



July 31, 2024 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, July 31, 2024 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Commissioner Gonzalez presided.

Council convened at 9:38 a.m.

Mayor Wheeler left at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Council recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Council adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Communications

672

[Request of Rose Kuhnau to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 672-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Jennifer Park presented to Council for Item 672.

673

[Request of Jenny Abeling to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 673-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Nat West presented to Council for Item 673.

674

[Request of Brooklyn Sherman to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 674-2024

Council action: Placed on File

675

[Request of Meaghan Wilkinson to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 675-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Debbie Kitchen presented to Council for Item 675.

676

[Request of Lew Church to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers](#) (Communication)

Document number: 676-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Time Certain

677

[*Accept grant for \\$800,000 from U.S. Department of Transportation to implement the Reconnecting Albina Planning Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191847

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

City department: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 45 minutes (1 of 2)

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

678

[Accept and acknowledge the Albina Vision Trust Community Investment Plan and affirm City objectives for the area in alignment with the N/NE Quadrant Plan and Central City 2035 Plan](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37669

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

City department: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 45 minutes (2 of 2)

Council action: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

679

[Accept the Technology Oversight Committee Quarterly Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 679-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Technology Services

Time certain: 10:30 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

680

[Streamline and update the land division regulations and other related code provisions \(amend Title 33 and Title 1; amend Ordinance 175965\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191848

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Second reading agenda item 671.

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Consent Agenda

681

[Amend Drainage and Water Quality Code provisions to facilitate updates to the Stormwater Management Manual \(amend Code Chapter 17.38\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Environmental Services

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading August 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

682

[*Accept and appropriate a grant for \\$320,000 from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191835

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

683

[*Adopt and authorize submission of the FY 2024-25 Action Plan application for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Programs to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191836

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Council action: Passed

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

684

[*Authorize grant agreement with St. Vincent de Paul to purchase and preserve Kelly Butte Manufactured Home Park and regulate affordability at Kelly Butte and Strawberry Acres Manufactured Home Parks not to exceed \\$3,500,000 \(amend Ordinance 191729\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191837

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Council action: Passed

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

685

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Prosper Portland to support the ongoing implementation of housing and economic opportunity functions](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191838

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Council action: Passed

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

686

[*Authorize two grant agreements with Emergency Solutions Grants and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS to provide community services for a total of \\$2,659,781 \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191839

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Council action: Passed

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

687

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 483 and Bureau of Environmental Services to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement and settle outstanding grievances \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191840

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Human Resources

Council action: Passed

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

688

[*Authorize Letter of Agreement with Professional Technical Employees Union, Local 17 and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 189 to create a committee to review Worksite Location Status Requests \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191841

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Human Resources

Council action: Passed

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

689

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to fund three full-time equivalent positions to support the Organized Theft and Auto Theft Task Force not to exceed \\$350,000 per fiscal year](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191842

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Police

Second reading agenda item 639.

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

690

[Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of Job Order Contracting for civil construction and general contracting construction services](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Procurement and Business Opportunities

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading August 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

691

[*Pay employment discrimination claim of Marcia Perez for \\$25,000 involving the Office of Management & Finance](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191843

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Risk Management

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

692

[*Authorize Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the 82nd Ave Major Maintenance Project through exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191844

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Transportation

Council action: Passed

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

693

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Conduit 3 Ovality Repair Project and the Venturi Removal Project at an estimated cost of \\$3,800,000 \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191845

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Water

Second reading agenda item 648.

Council action: Passed

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

694

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Interstate Operations Building Renovation Project at an estimated cost of \\$3,160,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191846

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Water

Second reading agenda item 649.

Council action: Passed

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

695

[Approve Council Minutes for June 5-26, 2024](#) (Report)

Document number: 695-2024

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

City department: Auditor's Office; Council Clerk

Council action: Approved

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

Regular Agenda

696

[*Pay settlement of Rowena Pacheco employment discrimination lawsuit for \\$135,000 involving Portland Fire & Rescue](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191849

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Risk Management

Time requested: 10 minutes

Council action: Passed As Amended

Motion to amend Directive A to update payee to AmicusPoint Law Trust: Moved by Gonzalez and seconded by Mapps. (Y-4; Wheeler absent)

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

697

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to complete suppression repair work following the 2023 Camp Creek Fire response in the Bull Run Watershed for \\$237,000](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191850

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Water

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
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Rene Gonzalez	Commissioner	
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Dan Vizzini	Senior Fellow, PSU Center for Public Service	Pre-gavel
Ayako Masunaga	City Councilor, Yokohama City	Pre-gavel
Keelan McClymont	Council Clerk	
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Dan Ryan	Commissioner	
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July 31, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Is it over to mayor Wheeler for a special recognition of the Japanese local governance and management training delegation here at Portland State. Please take it away. Mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Gonzalez. Since 2004, the Japan local governance and management training program has introduced hundreds of Japanese public employees, legislators and nonprofit managers to Portland's tradition of community involvement and innovation in both the public and the private spheres. This year, 12 participants from Japan traveled all the way here to Portland, eager to see how our city responds to challenges that have reached a critical point in recent years. Solving our homeless crisis, providing access to basic needs amid inflation, and implementing charter reform in an equitable and representational manner. They've joined us today to observe this City Council session in process and to learn more about how legislators balance a long term mission, ensuring a successful transition with a myriad of short term priorities, all of which you're very familiar with. Dan Vizzini, senior fellow at the Center for Public Service, PSU. We'll take just a couple of minutes to explain what the Japan local governance and management training program is and introduce Ayoko Matsunaga, City Councilor at Yokohama City. Eoco Matt Matsunaga has been a City Councilor in Yokohama City, Yokohama City since May of 2023 and is very interested in learning

ways to seamlessly incorporate the priorities of citizens into policy. Welcome dan and ayaka, we're very happy to have you here today.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Mayor Wheeler, president Gonzalez, commissioners dan vizzini, senior fellow at the center for, public service at the hatfield school of government at psu, it, thank you for this opportunity, I want I'm going to make this very quick. Since the mayor did an excellent job of stealing every line I had, this program is a week long program. It was a it was that way before the pandemic. It went away during the pandemic and was electronic and virtual. We continued it, and now it's back, and we can't be more thrilled. The program, concentrates on using the city as a laboratory for learning about civic engagement, citizen centered action on the operation of nonprofits to address public needs, and the relationship between the city government and civil society, to address, quality of life and community development issues, this year we, our partners include Multnomah County elections office, coalition of communities of color, east county rising, new avenues of youth, neighborhood house, loaves and fishes, and even the pac trust and revolution hall. So we are literally relying on actors within the community to engage with our visitors and have an exchange that we're learning can occur on all on by all participants. I'll stop there and turn this over to my esteemed colleague, councilor matsunaga.

Speaker: Hello, everyone. And I am ayako matsunaga, a member of the yokohama City Council, japan. I'm so glad to see you, today I came here with members of the oguma program. The last year I visited the Portland city hall and hear from commissioner dan liang and other government officials, and on the ground about Portland's city governance and administration. I was very impressed at that time. So I decided to come back and join pcas jorogumo program. I am very happy to be

able to come back this summer and learn more about the community center and approach it to urban development and community engagement efforts, under professor nishizawa sensei, I feel that the reason why Portland is becoming a better city is because its residents love this city, and each person thinks and about what they can do and takes action. I heard that Portland is undergoing a once in a century, once in a century government transformation. It's very surprising I'm City Council in Yokohama, so it is hard to imagine how big an impact an increase in the number of council members and major changes in organization. Money management would have. I have a great respect for you. All of you, and I would like to promote Yokohama City. For one thing. Okay. And the international horticultural expo will be held in Yokohama in 2000 to 27, a large scale political, holistic, cultural, horticultural, horticultural exhibition on the same level as the World Expo aims to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and the present Japanese and the Japanese model with an eye toward the future of society. We hope that this compact city model of Portland will be showcased at this expo. I hope you will come to Yokohama, please. Lastly we absolutely love Portland. We will take this learning back to Japan and create a wonderful city that lives by labor's Portland. Thank you so much. And one thing I bring the present for you. So we the expos present. So please take please read the pamphlet. So please. Thank you so much. Thank you.

Speaker: I want to thank both of you for being here. And I want to thank your entire delegation for choosing to visit the city of Portland. I hope that you have a very meaningful and productive stay here in the city of Portland. And of course, councilor, there are many things that we can learn from Japan, and I look forward to leading a delegation in September to visit our sister city as well as other communities in Japan. So perhaps we can connect there again. But welcome and thank you. And I'll turn it back to presiding officer Gonzalez.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Any comments from my colleagues or questions?
Thank you so much. We very much appreciate you welcoming us.

Speaker: Thank you for receiving us.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you, thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: So welcome to the July 31st, 2024 morning session of the Portland City Council. Keelan. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Good morning. Maps here yea. Rubio Ryan here Gonzalez here.

Speaker: Wheeler here.

Speaker: Now you will hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [Portland.gov/council/agenda](https://portland.gov/council/agenda). Information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page. Individuals may testify for three minutes unless the presiding officer states otherwise. Your microphone will be muted when your time is over. The presiding officer preserves order disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in 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 that is being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary if you're a lobbyist, identify the organization you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: We'd just like to also recognize one last time our guests from Japan. Thank you so much for being here. We, on behalf of council, thank you for being here. So. We're now ready for communications. The first item is items six, seven, two Keelan. Let's hear from the first individual, please,

Speaker: The five individuals would like to come up together. Is that okay? That's fine. Okay, I'll read all the items. Six, seven. Two. Request of Rose Know to address council regarding Portland Gray Panthers. Item 673 request of Jenny Abeling to address council regarding Portland Gray Panthers. Item 674 request of Brooklyn Sherman to address council regarding Portland Gray Panthers. Item 675 request of Megan Wilkinson to address council regarding Portland Gray Panthers and item 676 request of Blue Church to address council regarding Portland Gray Panthers welcome.

Speaker: You each have three minutes. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. Four minutes total. Correct. Okay as long as he's.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: He's not on yet.

Speaker: Okay. Well, let's just get past it. Okay Jennifer.

Speaker: Or something. Oh, hi. Good morning. My name is actually Jennifer Park. I am here in partnership with the Portland Gray Panthers. Thank you for having us. My name, as I said. Sorry Jennifer Park, I'm here today to speak with you. I'm a member, a resident of the Arbor Lodge neighborhood, and I am also a candidate for Portland City Council in district two. But I would like to use my three minutes this morning to talk to you about community engagement, did you know that as of last night, the next opportunity to come here and speak with you guys is September 25th? That's eight weeks wait to come down here and speak with you for three minutes. I was here on May 22nd in support of district four candidate and revolt

vine, who spoke to you regarding a candidate joint ceasefire resolution request that day? After their three minutes ended, you made commentary back to the constituents in the room, but did not allow for any dialog. A system that requires your neighbors to wait six plus weeks to speak at you for three minutes on a Wednesday morning is not community engagement, and it does not open the door to equitably holding space for community voice. Equitable community engagement is incredibly important to me and is, I believe, one of the most important things for our new City Council to establish in how we are going to govern in a district based model. However, your transition decisions are impairing the future council's ability to support our communities. Gtac recommended. Between three and 4.7 staff per council member in both the low and high thresholds, constituent services was included in the assumption, as was having council members based in their own districts. But instead you have allocated each new councilor just one staff member. No joint district staff and only city hall based workspaces with seven staff members for each of the current commissioners, you have 28 total positions serving the four of you. But the new 12 council members will have just 12 staff total. Last week, I took a tour of the city hub along the willamette with an incredible climate justice organization. 350 pdx. It was not the first time I listened to the community share their anger over the secret approval of the zenith lux. After years of community opposition, I ask you, as our mayor and commissioners and as some of you as candidates yourselves, for offices in the new structure. Please reframe how you think about engaging the community and how you act as an elected representative of the community's interests. Thank you for taking the time to hear these concerns and consider how your own power can influence not only how you pursue community engagement for the remainder of 2024, but how you can prepare a

structure that is ready to support our community through this government transition. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Six. Seven three.

