



September 11, 2024 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, September 11, 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

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Beth Woodard, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 11:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Council adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Communications

778

[Request of Christian Schoof to address Council regarding impacts to neighborhood of ongoing drug dealing and violence](#) (Communication)

Document number: 778-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Robert Butler to address Council regarding bull run filtration](#) (Communication)

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[Request of Christopher Hale to address Council regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety](#) (Communication)

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[Request of Patrick Taylor to address Council regarding fireworks ban](#) (Communication)

Document number: 781-2024

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[Request of Johnny Cortez-Galindo to address Council regarding state of emergency declaration](#) (Communication)

Document number: 782-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Time Certain

783

[Accept report on Tax Increment Finance Exploration Processes](#) (Report)

Document number: 783-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

City department: Housing Bureau; Prosper Portland

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Council action: Accepted

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

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

784

[Proclaim September 2024 to be Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 784-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

785

[Revise sewer and stormwater system development charges and the Portland Harbor Superfund charge in accordance with the FY 2024-25 budget](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191885

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 764.

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

786

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

Document number: 786-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Fire and Police Disability and Retirement

Council action: Confirmed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

787

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for a total amount of \\$1,020,601 to support programs in waste reduction, recycling, and composting](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191886

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Second reading agenda item 765.

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

788

[*Accept and appropriate grant for \\$400,000 from the State of Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and authorize subrecipient grant agreement with Clean & Safe, Inc. for enhanced public safety in Downtown Portland](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191887

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Police

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

789

[*Accept and appropriate grant for \\$250,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to enhance fire prevention programs](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191888

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Portland Fire & Rescue

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

790

[Amend bike-share contract with Lyft, Inc. to increase contract value not to exceed \\$26,480,000 and modify term date \(amend Contract 30007443\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191889

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 769.

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

Regular Agenda

791

[Proclaim September 13-22, 2024 to be Welcoming Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 791-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

City department: Office of Community & Civic Life

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

792

[Authorize grant agreements for a total allocation not to exceed \\$91,916,334 from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191890

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio; Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Second reading agenda item 777.

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

793

[*Pay property damage claim of Mary Haney for \\$96,482 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services](#)
(Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191891

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Risk Management

Time requested: 10 minutes

Council action: Passed

Aye (5): Rene Gonzalez, Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

794

[Add Community Police Oversight Board pursuant to Portland City Charter Chapter 2, Article 10 \(add Code Title 35\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191892

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: City Attorney

Second reading agenda item 776.

Council action: Passed As Amended

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Ted Wheeler

Nay (1): Rene Gonzalez

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Session Status: No session scheduled

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Session Status: No session scheduled

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September 11, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning everybody. This is the Wednesday, September 11th, 2024.

Speaker: Morning session of the Portland City Council. Keelan. Good morning.

Please call the roll. Good morning. Gonzales here. Maps here. Rubio. Here.

Speaker: Ryan. Here. Wheeler.

Speaker: Here. Before we get to the rules of order and decorum, colleagues, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of today's date in our nation's history. Today marks the 23rd anniversary of course, of the September 11th attacks to the rules, an event that profoundly changed our country and the world. This morning, members of the Portland fire and rescue honored those who sacrificed their lives during these attacks. They stood at attention in front of their stations at precisely 6:59 a.m. And 7:28 a.m, the times when each of the world trade center towers fell. This act of remembrance is reflective of our collective deep respect and commitment to never forget the brave souls lost on that day.

Additionally, Portland fire and rescue will be hosting a never forget ceremony at 10 a.m. Today in front of fire station number one. This ceremony is open to all who wish to join and pay tribute to the first responders and civilians who showed extraordinary courage and compassion in the face of immense tragedy. As we reflect this morning, let us also take a moment to thank our first responders, our firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel and many more who

continue to serve our community with dedication and bravery. Their commitment ensures the safety and the well-being of our city and our residents each and every day. Thank you colleagues. We'll now hear from legal counsel.

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. 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 being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary if you are a lobbyist, identify the organization you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much. First up is communications. First individual please. Item 778 Keelan request of christian schiff to address council regarding impacts to neighborhood of ongoing drug dealing and violence. Welcome. Thank you for being here. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. Morning and christian schiff 88 casings in less time than I will spend speaking to you this morning. At least 88 shots were fired across dawson park this summer, while our parents and children, residents and workers alike ran in fear again because this was the second shooting at our park this summer, and

the incident with the single most shots fired in the city of Portland in all of 2024. And this is the park that we, as members of our shared neighborhood and our community, are not able to take our children to or even walk by ourselves without feeling the hostility from the patrons who have overtaken it. And now, recently, many of these individuals were set up just across the street along staunton street. Until recent enforcement efforts following that shooting moved them to the park and please know that we appreciate that. But the truth is that this is not the first time that this problem has been only at the park. A park named in honor of reverend dawson, an advocate for children, which is now situated just down from three youth focused organizations, none of whom can share in this beautiful historic space due to the ongoing open air drug market that is driving the violence and intimidation that is happening there each and every single day. And we know that efforts are being made, and we also know that more families will be coming home to our neighborhood as the investments in the much needed housing come to fruition. But we worry about their children just as we worry about the children who are already there and already at risk, and coping with the lockdowns that are happening because we as adults are not sure if the bullets have stopped flying outside. And the reality of our situation is that this is not an if someone else is going to get killed or if a child will be hurt, this is a when. And while we are grateful for the deterrence and the efforts that have been made over the course of these years, we are asking you to pursue measures that yield real, tangible results for our neighborhood. Long term. A designated safety strategy with violence interruption, a youth centered focus, and an achievement of a long term vision and plan in our neighborhood that ends the drug market and the violence that begets. Do not let it be believed that our city has decided that this is an acceptable level of crime for this

neighborhood, and its families to endure. Stand with us with integrity, accountability, and for the safety of our shared spaces. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And before I turn this over to my colleagues, colleagues, if I may just comment on some of the steps that the city has taken. And Christian, I appreciate you being here, and I know you've had some very productive meetings with both Stephanie and Dakota from my staff, and I appreciate you taking the time to engage at that level. Thank you for that. Colleagues, as you know, this is a priority for us, for all of us here on this council as well as in our public safety bureaus. We've been working with some of the local stakeholders, not just in the park, specifically. You're correct. It impacts the broader community in that area as well. We have improved patrol patrolling efforts in that area. We have committed to infrastructure improvements as requested by the local community. We have committed to improvements in lighting as requested. We have, it's been asked that we improve the gazebo so that we have more of a regular presence of folks in the park specifically, and we're working with our facilities department to implement that, there was a request that we also reform the permitting process to make it less onerous for community groups to be able to engage and use the park and the surrounding areas. We have already begun implementing that program. And so out of what I agree is a really unacceptable tragedy. It should be unacceptable anywhere, especially here in Portland and especially in the heart of our black community. It should be unacceptable. Something good is coming of this and it's happening. Christian in large measure, because of you and others in the community who continue to engage with us to help direct us on what the right steps are. So I just want to say thanks to you and thank you for being here today to continue to highlight this, commissioner Gonzalez and commissioner Mapps, were you first?

Speaker: I know you were first. Okay

Speaker: I just want to echo christian. Thank you for being here, advocating on behalf of families, on behalf of children. We cannot do it too much in this city. We often have loud extremists that will chastise the City Council every time we want to add police officers on the streets of Portland, every time we want to clean up open air drug markets, and they tend to dominate our political process, they will dominate at d.o.j. Quarterly when we're trying to reestablish a community that is safe for families to thrive in. And so I just would want to say thank you for being here. Please don't stop. I wish we it wasn't necessary, but it is absolutely necessary that sane, rational people that are out to protect children in our communities speak up because the other side of this will speak up. And I wish we were doing better. We've got to hold hands together and just keep plowing forward on this to return the city to one of the safest in America again. So thank you for testifying.

