 30 to 40,000 people signed up for the email list to get notifications about the e-bike vouchers and then they also connect with us about other issues that our office is working on, whether that be, you know, other climate related issues, resilience, environmental

justice. And so we found it as a great tool for, not just achieving our goals around climate and sustainability, but also really deepening our engagement and connection with our community, I wanted to share one of the innovations that we've done, we do know that it can be a challenge sometimes to get the vouchers because of the demand. And so this year, we set aside, about 800 vouchers for, community based organizations to provide those vouchers to income qualified residents directly rather than them having to go to the website to sign up and then hope to get one of those vouchers during one of our release dates, they're actually able to work directly in the community through their contacts and their networks as a community based organization, to provide those vouchers. So we've seen that be really effective as well, I'm just so excited that your team is considering this program, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have about how it's worked in denver.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Elizabeth, does anybody have any questions for elizabeth? All right. Good. I'm being pulled for just a few minutes, so I'm going to pass the gavel to commissioner Ryan. I will hopefully be back very shortly.

Commissioner Gonzalez doesn't, take the council president position until July 1st? So it goes. It defaults from commissioner Mapps back to the last one. And you, my friend, are the lucky one.

Speaker: And what I need to do.

Speaker: Exactly. All right. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Ryan, commissioners, I think we have our last speaker up. Then last but not least, we have brad davis. And, while brad is speaking, if Keelan if you're able to cue up the slide deck one more time and go to that last slide, which is a slide that we've got from brad, we'll have to do that. Brad. Go for it.

Speaker: Give us just a second here.

Speaker: Hi. My name is brad. Well can you hear me? Yeah. My name is brad. I own nomad cycles in, 58th and sandy boulevard, and. Oh, my slide. Cool, i, I I'm I'm a big dork. I've been doing e-bikes before. There was an e-bike industry, and, I've seen the whole thing with a kind of a different perspective. Maybe than than most people. I kind of want to share that a little bit, so, my previous. I've been doing this eight years with nomad cycles. Previously, I was doing a different company called eco speed. We made motors for bicycles before there was really an industry around it. And so because I was making something, I would be meeting client clients would find me because they needed that in their lives. And the people that found me were people. The kind of people that needed it the most and had the most benefit from it. So I got to work with all these differently abled situations and unique, clients, which turned out to be like the, the reward from that was the passion that got me, kept me going when there was no industry, when it was like a lot of uphill battle. We had to, like, make our own circuit boards to drive the motor. We were making our own batteries. We did a whole bunch of stuff like like inventing the wheel, I'm glad to not be doing that part anymore. That was a lot of work. But it was it was super cool to be part of, like creating something that didn't exist before. And we did that here in Portland, so when I started doing that and I started writing, I was writing on the streets and there was there were cyclists, and, and, it was interesting because I was catching flack from the motorists and the cyclists. Cyclists were like, you're cheating. It's like like a super need to tell me how bad I'm doing because I got a motor and now, you know, like, I could be at a restaurant watching the bicycle by and four out of ten ride in an e-bike motor. What do they know, you know, and also, you know, motorists in Portland, you know, this is Portland's same city, i, I got, like, a handful of times. I got something thrown out of a car window at me because I should be on the sidewalk. You know, people would yell. People were upset. It was.

It was definitely an interesting, different kind of thing that's changed and gotten so much better with all of the work of the infrastructure that you guys have, you know, put in the stripes and the bollards and all the things. And that's, you know, so you guys can see my slide here. That's something that is made, you know, like not only is there all the infrastructure, but like if I pull up to a street that doesn't have the infrastructure, motorists are looking me in the eye and slowing down and stopping to allow me to cross and that was, you know, that's just amazing. And that's like a culture that's been built here that is like the like building blocks of like bones of like something that can be like huge that, you know, like implications forever. Sorry, I'm a little emotional about it, and also, I'm emotional about these clients. Is this something like to hear that the city, the program is has like a whole separate section for people with differently abled situations and like adaptive needs is amazing. Like I kind of I'm guilty of like, keeping my head down and doing one client at a time. I meet a person I build a bike for them, I meet another person, I build a bike for them. I have like six people working. For me. It's just all word of mouth. Most people don't know what could be done. You know, it doesn't have to be the traditional buy a thing. And there you go. Like we can outfit basically anybody. I've done probably like every there's so many situations that can be helped with a bike, so like to, to have the program address that I think is going to be really like getting the information out to a lot of people that didn't know that it's even a possibility, and i, I'm excited to, like, offer my shop's support and information and, just be a resource as that develops, I got these pictures. Just some of the people, the bottom left, she's like, she was my customer at the very beginning. I built her multiple trikes. She can barely walk, but she rides at least ten miles a day. And if her bike is in for service and it takes a couple days too long, she is calling me up like I'm getting stove up. I need my bike. Where is it? She's grumpy, you know, and when she picks