Speaker: Hi, my name is natwest. I'm here today at the request of the gray panthers. And I want to tell you a little story. In 2016, my wife and I drove to Vancouver, bc for a work event. At the time, I owned a hard cider manufacturing company and we were attending a retail trade show there. I won't mention the challenges that we had in getting across the border with four kegs of alcohol, but it was worth it because the after party was great. What wasn't great is what happened the next morning we walked out to where we thought we had parked the car, but it wasn't there, was it stolen? Were we mistaken? My importer solved the mystery for us. Our car had been towed because we parked close to a pedestrian crosswalk like we do all the time in Portland. Vancouver has a no holds barred approach to enforcing its laws about daylighting or, in pbot speak, vision clearance at intersections. We already have an Oregon state law that prohibits cars from parking within 20ft of a corner, but enforcement of a pretty obscure law that is universally flouted isn't fair. So thank you for supporting a rollout of daylighting through infrastructure. Current city guidelines only call for infrastructure improvements for daylighting. If a street is repaved, or if it's part of a large capital project. But because of the critical importance of vision zero, I'm encouraging you to broaden those guidelines to more intersections. There are many reasons why daylighting makes a lot of sense. Three quarters of pedestrian deaths occur at night, which implies visibility more than speed is a factor, and daylighting directly addresses visibility. It improves the lives of people with limited mobility and daylighting also makes it safe for a safer driving experience. At many intersections, it's only possible to see if it's

safe to turn by pulling into the actual or implied crosswalk to peer around parked cars, which can stick your bumper quite close to the perpendicular travel lane. Daylighting cost the city about \$571 per intersection. A great analysis done by Portlander melissa kostelecky found that funding for the 120 top ranked intersections in the city would come out to just under \$70,000 and day letting the 4055 next highest ranked intersections would cost roughly 2.3 million commissioner Mapps in January, you said it's truly one of the rare low hanging fruits in the transportation space, and I hope that we can work together to make this more widespread practice. In that session, you mentioned looking at other sources of funding to expand daylighting, and I'd love to hear any update that council has on this topic. And while I hope no one else makes the costly mistake we made in Vancouver, maybe with the help of the tow companies, the city can make up the installation expenses pretty quickly. Thank you brooklyn. No okay.

Speaker: Except. For okay,

Speaker: Should I go ahead? Okay. I'm debbie kitchen, a resident of northeast Portland and also a City Council candidate for district two. And today, I'd like to speak in support of the albina vision trust, which is later on your agenda today. This is a visionary, bold and restorative project that restores justice to Portland's black community, I urge the city it's community led and community based approach, and I think that's the strongest, reason to support it, it is coming from within the community and it serves community. I urge the City Council to wholeheartedly support this initiative, I also wanted to mention that since the closure of the nike store on martin luther king junior boulevard, many small businesses have suffered from the loss of foot traffic. And I believe that the albina vision trust effort to redevelop in this area will be beneficial to businesses over a wide range of our city, in addition, there are synergies, I think, between albina vision trust and potential for

redevelopment of lloyd center that can benefit and help create wealth for Portland's black community, as well as many other small businesses in northeast Portland. So I urge you to support it. And, I urge you to look for any way that the city can be supportive and cooperative on this venture. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. I'm glad to see you and my name is lou. I'm with Portland gray panthers. I want to thank the people who came today to speak. We had several people out sick. Jenny abilene is testifying in salem on a bill on nursing homes, we also are glad to be here on a day that, albina vision trust gets to do its presentation. So I want to thank debbie, jennifer and nat for speaking on somewhat short notice, I passed copies to council members of the Portland tribune gray panther article. It's on, two things. Gun reform, bum stocks. Adam smith's invisible hand, as well as the panthers election forums on civic engagement at Portland state, looking forward to the first ever administration of a woman president in the history of estados unidos, the kamala harris presidency. This translates for many organizers and activists in city after city and state after state into hope. There's also hope in Portland, Oregon elections. Portland gray panthers now has our small but feisty pac political action committee as some panther organizers. A year ago at council stated, we believe carmen Rubio represents hope for the future of the city, for all people in Portland, not just the affluent folks that may be represented in rene's circle of friends, and they're both running for mayor, in addition, panthers, believe janelle bynum and doctor maxine dexter represent hope for the democrats taking back the us house from donald trump circle of friends. Likewise, many organizers believe in the runoff November 5th for two county commission seats that shannon singleton and megan moyer represent hope for the future as well. Sam adams appears to represent only the failed patriarchal, profiteering politics of the past. Vadim mazursky seems to be a patient and persistent listener to people over over the years. However, vadim also

appears to be firmly entrenched in rene's circle of friends and cohorts. Portland gray panthers continues to evaluate promising City Council candidates at the forums, everybody on council has talked with panthers in the past. We appreciate that, some of the people that we've been heard from or and evaluating include angelita murillo, tiffany lane, chris flannery, michelle depass, jennifer park, natwest carlton, candace avalos, steph routh, lisa freeman, sarah silk, mitch green and debbie kitchen, our city, like our country, is not for sale. Donald trump and jordan schnitzer can't simply buy a state or a country and rename the whole enterprise mar a lago estates. Attacks on childless women with cats, attacks on young and old alike. Attacks on journalists and judges alike will not prevail, as kamala harris has said, attacks on freedom and democracy will not prevail. Not yet. Not yet. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. Is that it? For public testimony?

Speaker: Yeah. Let's see, one of the speakers was going to call in on zoom because he's sick, but he didn't make it. So thanks for your patience.

Speaker: And it looks like mayor Wheeler had, hand up. Go ahead, mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: I'll wait until the end of communications. I wanted to just comment on some of what I've heard, but if there's one more person, i'll wait.

Speaker: That completes communications.

Speaker: Okay, good. I really just wanted to, respond to some of the comments about community engagement as well as appropriate staffing levels for the incoming council. First, just to be really clear, you will find, if you're successful in your elected to the City Council, this is not our community engagement. This is the business meeting for the city of Portland. People are allowed to speak on virtually not every item, but virtually every item. And you're going to hear from the better part of 30 people in just a few minutes. On just one item. That's before the council,

we actually engaged the community through a whole variety of means, including community meetings, meeting with small business owners and operators, meeting with nonprofit leaders, meeting with concerned citizens and their neighborhood, there are many, many different ways that public officials engage. And so I just want to be very clear, because there is some confusion, the City Council session is for the purpose of conducting the city's business. And while I agree with you, it does take a long time to get on the communications agenda, anybody can speak on first readings of ordinances, on resolutions, even on reports, which is an expansion that we made a couple of years ago at the request of community. So there are plenty of opportunities with regard to staffing. I want to be very clear. I don't know whether we have provided you with adequate staffing or inadequate staffing. What we provided you with is a placeholder, and once you organize as a new City Council and you decide how you want to conduct your business, how you want to engage with the community, then you can decide what the appropriate level of staffing is. And if you want through one vote, you can change the level of staffing. We just put that placeholder in, it was based on input that we'd received from similar governments, we believe that there's a fundamental shift. It is not right. I don't think, to compare current staffing to future staffing because current city commissioners, of which there are only five of us, we also manage the day to day nuts and bolts of 26 different bureaus, and that will not be a requirement for the new City Council. Moreover, my assumption on community engagement is since you'll all be elected at the district level, you'll actually have more opportunity to engage with community at the neighborhood level, which I think is a real positive of this new model of government, we decided not to move forward at least a majority of us decided not to move forward with the siting and the investment in council offices, because frankly, that's up to you whether you want them or not. And if it

were me, i'll just give you my perception I would not have an office in my district if I were a district commissioner. I would meet people where they are rather than asking them to come to me, to my office, to have to put in special security, to have to put in special systems. I'd meet him at the local coffee shop. I'd go to the local school. I'd meet at the neighborhood association meetings, I'd meet in people's backyards. I'd go to them, but the majority of the new council may have a different perspective on that and may want to have offices, but we just didn't want to make that decision for you because we're not. You you will. You'll be your own, your own entity when it comes. I think i'll just leave it there, but just to say, look, I'm not promising you. We got the staffing right? That's that's a placeholder. And ultimately, you get to decide if you want more staffing. You can vote for more staffing and allocate budget towards it. Thank you. Commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Thank you all very much for being here. We'll now move on to consent agenda Keelan have any items been pulled straight?

Speaker: My point no items have been pulled.

Speaker: Oh, colleagues, before I ask Keelan to call the roll on the consent agenda, I'd like to quickly provide some context on why we are seeing a larger than normal number of items on this week's consent agenda. On July 17th, we didn't have enough council members present to vote on consent items. Normally, those items would have been pushed to the following week. However, July 24th session was canceled due to council absences. Essentially, we are voting on three weeks worth of consent items today. It's a significant backlog and something we need to think about for the next form of government, are there any questions?

Speaker: President Gonzalez, I appreciate you. The clarification on that. I'll have to say, as a regular city hall watcher, the size of our consent agenda certainly jumped out at me.

Speaker: I think it jumped out at all of us, actually, on this one. But absent any further questions, please call the roll on the consent agenda.

Speaker: Mapps | Rubio | Ryan | Gonzalez | Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Consent agenda has been adopted. We will now move on to time certain items items six seven, seven an emergency ordinance and item 678a resolution are being heard together. Keelan let's hear items six, seven, seven and 678677.

Speaker: Except grant for \$800,000 from us department of transportation to implement the reconnecting albina planning project. Item 678 accept and acknowledge the albina vision trust community investment plan and affirm city objectives for the area in alignment with the north northeast quadrant plan and central city 2035 plan.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler, please take it away for your opening remarks.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Gonzalez. And I certainly want to thank the alpine vision trust for the partnership and the collaboration with the city, including the bureau of planning and sustainability, the Portland bureau of transportation, and of course, prosper Portland. For your hard and diligent work on these items, I also want to appreciate our federal partners at the us department of transportation for their significant grant award, and our state partners at the Oregon department of transportation, and I look forward to continuing to support a robust community conversation, as well as the planning before we hear this presentation today, I'd like to welcome commissioner maps and commissioner Rubio to share a few introductory remarks,

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor, colleagues and friends, we are gathered here today to accept an \$800,000 grant from the us department of transportation and to pass a resolution endorsing the albina vision trust community investment plan, I

want to pause here and note that this is a historically important day for Portland. And indeed, I would argue it's an important, historically important day for our nation. The work being done in the albina district has become a national model for how cities can build better infrastructure and healthier communities, while also helping right some of the wrongs of the past. I want to express my gratitude to the people and organizations who made this moment possible. We are here today because of years of work done by the albina vision trust, the historic albina advisory board, and numerous other community organizations. These groups came together to develop a vision for Portland's albina district, which challenges us to imagine and build a neighborhood where black families and black businesses can thrive, a neighborhood where public infrastructure brings people together. Instead of isolating Portlanders from one another. A neighborhood where homes are accessible to Portlanders at all income levels, and a neighborhood that honors and celebrates albina's unique historical and cultural place in our city. The grant we accept today will fund some of the planning work needed to make this vision a reality. These funds will enable the albina vision trust pbot, the bureau of planning and sustainability, and prosper Portland to work together to align city policies and planning efforts around this new hopeful vision for Portland's albina district. And now I will pass the floor over to my colleague, commissioner Rubio, who will share some of her reflections on this project.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. I'm proud today to join mayor Wheeler and commissioner Mapps in bringing before council the next step of a growing partnership between the city and albina vision trust and community in the lower albina neighborhood. And with this award, this grant award an endorsement from the biden-harris administration of the work being done to restore a historic black neighborhood in Portland. Partnering directly with a community organization and

the way we have with albina vision, trust it like this is new and it's paradigm shifting territory for us at the city and at the roots of this story is challenging. And sometimes awful. History of government, harm toward community in this part of town, and more to the point, social, cultural and economic harm on black Portlanders. We are acknowledging these harms and are leaning into this newness, and we want to chart a new culture of transformative partnership. We've been working on building a strong and intentional relationship throughout a chartering process to establish clear and transparent working norms, and we appreciate your patience as we learn together and try new things together. This is what government and community development partnerships should be doing more of, and I'm appreciative of the hard work of our city bureaus that they're doing to rebuild and forge a new community trust, brick by brick and person by person. I'm also energized by abt and the community leaders that continue to galvanize us all into action and hold us to account for past wrongs, while still articulating a strong and hopeful vision for the future. This road hasn't always been easy, but when community action is on the right side of history and conscious conscience, we all win. So without further delay, we will now hear from deputy city administrator priya donna paul to get us started.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is priya dhanapal and I'm the city's public works deputy city administrator. The history of lower albina provides a critical lesson in the promises and perils of large infrastructure programs. The original construction of i-5 cut through lower albina, displacing the largest african-American community in Oregon. This freeway, along with other urban renewal policies and projects, displaced black residents and business owners impacted, impacting generational wealth and prosperity. Learning from the past and in partnership with

the community, we are now using our infrastructure investments to support a new vision for lower lower albina neighborhood. Today, we bring before you an ordinance to accept an \$800,000 federal grant. The city collaborated with albina vision trust to secure this reconnecting communities. Federal grant. This grant funding is critical in supporting our collective work to plan and prepare for the neighborhood restoration and a better future in lower albina. Alongside this, we have a resolution to affirm the city's partnership with albina vision trust and acknowledge the community investment plan, which involved years of community led conversations. The resolution also affirms that the objectives for the area in alignment with adopted city plans and policies. I will now turn it over to patricia diefenderfer, pse chief planner, to go with the rest of the presentation. Okay.