Speaker: Thank you for listening. Thank you. Commissioner commissioner Mapps,

Speaker: Christian, again, thank you for your testimony and thank you for your advocacy. Obviously, this is an issue that, I think touches us deeply. My own kids, during the summer, have basketball practice out there. So I know what it is like, to be afraid of sending your kids to this space, that's one of the reasons why, you know, I've looked into this, and I think all of us have had conversations about what we can do, I do want to praise, the mayor's office. I can tell that our city administrators have been working hard to pull together a set, a package of reforms and changes that will make this package, this space safe or safer, one of the requests that I have to the mayor. And one of the suggestions I have to my colleagues is that we formalize and institutionalize a set of reforms that we're working on in this space, in a resolution that clearly spells out what the city is committed to do, to do in this space for the next year. I think that's important

because, frankly, this council will sunset in about 115 days, and one of my concerns moving forward is, projects like this, getting lost in the shuffle. So mr. Mayor, if you're open to that, I'd love to, work with you to bring that resolution to this council so the public can understand what we're committed to doing, and we can hopefully have some continuity. In our efforts to make this space safer.

Speaker: Yeah. Good and stephanie's actually listening to this conversation, so stephanie will put that put that on the list for discussion. Thank you. Commissioner stephanie, commissioner Ryan, thank you, mayor christian, I just want to briefly say thanks for being here.

Speaker: That was such compelling testimony, it was so thoughtful and, thank you for being present and, I do think the denial of our current drug crisis has really set us back. It hit hard with fentanyl and the new meth in 2020, and I do believe that both that local government was slow. But we got there. And then we've been waiting for county and state to grapple with this. Obviously, it's a national issue. Even came I dare talk about last night's debate, but it even came up last night and whatever that was. And I just hope that we can all continue to just keep telling the truth because it's really different than drugs from the past, and it makes people very aggressive and violent behaviors are becoming way too common in those open air drug markets. Okay. Thank you for being here and for telling the truth.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, thank you.

Speaker: A lot of my comments have said a lot of my sentiments, too, but I just want to thank you. Christian for being here and for coming today. And I wholeheartedly agree with one of my colleagues that we have to memorialize a lot of the work that's happening and make sure that that continuity happens well into the next council. So I'm very supportive of that, very supportive of community continuing to speak up about, and holding us accountable to doing more and

appreciate, the mayor's team for taking this on and taking the lead. So I look forward to supporting these next steps. Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you commissioner. Thanks, christian. Thank you. Thank you for being here, I appreciate it, next individual please.

Speaker: Keelan 779 request of robert butler to address council regarding bull run filtration.

Speaker: Welcome, mr. Butler. Good morning to you.

Speaker: Well, good morning, hardworking members of and unappreciated members to a big degree. My name is bob butler and I'm going to pick up where I left off. About a number. I floated around \$3 billion is what the sand filtration project is. A bull run is going to cost to reinvent that. That's different than the city's \$2.1 billion, which is. Excuse me, as of last April and so, the \$3 billion comes from the fact that \$2.1 billion plus interest for 30 years at the weighted average of 2.5%, is \$900 million, plus 2.1, that's \$3 billion. So the sand filtration project, that's 3 billion, the original ultraviolet project, which the epa approved, which is just electronic approach of lighting, that was originally \$105 million. The same factor of increase since 2017. As to filtration, use that 4.2 on the 105 million, you only come up to \$440 million. But wait, I'm going to add \$60 million to that for a nice round, \$500 million. And so we got the 500 million there, plus \$200 million in interest. That's 700 million. And we got the \$3 billion project, not the 2.1 for 3 billion. And the savings is 2.3 billion. So the other thing that I think that's important issue, by the way, I'm in in the minority I think. But the other thing is that there were a lot of promises made in our last meeting. Oh, well, we need consultants and we need an independent review. And well, I haven't seen any of that for five months now, and nor have I had any response from the auditor. I've sent some long letters to the auditor. We need help. Nothing not a squeak. So I want to get back to what's going

on, with our water bureau and how how tiny titanic. They are behaving. So when, mayor Wheeler asked jodie inman, would you ever turn back from this project and take a better route? And she said, never. I can't believe that. Then she said that on television. K2 she said, the same thing. Can you get. So this reminds me of captain smith, and I'm sure everybody in the wheelhouse knew what captain smith was asked to do, and the wheelhouse was silent. The chief officers kept. They should have thrown him overboard. They didn't. So the Oregon public broadcasting outfit came up with an article that agrees with bob butler, of all things boy, and such an independent group. But they said, we need to rely less on natural streams and rivers for our fresh water, and we need to find other sources for Portland. Wow. How'd that happen?

Speaker: Thank you sir. Okay, good to see you.

Speaker: Thank you. 17 seconds.

Speaker: They keep us all on our toes around here. Robert, next individual, please, 780 request of christopher hale to address council regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety. Good morning. Good morning. Christopher. How are you today? Good, good.

Speaker: My name is doctor christopher hale. I'm a board certified emergency medicine doctor. I grew up in the Portland metro area, went to school at ohsu and have been treating patients in Oregon for over a decade. I've spoken to the City Council previously as an advocate for safer streets, asking that the city implement practical changes to save the lives of Portlanders dying on our streets, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. I spoke to you after Portland's traffic deaths reached a 30 year high last year, we're pretty much on track to meet the same death toll again this year. I've witnessed Portland after Portland come before the City Council pleading with you to prevent these needless tragedies. Those pleas are

almost universally met with assurances that you take these concerns seriously. But frequently we excuse we hear excuses that nothing can be done because the problem is a culture of irresponsible driving. So it's legitimately alarming when journalists reveal that one of the council members running for mayor has racked up 150 parking and traffic violations, failed to pay most of them for months or years, had their license suspended six times with some of those violations occurring after being elected to City Council. This recent revelation occurred after a previous scandal in which another council member running for mayor in the midst of a historic budget crisis, attempted to spend a half million dollars of taxpayer money to rip out a protected bike lane on what was formerly one of the most high crash streets in the city. Those changes brought down crashes with both bicycles and pedestrians. The attempt to remove this bike lane was made without public input or warning, because several wealthy hotel owners didn't like it, and it was only stopped because brave whistleblowers in their own bureau leaked the plans to the press. It's also come to light in recent public reporting that the third council member running for mayor, who has positioned themselves as the law and order candidate, has racked up seven speeding tickets in Oregon, been cited four times for failure to display current registration on their vehicle, had their license suspended twice, been repeatedly cited for driving while suspended, and repeatedly failed to show up in court despite being a lawyer themselves. This recent report is after a prior scandal, when they accepted a 96% discount on rent for their campaign office from a wealthy real estate company. Didn't disclose that sweetheart deal that no normal Portlander would be offered and was caught. And in a more recent scandal, that same council member used thousands of dollars of taxpayer money to have someone change their wikipedia page. So that it looks better for their mayoral bid. We face a real crisis of trust in the city. We have a lot of

problems in Portland that we need to solve, and some of the most recognized names running for mayor can't be trusted to simply follow the rules and laws that the rest of us Portlanders are expected to follow as an average everyday citizen. If I break the law, there would be consequences if I routinely told people one thing and did the opposite, people would rightfully stop trusting me. If I violate ethical guidelines and those transgressions only come to light through investigative journalism, I wouldn't have a job. So I invite those council members to explain why they believe that as candidates for the most powerful position in the city, they shouldn't be expected to live by the rules that the rest of us need to follow.

Speaker: Thank you, christopher. Next individual please.

Speaker: 781 request of patrick taylor to address council regarding fireworks ban. Welcome. Thank you.

Speaker: You'll be happy to know that I'm not going to ask for any money, and I don't know any of you, so I'm not mad at anybody yet. This is patch. He comes from a local rescue otat one tail at a time on sandy boulevard, and he's not real fond of fireworks. So there were a number of people, more than 447 complaints were made on online, bulletin boards. And online neighborhood groups about the, illegal fireworks use throughout the city this past July 4th. So, a group of citizens gathered from those 447, and we did not know that we weren't supposed to do all the legwork. So the bottom line is to ask for the council is to amend the ordinance to allow the fire marshal to designate a sanctioned area of Portland for illegal fireworks use. That's it. Thank you.

Speaker: I'll just mention briefly.