it up, she brings me cookies. She she's 88 years old, and can barely walk on her own. But she rides that bike and says that's why she's alive. The guy in the middle, the in the back. He's blind. He was a category two racing cyclist, before he lost his sight. Now he rides tandems. But, you know, they're getting older. You keep that thing going how? You know, like, they they ride in groups and clubs and stuff. And he's like, feeling bad because they're holding people up now, now they're they're right up there with everybody and feeling he feels well, her words, her words on the left. She says when she gets on the bike, she feels free, and I think that's something that everybody deserves. The wind in their hair, the e-bike, the motor onto a bike in general is huge. And, it opens up so much more like when, when I first started writing that e-bike and people would yell at me for cheating, you know, those were people that are like, well, to do really healthy, right? In a sport bike that they put on top of their car to go drive somewhere, to go ride and then they're telling me that I'm cheating because I'm riding past them on my way to work, you know, this is like, that's not the case anymore. Now people are riding with their kids, they're getting groceries. They're using it to go to work as an actual viable transportation. And that's like a mix between the machine, the electric motor, what it does for them, and the infrastructure that makes it safe to ride, like back then. I mean, it wasn't just that you had to be an athlete to do it. It's like you had to be looking out for all these cars and all these potholes and all this stuff. It was dangerous and, you know, the motorists would be angry. And now it's safe if I let my grandma ride on the road, if I rode with her, but but but it's different, you know, and, i, I don't know, I'm just rambling. I'm sorry. Thank you. Yeah. Oh, so, I was invited to talk about, like, how I see it impacting some of our customers. This is the this is, you know, people with barriers to cycling, not only are like, they have the physical barrier and the money barrier because, like, limited, you know, stuff like, you know, they're facing a

lot of different barriers in their lives and get the most out of it, but it's like also like they're underserved and overlooked all the time. And you know, just, like, surprised that the program would, would call out and say, hey, there's something I want to help. And how it would I was also invited to talk about like, how it impact us as a small business. I'm a small business. I got, like, six people. We're we're tiny. And, besides just continuing to do, do what we do with each person, I've had a dream of building my own brand for a long time, and with hearing about the program, I have, so I have a shop that is retail workshop and a fabrication spot. I've been tooling up. I got a frame builder on board. We're building a new brand that we're going to launch as this launches to be able to, like, piggyback off of the all, all the excitement that's drum up. So, you know, talking about like what it can do for Portland that's manufacturing. It's something that has Portland dna in the bike. But also I think there's bike dna in Portland.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. That sums up our invited testimony. Really appreciate, brad, appreciate you for that, likewise. Appreciate you, john. Appreciate your hayes and elizabeth, who I think has hopped off.

Speaker: Commissioners, thank you so much for the presentation. And the invited testimony. Keelan. We have, we have testimony to sign up. Yeah we do.

Speaker: We have 11 people signed up. Great first up, we have addie smith online.

Speaker: Hi, addie. As soon as you get on, you'll have three minutes.

Speaker: Addie you're muted yeah.

Speaker: Please unmute. We can come back to addie. Next up we have chris smith also online.

Speaker: Hello chris. You know how to unmute right?

Speaker: I do thank you, good afternoon, members of council Chris Smith. And for purposes of this discussion, I'll identify myself as someone who served on the last bicycle master plan steering committee back in 2010, we did have a glimmer, then, of some of the potential of e-bikes, and we included a little bit of policy and some routes that we might not otherwise have in the plan. I'm a little grumpy today because I'm without my e-bike. It's in the shop for its annual tune up, and I dropped it off on Monday with 19,000 miles on it, I've had that bike since 2018, we've had the family car a year longer than that, and it has fewer miles on it, I'm an enthusiastic early adopter of e-bikes, and very much supportive of this program, but I'm also conscious that I'm not, in the same position a lot of other people are. I was privileged to be able to afford the \$4,000 out of pocket costs for my e-cargo bike, I know that's a barrier to a lot of people. Even though having that bike saves me 10 to \$12,000 in automobile maintenance costs every year for not having a second car in the family, I'm also aware that, and that's why I think the rebate program is such an excellent thing to be funded by PCEF, but a couple other considerations, I'm also aware that I'm not typical in that I adopted cycling as a mode of transportation back in the 90s, before we had a lot of the infrastructure that we have today. You know, I'm somebody who's comfortable, basically with a line of paint separating me from cars. That's not true for the vast number of people that we want to have adopt cycling as a regular transportation choice. And it's going to be important if we have 6000 new e-bike users out in the streets, that we have safe infrastructure for them. So we need to continue and redouble our efforts to build out the kind of bicycle network that's envisioned in that 2010 master plan. That will be a necessary component to make this program successful. And I want to make sure we don't lose focus on that, the other topic is one that I've talked to you folks about before, which is bicycle parking, we did a lot of work on what happens

for bicycle parking in new development, we've adjusted some of that to deal with the housing emergency. But it is critical for people to successfully use, any kind of bicycle. But e-bikes in particular, since you need the charging port, to charge them up, that we have that infrastructure. And I'm delighted to see that this program includes a component for e-bike storage and charging, because we're going to need to retrofit existing buildings that you know, have been built prior to 2019, when we had the new code to make sure we have capacity for folks to securely store these, bikes and to charge them. So thank you very much. And I encourage you to adopt this program. Thank thanks.

Speaker: Chris.

Speaker: Let's try eddie smith.

Speaker: Hi, everyone, it's me from earlier today, this is actually something I do want to speak about. I do have an e-bike, and I do use it to get around, Portland, I sometimes walk. I sometimes use it when I walk, both of my dogs. So I do think that this is a really good idea, for the city. I think it would be a really good investment for the city to adopt. So I'm hoping that you guys will, in fact, go ahead and pass this. I don't know whatever you want to call it, but I also wanted to say something that I didn't say, earlier today, in addition to passing this, I don't know, is it some money? Whatever it is that's needed to get more e-bikes out here to the public? Please go ahead and do that because I think it's needed. I think it's necessary, but I also wanted to say something that I didn't get to say. Earlier today when I was actually before, all of you and looks like, mayor Wheeler and commissioner Mapps are gone now or have excused themselves for a few minutes or whatever, I'm really concerned by the silence, as a democrat voter, I'm adding, we have to keep this focused on.