Speaker: Good morning. Can you hear me? Okay great. Good morning. Mayor, commissioners. Thank you. Dca donna paul, my name is patricia diefenderfer. I'm the chief planner for the bureau of planning and sustainability. As noted, this item, before council, relates to a number of planning efforts and projects that are occurring in the lower albina area. I'm joined here at the table by ¶leagues from Portland bureau of transportation and prosper Portland, and our community partners from albina vision trust, who will introduce themselves, who will be making the presentation along with me and will introduce themselves when they, they speak, we're also joined in the audience by a number of other partners, some of whom you'll be hearing from. Who will be providing invited testimony. And I would also like to acknowledge the Oregon department of transportation staff who are also here in the audience, who are an important partner in the i-5 rose quarter transportation project, which is providing the framework for some of the opportunities for transformation in this area. Next slide, please. So just a quick, go over the agenda for today's item. First of all, we want to make sure that council

understands the action that is before the council. Today we're going to provide, opportunity for albina vision trust to provide an overview of the community investment plan. Then we will come back to a staff presentation to provide an overview of the range of city activities that are occurring in the lower albina area currently. Then you will hear some invited testimony and there will also be of course, other testimony as part of the public hearing. And then there will be time for council discussion. Next slide please. So just to, affirm what we are, what the council is being requested to do today before the council today is in, adopting an ordinance to accept this federal grant, which is a federal, department of transportation reconnecting communities, pilot project grant, and then also to adopt the resolution, as was noted, to accept the albina vision trust community investment plan to acknowledge the city, albina vision trust partnership and to affirm city objectives for the planning in the lower albina area. And with that, I'm going to now turn it over to winter. Johannes, the executive director of albina vision trust, to kick off the presentation. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. We'll go ahead and introduce ourselves before, went to hops into the albina vision trust presentation. I'm lisa. I use she her pronouns. I'm here on behalf of prosper Portland. I'm the development and investment manager, director with prosper Portland.

Speaker: Good morning. Council, art pierce, deputy director for planning and capital projects for pbot. Glad to be here today.

Speaker: Good morning. Council. My name is winter johannes. I have the privilege of serving as the executive director of the albina vision trust, as I ask a few people to join me here, if davis, miss sharon, gary smith and jill mccooy while they make their way up here, I'd like everybody who is here in front of council for the first time to stand, and for us to acknowledge, especially the young people in the room who

are having their very first council experience today. Welcome thank you. So those of you familiar, with our meetings know that we start every meeting with a welcome from our elders. What we talk about as history is memory for many in our community. So we'll ask miss sharon to do that today. We also know that the albina vision work was generated out of an urgent recognition that there was no plan in the city of Portland for black children to exist and prosper and thrive. And so we believe that these young leaders are not our future leaders. They are the leaders today. We expect to continue to engage them in the planning work that we will do, as a result of you accepting these federal funds. And before we head into the presentation, they will provide their their welcome.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I am excited, a little bit hoarse because of the humidity outside, but I am excited and thrilled that a moment that so many in my community dreamed about worked to have fought back against the resistance and the questioning and the wonder that this moment is special and will be recorded in the community that I come from. I'm sharon gary smith, I'm proud and humbled to be a member of the board of albina vision trust, and as importantly, I'm a legacy princess of lower albina. My father, frederick douglass, gary jr and my mother, the indomitable bobbi lou mosley. Gary, who appeared before councils in the past and believed in good trouble, bought their home at 1835 north benton avenue to begin the process of home development. Ownership and wealth distribution down through the generations. I'm the eldest of their four little black girls who thrived on north benton. Our property is now holding the doctor, matthew prophet, Portland public schools education center, so I am honored and I'm pleased that beyond words which need to be managed and deeds and actions that show collaboration and cooperation and intention, our community watches pays attention and is engaged actively in moving Portland forward. For us, as it has

for others, it will be a win win for all and the work the dreaming, the visionary aspects of an organization to place and replace and recalibrate and allow us to have the joy of living, living well in a city that we are born in or came to and are building is more than we could imagine today. And I want to turn to the young people who are the age I was when we were pushed out, displaced and marginalized to tell you what a future could look like and is going to look like for black community and therefore all of Portland. Again, thank you, thank you. I know that you have the opportunity to do the right thing today to make it formal and put pens to paper so we can continue to go forward. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, miss sharon. If I could get the next slide, please. Next one. Thank you. So we'll start the next testimony from miss chinwe davis, who just celebrated her 16th birthday yesterday. This is the birthday present.

Speaker: Good morning. Council members. My name is chinwe davis. I am 16 years old and I will be going into junior year at benson polytechnic high school. I have written a love letter to albina to share with you all today. Dear albina community and albina district is not your fault. You were once and still loved by many through all the abuse and neglect. You are still here and always will remain. You have an important place in my heart. I've lived in albina or what was once called albina all my life spending summers going to mat dishman and dawson park with my grandfather and cousins will always be some of my favorite memories, being at the harriet tubman building. While fabian elementary was being rebuilt was quite the experience. The sense of community was strong, but I know back in the day it was stronger. You were great then and I know you still have potential for greatness. Stop the violence, clean the streets, nurture the children and support your neighbors. This is what I believe needs to happen to make a change. I love having family get together and seeing other family and neighbors get along.

People should be able to sit on their porches and take in good, positive, relaxing energy. Living, working and schooling here should not be this stressful. How does it feel to get wrongfully moved out of your home? How does it feel when your black community is transformed into a white utopia and they see you as someone who does not belong? Albina knows Portland's black community, knows the albina vision trust community investment plan, addresses these issues in a culturally appropriate way, creating a healthy and whole community. A vote for the cip is a vote for the brighter future. Thank you.

Speaker: Hello. Good morning, City Council members. My name is jill mccooy, for the record, I'm 15 years old, and I'm an upcoming sophomore at saint michael's university school, I'm here on behalf of albina vision trust via the black educational achievement movement program. Beam is our name and equal opportunity and education is what we stand for. Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings. I was born in chicago, illinois, and although I'm not a Portland native, I moved here at a young age and have grown up in and learned to love the albina neighborhood. Slowly but surely, it has become a community I am proud to claim as my own. So I have prepared a love letter for albina. Dear albina, I want you to know that you will be remembered forever, no matter how much or how little the history books talk about you. I want you to know that the memories you've given our community will last generations to come. Thank you for the memories at school. Thank you for the times where I felt lost and you were a staple for me to turn to. You gave me a place to feel like I fit in and belong. A place where I could see familiar faces and people who look like me. Thank you for giving me a home, albina. I'm sorry to hear about all the wrongdoings that have been done to you in the past, but we are trying our best to rectify the problem. We will bring reparations and justice on your behalf so we can continue to create wonderful, long

lasting memories. Thank you. Albina jam jam jam. Jamal, I love you, gyal. The future of albina rests on the shoulders of its residents, and it's up to us to bring the change. We want to see. Without this plan, the albina community can't get the change necessary to reform the system in a way that benefits us all. We, the youth, are the ones who will be impacted the most by this change. Therefore, it is imperative that you heed our words and help us cover path to a better future. So I urge you, please vote in favor of the resolution and be part of the solution to this ongoing problem plaguing thousands in our community. Help albina vision trust community investment plan be that path toward the future. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, City Council. My name is I vote yea davis. I'm a student at benson polytechnic high school. I'm a former fabian student and a child of albina. This is my second time testifying in concerns of albina. I have prepared a love letter to my community. Dear albina, as a young child, I remember experiencing change in my neighborhood where a black owned restaurant was torn down to build unaffordable housing, where families once were, is now an empty lot. Where our community once thrived is now just a blighted area where young children used to play and have fun is now a place for crime. This needs to change now. What used to be a neighborhood is now just an area children should be able to play without fear, without worrying about getting caught in violence or their families losing property. My family and I have lots of history in albina and we're still making more. I hope to see more members from our albina community excel and experience success. So do the right thing and vote towards rebuilding our community. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. We are so proud of everyone who testified and those who will testify later this, this morning, and hope you will give them a high five and invite them to come back, and so with that, I'd like to invite jt flowers and kaitlyn tarlton davis to join me for the abt presentation. If I could get the next slide, please. And so

and as we transition, I'd be remiss not to acknowledge the mayor of albina, mr. Paul knowles, is also in the room. So thank you for being here. Thank. Mingus Mapps.

Welcome

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: So as you've heard, the work of rebuilding albina will have to belong to all of us. We know that the legacy of this district is both tactile and spiritual. If I could get the next slide, please. Next slide, please. As you see in the image, and as we well know by now, the destruction of albina was coordinated and systemic. We have felt the boom of the bulldozers and sat in the silence of a community scattered to the wind. Those of us who stand before, who sit before you today, do so not as public officials, community advocates, or bearers of fancy titles. We are here as children of albina, the albina vision trust was created to address a very specific problem. We as black children, all understand what it means to grow up in a city that doesn't have a place for us. If there is one unifying theme in our work, it is the radical idea that the word home is a sacred one, that albina is a sacred place. We are the barber's daughter, the little girl who inherited a booming black owned business only to see it buried by a highway. We are the little girl who grew up on a house on dixon, sprinting past fire hydrants to cut through the warm embrace of the August sun. We are the little boy and little girl whose parents were titans in community economic development, and now see their own children carrying the work forward as staff on the albina vision trust team. We are the little girl who grew up on eighth and roselawn, tending to a fenced in garden that would one day spill over the walls. Built to contain it and blossom through the cracked pavement of an entire city. As that little girl once said, children hear what we say, but more importantly, they replicate what we do. So what have we done? We have fashioned hope into a shovel and broken ground. The soil is not arid. Through decades of thought, the

dreams of black Portlanders have never dried up. We have collectively brought in over a billion dollars in public and private investment to this very city. As people were running from Portland, we have created transformational partnerships, including with the Portland trail blazers, to show that business and community will stand side by side in rebuilding this district. Most importantly, we have vowed to keep our word, to uphold our duty as the stewards of a sacred promise to the children who have become elders and spent entire lifetimes watching their safe places be torn to the ground. We have earned trust and generated joy. We have stared our future in the eye, and we have turned freedom dreams into action plans and turn plans into action. Children hear what we say, but more importantly, they replicate what we do. So what will our city do? Today is about much more than accepting federal grants dollars or accepting the community investment plan as the development vision for lower albina. It's about redefining what this kind of public private partnership is about, embedding a commitment to this work and the communities it serves into the very fabric of city governance. It's about formalizing a relationship rooted in amplification and not appropriation, a relationship where the city neither exerts control nor offloads risk only to show up for credit. It's about fulfilling a long time promise not to what the city has been, but to what it can be for the children who have grown up into elders, the children of today, and the children of tomorrow. We know it will take coordinated, systemic and focused effort to rebuild albina, the reconnecting albina planning project will be an important part of this, but we know we will have to approach that with the city, not as a neutral arbiter, but with its commitment to justice. That promise constitutes the foundation of the community investment plan. And so it is my honor to introduce my colleague, friend and sister, Keelan tarleton davis, who will present the community investment plan in greater detail. Thank you. Thank you so good morning.