Speaker: This is one of those issues that means a lot to me. And when I became a mayor, I don't even remember what year it was, but it was probably five years ago. Now, on the 4th of July, it was a very, very hot July and a very dry July. And we took a

unique step in banning fireworks just a couple of weeks before the 4th of July. And as you can imagine, people were really unhappy about that. A lot of people supported it, thought it was a good idea. A lot of people were very unhappy. Well, a couple of weeks goes by, we're in the ban and somebody improperly disposed of a firework in a garbage dumpster in an occupied apartment complex in the middle of the night. And there were fatalities as a result. And I remember coming back, I think it may have actually, my memory is a little fuzzy. I think it may have been the evening of the third into the morning of the fourth, because I remember coming back from my 4th of July vacation so I could be there with the people who are grieving, with the firefighters, who are still mopping up, the, the fire, and explained to the press as best as I could what I thought had happened that day. That experience completely changed my view on this. There are professionals who know how to do fireworks. They do it safely, they have permits to do it. And then there's everybody else. And so I just want you to know, I'm sympathetic to what you were saying.

Speaker: Well, the when the when the complaints were gathered and, and we tried to make a solution that was workable for everyone, one of the items that came up is. And I'm not even sure if Portland is aware of, some Portland merchants actually moved to Vancouver and are aggressively advertising here in Portland. Come by your your fireworks here and take them home, because now we've got the good stuff. It's like, wait a minute. So you're cognizant of the fact that it's illegal in Portland, but yet you're you're making a concerted effort to sell to Oregonians knowing that it's illegal. And there's no cooperation from clark county in trying to curtail those sales or remind the vendors that it is, in fact, illegal here. So, so we if we could have a sanctioned area in which we have a targeted audience so we could educate them on the way in, we could have fire and medical personnel paid, of

course, present so that if anything goes awry, there's, there's people on site as well as, keeping the, allowing people to do it in a legal fashion that's sanctioned by parents. Et cetera. So the tribes are willing, theoretically, to fund the first two years as a trial of any expenses and vendors are willing to come and make it like a full day event and face painters and all sorts of things.

Speaker: But let me suggest this to you. It's an intriguing idea. This council will be here for a couple of more months, and then there will be a new mayor and a new council. And that's not to say there won't be some overlap, but, July doesn't come around again until the next council is impaneled. I would encourage you, and I realize you're making an effort to be here today, and I thank you. And this is really interesting. And I appreciate it. So I'm glad you're here. It might behoove you to come back in January with the new council and the new mayor, and share your thoughts. Right. And perhaps this is an issue that they would be willing to take up in the new year.

Speaker: Okay. Great yeah.

Speaker: Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Thank you,

Speaker: Next individual 782 request of johnny cortez galindo to address council regarding state of emergency declaration.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Hello. How are you doing? Good morning to the City Council chamber. My name is johnny cortez galindo, born ohsu, 1993. City of Portland, state of Oregon. I declared a state of emergency for the past year and transportations, city halls, Vancouver, Seattle, tacoma, state of california, mexico, united states and the united states marshals are aware, no guns, weapons or ammunition, no drinking alcohol and smoking, no drugs and no gang members. The probation programs

from fresno county, state of california. I only have dui on my record, and I pass my driver's license test last year. So I'm in a protest. I'm in a lyft right now. I think that's what I had to have covered and said when I was in the city hall last year, I am also on a protest since I don't have housing right now, I take naps at the waterfront or the public storage. I am employed at griffith rubber mills through terrorist group for now. And, I would like to ask if you have any questions.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps,

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, we just heard that, mr. Cortez, is housing unstable? If I don't know if this is a question for you or commissioner Rubio, if you're a Portlander who is looking for housing, is there a phone number that you can call?

Speaker: We can get that information to them. Okay.

Speaker: That would be great if we could.

Speaker: Maybe. I see donnie nodding over. Donnie, can you take care of that?

Speaker: If we could text that to johnny, that'd be great. Thank you, johnny, for being here.

Speaker: Thank you. Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you also very much. And you have a you have a good day. You guys stay safe. Drive safe, and i'll make, another appointment or, with the City Council or i'll will be there, I've also looked for housing through the Portland housing bureau, and I do not live at the pro studios anymore, so, thank you guys again. I'm five feet, four inches, 160 pounds, five, 34 years of age. If anyone wants to accept my pushup challenge, it is me that, that asked last year.

Speaker: Thanks, johnny.

Speaker: Yeah, you're very welcome. You have a good day.

Speaker: Thank you. You too.

Speaker: All right. That completes communications of any items been pulled off of the consent agenda?

Speaker: No items.

Speaker: Please call the roll.

Speaker: Gonzalez. I maps yea. Rubio. I Ryan I Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The consent agenda is adopted to the first time certain item please. Item number 783.

Speaker: Accept a report on tax increment finance exploration processes.

Speaker: All right. So as you just heard from Keelan, we're here to hear the report on the tax increment finance exploration process report. But before I turn it over to commissioner Rubio, I want to acknowledge that this is an auspicious day. This is the final City Council meeting for prosper, Portland's executive director. Kimberly branam kimberly, recently announced that she's accepted a position as the chief trade and economic development officer with the port of Portland, and I want to say that their gain is certainly our loss, and we're so appreciative of everything that you've done during your many years of service here to the city of Portland.

Personally, I've known and worked with kimberly for many years, and I want to commend her for her strong leadership and a very clear commitment to effectively leading prosper Portland in a direction that I think more clearly aligns with our values as a city. So, kimberly, thanks for all of your hard work, for your dedication. And I expect that in your new capacity, we'll still have opportunities to collaborate in the future. So thank you for your service. I will now turn this over to commissioner Rubio for her introductory remarks. Commissioner Rubio, thank you for bringing this forward.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Last June, we took a vote on a resolution that provided staff and prosper and fbh with the clarity they needed to kick off a tif

district exploration process in not one, but two of our areas in the city. With a series of historic changes coming our way this fall, we knew that now was the time to take these important steps and to do so in earnest. So I asked prosper to stand up a process, and we convened over 30 community representatives in the central city and over 40 in east Portland to dive into this with us. But as you all know, that resolution was not the beginning of the conversation. For years, community members in east Portland have been asking us to increase resources that will help stabilize the businesses and residents and support inclusive economic growth. And here we all are, and we are all aware of the challenges facing central city post pandemic, as well as the unique opportunities to advance catalytic, large scale development sites on both sides of the river. So when those two exploration processes wrapped up earlier this summer with votes in support of advancing all six districts, it did not come as a surprise to me because the conversations that we had together, as well as in a moment, were robust and they were very sincere and also because the community members who dedicated their time knew, as we do that tif, if done right, can be a powerful tool to advance their priorities and create a Portland where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. In a few minutes, we'll hear about the folks who participated in this exploration process and who trusted us enough to do this work in partnership. We'll see maps of the new districts and lists of items that will be eligible for these investments. Going forward. We'll be reminded of how critical of a resource tif has become in building new, affordable housing. But before that, I also want to take a moment to also acknowledge kimberly's service and contributions to our city. I've known kimberly for a very long time and have worked very closely with her on an array of projects and initiatives over the years. She's an incredibly creative thinker, a really gifted leader, and a passionate advocate for equity and inclusion. She effectively led prosper Portland

through a period of transition and played an absolutely instrumental role in the city's response to the pandemic. We're very grateful for that, and we all, as we all know, prosper does a lot of different types of work, and there's always more being asked of them. And kimberly has done an excellent job of navigating that, balancing the different priorities while staying responsible to the board. The council, community needs, and the mission. And the item before us is just one example of the many visionary initiatives that kimberly has helped bring to fruition during her time at prosper Portland. So, kimberly, I want to congratulate you on your new role at the port and tell you how much we appreciate you and also wish you the very best of luck.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good morning City Council. My name is donnie oliveira and I'm the deputy city administrator for the community and economic development service area. Thank you for making time today for staff to provide an update on the tax increment finance district exploration process in east Portland and the central city. Next slide please. Today the team will provide relevant context and background information to discuss the interface with the affordable housing, set aside policy and outline the extensive engagement process before sharing a high level overview of the six new district proposed tif districts. And finally, we'll talk through the potential fiscal impacts of the new districts themselves. Next slide please. As commissioner Rubio acknowledged, on June 28th, the City Council approved resolution 3.7623, directing prosper Portland and the Portland housing bureau to pursue analysis and the creation of new tax increment finance districts to advance equitable development and inclusive growth in east Portland and the central city. And under commissioner Rubio's leadership, prosper and housing bureau kicked off a 14 month exploration process in response to the