Speaker: Item five, nine, six are my three minutes, yeah. But we the other rule is that we stay focused on the topic. So, so you didn't go ahead and move on to the next testimony, please. Next up. Oh, sorry.

Speaker: I see sarah and sarah.

Speaker: Yeah. Next up, we have sarah iannarone.

Speaker: Hey, sarah. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thanks for having us. I'll try to get this timed right. I don't know, I haven't practiced, so for the record, my name is sarah iannarone. I'm the executive director of the street trust. I am a registered lobbyist with the city of Portland. I want to express deep gratitude and appreciation for the countless hours of dedication of you and your team. I know that we were engaged intensively to ensure this program prioritizes low income Portlanders, offers inclusive opportunities for those living with disabilities, and diversifies and expands the local workforce through targeted training and support. And I'm going to go through a quick list of the street trust bona fides with regard to e-bikes. Just because I want you to understand the context that we're coming to this conversation with, we run perhaps the broadest portfolio and widest range of practical experience administering equity focused e-bike education and access programs in Oregon. At the moment. So we established and ran the biketown for all ambassador program to help ensure low income Portlanders access to safe use of the city's bike share. We facilitate the statewide e-bikes for all working group, of which many people in this room are participants, we facilitate the adaptive bike ride annually. We facilitate the Oregon friendly driver program for a region which teaches motorists how to coexist with people riding bicycles. And we fought diligently in salem last legislative session to ensure safe, equitable access to e-bikes through safety and regulatory, law. And in fact, we're going to need your help again, because this conversation is challenging and making

sure that the rules at the state level, make it easy for us to ensure safe mobility for the lowest, most disadvantaged Portlanders is going to be critical. And we were lacking in help from city of Portland last session. Let's just put it that way. So we'd love to see your lobby team making sure that they're engaged in e-bike regulation and safety legislation. I also want to let you know that we fought for hb 467 to establish an electric micromobility workgroup for Oregon, and made sure that city of Portland had a seat on that as well, and will be convening in July. And we will present our recommendations to city to lawmakers in December. So making sure that you're actively engaged in that, again, to make sure this program is state legislation or aligned is going to be really important. And perhaps most significantly, we established and currently administer the right to own low income access program funded by pge drive change fund and Oregon deq. And we give free e-bikes to people. And we've learned a lot over the years. And I just want to, offer some caveats about the devil being in the details as we roll out this program. So our most recent tranche of program applications, we got 400 applications for 75 spots. So the demand is there. We're going to need to keep this program bucket full. We're going to need to keep these dollars rolling out to make sure that we're getting this money out to the public. As we saw from denver, I think it's going to be incredibly popular here. I also want to talk about the fact that I don't see pbot as actively involved as they should be in this. One of the biggest challenges that we're finding in our low income access program is not the access to the vehicle per se, but the transition, especially if you're someone who's transitioning from driving alone to riding a bike. Now, the substitution from bike biking, of car trips is significant. We've already had 220 rubbed out over time.

Speaker: Oh yeah, that's a new thing, it goes off at three minutes.

Speaker: It's pretty important. So I don't can I have like, one more minute?

Speaker: Give it 30s. Brevity is a leadership skill. Go for it.

Speaker: Well, because it's important in terms of the volume that you need to deal with on the street. Chris smith pointed this out. 6000 users. Our current data shows that in the first month, our riders again 75 riders in this most recent tranche have logged 2285 miles over the course of your program. That's going to be over 180,000 miles. That's going to be over 100,000 trips. It's going to be over 17,000 car trips subbed out and you know what? We're not increasing exponentially. Seven, 8000 times is the infrastructure. So we need to tap into the existing infrastructure and capacity at pbot as well, and make sure that these programs are rolled out in tandem. I cannot stress that enough. And feel free to call us for the rest of our information.

Speaker: Thanks. The mayor set that rule before he left, so now that I broke it, if someone we will have them go 30s over if they need to, since I did that for sarah. Thanks

Speaker: Thank you, next up, we have dean mullen online.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes. Loud and clear. Go for it. Dean. Hi.

Speaker: My name is dean mullen. I'm an owner owner of clever cycles on 900 southeast hawthorne. Clever cycles has been selling bikes ni bikes in Portland for 18 years, I've witnessed how e-bikes can make a difference in people's lives. I warn customers who come into the store not to take a e-bike for a ride if they don't plan on buying one. I've never seen someone come back from a test drive without a smile on their face. One of the issues that the e-bike industry faces is how to get quality e-bikes into the hands and feet of customers at a price that is acceptable. The cheap e-bikes that are available online often end with a customer being disappointed or even worse, the bikes have safety issues. We see these bikes come

in the door and have witnessed firsthand how an improperly assembled bike can turn a positive experience into a bad situation. I support the pcef e-bike rebate as I believe it is a well thought out program. This requires the bikes to be purchased at a local brick and mortar shop that will be able to support the bike and the customer down the road. This rebate will allow customers who may otherwise have been disappointed with the poor quality e-bike experience. All the benefits that a quality e-bike can offer. We have talked with shops in other states that have instituted the e-bike rebate program, and we are excited to see the success of the program in Portland. So I've got. Next up we have alana koskov. Welcome.