Speaker: City Council members. My name is Keelan tarleton davis and I am with albina vision trust. And this morning we'll be going over and discussing a little bit about the community investment plan. Now, the community investment plan. While albina vision has worked on it these last four years, is truly generational in the making. This morning we started out with having one of our elders of the community and our youth because that work has spanned over 70 years, even into the 100 years of the black community being in lower albina, as you see on the map in front of you. In 1948, lower albina had a pretty regular street grid neighborhood homes, businesses, grocery stores, a walkable community, one of those very things that we strive for in all planning. By 1962, memorial coliseum was built, i-5 was built, and the community was destroyed. By 2023, those last remaining homes were razed to make way for the building. People were no longer citizens and neighbors in lower albina, and that translates to over \$1 billion in wealth stolen through eminent domain through practices that were not quite right, not quite moral, whether by addressing and offering landowners who were landlords opportunities that were not available to the actual citizens that lived within albina or relocating people into homes that they could not afford, into areas that they were not able to network in quite the same way. Next slide please. And that is where we get into community led design. When we put the community first and we listen to those voices and we say we're in this together, we're going to invest in this community. But community, you got to tell us what you need and what you want. As winter indicated, our staff is very much albina born. We've lived in these areas. We've heard the stories. We've grown up knowing that albina was such a beautiful place and we've known and done the research on how it got to where it is today. We've been in the city archives and seen the planning records and the apologies from the city of Portland and the planning department about how they did not do anything

to address redlining, to address some of these very core issues that led to the destruction of albina. And so when we talk about community led design, we're talking about working with community members from as young as five years old, well into their 90s, because, again, this is generational work. Those elders have been around to know what albina has been, what it could be, and the youth we have to instill in that dream and that hope to know that there are brighter ways coming. And so as we talk about that community led design, and you see in front of you these pictures, these pictures are what people specifically designed as the future that they would like to see. What they think feels like a good way to have a community and build together. Next slide please. And that those conversations, those thousands of conversations because again this is generational work. These 70 years of conversations and interactions that have led to this vision. There have been additional visions and plans along the way. And they all support this vision, this vision of having entrepreneurship, community resources, ownership interests, existing business development, home ownership, employment opportunity for this community to thrive and grow. Opportunity for the youth that are so talented to be able to be their amazing selves within their own communities, if that's what they choose to do. Opportunities for our elders to remain in the communities they grew up in and be able to grow and share and teach and enjoy what they've built. Being able to have neighborhoods, being able to have a community of businesses that are able to learn and grow together, as indicated by our yellow hubs where there are opportunities to learn about different kinds of foods and education and entrepreneurship, art and health and wellness, because that's something we need to there's something very important to having a community that's built for you. So often we build things and we say we want this to remain neutral, but when we remain neutral, it means it's not built for any one person and nobody truly feels at

home there. And so as we talk about community led design, as we talk about having a vision for community, we have to think about who will be here. We have to think about the history of the black community that's been displaced from lower albina. We have to think about the youth that so many have been displaced out to east county. At this point. We have to think about why this land is available for development and what that means for the rest of the city. And at this point, i'll pass it on to jt.

Speaker: Thank you so much. Keelan. Good morning, council. How's everybody doing today? All right. I also want to extend, just a hello to all the people who have ventured out and, showed up for City Council today. You know, one of the things that happened, in our engagement leading up to this meeting was, we had to make a decision, you know? Who do we pull into this room to speak to the power of this work? And for us, the answer was so resoundingly clear. It's the children that we think of and that we carry the work forward for every single day. It's the people who are going to inherit this work, who are going to inhabit this work, and who are going to bring this work to life. So if we could for a brief second, I'd just like to give a round of applause to all the young people who came out and showed up today for their community. Next slide please. If you could. And it might even be one more after this. Yeah, one more after this, please. Yeah. Perfect. That's that's great. Thank you. My job today is not to read off a series of victories to y'all. My job today is to remind you that we are being watched. I stand here today in the shadow of my mother who wrote the planning grant. Council will vote to accept shortly. She is watching today. I stand here today in the shadow of my niece. The pride and joy of a community who will be taking her brilliance to howard university next year. She is watching today. I stand here today in the shadow of my late grandma weaver, who migrated to albina from texas on the promise of what could be she is watching

today. It is here on this damp slab of concrete that I have watched myself and so many others like me, come and go. Block bound, grand strategists, politicians and quick witted reactionaries. Grins, chiseled with defiance as a Yale graduate and the only Rhodes scholar, our district has ever produced, I have been forced to navigate life acutely aware of the children of Albina, who, despite being far more brilliant than I could ever dream of being, are serving sentences, cleaning the halls. We once roamed as students, or hustling on the very corners we were once taught to avoid. For 30 years, I have straddled two worlds the one from which I sprang and the one to which my education has given me access. My job today is to remind you that a black child should not have to venture 3000 miles away from home in order to secure a better life for themselves, in order to claim a place and have that place claim them back. The Albina Vision Trust exists to show black communities across this country that we can do this, that we can do this right here at home. In a mere seven years, we have turned a powerpoint presentation into the largest restorative development in the United States of America, a nationally recognized model for what can be. We are defining the national blueprint for how development development can be leveraged to heal, to build permanent generational wealth for our most marginalized communities. The blueprint for social and cultural innovation for public, private, and community partnerships, for clean energy and environmental stewardship at scale. These words you see before you on the screen are not just words. They are the building blocks of our collective future. They are a testament to our promise to our elders, to our children, and to their children after them. My job today is not to convince you that this is the right thing to do. I think everybody is sitting before us, understands that today. My job is to remind you that this alone is not enough. The city of Portland must get in the fight. The city of Portland must put some points on the board. The city of Portland must remember

that we are being watched by our ancestors, by the children in the room today, by history itself. So today, let us say resoundingly that we will not squander this generational opportunity, that we have heard enough apologies and made enough empty promises that we will build to heal, that we will keep our word. It's long past time for all of Portland to get in the fight, so let's do it. Thank you so much for your time today. And with that, we'll pass it off to our council.

Speaker: Are we proceeding to invited testimony or are we still have further in the presentation?

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez we just have a little bit more of a presentation to share with you, and we'll try to wrap up very quickly, if I could have the next slide, please. Oh, next slide please. Something got out of order. Okay. Next slide please. So we are going to as staff we're going to, give a very quick overview of some of the projects that you saw that you'll be seeing on the next slide. But before we do that, I just wanted to very quickly, talk about the objectives the city objectives for the area, which are there are multiple objectives, and that is, overarchingly. The city's objective for the area is to achieve a reconnected and thriving neighborhood district that is centered on leveraging the various projects that we'll talk about for wealth building and inclusive economic development opportunities, to continue efforts to ensure that our regional entertainment venues are thriving and contribute to the social and economic vitality of the city, and ensure that the area is connected by a local and regional multimodal transportation system and improvements that support mobility in the district and in the region, including vital goods movement through the city through the i-5 rose quarter project and the Broadway main street project that you will hear more about. Next slide please. So this map shows all of the different efforts that separate and different but interrelated efforts that are occurring in the area. And we just wanted to make sure

that council is grounded in the knowledge that there are all these different efforts taking place in the area. You can see them there, and we're going to go through them in greater detail throughout the presentation. Next slide please, so there are a couple of these efforts that we're going to describe that are most closely related to the actions that our council are taking today. And i'll be describing those two, in the next slides, please. Next slide please. Thank you. So no pardon me. If you could go back one. Sorry about that. So as you one of the actions that council that is before council today is to adopt an ordinance to accept the federal grant, as we've discussed. And that grant will fund a district planning process in the area. That grant is an \$800,000 department of transportation grant. The partners include pbot prosper, bureau of planning and sustainability, and albina vision trust. The project has an 18 month timeline and the deliverables are listed here include a community participation plan, a land use framework plan, and public realm and urban design framework plan. Street framework plan and a community funding and financing strategy. Next slide please. The resolution before council acknowledges the city's ongoing partnership with avti. And that that work has been going on for some time. The city has allocated nearly \$1.5 million in funding to date for that work, particularly to ongoing activities. The city bureau support are providing early assistance to albina vision trust for potential future redevelopment of the matthew prophet site, which is the current, public Portland public schools headquarters, and working on a study of the waterfront area to identify and better understand redevelopment opportunities and potential along the waterfront, the portion of this funding allows bureau partners to participate in some of these technical advisory committee and other meetings to support these efforts. Council did allocate funding specific funding for these activities. It's important to also note that daily commitments to meetings, offering guidance and support to continue to grow this

partnership is not captured in this amount. This staff time devoted to this project is above and beyond this amount that is shown here. Next slide please. So now I'm going to turn it over to art pearce and lisa abeloff who are going to provide some brief history and context for the current work. That's occurring in lower albina.

Speaker: Next. Next slide please. Sorry so while we're at a sort of a keynote moment in this process, this effort has been going on for a number of years, at least ten years, if not longer. And there's a number of transportation projects that are sort of underpinning this current moment in time. And really coming out of the i-5 rose quarter development project, starting in 2012 and through the next sort of series of the last ten years, a series of government actions have helped move these projects along. And we'll show a little more detail about those in a second.

Speaker: Sure. Thanks, art. And on the community and economic development side, as patricia mentioned, over the past five years, the city together with metro as a regional partner, we've invested directly in support of avs, creation of the community investment plan. And we see this as aligning directly with the city's broader commitment of \$100 million via interstate tax increment financed investments in north northeast via things like the north northeast housing strategy, which is administered by the Portland housing bureau, and the north northeast community development initiative, which is administered by prosper Portland, focused on addressing the legacy of displacement in north and northeast Portland through renewed focus on investments in things like affordable rental housing, opportunities for homeownership, and addressing access to capital and wealth creation opportunities. In fact, the investments guided by rfbs north northeast housing strategy and their related preference policy include placement of just under 14.5 million of Portland's allocation of metro bonds in the albina one project, that j.t. Mentioned earlier, which will provide housing with priority to displaced or

long time residents of north northeast Portland, as well as lower albina and last but not least, in addition, we're committed as a city to the district's role as a regional entertainment anchor through our negotiations of a critical lease and operating agreement extension with rip city management, which will be before this council next week, and are excited by the recent announcement between avp and blazers on a partnership which was released yesterday. And with that, I think we'll go to the next slide and kind of cover where we are today and moving forward.

Speaker: So where we are today, we have reached for the federal transportation project.

Speaker: We've had a finding of no significant, impact for the supplemental environmental impact statement, and odot has awarded been awarded a \$450 million reconnecting communities grant for the highway cover itself. And we'll show a little bit about that in a moment, and with this, anticipated council approval of this, we'll be moving into the planning grant process and synchronizing that together with the transportation design efforts that will either be city led or odot led. So next slide, okay.

Speaker: I think this oh go ahead.

Speaker: Should we continue. Let's go. One more slide and we'll just keep going, so very, very significantly transportation can be impactful in either positive or negative ways, and I think we are at a significant turning point, as was very eloquently raised by the av representatives, about the potential for us to take transportation investments and do them with an eye towards restorative justice, so the i-5 rose quarter project, which initially was focused just on statewide transportation movements, has definitely adapted to the local community history and goals and has incorporated significant local transportation improvements, freeway capping, elements, as well as shifting some of the location of the ramps to

better incorporate local adjacent development goals and needs, and so really an exciting point with this now heading into the next phase of design and being able to really vision together with bts and prosper and av on what will go on those caps and how we will design that for a successful, thriving community, next slide. Also very significant. So that last project we had, you know, really helped lobby for \$450 million of award for those caps. So at this point, odot is working with the state legislature to pursue the remaining funds for the freeway improvements, also very significant. At the same time, the federal government awarded \$38.4 million for the roadway, main street or roadway weidler, connecting and envisioning a new streetscape and essentially a new armature or spine for this future community, sort of resting on adjacent to roadway and weidler. So very significant streetscape project really will be transformative in nature, and really speaks to the child centered, youth centered vision that albina vision trust has been bringing to this collaboration, next slide.