resolution to build on lessons learned from prior tiff programing, with the goal to drive inclusive economic growth and housing production and alignment with advanced Portland. Our city's economic strategy, and the housing production strategy. And equally as important to this was to ensure that these priorities were balanced with potential financial impacts of fOregone revenue. Since that time, staff have conducted extraordinary amount of community engagement and analysis, which we'll hear a little bit more about shortly. Also, at its August 28th meeting, the prosper Portland board voted unanimously to initiate a legislative process that is currently expected to culminate with an October 23rd City Council public hearing. On six new tif plans. This is a milestone for us to report on those steps from now until then as well. I'm now going to turn it over to prosper, Portland executive director kimberly branam and Portland housing bureau director and their colleagues jesse and lisa, to provide an update. And like mayor Wheeler and commissioner Rubio, I'm also grateful for kimberly's partnership. She's been a thought leader to me personally. So kimberly, congratulations and loss for us. But please, thank you.

Speaker: Thank you donnie, for the record, kimberly branam executive director of prosper Portland. And I'm I'm really touched by the kind words. It's been the honor of a lifetime to be in front of you all, to be able to engage with you all. I greatly appreciate your leadership, mayor, and commissioners, and the opportunity to work so closely with you over the last, it's been 17 years that I've been working at the city and then at prosper, and I'm really grateful for all that we've been able to do together. So I'm going to dig in to and you can go to the next slide, please, to one more slide. Thank you. All right. So let's dig in. So as council is aware tax increment finance or tif you're going to hear a lot about tif is a long term source of funding that can be invested in community priorities for physical improvements. It is not a

new or increased tax. The funding comes from growth in property taxes within a defined tax increment. Finance district geography, in which investments can be made. Next slide please. Of the 18 tax increment finance districts named on the slide and created over the last 40 years, as of October 11 will be terminated and have no remaining tif to invest. So that includes all of the tif districts on the west side of the central city airport way. The Oregon convention center, and the six neighborhood prosperity initiative, micro tax tif districts that are largely in east Portland and were in outer northeast Portland for districts. Those that you see in gold have some remaining tif to invest, but have issued their last debt and are no longer creating or, I'm sorry, no longer collecting tax increment. And so there are just three districts north macadam, better known as south waterfront gateway and cully, which will be active districts in the coming year. When you hear us talk about the tif cliff, this is really what we're referring to. For the last decade, we've been anticipating that as of the mid 2020s, we would be in this position of terminating or sunseting nearly all of the tif districts that you see here as they reach maximum indebtedness and pay off their debt. So this means that today our two agencies, prosper Portland and the Portland housing bureau, have approximately 40% of the number of staff that are funded by tif that we had in 2010. And we anticipate receiving about \$10 million in tif in 2026 as compared to an average of \$80 million in new tif per year each year over the last 20 years. Next slide please, over that past 20 year period, City Council and Portland voters have significantly reshaped how the tool of tax increment finance can be used and deployed in Portland in response to concerns that affordable housing goals and tif districts weren't being met, in 2006, City Council adopted the affordable housing set aside policy ordinance, allocating 30% of tif investment towards affordable housing across active tif districts. In 2007, the charter commission recommended greater oversight of what

was then called the Portland development commission, which included updated language in the city's charter about pdc's mission and directed the agency to better involve community members to achieve economic prosperity, quality housing and job opportunities for all. Portland voters approved this amendment to the city charter making council the agency's budget committee in order to ensure that projects, investments and engagement are aligned with city priorities. In 2009, at the height of the great recession, City Council created the Portland housing bureau, transferring all affordable housing, programming resources and staff from the Portland development commission to Portland housing bureau. This followed a report's recommendation to consolidate affordable housing functions, which had previously been housed at Portland development commission, bureau of housing and community development into a new bureau, as well as supportive services, and was designed to enable prosper Portland to focus on economic and urban development projects. And finally, in 2015, City Council updated the affordable housing, set aside policy and increased the set aside to 45% across active Portland TIF districts. In response to community member concerns about access to housing during the five year review, the five year set aside review process. Obviously, there are a number of other key changes that have occurred within the city. Within our agencies, within the past 20 years. But when stakeholders ask why, it seems like our approach to our work in tax increment finance districts has changed. So significantly in the last few decades. In addition to the decline of resources that I mentioned over the last ten years, these four decisions help to explain why. Why? You see increasing investment in affordable housing deeper engagement with City Council members, and more inclusive engagement practices. And with that, I'll turn it over to Helmi to dig further into the set aside policy.

Speaker: Thank you and good morning. Helmi historic director of Portland housing bureau. I actually want to begin, for a minute, taking a minute to say that I have been in the city of Portland for seven months and before getting here, I was told that the community process was a very important part of all public work. And I have had a lesson from kimberly branam, director at the Portland on how to conduct public process. I have gone to multiple meetings in both central city and east side, as well as many briefings with commissioners, with the county, with internal departments. And it has been a privilege to work alongside kimberly, and I have learned more from her than from any other director since I've been here. So I want to thank her for the crash course in good work. And it came about in particular because the set aside policy, which I'm going to go to the next slide, the set aside policy for housing of from the tax increment financing was something that is overdue for review, it it requires a review every five years, and it actually should have been reviewed in 2022, and so I was very anxious to bring it forward at the same time as the adoption of the tif districts. But it is through the process that I've learned with director branam about engaging the community that I realized that we were we had not engaged in the conversation on on the set aside policy. And so at this point, we are prioritizing that in the coming work plan. And, and I now have a much clearer understanding of what it will take to engage in a robust conversation with the city of Portland on this important issue. So with that, the current set aside policy for the tax increment financing sets aside 40, 45% of all resources for affordable housing, that is, for housing on the rental side, for 0 to 60% of the area median and up for homeownership to 0 to 80% of the median. And for context, a family of three in the city of Portland earning 60% of the median, is earning approximately \$60,000 a year and a family of three at 80% of the median, is earning \$81,000 a year. So really, the set aside policy serves households earning at or below

\$81,000 a year for a typical family of three. The set aside the policy sets aside 45% of all income for at 45%. But it isn't necessarily targets of 45% in each tif district. So it varies by tif district. And it really is a function of the conversation that takes place by the stakeholders within those districts. So what you can see on this slide is the target forecast for the existing districts ranges from 29% affordable housing or set aside dollars in the river district to 70% in interstate. So for across all of the districts, it's 45%. But it does vary by district. Next slide. This is a this shows you the funds available in the current existing tif districts for housing and what you can see is that most of the districts river district land central eastside south waterfront and interstate actually are in the process of being closed out. And we have expended. Is that correct? Thank you, we have, we have projects in pre-development for the river district, for central eastside, as well as for interstate that will actually expend those funds rather quickly. We are in the process of closing out, working with prosper Portland, and we have made commitments for funding in all those districts. In lents and gateway, we have upcoming nofas. We anticipate also expanding those rather quickly. The two districts where we will have some resources available. Still even though we have an upcoming noe fund gateway, we still think we may have some additional resources. And of course, cully, which is a new district. We actually have a you know, 20 plus years to expend those dollars. So we're still in the process of forming the plan that will be informed by those districts. The majority of the funds are spent on low income housing leveraged with tax credits. Although it is by no means the only type of housing we do, we do homeownership as well, and we are seeing as we engage in conversations with the community, desires for different types of housing in each of these districts. Next slide. So if approved, the six new tif districts would be added to. We would have the set aside policy with these new tif districts. However, pardon me, with individual targets of 45% per district. However,