Speaker: Hi, my name is alana koskov and I work for a pca funded program at metropolitan family service. Our Portland electric ways to work program helps low income and bipoc community members access electric transportation, including e-bikes, evs, plug in hybrids and hybrids. We are grateful for the city's support as we aim to reduce the financial barriers to accessing low carbon transportation options. My role, specifically, is to work one on one with clients to talk about their transportation needs and potential barriers to adopting e-bikes, as well as providing the incentives and rebates towards upfront costs. At mfs, we provide 3 to \$5000 towards the cost of a vehicle, or \$500 towards the cost of an e-bike, as well as \$250 in e-bike safety gear. I wanted to share today what we have learned from our community outreach and engagement efforts in our program. We have frequently heard that the biggest barrier to getting an e-bike is the upfront cost. They are just too expensive. As has been said today by numerous people, reliable and good quality e-bikes start at around \$1,500 and go upwards of \$5,000. Lack of secure storage is also a barrier, providing an incentive to low income Portlanders for e-bikes has garnered tremendous excitement, and many of our clients are currently purchasing their bikes at local Portland bike shops this summer. Actually,

one purchased one at river city last month. Metropolitan family service, however, is limited in our funding and our timeline. We currently can only provide \$250 in safety gear to the first 20 participants in our program and our milestone is 85 e-bikes purchased over five years, which is, of course, palling in comparison to the 6000 at mfs. We want to continue to support e-bike adoption for priority populations, which this rebate model helps ensure e-bikes are an exciting and accessible form of low carbon transportation. And we need to ensure that no one is left behind from utilizing them as cargo. And adaptive bikes have a higher starting price point, we agree that the rebate amount should be higher for those types of bikes. While we currently don't have that in the scope of our program, we support the proposal's recommendation to have a higher incentive for more expensive bikes, especially ones that provide a different service adaptive bikes or cargo bikes that can fit multiple children on the back for a family. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Speaker: Thank you. Next up, we have darlene, chairman.

Speaker: Welcome, darlene. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Council members, I'm pleased to have an opportunity to speak today. I represent 350 pdx policy team, and we're really pleased to support this program within Multnomah County. I think the latest data is 44% of our carbon emissions are from transportation. And this is a really good way to address both the carbon emissions and support for our, low income community, I'm very pleased to hear that this is happening. And when you hear about what's going on in denver, where they they don't have enough money to meet the need, that when we get this program up and running, if we get into that position, I'm hoping that we will, replenish the funds sooner than the five years, because it's such as we've heard, it's

such a, effective way to both increase the mobility for our residents and to reduce carbon emissions. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have nick wood.

Speaker: Welcome, nick.

Speaker: Hi, nick wood here with volt e mobility. We are an micromobility and e-bike focused brand based in southeast Portland, we are owned by the same folks who own showers, pass clothing, who has been located in the Portland area since about 2005. They are an outdoor and cycling clothing company focused on commuting, wet weather apparel, so there's some expertise in interest in bicycle commuting, which grew out into the e-bike brand that was launched in 2021. We've been selling across the country since then, and we've been participating in, subsidy programs, including those in colorado and minnesota. We've heard directly from participants in these programs that the subsidy makes it possible for them to purchase an electric bike, and it makes it possible for them to change their transportation habits. It's been something that's really rewarding to see and hear from these folks, to tell us that it is literally life changing for the way that they get around, and allows them to have a, a lot more freedom of mobility and a lot more enjoyment of that freedom of mobility, so we are clearly in support of the e-bike incentive programs and want to touch upon a few things, number one, we believe that this is a historic opportunity to activate the similarly historic investment in bike infrastructure in this community. Over the past 40 years. Really, Portland was a leader in that area, and we think that this is an opportunity for Portland to again gain some leadership within two wheel transportation, also, as a Portland cycling industry business, we fully support this as it continues to invest in the Portland cycling industry. Both shops, retailers and suppliers like us who are a designer and importer of bikes, stand to be able to increase our levels of employment through

the knock on effects of these additional 6000 riders in the community, we certainly expect to serve some of the recipients of the program. But beyond that, by diversifying the group of early adopters into including, climate justice communities, we really see that there's a lot more potential to have effective mode shift, and get back to our 2014, 2015 kind of levels of 7.2, 7.5% cycling mode, and hopefully grow well beyond that as people see this as a feasible, exciting and attractive mode of transportation, i'll yield the rest of my time. Thank you, next up we have, michael harrison.

Speaker: Thanks for being here, michael. Good afternoon. For the record, my name is michael harrison, I do not own or use a car. I live in gresham, and I use my bicycle to get around everywhere in the Portland area. In conjunction with the bus. It's nice how they have that metal part that comes down, and you can put your bicycle there, with costs rising, it's difficult to purchase an e-bike. I can use an e-bike myself, I'm also a bicycle activist. I promote bicycle infrastructure for the Portland area. I have an unofficial signed petition here with 500 signatures. I've collected that. I'm delivering in support of, elevated bicycle infrastructure, we really should take this kind of interest infrastructure much more seriously, similar infrastructure already exists elsewhere around the world or is being proposed across the country, if you have any questions, there's more information in these signed petitions and packets. I'm delivering. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you for collecting it and delivering it. If you just give it to kyla and she'll make sure we all get copies of it. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Next up we have anne casper anne.

Speaker: Welcome back. It's good to see you.

Speaker: Mayor, commissioners, thank you for having me here. My name is anne casper, and today I'm here saying I'm in support of this. And also because of a

house fire. I live part time in new york city and on the news, we see a lot of fires happening because of the lithium batteries. And this affects low income people because of people are parking their bikes at the apartments and then the apartments catch on fire, the new york commissioner of fire went to testify in congress earlier this year about e-bike battery safety. I'd like you to be aware of that. I think you should get the fire department involved in this, just in case. In new york, there were 29 deaths in the last couple of years and over 400 injuries because of e-bikes. So a lot of e-bikes everywhere. So I totally support it. And let's be really careful about these ion batteries. If you're going to put so many more on the streets, because there are a lot in new york. And look into that. Thank you.