Speaker: Okay. Very quickly, we'll just, we just have a few more slides left. This is just to acknowledge that at the same time, there are, members of the city, city staff who are working on the rose quarter operating and lease agreements and that's an ongoing process. That's occurring at the same time in this geography. Next slide please. I think lisa had noted that there's been work on a bridge agreement. And there's an expectation that that bridge agreement, the final agreement will be coming to council, in next week. So very shortly. So next slide please. Next slide please, so this is just to summarize that you can see all of the related projects that we've just covered, in the area and how they're, they're related to each other. There are many of these there are ongoing efforts in all of these different projects, we are here today, as you know, to accept this grant and for and to have council adopt this resolution in the very near term. You're going to see staff again for the bridge lease

agreement for the venues and you're going to also see staff in the near future. We expect August for another grant acceptance to accept the capital grant funding for the Broadway Main Street project. So we just wanted to again, contextualize all of these activities for you. And the next slide, next and final slide, is just a reminder of the actions that are before council today to adopt the ordinance, to accept the grant and adopt a resolution for the items listed there. And with that, staff concludes its presentation. And I do believe that we have, invited testimony now. So we'll vacate and allow the testifiers to come up. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. So we have two panels of invited testimony on. The first panel is Leslie Goodloe, Duane Hankins, and Mr. Mike Alexander.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Yes, sir.

Speaker: I'm sorry, I just wanted to, let people know that I have a hard out at noon today. And I realize this is a very, very important issue for the City Council and the community. I'm hopeful we will be able to get through, the presentation and public testimony so that I'll have an opportunity to vote on this item. If that is not the case, I'm hoping, at the end, close to noon, I could make just a few comments and express my support for this effort.

Speaker: Absolutely. Understood.

Speaker: And I'll remind you, if we get to that, that's good.

Speaker: Take it away and welcome.

Speaker: Am I first?

Speaker: Good morning. Commissioners and Mayor, I am Leslie Goodloe, and today I am not here as the equity and business operations manager for the housing bureau. Not quite, today, I'm here as a long time member of, the community of Albina. I've lived in northeast Portland for 51 years. I raised my children in northeast

Portland, and they both attended Benson High School. I want to tell you a little bit about my history, growing up in northeast Portland, we had to move 11 times between 1971 and 1987, when my mother was finally able to purchase a home. I went to several different elementary schools. My first elementary school was torn down to build the Lloyd tower, so Holiday Park School was where one of the Lloyd towers is right now. It's important for us to understand that, this community has been deconstructed and impacted by the things that the city, the county, the state and the federal government have made choices to do. And it's important for us to know that black and brown voices need to be heard, need to be at the table, need to be making decisions about the current situations and the future. We are building on the work of the 50 Black leaders that came to City Council in 2014. In the light of the Trader Joe's issue, which led to the North-Northeast Housing Strategy, which led to Prosper's, Community Community Development Initiative, which the Hab stands on, I'm a member of the Historic Albina Advisory Board. The Williams and Russell project, and, Albina Vision. So all of these, projects, all of these investments are to ensure that black and brown people have a place in the city of Portland. We just found out this week that Portland Housing Bureau's preference policy is being listed in HUD's equity implementation guide as a case study for how to ensure equitable housing in neighborhoods that have been decimated by gentrification and displacement. I'm excited to be a partner with Albina Vision on the Albina One project, and look forward to its utilization of the preference policy to reach the people that have been displaced or at risk. I'll just close with while we are looking to the future, we need to ensure that the present is always also taken care of. We know that black and brown people in this city lag behind in every single area that you can think of education, income. They're the highest renters, the lowest with home ownership. So we need to also take care of today while we are looking to

tomorrow. Lastly I will quote my oversight committee chair, doctor holt, that we need to be sure that the promises that are made are the promises kept by this council and the councils in the future. Thank you very much. Good morning,

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Good morning, commissioners. Great to see you all. My name is dwayne hankins, president of business operations for the Portland trailblazers and rip city management. So I'm here today to voice my enthusiastic support for this measure. Before you all, recognizing the critical role of the albina vision trust in community led restorative development in lower albina. Congratulations to winter and her team at avti and everyone in the albina community for reaching this milestone. This is just the latest in a string of significant wins for this neighborhood. In just a few years, the albina vision trust has transformed the way we all as a city collectively imagine what is possible in lower albina, a community investment plan brings us one step closer toward our shared goal of revitalizing the district and Portland's central city into a vibrant, transformational space with albina as the economic residential and cultural heart of Portland. And yesterday, in recognition of that, shared vision, the blazers joined avti in announcing the albina rose alliance. Working together, the alliance will accelerate the work of the largest restorative development in the nation while deepening the blazers roots in Portland. The blazers have a legacy of connection with the albina neighborhood. Rip city is a part of the fabric of this community, and it's critical that as a community, we pursue development in a way that is truly restorative and helps to heal and reconnect the community that was once pushed out of lower albina. As we recognize and learn from those past injustices, the blazers are committed to working with albina vision trust to be a positive force for that change, with a shared vision for what's possible for us moving forward. Now, among my responsibilities is overseeing the blazers facilities, including the moda center. And as you noted, the

moda center attracts nearly 1.5 million visitors to lower albina neighborhood each year and generates \$600 million in regional economic activity. Sustained reinvestment in lower albina, including reinvestment in moda center and the rose quarter, can be foundational to support community led restorative development efforts throughout lower albina. However, we formed the albina rose alliance because we recognized that the blazers and moda center are more than just the economic anchor for albina, Portland and for all of Oregon. The blazers are a co inhabitant and neighbor, an actively engaged member of our surrounding community. When we formed the alliance, our organization and organizations coined what has become something of a mantra for our efforts. We lived together, dreamed together, and build together and that is the vision we share with avti. By implementing a community investment plan centered on restorative development, we have a chance as a community to avoid repeating the mistakes that would take us backward while building toward a brighter future. For the albina neighborhood. Thank you to all of you and everyone here for bringing us one step closer to that future. And I wholeheartedly urge passage of this resolution. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, council mayor, we appreciate the opportunity to be here. My name is mike alexander, and I have very brief comments because so much has been said today, and I hope that there is an opportunity to really move past reviewing our history to writing it. The street grid that was shown earlier is reflective of what is happening in this city. And I'm a I'm a grateful transplant to Oregon. I've been here just about 20 years and love it here, but I'm a original corner brother from brooklyn, new york, from bedford-stuyvesant, which is undergoing tremendous gentrification. However, I can show my grandchildren the brownstone that I grew up in. There are hundreds of families that cannot do that here. And so we have the opportunity today not to be defined by what is happened to us, but by

what we will create as the path forward and the challenge to the city. The challenge to council is that as a community, we have never been silent. However how we talk and how you listen has been very different. Today there is the opportunity to speak and be heard with common vocabulary. Common intentionality and common commitment. That is what we ask of you, our young people testified today and offered their love poems to the city and to albina. Our opportunity is to have them look back 50 years from now, and know that this was a pivotal point in writing new history. The maasai tribe have an expression that they use when they come together as a community, and their question is, how are the children hearing from our young people today? That is not a very comforting answer, but it can change. It can change if they become our focus, it can change. If community in its broadest sense, becomes the obligation of people of color and people of conscience. That is our charge today. And so as board chair, it is my privilege to be in a space with many of our community leaders and residents who have not only lived through our history, but are equally committed to being a part of the force that will rewrite a history that will be as prideful in the next 50 years as it has been shameful in the last 50. So I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. Yeah.

Speaker: So we have one final panel before q&a from council. So I'd like to invite cobid cobid flowers, tyler white and aaliyah rhodes to join us at the dais. Welcome.

Speaker: I'm sorry. I'm really nervous. What I'm sorry.

Speaker: Give it up for aaliyah.

Speaker: My name is aaliyah rhodes. Thank you. My name is aaliyah rhodes, yeah. Is there? Oh, okay. Good morning, City Council. My name is aaliyah rose, and I'm 16. I stand here or I sit here, as a young black woman born in the Portland metro area, I'm being raised in a white populace. I feel isolated at school, and I can go days without seeing. I'm sorry. This is very overwhelming for me. I wasn't expecting to be

the first person, thanks, ma. Yeah. I feel isolated at school. I can go days without seeing my culture. My hair or melanin skin. People will stare or even dare say I'm exotic. Community absent. Diversity is a Portland and weeds generation after generation will continue to be rooted in ignorance and opposition. Unless we make change, unless we plant new seeds. The albina vision trust is the plan to bring forth wealth into Portland. Thank you. To break.

Speaker: Aliya, we are so proud of you. Can we give it up for aaliyah? One more time? How long?

Speaker: All right. We're going to need to give our team a five minute break. We've gone over our, slot here, so we're just going to take a five minute break to give our folks online a little bit of rest, and we'll we'll come back right back here. Keelan. How are you?

Speaker: We're having audio trouble, so we're not broadcasting right now. We just need to take a quick pause to troubleshoot it. Sorry

Speaker: So we'll call it a recess for five minutes while we sort this out. So, stay close. Thank you. Okay. 11111111. 11111.

Speaker: One one. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. No. No. No. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. Yeah.

Speaker: Okay. Yeah perfect.

Speaker: Thanks. Hi, all. It looks like we're going to be delayed another five minutes. We are continuing to have some technical detail. The technical problems.

Speaker: Room to zoom, audio check. One, two, three. Test, test, test. Perfect. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay, all. We're ready to get started again.

Speaker: Back up please. Thank you.

Speaker: How are you doing?

Speaker: I'm good. Ready to go? Yes

Speaker: That was good. In the best possible.

Speaker: Folks, we're going to get restarted again. Come on up. Complete our invited testimony. You guys want to sit here?

Speaker: I'll go up. Let's go up.

Speaker: That was.

Speaker: Please proceed.

Speaker: All right. We'll hear from our final two. Invited speakers, tyler white and kobe flowers.

Speaker: Hello. My name is tyler white. Where is home? If you drive down Vancouver to russell street, there's a willow tree that once anchored the property line of my great great grandfather's home. When the city's neglect of a black neighborhood had turned into federally mandated renewal and then emmanuel hospital began its over 60 year expansion, a knock at their door moved them further east to northeast 22nd and ainsworth, where my mother was raised. The knock was yet another question of where is home? That same willow marks a new property line, yet in an empty lot, not a tree lined neighborhood of hard working families. Where is the accountability? Where is the deliverance of the promise of jobs, of housing, of the agency to make a life for oneself? For my generation of cousins, we are left to imagine an archive of stories from our parents, our aunts and uncles, and grandparents of what had been. Even in my own life. There is a clear memory of spending time visiting loved ones, going from home to home. These were anchor nodes, not only of familial love, but of north and northeast communities of folks that are proud, involved, and passionate who care and have concern for their home as more than just property, but a viable connection to feeling as though they belonged. When it was decided the north and northeast was

now desirable again to live and have businesses, the planning, the investment and the design made its debut. And now my aunts are as far as Troutdale and many of my trips to see family are past 122nd street. What happened to my community? What happened to generations of memories, of homes, of wealth, of the means to make something of oneself? Where is home? I have spent the last six years studying in Philadelphia at Swarthmore College, and am now in Cambridge at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. I have stayed connected as a fellow for the Albina Vision Trust in 2022, and now as a summer scholar, with the accompanying planning and architectural firm El Dorado for the community investment plan. I have come to my master's in urban planning and design studies to center my experience and the experience of so many vulnerable populations, both human and non-human, in shaping the redesign of existing space and systems to serve a more just, inclusive and sustainable purpose. That is my mission. I'll bind a vision trust. Is that laboratory this innovative force connecting material resources with community visions of Black Portland to redress histories of harm while designing a collective future for everyone. We live in a democracy, and yet our built environment and public space is always decided for us. The future of Portland that I have, and I am learning to come back and be involved in changing, is one that empowers its communities to plan their own. When power and access has been taken, the only means of accountability is allowing communities to decide for themselves and to provide democratic processes that enable a city to get closer and closer to what we all imagine it can be. Where is home? Home is Albina, the adoption of the community investment plan is a necessary and urgent precedent for empowering communities to be collaborative and capable partners in planning their own neighborhoods. City planning is our democratic right to vote for the

community of our choice, and for black communities like mine, the chance to finally decide where is home. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, council members. My name is kobe flowers and I'm currently the 2024 rose festival queen and a proud graduate and valedictorian of jefferson high school. I'm very honored to share with you the impact that the vision trust has had on my life. And it's important to the future of Portland. When I think of abt, I believe it represents more than just a name organization, organization. It embodies hope, resilience, and the promise of a renewal for our beloved community. As I look forward to attending my dream college, howard university, this upcoming week, I want to express my deep gratitude to the community surrounding me. Without the love and support of the albina community, I would not be who I am today. I will will not be that growing up surrounded by black excellence has been a profound influence of my life. I am honored to have been shaped by such a remarkable environment. Reflecting on my journey, I realized how crucial my high school experience has been and how fortunate I am to live in a place that has nurtured me, has nurtured my growth into the young woman I am today with an eye on the future, albina vision trust plays an even more important role as Portland continues to evolve. It is crucial that we uphold the values of equity and community that the trust exemplifies. The vision for a thriving, inclusive Portland serves as a model for how we can achieve sustainable development while embracing our shared history. Albina vision trust is a vital part of Portland's future. It bridges the past and the present, ensuring the progress does not come at the cost of erasing our cultural legacy. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: For your testimony. Does that conclude today's presentation?