during the next 24 months, we will Portland housing bureau will undertake a comprehensive review of the set aside policy in partnership with prosper Portland and with community stakeholders within Portland to determine if we want to continue on with the same level of investment in affordable housing, any recommended changes to the set aside policy would need to be approved by City Council and by prosper Portland's board. Lastly, i'll just say that, as you know, I think that this the tif districts are vitally important to the continuation of affordable housing in Portland. We recently brought forward the housing production strategy, which included the adoption of the districts as one of the strategies, and we have an estimated need of 63,000 units of housing in Portland over the next 20 years for households earning at or below 80% of the median. So households earning \$81,000 or less. The tif district funding more or less replaces the bond funding we just spent. So we just had \$258 million over a period, spent over a period of eight years, which equates to about \$39 million a year. And I mean \$32 million a year of expenditures. And the tif districts over the course of 30 years are anticipated to generate \$1.1 billion for housing, which equates to approximately \$39 million a year in investment. So it's roughly equivalent replacement of the bond funds. And those bond funds just to be to finish, that investment will result in an estimated 4000 units of housing if we are very, very efficient with it. So we have a need of 63,000 and we have funding for approximately 4000 units of housing for households at or below 80%. So I think the tif district is a very important part of the housing housing system. And, the set aside policy as it is, is that's what it would achieve.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next slide please. All right. Thank you. So with that grounding let's discuss a little bit about how we arrived at the proposed tif districts and what kinds

of outcomes you can expect from \$2 billion of tif investments in east Portland and the central city. Next slide please. So as dca, oliveira and commissioner Rubio mentioned, the 2023 City Council resolution allocated specific levels of acreage and assessed value for both east Portland and the central city exploration process, with 3% of the city's assessed value in acreage anticipated to be within active tif districts as of this fall, the resolution divided the available 11,000 acres and 9.8 billion in assessed value between east Portland and the central city. As indicated in this slide, the six proposed tif districts stay within these constraints, but they really required that the steering committee and working groups make challenging decisions to maintain and keep within these constraints in many cases. Next slide, please. As commissioner Rubio mentioned and spearheaded over the last 14 months, we engaged a central city and east Portland steering committee and three working groups that were comprised of collectively, 95 members. These committees met 65 times over 14 months to co-create the proposed districts. We also held open houses and partnered with a broad range of organizations to solicit feedback and input that shaped the priorities and increased awareness. During this period. I want to take a minute to recognize our project team so prospers sarah, kiana, catherine, dana and roger who are here with us in the Portland. Housing bureau's jessie and raul for their incredible work leading the engagement and shaping the plans alongside the community and so many colleagues within our respective bureaus. Next slide please. So what does \$1.2 billion in affordable housing investments by as the director mentioned, between 4500 and 8000 units of new or rehabilitated affordable housing could be developed with 1.1 billion for economic and urban development. You could support 1600 to 2400 small businesses with our small grant programs and retain or expand 20,000 to 35,000 jobs, with 384 million for infrastructure. What you would see are outcomes like the next generation of the

waterfront park, build out of key portions of the green loop, and community focused infrastructure in east Portland to improve safety and connectivity. So with that, I'm going to turn it over to lisa and jesse to talk a little bit about the proposed districts.

Speaker: Morning, commissioners. It's not a oh, there you go. Good morning, mayor. And commissioners. I am lisa abeloff, director of development and investment with prosper Portland. Next slide please. So jesse and I are going to share at a high level some of the information that you will see in the plans. And reports that will be before you for consideration. This reflects hundreds of pages of documents in about six slides. So we look forward to being able to dive into greater detail with you in late October. Next slide please. So first in east Portland, what you see before you is a slide that reflects the outcomes of the work of the of the steering committee as well as the working groups. You see a proposal for three new tax increment finance districts in east Portland. You'll also note we have identified how those would interrelate with the existing lens tif district that kimberly discussed as it closes out. First and foremost, the steering committee and community really prioritized acreage that was allocated by City Council for the exploration process to the east, 205 district. That's the district that you see in the map in purple. And so you see it is the largest of the three districts. The general boundaries, to give you a sense of what areas are covered by the three districts east, the east, 205 area goes all the way to the gresham boundary. That was actually a key priority for the working group who helped to draft the district. And then I would also call out it captures a lot of the division corridor, as well as the 122nd corridor as key commercial areas for us to continue to invest in as a city on 82nd avenue. There was a lot of conversation about the importance of complementing any future tif district investments with the current infrastructure

improvements underway by pbob, but also future potential transit improvements. And there was a desire for the full length of the 82nd avenue corridor to be included. So you see that it does go all the way south, about to the city boundaries as well. And then last but not least, at the north, you see what we affectionately call the space district, but in fact is sumner park, rose, rj and columbia corridor. What i'll note here is this is a district that includes both industrial uses north of columbia boulevard, then mixed use along the commercial corridors that are within that brown orangish area, and then lower density residential south of the corridor. And a lot of the community's conversation was about the importance of balancing investments and the needs that are both between residential mixed use and then industrial uses. Noting council's direction that we received that kimberly shared earlier, we are within the 6 billion of assessed value just narrowly, but within the 6 billion of assessed value that was allocated for the east Portland tiff exploration process and well within the 7500 acres in total. These three districts tally up to 5.69 billion of assessed value and 7176 acres. Next slide please. So just to give you a sense of how robust the process was and really kind of the co-creation work that we've been undertaking for the past 14 months, what you see on the left is the list of the steering committee who met over time to provide guidance to the working groups. Again, they were kind of the first group who really identified prioritizing acreage to east 205. They provided consistent guidance to the working groups about undertaking engagement. They also looked for consistency across investment priorities, plans and reports across the three districts. You'll note, and probably are familiar with many of their names. I would also call out kind of two key folks. One, we did have our taxing jurisdictions as part of both the steering committee. And then you also you'll also see over in the working groups, because we knew it was important to take into consideration council's direction, that we

balance any investments with taxing jurisdiction impacts. So appreciative of jeff renfroe and jessica for participating on behalf of the taxing jurisdictions. On the steering committee. I also want to note here, though, on the working groups, the working groups charge was then they literally drafted the reports. They drafted the district boundaries. The work that you will have before you reflects hundreds and hundreds of volunteer and commitment hours by community. And last but not least, before we leave this slide in terms of our engagement, I would also do a call out for paula bird, who led a lot of our engagement and community. She actually sat within the neighborhood prosperity network area, so we had a community led engagement strategy in east Portland. Next slide please. So what does that all result in. And again, kind of this is capturing at a very high level what you'll see in hundreds of pages of documents. But over the 3035 year period of time, this would generate about 1.4 billion of investment across the three districts. And you have those numbers by the tif district area as well as by the use under the economic development and urban development header. We know that things like continued investments in our small businesses and our retailers and our restaurants, particularly coming out of the pandemic, is going to be key along the corridors, there was a lot of interest in land acquisition and land banking to help stabilize in the face of market pressures in east Portland, and making sure that there are opportunities for mixed use development. There was a lot of interest in investment in arts, culture and signage that honors the diversity of communities that are in our east Portland, and then also interest in mixed use and mixed income projects like the nick fish that often we are working on with the Portland housing bureau. And then you'll note in infrastructure, particularly as we compare this to the to the central city tif districts, there are more limited funds committed to infrastructure in east Portland with a higher focus on 82nd avenue. So about 10% of the tax

increment finances are identified for infrastructure, and those are largely tied to community serving infrastructure improvements. Things like street crossing, safety improvements or sidewalk build out. Folks really wanted to take some of the lessons learned off of north northeast, of making sure that the priority for any infrastructure investment in east Portland is doing kind of community serving relative to regional serving infrastructure improvements. And then I will hand it to jessie to cover affordable housing.

Speaker: Thanks, lisa. Jessie connor, is she her pronouns? I'm the senior policy analyst at the housing bureau. So as both kimberly and helmi have mentioned, there were very robust conversations amongst the three working groups in east Portland about where to land with the set aside rate. In the end, there was a pretty strong sense to land on around 45 minimum of 45%, and you can see from across the three districts they are certainly interested in the full suite of affordable housing products that we could offer, everything from single family down payment assistance to home repair to help stabilize current residents in their homes. Multifamily are sort of bread and butter work of multifamily, residential development, land acquisition and land banking for future development and projects. We could do some houselessness expenditures. I'd remind the council that it would need to be for a capital expenditure. Sticks and bricks, right? It needs to be a permanent structure. Tiff is not eligible to pay for services. They're also interested in some things that the city of the Portland housing bureau doesn't quite offer yet. We're looking at some infill, middle income, infill development, as well as supporting our manufactured dwelling park residents. Next slide.