Speaker: That's it. Thank you.

Speaker: And would you happen I'm just curious. You don't have to know the answer. What is the main issue with regard to e-bike batteries? Is it leaving them plugged in too long?

Speaker: I don't think so. Somehow what you hear it on the news because news is just news and they explode somehow. Okay.

Speaker: And we'll look we'll look into that and I guess a couple, there's a new york times article, how e-bike battery fires became a deadly crisis in new york city on June 21st, 2023.

Speaker: Look into that. There's another one here. Fdny commissioner hails house passage of e-bike battery safety bill as safety breakthrough. And that's through the city newspaper worth looking into.

Speaker: Thank you very much. And maybe you guys could help us with that.

Speaker: Yes. So one of the biggest issues when we are aware of this, and one of the ways that new york has addressed this issue, is by requiring ul listing, that is to ensure the quality of the bike. This is often happening due to low quality of the bike

itself. These are ones that you can kind of just purchase off of any online retailer, and it just gets shipped to your door. This is why we have taken we are going to require the brick and mortar with the addition of repairing the bike that is sold in the shop, so this ensures a quality battery. Also, a lot of these issues come from daisy chaining the battery charging together. And that is something that comes from folks that may need a larger range. That's not the purpose of this program, which is transportation. And we're addressing that in the requirements. We are seriously considering adding the UL listing requirement. The great thing is that most of the bikes that you find in store are of quality, and a lot of other jurisdictions are adopting a requirement of a UL listing. So the industry as a whole, we're starting to see it move towards that.

Speaker: And I'll just confess, this is an area I'm not familiar with. So I appreciate you highlighting it here. And I'm glad you're on this. And maybe there's more we need to do here. Absolutely. I'll look to you. Thank you, next up we have Noel Scooter Spivak.

Speaker: Welcome, Noel.

Speaker: Mayor. Commissioners, thanks for this opportunity to speak today, my name is Noel Scooter Spivak, a parent of two and the Cully neighborhood, co-owner of a construction company and member of Families for Climate. Our organization strongly supports the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefit Fund's mission, and we encourage you to advance the e-bike access and support program. Many of our members transport kids with e-bikes on a daily basis, and recognize that the upfront costs of this technology is a major barrier to most Portland families. The other barrier Chris Smith and Sarah Iannarone addressed is the need to fully build out protected bike lanes. Melissa and her children had a close call on their way here today. I'm happy that this program includes a pilot for secure

storage retrofits, friends living in older hacienda communities and cully have really struggled with finding secure storage for their family's bikes, and as a builder of multifamily housing, our company did not foresee the e-bike revolution. And so today, our projects include additional space and outlets to accommodate e-bike charging and storage. We're building a new shed right now. Electric bikes open up a world of independent transportation and possibilities for people with disabilities, and caregivers as they commute to work, move children across our city to and from school, sports activities, medical appointments, haul groceries, commute to work and bring everyone home. At the end of the day, this is particularly critical for families and people with disabilities living in neighborhoods underserved by trimet and where grocery stores and basic services are harder to access. Families and individuals living in areas with hills will also benefit, as electric assist makes it possible to go farther safely. Last fall, my daughter started high school. Her neurodiversity makes the bus challenging, so we found a used bike. Some used showers, pass gear and she rode to and from school every day in all weather. With total independence. That's how the next generation of Portland bike commuters is born. We believe that this is an important carbon mitigation investment that will make life easier for families today and grow private sector capacity for the decarbonized transportation system that our kids need for a healthy tomorrow. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you. Next up we have alan hippolito.

Speaker: Hi, alan.

Speaker: Mayor. Commissioners. Good afternoon and the words of your friend and madre espana. It's a blessing to be here with you today. So my name is alan ippolito. I work for a Portland based nonprofit named suma. I'd like to testify in strong support of today's ordinance. I specifically want to recognize the detailed

presentation and focus on adaptive e-bikes. I'm excited about this program because it gives community a great opportunity to work together with the city. And when we work together, we've seen some really great things happen. Cully park, las adelitas, pcf itself and its climate investment plan. Some of you all may remember our pandemic digital divide partnership, where we went from no program in March 20th 20 to 100 chromebook pilot in April to a September scale up that distributed 4000 devices, including 500 ipads with assistive devices for adults with disability and 8000 plus internet access cards to 4000 plus community members via 24 front line nonprofits. But it's been a while since we talked, so I wanted to let you know what we've been up to at summa since spinning off from verde in July 2020, and how that work reflects our excitement about today's program. Summa, the spanish word for the mathematical term sum, as in the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, creates an inclusive technology future with low income people, people of color, adults with disability, and other frontline communities. We believe that responsive technology, investments and institutions can build community power to address climate change, poverty and racial injustice. Per our mission statement, summa creates platforms for digital organizing, enterprise and justice. Suma and Portland's frontline communities have co-created the summa platform and open source app that community members use to purchase and save money on essential expenses. Food transportation, utilities including products that promote climate resilience and accelerate ghg reductions in frontline communities. More than 800 users have enrolled in the app since we launched in November 2022. These users have loaded over \$4,000 in their summa app wallets via credit or debit card. They've purchased over \$36,000 in essential expenses, and they've saved over \$32,000 on these essential expenses through the app's integration of community buying power with vendor discounts and third party subsidy, we want to grow to