Speaker: That does.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you so much, Keelan. Let's proceed with public testimony. And for those testifying today, remind you we have a lot signed up. We're holding to two minutes, so please keep us moving on time.

Speaker: Thank you. First up, I'll call people three at a time. First, we have Bradley Perkins, Rahim Johnson and Anaya McMurray.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: All. Yes. Okay. Good morning, Brad Perkins here. I'm president and, of Cascadia High Speed Rail LLC, which is trademarked here. And as a company, by the way, I was born in, in this neighborhood, and I went to Irvington grade school as a graduate during my professional career in design and real estate development projects, my greatest priority has been to improve the environment. I've done that by designing, financing studies of new corridors for the benefit of those who choose to walk, bike, or take transit to and from rail and trail connected communities that serve their residential shopping, social and health needs. BHR is working on great opportunity to create a main street promenade on Multnomah street that will connect to the Rose Quarter. We have designed the Rose Quarter to George Trail corridor and designed a new decoupling plan for Northeast Broadway and Weidler Street highways. All five of these proposed transportation related projects have direct connections to and have a positive economic impact on, the Rose Quarter area and region. Portland's comprehensive plan states that the city should study a high speed rail station opportunity in the Rose Quarter area. The HSR team looks forward to working with Albina Vision Trust, government representatives, stakeholders and the general public on our proposed livable corridor plans. The new Rose Quarter Cast 80 high speed rail station and transportation hub will act as a catalyst to help finance new transit oriented, livable communities, and it will add new tax value jobs and an exciting climate and justice

vibe to the part of Portland. Before passing this resolution for albina vision trust, the area under consideration for planning must be carefully determined. The Broadway wider study area should extend from seventh to northeast, 24th and bhr needs to be allowed to assist in rail trail bullet train station planning. If Portland is to act in partnership with abt on a new progressive restorative justice development plan.

Speaker: Sorry, sir, we're at two minutes. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay, well, thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, City Council. My name is rj and here is my letter to albina. Dear albina, I just want to be able to say thanks for all the amazing history and culture that you have given to the community, and I admire that. You're trying your best to rebuild the great community that albina vision once was. I can't wait to see the future of albina and all the great achievements that soon to come. As someone who hasn't come from albina, I truly do appreciate all the amazing work that you do to our community. I would also say thanks for your amazing projects that has impacted the community. For example, the rose quarter improvement project where you guys have improved public transportation, which can benefit the community greatly. And I can see this only being a small step towards greater things. I'm excited to be able to see the future that albina has to offer, and I can't wait to see this, this amazing community keep building up so that it could eventually help more people later on in the coming future. And I especially can't wait to. I especially can't wait to see the historical justice that you have shined light upon. I have high hopes for the great neighborhoods of albina, where kids are playing local parks and with there being great, great, amazing, beautiful community gatherings where people can connect with other people and can even have

potential opportunities waiting for them. Thank you once again, albina, for all the amazing history that it had on Portland.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you and for making memories that will uplift and uphold the exceptional community. I love you, albina. Thank you, City Council, for giving me this opportunity to share how I and many others feel. Thank you.

Speaker: And I'm sorry to interrupt you. You had another 30s. So those who are testifying when you hear the bell, that's just a reminder. You have another 30s. So thank you. Good morning. Morning. My name is dania mcmurry.

Speaker: I'm currently going into the 10th grade attending mcdaniel high school. Though I may not live in our district anymore. I was born and raised here, born out of manual hospital winter of 2009. When I think of albina, I think of dawson park at its early ages, when my mom would take me and my siblings to play after her hospital visits at emmanuel, I think of my granny's big green house on mississippi street going to the corner store to get chicken and jojos after a long day of garage sales where the neighborhood would gather and check out what my granny had to offer my community, my people, the neighbors have known me since I was one. I'm currently 15, never strangers. Everyone is so nice. I smile, I wave because it's another day in this neighborhood. So when I was taken away, I was torn apart from my roots. But I always made sure to go and visit. I appreciate the opportunities and connections you have given me, albina. I can't wait to see what furthermore you have in store. I hope the community heals and I can continue to be a part of it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have, keyon gates, dominic gerlach, and corinthian littleton.

Speaker: They're not they're not going to speak. You can go to the next room.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. Next, we have angie calderon, debra woods, and olivia edwards. El ron are not going to speak either.

Speaker: So. Okay. Sorry. I go shemaiah.

Speaker: And then, eric jones or yara jones. Isaac taylor and shemaiah rivers.

Speaker: Welcome. Okay

Speaker: Good morning. City Council. My name is shemaiah rivers. I'm 15, growing up near growing up near urbana, I would play oh, sorry. I would always play at peninsula park and I would get snacks, play with and color on paper. I felt that at the time it was great and I still do. I believe it would, I would be.

Speaker: I believe take your time.

Speaker: I believe it would help the parents and kids when they needed a break. I see the future. A community that is more diverse in the neighborhood and education that's it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, City Council. My name is olivia edwards, and I'm soon to be attending my sophomore year at northwest academy. I'm 15 years old. I'm raised in Portland, and I have familial roots down to those on the Oregon trail. Today I see Portland as my home and isn't happy in its inhabitants. As my family. Although although like any family, it has its holes or downfalls. Living in the fifth whitest city in the u.s. As a young black person can definitely feel as though you have to try extra hard to have your own space and be represented in the broader Portland community for the future of Portland, I would like to see a space especially for black creatives to create and nurture their passions. As a as a black creative, I have noticed that this is a rare sight. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have imani shields, selina kennedy, and brennan scarlett. Welcome.

Speaker: Hi. My name is selina kennedy. This is my first time speaking, so I'm a little nervous. Okay I'm a junior in high school, and the second generation of my family to be born in Portland. My great grandmother moved here after the great migration, first she moved to. Oh, my gosh, to vanport. And then after the flood, she moved to laura albina. And she was also a part of the group of people, a part of the people who got pushed out because of gentrification. Yeah. So that's why this project is really important to me, because I have roots here and my grandmother and my family got pushed out. So I feel like we have a right to be back, and honestly, when i, like, envision the future of Portland based off of, like, what I've seen throughout my life, I don't really see like a big black community like in the future because we keep getting pushed out. For example, I grew up in a predominantly in predominantly black schools since elementary all through right now, and every time I drive past my elementary school, which used to be really diverse, I see a lot of a lot of white kids that you weren't, I mean, obviously weren't there before, but like before, it used to be more diverse. And honestly, it's just like, I don't really know how to describe the feeling. I don't know how to describe the feeling, but it's kind of hurtful because that's where I grew up. And it's like my community is gone. And I know that you guys already acknowledged that this is important, but I just want to reiterate and emphasize how important this is. And that's that's all. Thank you. Thank you. Great job,

Speaker: Good morning, City Council, my name is brennan scarlett. I'm a local real estate investor, entrepreneur, and I'm a philanthropist. I started the big yard foundation in 2018, which aims to empower our historically marginalized communities through education, creativity, and physical wellness. We have a

specific focus on our black and brown communities in the albina district. The reason I'm here is because I was born and raised in, in north Portland, in saint john's. And the reason I'm here is because I went to holy redeemer, which is right there on rosa parks avenue, rosa parks in Vancouver, the reason I'm here is because I'm the son of two loving parents, paul and susan scarlett. And my father, paul scarlett, served on the bureau of development services here for 27 years and spent 12 years as the director, I'm here because I have a vested interest in the city of Portland, and I believe in the city of Portland. And what we can accomplish together. I was inspired and supported by my community, so much so that I was able to go and play division one football at the university of california, berkeley and stanford university. And I was able to go and play seven seasons in the nfl with the houston texans and the miami dolphins. And I've come back, I'm back home in Portland, Oregon, and I want to give youth, specifically black and brown youth, the same type of opportunities and support systems that I once had coming up that allow me to go and pursue my dreams, this past summer, we had a two week program, partnered with the university of Portland, we taught kids steam education curriculum and, and a flag football development, skills development, and, you know, our focus was to try to empower the kids with, with confidence and belief in themselves. And throughout the two weeks, you know, I would say on the beginning end, we felt like, they didn't have as much belief in themselves as they possibly could. And we heard people like marty brown who will speak after me and jt flowers come speak to them. They, there was a resounding belief that they can go and accomplish whatever they put their minds to. And that's why we're here. That's the rest. Why the rest of us are here. And I appreciate the time and I appreciate your consideration.

Speaker: Thank you so much for coming. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have erica warren, jamal brown, and jeffrey shields.

Welcome.

Speaker: Good morning. Good morning, mayor and council, I sit before you here today, deeply connected to the heartbeat of historic albina, a place that holds roots for my family. The stories of my ancestors and aspirations for our future. My name is erica warren. For the record, I have the profound honor of serving as the strategic advisor for the i-5 rose quarter improvement project and a facilitator for the historic albina advisory board. Albina is more than a geographical area. It is a living, breathing testament to resilience and community. It is where my family found refuge after the devastation of vanport, where the echoes of jazz and the spirit of unity thrived amidst adversity. It is where our collective history is etched into the streets, where each corner tells a story of strength and struggle and unyielding hope. The work that I now am blessed to be able to do is rooted in honoring this legacy. While forging pathways for progress, bridging years of trenches turned to rivers built to keep us apart, speaking truth to power, and lending voice to those who are often overlooked and forgotten. As we acknowledge the work of albina vision trust and the community investment plan, we stand at a crossroads of profound transformation. These initiatives are not merely infrastructural endeavors and greed laden development, or can be minimized to affordable housing. The sip represents opportunity to redress past injustices. I see this as a canvas of possibility. The future of black Portland and the sip means reclaiming space and identity, fostering economic empowerment and nurturing our sense of belonging. Thank you for your support and partnership to bring innovative change for your willingness to listen versus forging prescriptive direction, for wielding your power to create new policy that breeds equitable change and for your investment into a transformative future. Thank you.