Speaker: Yep. Next slide. Next slide please. So we're just going to give a brief overview of the central city, similar to what we just did for east Portland. Next slide please. So similar to east Portland where we landed with the steering committees.

Guidance and direction was with three new proposed tif districts for the central city, starting with the blue, we had a lot of discussion of whether there should be a single west side tif district or multiple west side tif districts, splitting out old town or the or the downtown area. But there was general consensus that having a single west side tif district was really important because really, the way that old town goes has impacts on downtown and the way that downtown goes has impacts on old town. Generally. This area is bound at the north by lovejoy at the south, kind of. You see a couple of legs. Those are keller auditorium and the south park blocks extending all the way down into the Portland state university area. As kimberly mentioned, there was a lot of conversation about the future vision for waterfront park or park blocks. Kind of the park sequences and how they continue to serve our downtown area. Moving to the east side in the green, you see a new proposed lloyd holladay tax increment finance district that is generally bounded by mlk and grand to the west. By 16th or so to the east, it's really where the zoning changes in the lloyd district and then acknowledging the investment that the city has made in things like the blumenauer bridge to reconnect the north side of the central east side with the lloyd district, it does come down and picks up northern portions of the central east side, and it includes things like the bottling blocks, redevelopment opportunity as well as properties that are owned and operated by parks to serve the inner east side. Moving all the way to the south in the orange reddish color, you see the new proposed central eastside corridor tif district. This is anchored by two major things. One is the omsi master plan. That was before council recently, as well as the orange line and the rezoning, that is, and the growth that is contemplated in the central city, 2035 and the comprehensive plan. But also we heard pretty loudly from community, both central east side industrial council as well as affordable housing and housing development interest to include major corridors like mlk and

grand and stark. Because you are able to do mixed use projects along those corridors. What you will note similar to the slide we shared for east Portland, is this would involve amending the current central eastside tif district. We only have a couple more years of loan and grant dollars that we can continue to spend down in that district, and that's what you see in the lighter yellow over the life of the district, over the 30, 35 years, you will see, similar to east Portland, we have achieved the targets set to us by council of. We have stayed below the 3.8 billion of assessed value and below the 1500 acres that was directed to us as part of this exploration process. Next slide please. And similar to east Portland, we also had an exploration committee that commissioner Rubio helped convene and helped to lead. You'll note we had a variety of interests, everything from small business to larger traded sector partners, from our regional anchors like Portland art museum or omsi, through to both affordable housing and market rate housing development interests. Next slide please. And so with the guidance of that committee, again, they helped us draw the boundaries, identified what was in identified what was out similar to east Portland. What you see is for economic and urban development. We have about 35% of the tax increment finance identified over the life of the district. Knowing that in the central city, we have really critical things we need to do around recruiting and retaining existing office tenants, but also supporting our small retailers. We can do that through loans and grants that support on tenant improvements build out of their space. We also know that commercial renovation, seismic renovation. We have a number of historic buildings, particularly between waterfront park and fourth avenue, but also in old town is going to be critical, together with potential conversions of some of our offices, either unreinforced masonry or new development into housing. And then we also know we have a number of regional assets and destinations in our central city that were built 40

plus years ago, that may need renovation and investment. And last but not least, we have the ability to co-invest with the housing bureau in the housing production strategy outcomes, where prosper's economic and urban development portion could go to middle income housing, particularly right now in the central city, the market is actually at 80% to 100% median family income. So there are there are kind of investments needed in public, private partnerships to get those projects delivering. And then on infrastructure, as I mentioned, you actually see a higher allocation in the central city for infrastructure. So it's about 20% across the tax increment finance districts that would go to things like street or public realm enhancements all the way through to actually building infrastructure in really large, key critical sites. This was an active conversation amongst the committee. Things like new water avenue at omsi through to kind of new streets and utilities at Lloyd mall as it redevelops through to areas like Broadway corridor or other large sites like the bottling blocks in our city. And I will hand it back to Jesse for affordable housing.

Speaker: Thank you. So, similarly to our working groups in east Portland, the central city steering committee, also had a very dynamic conversation around where to land on the set aside rate for each of the individual districts, after some pretty robust conversation, recognizing the importance of preservation of existing low income housing in sort of the old town downtown area, each of the districts landed on that 45%, keeping us kind of straight across the board, and as you'll remember from east Portland, while community members there were looking for sort of a suite and spectrum of options menu options, really the focus in the central city districts is, again, the preservation of existing low income housing that over the next 10 to 20 years is going to need some significant renovations in order to keep those working for our community, as well as focusing on some new residential

development. So really, a little bit more of density in higher buildings in the central city areas. Next slide please.

Speaker: All right. So we have I know we're tight on time. We have three slides left, and then we will make sure that we can take questions. And really we want to tee up for when the team comes back to October 23rd, make sure that the team has answers to the questions that you might have. So, just want to note that a major reason for the 45 day consult and confer process is to ensure that impacted taxing jurisdictions. So the city of Portland, Multnomah County, and others have an opportunity to understand the potential fOregone revenue, and so the next two slides touch on that topic. Next slide please, first, I just want to recognize and appreciate our prosper Portland cfo, tony barnes, as well as patty teague from the city cities revenue team for producing and refining the financial models that created the numbers that I'm sharing with you, over the 35 years of investment and repayment, the anticipated fOregone revenue for the city of Portland would range between somewhere about 690 million to 854 million, and the range is because of questions around how much debt you take on, when you take it, on how much interest you're paying. So those are future decisions. But somewhere the impact would be somewhere between those two bands, the average annual impact is somewhere between 20 and \$24 million. Accordingly, there's a similar impact to the county. And a much lower impact to the port and other metro tiff, taxing jurisdictions. We wanted to touch on the comprehensive impact to the school district. So what you see here is the total impact of somewhere between 38 and \$48 million to reynolds parkrose david douglas centennial and Portland public schools. The average annual impact is about 1.1 to \$1.4 million. And the reason that it's so much lower than the impact to the city and the county is that the state school fund allocation formula backfills from resources that are fOregone through local urban

renewal or tax increment finance practices. So it's much lower of an impact, and there are also recent changes to the ORS 457, which is what governs TIF, which exclude local option levies and the like. So whereas the state school fund used to only, kind of backfill a little bit really there are very limited impacts to the K-12 schools. Next slide please. So one of the questions that we've received is whether or not the proposed new generation of six TIF districts would effectively take back all of the property taxes that we have recently seen. Go back to the taxing jurisdictions as the previous generation of TIF districts have. Sunset and the short answer is it would not, in blue is the amount returning to the city from those terminating districts over the next ten years. And in green is the taxes foregone, that would be anticipated to be foregone in the six new TIF districts together. So what you see is that the resources that are forecasted to go back to the city of Portland over the next ten years is about \$448 million. The taxes foregone through new TIF districts is about 71 million. So the city is still a net of 377 million to the good. That said, and Jonas would make sure that I include this. The blue portion is already within the city's forecast, so there is an impact, but we just wanted to be clear that the new TIF districts does not erase in full the funds that have gone back. And that's true throughout the 35 years. So through 2030 sorry through 2059. There's a positive net impact of 1.3 billion between the previous generation of TIF districts, which have gone back onto the tax rolls and this proposed new generation of TIF districts that would divert some of the foregone revenue. Next slide, please. All right. So just finally, during this 45 day consultant confer period, we are presenting to you as well as to Multnomah County and to the planning commission. The team will be back to you on October 23rd for the hearing. And on October 30th for your vote. If approved, the six districts would begin creating very modest resources in the next fiscal year, and the action plan process would start. And hopefully they

would be able to be bringing action plans to you that would establish what the priorities are for the first five years of investments in each of the six tif districts in the winter or spring of 2026. So with that, we are happy to take any questions that you might have.

Speaker: Colleagues, do we have public testimony on this since this report?

Speaker: Let's find out. Keelan do we have public testimony on this report?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. All right.