1500 users by this time. Next year, and 2500 users in two years. In our most recent bilingual survey, 94% of respondents wanted the summa app to help them save money on food, 72% on utilities, 64% on transportation, and 42% want a cash payment option. Creating community friendly application processes, validating eligibility with community based organizations. Providing customer support. Engaging and paying retailers. Managing subsidy reporting data. Some on our platform do these things on a daily basis with and for pcef priority populations, and we've done it with a fundamental commitment to privacy via community led app privacy policies that sets the data terms for user transactions with platform vendors. So you can see why we're excited about this program and why we look forward to the work ahead as we move from today's vote to the eventual competitive solicitation. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, alan.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: All right, colleagues, great testimony. Thank you everybody. Fabulous presentation, anybody have any further questions before we move this to the next reading? Well done. Thank you. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you, everybody for your patience. Who testified today, colleagues, we're going to shake up the order just a little bit here. I am aware that commissioner Ryan has a brief obligation at 330. So I want to see if I can push through 591, which is an emergency ordinance pay settlement of \$175,000 to resolve a claim for attorney fees in duncan et al.

Speaker: The city of Portland involving code sections 14.5, 0.020 and 14.50 .025.

Speaker: Naomi is here. Naomi sheffield and senior claims analyst dave ferro to walk us through the ordinance. Hello again.

Speaker: Hello. Thank you. Naomi Sheffield, deputy city attorney, this ordinance relates to a lawsuit that arose from the time, place and manner regulation that City Council passed, last June. In 2023, where it codified certain provisions in Portland city code 1450 020 and 1450 025. The plaintiffs filed a lawsuit in September of 2023 challenging those provisions under ORS 195 530, which is the state law enacted related to regulations on homelessness being reasonable with respect to individuals who are experiencing regulations on sleeping and lying, being reasonable with respect to individuals who are homeless. Plaintiffs also allege that it violated article one, section 16 of the Oregon constitution. The plaintiffs sought an award of attorney's fees in their complaint, which is provided for under 195 530. The in that litigation, the Multnomah County circuit court granted plaintiffs motion for a preliminary injunction and enjoined our ordinances back in November, in May of this year, Portland City Council repealed those ordinances. Plaintiffs will be moving to dismiss the claim as moot. However, they are seeking attorney's fees under the provision that provides for attorney's fees under 195 530. Plaintiffs counsel has presented to the city city attorney's office and risk management and accounting of the hours that they billed in connection with the work. And the five attorneys who provided legal services. That amount, is approximately \$230,000. The parties have negotiated an agreed upon amount of \$75,000, and risk management in the city attorney's office are recommending approval of the settlement for their attorney's fees at \$175,000. To avoid the risk of a higher attorney's fee award. If we were to proceed in litigating it, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Speaker: Any questions? I have commissioner Gonzales, so we have no clarity at this point as to the basis for the judge's decision in granting the injunction, correct?

Speaker: Correct. And the basis for awarding attorney fees is the statute.

Speaker: It's 195 530, section six. Yes.

Speaker: Okay, that answers my questions.

Speaker: Okay, great, any other questions? Public testimony. Ryan I gonzales nay.

Speaker: Yea. Rubio I Wheeler.

Speaker: No. For for the purposes of being able to do a reconsideration, so the ordinance fails. I'd like to make a motion for reconsideration. Can I get a second? Second? Commissioner Rubio? Seconds, please call the roll on the reconsideration.

Speaker: Ryan. I'm sorry. Sorry.

Speaker: Are you asking for reconsideration to remove the emergency? Yes.

Speaker: Of course.

Speaker: Okay, I don't have to say that right now, though. Do i?

Speaker: O on the motion.

Speaker: You're spoiling all the fun. Ryan gonzales, nay, yea. Rubio I Wheeler.

Speaker: All right, colleagues, I would thank you for the reconsideration. I would like to move that we remove. I would like to move that we remove the emergency clause from item 590. Can I get a second? Second? Yeah, it's on the table. Any further discussion? Call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan I gonzales I Rubio I Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. So it is now a non emergency ordinance. This is a first reading. It moves to second reading. Commissioner Ryan do we have time to do the next settlement or would you prefer we hold off till you get back.

Speaker: Can you do it in one minute?

Speaker: I think so, it's I think so. It's someone else's.

Speaker: So i'll read it quickly, or we can table it if you have to get up and go.

Speaker: And it's longer than an emergency.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. That's why I was looking at 591. All right.

Speaker: So we'll start at 591.

Speaker: Read it.

Speaker: We. Thanks.

Speaker: 592, I'm sorry. You're right. 592. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. Pay settlement of ariel hartwell bodily injury lawsuit for \$100,000 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving Portland fire and rescue. All right, and, naomi, are you taking this one as well? I am so.

Speaker: Yep. Great this claim arises out of injuries to miss hartwell, sustained as a result of a collision with a city owned vehicle at the intersection of southwest market street and southwest naito parkway on September 10th, 2020. In the collision, Portland fire and rescue rescue employee was operating a pickup truck that collided with the driver's side of miss hartwell's rented, vehicle risk management and the city attorney's office determined that the collision occurred and that miss hartwell was injured because the fnr vehicle was operated in a negligent manner, manner, by failing to stop at a red light. Miss hartwell presented evidence of extensive treatment to injuries to her left leg, knee and ankle, and injuries related to a concussion, post-concussion syndrome, and other cognitive functions. The city obtained an independent medical review of her medical records to determine the extent to which she, her claimed injuries were caused by the collision. The parties attended a mediation with retired judge michael sullivan and were able to reach an agreed upon settlement of \$100,000 to resolve this lawsuit.