Speaker: What's up City Council? Good to see y'all, my name is jamar brown, with the city and the people know me as marty. I am a black educator in Portland public schools, started off as a paraeducator and special education, for the behavioral room. Moved to intensive skills and became the restorative justice coordinator. At my school, beaumont, which I will not no longer serve. I will be working with the district as a whole this upcoming school year with the same position just district wide. And I'm here to really just kind of speak to you guys, not only as a native of the albina neighborhood, but as a black educator. And we all know that the percentage of black educators in this city is at an all time low. And I was very fortunate and blessed to have a principal that invested into me and told me to go back to school. I got my undergrad in psychology and human development from warner pacific, and I'm now currently getting my master's in teaching at warner pacific right now, which i'll be done in may and 25. And this is important because we're here. We tell our kids all the time how important representation is, how important to do these things throughout our city and throughout our world. But we can't be what we can't see, right? So we asked them, you know, we can be firefighters, we can be police officers, we can be teachers, we can be athletes. But if you don't put those people that look like them in front of their faces, how are they going to know that it's true? And how are they going to know that it's possible? So I think with this albina vision trust, I think it's an opportunity for us to pour back into the youth. This is what I do day in and day out. Similar to what you just heard from brennan. Scarlett. Working with the big air foundation. I'm also a product of ci self enhancement as well, which is I will be on my way here in the next 15, 20 minutes back to serve these kids, because tomorrow is our last day. So I'm here to tell you guys, as a representation of the body in the neighborhood and as somebody who represents the youth, represent these kids, represent the families that hug, these

grandmas, that hug these grandfathers, that hug these aunties and uncles and mothers and fathers, that this is important because it shows us that the investment into our youth and to our city, and also to have black spaces to where we feel not only tolerated but celebrated. So this is important for the city, for the state, and for the people that look just like me. And to the young black boys, you, it's possible to do this as well as a young black girls. Appreciate you. Come on. Let's say.

Speaker: Next up we have james posey, bahia overton, and, let's see, addie smith.

Speaker: Good morning. My name is doctor bahia overton. I am the executive director for the black parent initiative here in Portland, Oregon, I like to say that I am the business of restoration and repair, one of the things that I hear all the time is how resilient our community is. And resiliency is wonderful. It's just overrated, if you stab me a million times and I don't die, I don't necessarily want to be celebrated for that. I want us to be thinking about who's doing the stabbing. And historically, the system, the system, the city, the, the, the state, has been stabbing our community, right? I came here from east los angeles when I was 4 or 5 years old, because Portland was popping in the 80s. It was coming here and having a space where black people were, well, pro-black, but also, invested in like, health and wellness and naturopathy and all of these innovative things that were happening in our community, the black educational center, the annual kwanzaa event, were things that, I felt seen and heard at. I went to tubman middle school. I went to benson high school, I went to university of Oregon and Portland state university here and I have to say that you have an opportunity before you to invest in repair and restoration, a really dangerous message for children to hear is that the neighborhood can only be pretty and nice and safe. When white people are there, and I it sends a message that somehow we are deficient or we are the cause of the destruction in our community, but the city decides where it puts a park, where it

puts a tree, a dog park, and it's important for our kids to know that not only should the city and the environment that they are, that they're living in be safe and beautiful. It's because of who they are that it is that way, so I'm here to just encourage you to do what is right on the side of restoration and repair to a community that's already has everything that it needs. It just needs to stop having the barriers put before it.

Speaker: Hello, council members, my name is addie smith, and I'm going to go just a little bit off of what I was going to say. I have never seen this many black people, and I've lived in Oregon for 20 years. My kids went to school here and I can't wait to show my daughter the pictures. I am introducing myself to people. I am born and raised in mississippi. I graduated from the university of mississippi. I have a master's degree in management and in business with a concentration in management and relocated here to work. I work in property management and I have. I am so pleased to see all these beautiful, beautiful black faces and to smell all these beautiful black people.

Speaker: It is just restoring my faith and my hope, but I do want to say restorative redevelopment is not just a question of what is built, but why. And I'm going to say the quiet part out loud. I'm from mississippi and it just is what it is. My hope is that albina is more than just restored to the beautiful black community it once was, but better and focused on the most marginalized and historically displaced people in the state. I believe politicians have forgotten all about the people who have elected them to office. Democrats have not passed legislation that specifically supports black people. So I am pleased. I was very pleased to read about the resolution on the city's website about the albina vision trust investment plan, and the city's objectives for the area. Black people are constantly being discriminated by, people in this state. That has been my experience, and I'd like to suggest that governor

kotek take some of the \$1.7 billion the legislature is planning to give to the Oregon public defense commission in 2025, to the albina vision trust. It would be money spent, much wiser, and not just for defense attorneys who don't want to ruin friendships with prosecutors. And, for innocent defendants. The governor and legislature should also take millions of dollars. It is wasting on the mead center and the justice center and give it to, this this albina vision trust redevelopment. I am in full support of it and I hope that all of you are as well. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. Council. My name is James Posey. Most of you all know me. And, so it's a real pleasure to be before you. This morning, let me just say, Proverbs 29:18, where there is no vision, the people perish. And I'm going to tell you, you know, black people in this town have been perishing for quite a long time. And I'm glad that you all see, looking at Albina Vision and what the work they're trying to do, you can appreciate the level of the depth of what they're trying to do. And we're so proud of these young people. I mean, I could spend the whole time just talking about how proud I am of them to be associated with them and what they're trying to do. But let's be real clear about it, black people were being harmed over the last several decades, and really, chickens are coming home to roost. We see our kids on the streets in real time being killed, hurt. You all were at the Dawson Park the other night when we saw, people in pain. And so I want to just suggest to you all that, I've been around this for a long time and really, I'm not a student of history. Some people say I am history, but at the end of the day, we look and we see what's how our community's been harmed. And it and the whole crew tried to make the point. They weren't as emphatic as I would have liked them to be. We cannot continue to give kibbles and bits to this issue of the black community. \$800,000. You know, in real you all look at budgets, you know, \$800,000 is one track hole and one of those big machines, these big construction companies have 5 or 6

of those in their thing. So \$800,000 is nothing. You all got to dig deeper, harder, faster in order to address the problem. And you ought to just raise up about a vision to where they need to be so we can realize this vision for our community. Thank you all very much.

Speaker: Next up, we have terrance hayes and ron buell.

Speaker: Welcome, council.

Speaker: My name is ron buell, and, I live in the neighborhood on 13th avenue. And I've lived in, northeast Portland for 55 years. I'm here because I'm a big fan and supporter of albina vision trust. I consider albina vision trust to have a moral imperative for writing past wrongs here in Portland. Pardon me. However, it seems to me, while granting the organization every right to make land use and economic development decisions in the 94 acres, there are some important transportation policy questions that I am not sure that the organization can answer appropriately for the whole city. I see pbot seeking its single minded auto fixation by anchoring its freeway expansion efforts in the rose quarter by joining with albina vision trust. I'm talking about just one example the planned expansion of the i-5 freeway to ten lanes through the rose quarter area. This is a big implications for the whole city in terms of increasing congestion and air pollution. And it's happening at a time when climate change impacts our whole population. White or black. I support lids, not these new lanes. Are we going to get to see today what odot and pbot and gps zgf have in mind for freeway expansion at the rose quarter? Will we get to see where the lids will then go? Or odot and pbot going to explain why? The cost of the new lanes project has gone up 4 to 6 times the original cost projection. Is anyone going to explain why?

Speaker: Odot thank you sir, that's tom.

Speaker: City Council mayor. How y'all doing? I am terrance hayes. I feel like my positioning and timing is really awkward, but what I will say is this, our community, the black community, has constantly had to prove the need to be invested in and that's that's getting old for our community. And I think that I will double down on what mr. Posey said is that there has to be a consistent commitment from the city, to invest in anything where black people are standing together. The system made it really clear that we really see this variety of black folks standing together for a singular cause, and so I hope that the, this City Council takes very seriously the need to stand both now and quite possibly in the future, with what's trying to be done here. I want to say that equity without economics is a lie, and a distraction, our community and our people have been held from economic assets year, years and years to come. And we're when we're talking about equity, especially on the back of black folks, we have to invest. There has to be economic investment. And as we look at what this i-5 project can do and the, and the goal and the hope of albina vision trust, we must consider the need to invest in home ownership for black folks, business ownership. We quickly subsidize a lot of communities and a lot of people and often ignore the need to invest, grants and things like that into black folks, ownership of both businesses and property. The wealth of our country often is built, connected to real estate and property. And so I think if we have the right attitude about the dirt, not necessarily the cap, because odot probably will own it, but about the dirt around and underneath. And we're willing to use that dirt to invest in black folks and black ownership, then this can be an amazing opportunity. And this council, has a unique time in history to impact that. Thank you guys. Thank you. Thank you miss.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Thank you so much, any further questions or comments from my colleagues? And i'll do a special call to mayor Wheeler if you'd like to go now or hear from our colleagues. No.

Speaker: Looks looks like the timing's worked very well, on this, president Gonzalez. So i'll just, have you go through the usual process. Okay

Speaker: Colleagues, any comments? Questions well, I think then we're ready to. Ready to call the roll.

Speaker: Okay, item 677 maps. First, I want to thank everyone for turning out today.

Speaker: I tell you, the voices that we heard in the room make this a truly remarkable day for city hall, as we've learned over and over again, this particular project, is literally at the cutting edge of, of, redevelopment in the nation. I will tell you, we have, planners and folks in the biden administration who are literally watching this closely and very much hoping that Portland can pull this off, seeing the energy and optimism in this room, I am confident that we will make the albina vision a reality here in Portland. Speaking of albina vision, I want to thank the albina vision trust for their exceptional leadership in this space. I also want to thank the many city staff who have worked tirelessly to help bring us to this moment, in particular, pbot has done amazing work. I'll tell you, I have literally generations of staffers in my city hall office who have worked on this, and I'm thinking about them today, planning and sustainability is doing amazing work in this space. And of course, across Portland, is going to be invaluable in helping build Portland's next great neighborhood. Which is why I vote yea yea. Rubio,

Speaker: It's really hard to believe that it's been two years since the City Council work session. Where we, heard directly from abt, and it was so inspiring and the depth and breadth of that vision, I still remember that very vividly, so I want to

thank them for all their work that you've done, and also, of course, the city staff for their work as well. I also want to say how impressed I am with the remarks, by each of the presenters, but especially the youth, it was very moving. It's, very clear that the spirit of albina and the legacy of our ancestors in this city runs strong in our young people, and it gives me courage and a hope for the future. So thank you so much for being here. What this work has been able to accomplish is nothing short of remarkable in my opinion, and this project is giving such incredible richness to the history. Voice to the history past and present. Residents and families and bringing hope and vision in a time where Portland needs hope and vision. And we're at a pivotal moment right now in Portland's history. We're preparing for historic levels of change. We're changing our form of government. Leadership is changing over and how as an organization, we go about and do our work and the types of commitments that we make, like the ones that we're making in this, this, this resolution today are highly consequential for the community and for the future, it means that we have the responsibility to ensure that there is stability and that there is predictability and urgency in the work that we're doing, it's also holding us to account as a role, the city's role as a partner and supporter of community led efforts like this, not just today, but moving forward, in how we conduct business as a city and the culture of the city. And so to abt and the presenters today, I hear you and I hear the concern, in some of the words and we will do better. And I'm only one individual on this council, but I speak for myself that it's my goal and commitment that our city actions do in fact, match, our actions, that are that our words and actions are matched moving forward. Because really there is just no other way. If we want to be in who who we are and say, say the things that we want to say about who we are as a city, this is a really unique opportunity to be part of restoring and repairing past harm in ways that only the city can. Right now, as a

partner, so we're in this for the long haul and so with that, I vote. I, Ryan, first of all, thank you for the inspiring presentation lifted by the love letters to albina from the student scholars.

Speaker: Thank you, students, for being here today. You were definitely all get a gold medal. I've been staying up late watching the olympics, it's so refreshing that biden's vision trust is a vision with action. And boy, does Portland need action with vision. Yes. Today we're approving pragmatic steps on what is truly a vision in motion. You are building an inclusive table with engaged, multi-sector partners, not siloed. You're building together with methodical, pragmatic action and, as was said earlier, steps that are truly building blocks. You've been focused on your restorative justice stance. You've empowered elders, the children and youth as you hold those who have left this earth in your heart. Thank you. I have hope today that this city's public servants are moving from apologies to restorative action. We must ensure this movement keeps building with finished plans that catalyze the ultimate goal of a revitalized, vibrant, economically strong, revitalized albina neighborhood that would make your great, great grandparents proud. As long as I am here as you keep up this elegant work, this restorative, prosperous, creative and inspiring work, you will have my support.

Speaker: I put i, Gonzalez.