Speaker: Why don't we hear from them just in case they are? You guys can hang out close. We'll have a couple of questions, but they are virtual. Oh, they're virtual. Stay right where you are,

Speaker: First up, we have. Oops. Sorry let me pull up here. Sorry. Zoe. Lynn powers, can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep.

Speaker: Loud and clear. Welcome.

Speaker: Okay. Hi. Mayor and commissioners, my name is zoe lynn powers. I'm testifying on behalf of the owner of 320 northeast lloyd boulevard, which is a budding but not included in the proposed new lloyd holladay tif district. You're considering today. The property is located directly south of the convention center's property. There's a map of the location included in my written comments. We believe this property may have been overlooked for inclusion because it sits in this funny little pocket between 84 i-5 and the convention center. In that location, though it's a highly visible site, it's one half of the gateway to the district on mlk, paired with the property across mlk that is proposed to be included in the new tif district with central commercial zoning and visible from multiple freeways. In addition to that gateway location, the property would be great for housing or for commercial spaces that complement the convention center and having access to

tiff could help make it more feasible to develop by mitigating higher construction costs. Due to the slope of a portion of the property, or investing in a project for affordable housing or a mixed use with affordable retail space, for example. So given all that potential, the exclusion of the property from the Lloyd Holladay tif district is contrary to the project's goals. It's currently being used as a surface parking lot and could greatly contribute to the vision and revitalization of the Lloyd district. I want to note that I haven't had a chance to discuss this with staff. Unfortunately, I only got pulled in very recently when the property owner saw a news story about this, and I couldn't find the materials online that there was any mailed public notice to owners in the areas being considered for this district, but I have reached out to staff. I hope to connect with them soon. And from yesterday's planning commission meetings and materials. I do know that staff have been resistant to asks to include additional properties in the tif districts, citing to a 15% cap and to the committee process that led to these maps. The prosper board resolution approving this set of statistics explains that they will not hit the 15% cap and staff explained to planning commission yesterday that they are leaving acreage on the table in the central city compared to the maximum that was set by City Council last year. So it does seem like there is room to add a targeted set of properties to the tif districts without risking exceeding the 15% cap or City Council's maximum acreage. And as to the public process, that process did not begin and end with the committees that prosper. Portland put together. State law mandates that these planning commission and City Council hearings are part of that process, and it is ultimately up to you to decide if you want to add a targeted set of additional properties, or if you want to leave acreage on the table in the central city, when potentially more could be done. To advance this, we respectfully ask that City

Council include the property within the mapped area for the Lloyd Holladay TIF district.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thank you. Zoe and Lisa. I saw you copying information down. Can you get back to yes on this?

Speaker: Yes we will. We will definitely follow up. Lisa will follow up. And we can talk a little bit about, just the, the potential process that she mentioned. If there are questions about that.

Speaker: Great. Do you hear that, Zoe?

Speaker: She's probably already cut off, but we'll reach out to you if you can still hear me. Thank you. Commissioner Gonzales,

Speaker: A couple areas of questions. So just focusing on east Portland for a second. There was a statement made that there's going to be a greater emphasis on local infrastructure versus regional infrastructure that came out of community feedback. The when I think about Prosper's role in terms of economic development, for our, you know, our city as a whole, is there an embedded trade off in that decision to focus on local infrastructure versus regional infrastructure? I'm just trying to make sure I understand exactly what we're saying with that statement. I'll start and then Lisa can chime in.

Speaker: I think, you know what, Lisa mentioned is that historically, when you look at many TIF districts that were of those that we mentioned, but particularly neighborhood TIF districts, a lot of them that were created were created after a process of, kind of an extensive planning land use process and really anchored by a potential for a new light rail line. So interstate, that's the case. Gateway lens. All of those have light rail lines. The challenge with having the first investments out of the gate be focused on the being the local match for the federal investments is that

then you don't have resources for the first 5 to 10 years for other priorities. So I think the first kind of, observation or the desire that we've heard is let's learn from the lessons and make sure that we're stabilizing community early on, as those major infrastructure investments take place. So along 82nd, as you're planning for major investments, I think there was a desire to make sure that early investments go towards the kinds of things that help small businesses purchase their property. Homeowners stay in their, homes. As you're seeing investments. And so I think that's really the thrust of it and a desire for tif not to be the only way to match our major federal transportation investments. Certainly, it's an important match for local improvements districts for system development charge projects like the blumenauer bridge. And I don't think that those would be, you know, I think those would still be encouraged, but I think it's really focusing on those, you know, the interstate where we put in. Tony's going to have to correct me, 40 million, 30 million. I'm sorry, \$30 million. And that was the major investment for the first five years of that district. And so some of the other community priorities were not invested in at that time.

Speaker: And just to follow through is every one of these things has trade offs, right. So the with the by extension then this decision to focus on local infrastructure, which I'm not necessarily judging, I'm just trying to project out what this really means, that that might mean we wouldn't have more dollars to do a federal match for major transportation infrastructure, at least not through prosper.

Speaker: I think that's I think that's right, particularly in east Portland. I think that's the intent. I think that's less definitely less the case for central city, so for the central city, I think the intent is to leverage major federal investments and, and I have to defer to commissioner Mapps on some aspects of this, just to understand, under the hood, why the differences between the two.

Speaker: But I also just want to be conscious of a number of these things that are embedded in what we're saying about the I'm going to get to affordable housing set aside in a second, but just there are real tradeoffs as to, and perceived pain on one particular tiff. I just want to make sure that we're not drawing too broad a conclusions as we go forward. Right? Like yes, be informed by previous experiences, but that did get a lot of transportation infrastructure built, fairly quickly. And, that is by many deemed a positive. Right? I mean, it had some negatives, but.

Speaker: Well, and I think you really have a structural funding challenge that exists between federal, state and local funding sources. Right? So when you think about what communities are asking for and in all of these, all of these conversations, it's the same, different variations on it. But when people think about major investments in light rail or bus rapid transit, they're also very excited about improving their local streetscapes and having affordable housing and having more commercial tools. We have, really good federal resources now with a much higher expectation for local match for the transportation investments. What's less? Well funded is geographically specific investments that are available for stabilization, investments or economic development investments. Those tools don't exist to the same extent. And so one of the things that I think people are talking about is, is there are there other resources or other ways that metro or other parties can help on the federal funding for the local match and then use tif to help offset some of the needs for affordable housing and commercial development. But you're absolutely right that that's a trade off. It's just a it's a structural issue that we have because there's not an equivalent, you know, if we put in \$10 million or \$20 million of affordable housing, then the federal government will match us one for one and guarantee that over the next, you know, 20 or 30 years.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: And I just mostly for the benefit of this body that's assuming that we can find a backfill or an alternative at metro or somewhere else. I don't I'm not close to those discussions, but I just want to call out the risk associated with that, with that assumption. So turning to affordable housing, the set aside, we had a pretty robust conversation last week with your team. I really appreciated that. I've been mulling this a lot. I had a brief conversation with mayor Wheeler about it as well. You know, if you were going to go back and look at the opportunity cost to the affordable housing, set aside what what is that cost us? What does that cost prosper? What is it taking away from you? In the time since we've done the two set asides, I think first in 2006 and then in 2008, in terms of tools that could be used for other investments, the prosper makes.

Speaker: Well, I mean, I think, you know, we work really closely with the housing bureau and, i, I guess I would start by saying there are many more needs that the community expresses than there are resources to meet those needs. And so, one of the things that the set aside does is it helps to meet community objectives around affordable housing. It does also mean that there's less tif that's available for economic development and for transportation or other infrastructure investments. And so as you look at the percentage of funding that's gone to affordable housing since 2000, and you look at that trajectory versus what's gone to economic development or transportation, affordable housing has become a larger portion of what, tif funds. And we've seen less investment, particularly in infrastructure. With, I think, probably a fairly similar level of investment, in commercial and urban development kinds of priorities, just to make sure I understand the last part of what you just said is similar.

Speaker: Could you just clarify that last?