Speaker: Great. Thank you, any questions, any testimony? No. Call the roll. Ryan I gonzales, I Rubio, I miller I just want to say I hope there's a speedy recovery here. These are significant injuries, and I'm glad that that both parties were able to reach an amicable solution. I vote yea. The ordinance is adopted. All right, thank you, commissioner Ryan, for that. We'll move back to 590. A report accept bid of

\$3,073,190 from kodiak pacific construction company for the northeast 97th avenue and northeast couch davis area improvements phase one local improvement district project colleagues. This item authorizes the Portland bureau of transportation to move forward with a construction contract for phase one of the northeast 97th avenue and northeast couch davis area local improvement district project. Interim chief procurement officer kathleen muir maroua is here to present report. And I also see andrew here. Welcome

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. For the record, I'm kathleen brennan, maroua, interim chief procurement officer, and I'm here to recommend authorization to enter into a contract with kodiak pacific construction company for the northeast couch davis streets local improvement district project. City Council approved ordinance 189472 on April 24, 2019. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$4,454,059, and the confidence level was low at that time, procurement services issued the invitation to bid and three bids were received on April 30th of this year. Kodiak pacific construction company submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$3,073,190, which is approximately 31% under the estimate. The city's aspirational 20% subcontractor and supplier utilization goal applied kodiak pacific has committed to subcontract approximately 20% to contractors certified by the state's certification office for business inclusion and diversity, as identified in the report. Before you, kodiak pacific is self-performing. Approximately 27% of the work. They are a certified woman owned business. Thus, approximately 47% of this contract is to be performed by contractors certified by the certification office for business inclusion and diversity. Kodiak pacific is in compliance with all city contracting requirements, and I recommend that you accept this report and authorize execution of the contract. Happy to answer any questions about the procurement process, and as you noted, andrew abdi is also

here. If there are questions about the project itself, colleagues, are there any further questions on this particular item?

Speaker: Is there a public testimony? No one signed up. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved commissioner Gonzalez moves second commissioner Rubio seconds all. Call the roll Ryan Gonzalez I Rubio I Wheeler I the report is accepted and I think we have one more here at the end of the list. 595. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance.

Speaker: Amend liquor license recommendations code to rescind the requirement for mail notice of liquor license applications, a line application procedure with current process and rescind section requiring council notification of Oregon liquor and cannabis commission proceedings.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, thank you. The city of Portland regulates public order via city code title 14, public order and police to establish a fair process when making recommendations to the Oregon liquor and cannabis commission regarding applications for liquor licenses within the city limits. Process. Details in this chapter have not been updated since 2005. Therefore, this ordinance seeks to bring city code into line with current standard operating procedures. These changes were initiated and recommended by bd's liquor licensing program staff.

Additionally, I'm going to have to make a small amendment, my motion to amend finding number six, of this ordinance to update the cost of required mailings to 59,424 as the original number of 15,821 did not reflect all the costs associated with printing and distribution.

Speaker: I'll second that. Any further discussion on the amendment, any public testimony on the amendment? No. Call the roll, Gonzalez i, Rubio I Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: The amendments on the table.

Speaker: Thank you. So here to briefly explain the changes, in more detail, our, Carrie and Christina from BDS.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler. And commissioners, for the record, my name is Christina Corsi, and I am the Cannabis and Liquor Program Manager with Development Services. I'm here today with my colleague Carrie Co, Liquor Policy Coordinator, to request amendments to Chapter 14, B 100. The Liquor Licensing Recommendations Code. Next slide, please. In today's presentation we will go over the background of the liquor program processes and role in the licensing liquor and licensing liquor establishments within city of Portland in coordination with the Oregon and Liquor Cannabis Commission and Portland Police Bureau. Processes and administrative details. Within Chapter 14, B 100 have not been updated for nearly two decades. These amendments are long overdue and are intended to codify current processes into city code, rescind inaccurate details, update the chapter the chapter to reflect the current state of best practices of the city of Portland and to reduce bureau expenditures by rescinding the requirement of mailing notifications to residents and property owners within 300ft of locations where applications have been submitted for proposed liquor licenses. I would like to preface this request for amendments by saying the Cannabis program also used to send out mailed notifications of proposed Cannabis locations to residents and property owners within 300ft of proposed locations in 2021. The Cannabis program went before City Council with amendments to Chapter 14 B 130 to rescind the requirement, which was accepted by council. The Cannabis program has not experienced any repercussions since removing this requirement from code, and I fully anticipate the same outcome should this requirement be rescinded from the liquor code. Next slide please. The role of the city of Portland liquor program is to provide administration and processing of all liquor license applications within