Speaker: I just want to take a moment to thank all those who came to join us here today as we accept the federal grants from the department of transportation, the biden-harris administration also want to celebrate the multi-generation voices we heard today. Truly inspiring and healing voices. I'm thrilled to support the acceptance of this grant, given the community the opportunity of a lifetime, and I'm happy to vote. I Wheeler.

Speaker: Yeah, thank you everyone who testified today, this was an important this was an important, issue in the testimony. Was important, you look just putting all the bs aside for a minute. We are a very divided nation, and that division filters all the way down to the local level. And the question from my perspective is I exit public office is where's the hope? Where's the opportunity to reconnect and I think this is an important part of that opportunity. I will tell you, as a multigenerational white guy living in Portland, Oregon, a lot of the testimony that I heard today was hard to hear. I'll be very honest with you, but what we heard was a lot of hurt from members of our black community, including people who have been here for a long time and including people who came more recently and saw a type of division that they didn't like. This hurt is real, and it's obviously completely justifiable. And I want to acknowledge that. And what excites me about what we heard today is that's not the end of the story. It's the rest of the story. If I can steal somebody else's line that makes this so extraordinary. The albina vision trust and the collaboration with community and the work that we're doing in alignment at the city, it's visionary and it's hopeful, and it's appropriately audacious in a really positive way. And I think maybe the most important part about it is it is community led. And I agree with what terrance hayes said at the very end, if I could loosely restate what you said, money talks and bs walks and I agree, and the city of Portland has made a significant financial investment in this community led initiative, I'm proud of those investments, and I'm happy to see that we are continuing that record of support for what the community wants to see from us. And I hope after I'm gone, it's going to continue. And with the unanimous vote here today on these two items, I'm pretty confident that it will. I am more than pleased to join my colleagues in voting. I, the emergency ordinance is now adopted Keelan.

Speaker: Please call the roll for items 678. A resolution maps,

Speaker: Again, I want to thank the albina vision trust for their leadership and vision in this space.

Speaker: I vote yea yea. Rubio I Ryan I gonzales I Wheeler I the resolution is adopted.

Speaker: Next item please. Keelan item 679a report. Maybe 30s to transition here. So, mr.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: I it's noon, but yeah. Good morning everyone. My name is ethan.

Speaker: You want to give it about 30s? We'll let people sort of decide if they want to listen to the next part. Model camera. We're looking on needed breaks for folks. Are we? What? Is now a good time, or can they go a little longer? I think we can go a little longer.

Speaker: Okay. Yeah. Would you like me to go ahead and read the title?

Speaker: Please? Do accept the technology oversight committee quarterly report.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: If you want to wait another three seconds, we'll just give folks. All right. Let's go ahead and proceed.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Good morning everyone. My name is ethan surma. I work for a communications team that serves the budget and finance, as well as the city operations service areas, this is an a council report for the technology oversight committee, with me today are chief technology officer jeff baer and, long term, long time committee member, doctor wilfred pifold, we as a the technology oversight committee are overseeing currently three projects, there is a police record management system project and asset management project between water and environmental services. And then a procurement software project. We're also getting updates from the body worn cameras project and water

bureau's advanced metering infrastructure project. So with that, I will hand things over to jeff, who can explain the projects in more detail.

Speaker: Thank you. Ethan and good. Good afternoon. Members of City Council, as ethan noted, doctor wilf pinfold and I are here to present the quarterly report for 2024. And before I turn it over to will for his comments and observations, I wanted to note a couple updates from the tlc meeting that was held last week, since they were not captured in the report, for example, one on the rms, which is the police record management system, progress is moving forward with the target date for completion in September of this year. And this is where we are moving from an on prem solution to a hosted solution with versus term, a couple other updates. Is related to infer for both bts bureau of environmental services and the Portland water bureau. As you'll note in the report, both projects are showing all yellow categories. However, at the July tlc meeting last week, the scope of the project was moved to green for both bureaus, and I believe we actually have some staff from both the water bureau and from environmental services. In case there are any questions from the technical team. And with that, I'm going to I think we have, doctor wilf pinfold here on on zoom. And i'll turn it over to you will for your comments and observations.

Speaker: And I might interject for just 15 seconds. We do have some introductory comments that we kind of skipped over. And I just wanted to be clear. This is going to be a report by the technology oversight committee, comprised of five members of the public, each selected by a commissioner. The committee is tasked with providing oversight on the city's technology based projects. And here to present, we've had ethan, jeff, and now doctor pinfold, a member of the technology oversight committee.

Speaker: Thank you,

Speaker: Thanks. Thanks, jeff, and thanks, ethan. I appreciate the introduction there, yeah. I don't have a great deal to add. To what's been said. I think the, we're we're in a period of time in which I think the projects that we're overseeing are running, running quite well. I think, the only point to raise on the infill project is that there is some, some, concern about, staffing, but I think it's being well managed, so I think, even though the it may be showing as, as, yellow or, somewhat at risk, I think the risks are being, being well managed and, and we're moving forward, the other two projects are showing the police and the sap ariba project are both moving forward, successfully. So I don't have a great deal to add, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to, to summarize.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, wilf. And we appreciate the opportunity to be here this morning to present this quarterly report. And I really want to thank the council's support for the toc and recognizing the time and effort each member puts into overseeing and providing their insight on these important technology projects. And wilf and I are both here to answer any questions you may have,

Speaker: That concludes the report.

Speaker: That concludes the report.

Speaker: Do we have any public testimony?

Speaker: Keelan.

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Okay. Any questions or comments from my colleagues?

Speaker: Yeah, I do real quickly. I just want to be sure, I'm tracking you gave us a you gave us an informal update on, I think your last meeting and it sounded, which maybe happened last week. Is that correct? No. Oh, the tok meeting.

Speaker: We had last Monday night.

Speaker: Last last Monday night. And, I recognize you wouldn't have time to put the information, from Monday's meeting into this report. So it sounds like at the last at your meeting. Tell me what what you found for in for last Monday.

Speaker: So the and will please jump in as as you see necessary here. So the project team presented an overview of the current activities on both the on the bay side and the water bureau side for the inform implementation. And some of the staffing levels had been concerned. And because they're doing some change in the approach on that and getting more people involved in it, that's why the toc decided to move the general scope to green general.

Speaker: Okay. Perfect. Great. Thank you. Glad to hear that.

Speaker: Any other questions or comments from my colleagues? Excellent, do I have a motion a second to accept the report?

Speaker: So moved commissioner Mapps moves.

Speaker: Can I get a second? Commissioner Ryan seconds any further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll Mapps,

Speaker: As always, I want to thank the committee for this report. It's hugely helpful for us. I'll tell you, as I look at some of the projects we have in the pipeline, I think your work is going to become, all the more important as we move forward, especially in the infrastructure space. So I appreciate your work. I appreciate you being here today. I recognize you had to wait a long time, so I admire your patience.

Speaker: I vote yea yea. Rubio,

Speaker: I'd like to thank the committee. And thank you, jeff and team, for your continued work to monitor these important projects. I vote aye, Ryan green is good.

Speaker: I vote yea Gonzalez I was absent.

Speaker: Yes, the report is accepted. Thank you all for being here. Thank you. Next up is the second reading of a non emergency ordinance Keelan item 680.

Speaker: Please streamline and update the land division regulations and other related code provisions.

Speaker: This is a second reading. We've already had. This presented us an opportunity for public discussion. The oral and written records have been closed. Is there any further business on this item? Keelan. Please call the role maps.

Speaker: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for bringing this item forward. I also want to express my gratitude to Morgan Tracy at Pbot for addressing some of the concerns Portland's building community raised about the impact this legislation is likely to have on our region's ability to increase our housing stock, in addition, I want to recognize and praise Donnie, the city's deputy city administrator for community and economic development, and Priya, the city's deputy city administrators for public works, for their collaborative and constructive work in this space.

Speaker: I vote yea yea. Rubio,

Speaker: Many thanks to the excellent teams that put all the time into getting this done. Happy to vote. I Ryan I Gonzalez I the ordinance passes will now move on to the regular agenda the next item is emergency ordinance Keelan.

Speaker: Item 696.

Speaker: Please pay settlement of Rowena Pacheco employment discrimination lawsuit for \$135,000 involving Portland fire and rescue colleagues.

Speaker: Before we hear from staff on this item, we need to quickly propose a small technical amendment to the ordinance to update the pay stated in directive A, I moved to amend directive A to update the pay to Amicus Point Law Trusts. Can I get a second second commissioner Mapps seconds. The motion has been moved and seconded. Keelan please call the roll on the amendment maps.

Speaker: I Rubio I Ryan I Gonzalez I the amendment passes.

Speaker: Thank you i'll now pass it over to jonas berry deputy city administrator for the budget and finance service area, to present this item. Welcome.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner and City Council, rowena pacheco, through attorney samuel hernandez, has filed a lawsuit against the city for alleging discrimination related to her employment.

Speaker: The city attorney, risk management services and Portland fire and rescue recommend the lawsuit be compromised for the total sum of \$135,000. And milligan, with the city attorney's office, is here to tell you more about the settlement.

Speaker: Good morning everyone. Rowena pacheco began working for the city on January 5th, 2023 as a community health supervisor in Portland. Street response. Pacheco's position was a limited term position expected to end on September 30th, 2023. But chico came from a law enforcement and carceral background rather than a clinical or social work background, which is largely the work performed by psr. As a result, it appeared that pacheco lacked the experience to adequately perform the job, which was to supervise individuals doing social work and field medical work. The city ultimately chose to end her limited duration position approximately two months early on August 3rd, 2023, but failed to pay all wages due in the final paycheck, and as a result has some exposure for the wage claim that she made. In addition to other claims that she made, which we did not find any kind of liability, and through mediation, we were ultimately able to reach a compromise to resolve this litigation for \$135,000, which, of course, as noted by my colleague, is recommended by both risk and the city attorney's office. And that is the ordinance presently before the council for consideration. So with that, I would open to any questions that you might have.

Speaker: Colleagues. No I think any dan, anything any questions here? Okay, since this is a emergency or emergency ordinance, as amended. Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: Okay. I just want to also note there's no testimony signed up for the record. Thank you, Mapps I Rubio, I Ryan, I Gonzalez I the emergency ordinance as amended is now adopted next item Keelan.

Speaker: 697 emergency ordinance authorizes intergovernmental agreement with the us forest service to complete suppression, repair work following the 2023 camp creek fire response in the bull run watershed for \$237,000, I'd like to turn it over to priya, diana paul, deputy city administrator for public works, present this item. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner, for the record, I'm priya paul, deputy city administrator for public works and the in. Do we have the presentation slides? May I please request it to be. Can you move it to the slide number six? In the interest of keeping it brief, I would move on to the summary slides. Thank you, in August and September of 2023, the camp creek fire burned approximately 2000 acres within the bull run watershed. The primary water supply for the city of Portland. The bull run watershed, is co-managed by the us forest service and the Portland water bureau. With the us forest service being the lead agency on wildfire planning, suppression, and repair. During the fire, firefighters worked to minimize natural resources impacts while responding to the fire, but some impacts were unavoidable and required immediate repair to prevent long lasting effects on water quality and forested ecosystems. Most repairs were completed in the fall by the forest service fire response team, but some work was suspended during winter, leaving unfinished tasks, so completing this work quickly is essential to minimize impacts from storm water runoff, soil erosion, and invasive species. The Portland

water bureau will be completing the remaining repairs using its labor, equipment, supplies and materials, with the us forest service providing up to \$237,000 in funding. This intergovernmental agreement supports the joint interest of both the city and us forest service in protecting drinking water and forested ecosystem. This emergency ordinance will allow us to start work promptly before the winter weather restricts activities, so I respectfully request the council's authorization of this agreement for swift completion of the fire suppression repair work in the bull run watershed.

Speaker: Does that conclude the presentation of this emergency ordinance? Keelan. Do we have anyone signed up for public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Any further questions or comments? Colleagues this is an emergency ordinance Keelan. Please call the roll Mapps I Rubio I Ryan I Gonzalez I it passes does that conclude today's business. It does. Excellent. Thank you all. We are hereby adjourned.