Portland city limits, in coordination with Portland police bureau. We also facilitate the city's recommendations to olcc for proposed locations. These recommendations consist of favorable, not favorable, favorable with restrictions or no endorsement in fiscal year 2324, 4459. License applications were processed in Portland, Oregon. Revised statutes, chapter 471 directs all local jurisdictions in Oregon to facilitate recommendations to olcc. However, olcc does not dictate how this is done. City of Portland goes beyond what is required by also providing community engagement for liquor licensing applications by requiring physical public postings on the door of the proposed site for at least 30 days, as well as posting comprehensive notices online with details about each application received and the neighborhood impact, we connect the community directly to applicants by asking the applicant to provide business contact information so that community members can directly connect with applicants to discuss neighborhood level issues. This information is displayed on our website and on the physical postings we collect and compile data community input for our partnering agencies, and we engage in interagency coordination by collaborating with agency partners to solve problems, address liquor related issues, and to provide the best possible licensing application process that spans multiple agencies. While conducting research of neighborhood jurisdictions on their processes of notifying community of proposed establishments, I found that city of beaverton puts an ad in the newspaper. City of hillsboro provides online notifications, while cities of tigard, gresham, and salem provide no notice. I am unaware of another jurisdiction, especially the size of Portland. Sending out postcard notifications to residents. Next slide please. The purpose of chapter 14, b dot 100 exists to establish a fair, effective, and efficient process when making recommendations to olcc for liquor licenses within the city limits. This chapter establishes application, community engagement and appeal

processes. It sets limits on recommendations within certain physical city locations, all while all while ensuring that all premises license to sell or dispense liquor in any form meets the high expectations on this community, and that all licensed premises are conducted in a lawful manner that does not unreasonably disturb the peace and tranquility of this city and its neighborhoods. And with that, I will now turn it over to my colleague Carrie Co to discuss the ordinance in detail.

Speaker: Thanks, Christina. Thank you. Mayor and commissioners, my name is Carrie Ko. I work as a coordinator at the liquor licensing program. Next slide please. I'm going to walk through a few details of the ordinance itself. So, the changes we're presenting are relatively small. And aligning the code language with what we believe is best practices and processes that we've already put into practice in some cases. So we have three categories of changes. The first one is to rescind the requirement for mailed postcard notices, as Christina mentioned, the current requirement is a mailed notice to residents and owners within 300ft of the application location. The liquor licensing program has been considering and working on these changes for several years. As we saw the increasing inefficiency of paper mailings. Generally mailing related expenses at commissioner Yea. Rubio named take up about 16% of our overall budget. You can see this percentage laid out in the graph there for you, and there's a few reasons why we want to rescind this requirement. The first being that our return mail rate is exceptionally high. We send out postcards and in the thousands over the course of the year, and we did a sampling of mailings and return mail from 2023. And in multiple instances, we saw nearly 80% return mail for some locations and a median of 36% return mail, so we find this to be, you know, high too high in fact, we've worked extensively with city GIS folks to try and make mailings more effective and meet this code requirement, and have heard from them that what we have is the best that we're going to get, so

we find this to be highly inefficient. Use of staff time and bureau resources, if this led to significant public engagement, perhaps we could consider it reasonable. But we see very little community engagement from this kind of outreach. Our anecdotal experience is that the community is alerted to new licensing activity based on physical location postings, those are very effective. And just for sort of context, in the last year of this fiscal year, fiscal year 2324, we've received 31 community comments. For hundreds of mailings and thousands of pieces of mail. So moving forward, we will focus on physical, physical postings and digital engagement. As christina mentioned, we post online for 30 days and a clear format that's searchable by location and neighborhood and date. We post physically on the door, and then that's followed up by the olc also doing physical posting notifications for the length of time it takes them to process their application, next slide please, the second set of changes that we want to make is to match the code up to current processes. As christina mentioned, this has not been updated for more than two decades. Since 2000 or nearly two decades 2005 and the city has changed significantly in that time. So we are removing some language about out of date procedures like liquor outlet information forms and bureau of licenses and things like that which no longer exists in the forms described in the code. We are also clarifying the role that bds plays versus the role that the Portland police bureau plays, making it clear that the pbc is responsible for issuing the official recommendation based on their background checks and informations, while bds is responsible for the parts we play, collecting information, dealing with applications, communicating between people and agencies and other roles. And so each of these change reflects the practice and the processes based on the program, the changes that the city and updates that have been coming from the olc to since the last update, next slide please. The third set is the code right now has some inconsistent

and confusing language, around the requirement to notify City Council of relevant olc hearings, and so we want to update that language to rescind this requirement. The current code references olc hearings, dates, times and places. But this is actually this doesn't reflect the actual olc process. They do not have hearings on local governing body or city recommendations of liquor licensing unless there is a like a long appeal process, which we find to be extremely rare and has, and is not reflected in the code. So according to the olc, what they are referencing when they say hearing simply means, literally receiving our recommendations and our community input, and so while we're, we will continue to provide that and it is referenced within other parts of the code, but we want to remove the requirement. That seems to imply that there's a physical hearing to a body at the olc that takes place, additionally, we just want to bring it up to code to reflect the fact that we receive, you know, 400 annual liquor licenses, 3000 renewals, and about 2000 temporary liquor licenses each year in any given year, and notifying the council of the general community input or recommendations or olc decisions on each of these. It feels onerous to all parties and doesn't really seem to provide a clear benefit to the public. The program or council. So, of course, does not prohibit us from bringing things forward that are of interest or useful to council or the program, so, yes, we want to we want to bring the code up to be in compliance so that we can be in compliance with the code and it can meet our current standards, thank you for your time and consideration. And we'll take any questions, colleagues, any questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Yeah, I was away, so I just wanted is this under code cleanup? This is a oh, lovely. Thank you.

Speaker: And the assignment.

Speaker: There you go.

Speaker: Do we have public testimony on this item? No one signed up. All right. Very good. Thank you for your thoroughness. And we appreciate it. I'm sorry. It was very last thing in the day, best for last.

Speaker: It is so. Thank you. I know you worked hard on it. This is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading, and we are adjourned. Thank you. Thank you.