Speaker: And I'm going to actually I don't know if tony, if you have it, do you have it off the top of your head? We we'll come back to you with that. To really be able to describe year over year. But my top line assumption is that affordable housing and the resources that have gone to affordable housing, if you to compare year 2000 to year 2024, there's a much higher level of investment in affordable housing. Obviously if you were to compare the kinds of investments that we're making in public private partnerships that support commercial development or major community priorities, it's probably about the same. What I think has declined precipitously since 2000 is the amount of funding that's going into infrastructure. But we will come back to you or we will have information on that. And on October 23rd, if not before, would really appreciate that,

Speaker: Because again, all of these choices have trade offs. It's great to talk about the positives, but also entertaining the opportunity cost. And, you know, one of the biggest critiques that we discussed, you know, about prosper over the last 15 years is ability to deliver big projects. And we're taking away tools for prosper, again, to solve a specific one of the many problems we have in our community, one of the many needs in our community. I just want us to be conscious of that before we hand that off to the next form of government, as though that is something that we think should be true for the next 20 years, without evaluating, because prosper did used to deliver bigger projects, we did limit what it can do with. Or we as a council got very specific in 2006 and 2008 actually predates all of us as to how we allocate those dollars that previously prosper had more flexibility with, at least arguably, then transitioning to the housing productivity, strategy we hit last week and, you know, discussions over the last. This is really a question for the housing bureau, but the you know, we were really wrestling to see where our biggest gaps in production were by income level. And we had there was some good dialog, but it was still hard

to parse out. I, I still came away walking, walking away from that discussion thinking we're doing an okay job at producing federally subsidized affordable housing. You know, that that maybe that's up to your 80 ami. I'm not saying we're hitting it out of the park, but we've done an okay job out there in part. Part of that has nothing to do with us. That's just the market and federal subsidies versus what's going on in the private sector to fund housing. But when we get to middle housing, you know, and anything that's market, we're really, really struggling to produce, and particularly the last two years and, I is that my generally getting that right. I just want to before we go too far because again, when we were going through the graphs of different ami levels, it was still hard to pull out like what we've produced at each level. It's pretty clear what we produce that is, you know, federally supported affordable housing versus everything else. But I just want to I don't want to draw too broad a conclusion for what we hit last week.

Speaker: So if I may, I'd like to actually connect the prior conversation about major infrastructure investment with the housing conversation, and it's a very complex picture. And I think we do need more data to help answer your question, there is a direct corollary between major investment in public sector, such as transportation and open space, which are very desirable to increases in property value and housing prices. And displacement. And so there is a relationship between do you invest in the in this major catalytic community building activities and housing? Those are complicated. And our current approach to affordable housing is to invest at the tail end in gap financing for housing. Taking all of that value increase into our into the cost of that housing. So I think we need to be talking about a strategy where we're investing early in housing stability while we start talking about major infrastructure investments, because the one of the largest issues that Portland is facing is displacement has historically faced is displacement of lower income

households from areas where there's large public investment. And that is, that is what the conversation was about in east Portland. It was we want people who live in east Portland who've been displaced from other parts of Portland, particularly north northeast Portland, to have stability and to be able to stay in the community.

Speaker: Can I pause you there? Because because i, I recognize this as an assumption that underlies the affordable housing set aside. And the theory behind it going back to 2006, 2008, as I understand it, the city is booming. We're doing quite well at creating big projects and doing quite well at building. We were concerned that we were leaving people behind and so that it was not shared economic prosperity. Venerable response to what was going on at at the time. I want to make space for this council, not to just hand off policies to the next council that are based on very different assumptions, like, I mean, when i, I think we are in a very different place in 2024 than we were in 2004, we're not generating big projects. Market housing has collapsed. I mean, we're looking at a downtown armageddon. If we don't significantly, you know, change the trajectory there. It's entirely different dynamics in 2004. But what you're alluding to goes back even deeper, right? The history of urban renewal and displacement. I just don't want to not ignoring that reality as part of our history, but also recognizing that, you know, when we sat here and went through recent tif districts, I think the majority of those tif districts became more diverse after our tif districts were instituted. Now, it had to do with the relative mix of housing in each district, right? I mean, I don't want to be overly broad, but I just want I understand the assumption and I understand what we were trying to do at the time. I just want to make sure that we're not automatically embedding that in a very different time and reality into policy going forward, or at least that we're very conscious about that. And we're testing the assumptions underlying there.

Speaker: Yeah. And please be clear when I say what I'm saying. I also believe, think that major public investment, catalytic investment is vitally important to city cities. So I'm not knocking it, if you will, in my conversation. I'm just trying to talk about housing. Housing in terms of housing, just looking at the Portland housing bond, there was \$258 million investment that achieved approximately 1800 units. So that was and it was knocked out of the park better, results than was anticipated at the time that the bonds were issued. So we all have said this is a good public investment, that public investment, is for 1800 units. When we know that the need is for 63,000 units of affordable housing between now for the next 20 years. So we're constantly at the Portland housing bureau saying to ourselves, how do we get 63,000 units of affordable housing? How do we stretch those dollars? How do we maximize those resources? The and the tif districts with 45% as, as I mentioned earlier, is anticipated to generate about 4000 units of affordable housing. So I would suggest that, I think first of all, the 45% set aside is higher than I've ever seen in any, other city with in terms of set aside. So it's actually a very high standard. However, it is also, a drop in the bucket if you will, in terms of what the needs are for affordability. I do think strategically there could be some different approaches. I think one of the struggles we have in affordable housing is that we have a very prescriptive way of doing affordable housing. That leads us to have, a basically not mixed income. And I think from a policy perspective, what we hear all the time is we'd like to have not only buildings to be mixed income, but we'd like to have communities to be mixed income. So I think one of the strategic goals of the conversation is less about 45% for this. And 55% for that. And really a strategic conversation about how do you achieve a mixed income community, how do you achieve mixed income projects? What are some financing alternatives that we have never explored that could be explored to achieve those things? And I will share with

you that that is a strong interest of mine, is looking at how to achieve a more mixed income community and how to align infrastructure investments with stability, housing stability and preservation of affordability in every community. So I do think the I cannot answer the question about the production, housing, production above market. I can only answer since I've only been looking at the affordable side. I can only answer where the housing production is on the 80% of ami and below, and it's not. It's about 10% of what needs to be, but but I do believe that that Portland is facing a based on what I've read in the papers, that there's a lack of investment. And what I've seen in terms of the permit issuance is there's a lack of market activity, right now. And so for market rate housing and that is definitely something that should be evaluated, a strategic evaluation of how do you gain interest by the private market in building in Portland building housing.

Speaker: Okay. And I look forward to the analysis again. It's just so that we're because even when we talk about affordability, I think sometimes people listening at home thinks that translates to their income level. But if you're not at 80, you know, or below ami, we're not really talking about you. When we were talking about affordable housing, it's really and but middle, middle housing does cover a substantial part of our population. And it and it's in all indications are that we're really struggling in that space.

Speaker: Well in middle is middle is a gray area. When we talk about affordable and we say a household of three earning \$80,000 a year, 53% of the housing need is in. That is that households earning below \$81,000 a year. So, you know, there is a huge demand in that segment and that could qualify as middle. But maybe what we need to do is, is talk a little bit more broadly about what does it mean, what is it going to take to achieve middle to get up to 200?

Speaker: Fair enough. I think your framing is better than mine. I just want to people get caught on the word affordable and they think that's talking about them. It's often not talking about them. And I just want to be crystal clear as we use the language. Thank you for the I'm good right now. Thanks, commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, thank you mayor. That was a great conversation, it makes me want to ask different questions. And I thought of before, and maybe the only one I'll pause with is, would you say the pearl district and the work that's gone on in that area, that you have been a big part of is an example of mixed income?

Speaker: Yeah. The pearl district is actually a really good example of a mixed use mixed income district. About 30% of the units are affordable, about 35%, 35%.

Speaker: And I think that's higher than the perception that your average Portlander would have. So that's one reason I want to lift that at this moment, first of all, I'm going to miss you, so I'm just hitting me. I'm in denial that you won't be back much, is this your last day?

Speaker: This is just my last time in front of council.

Speaker: Okay. Got a couple weeks.

Speaker: We'll try to find an emergency reason to bring you back. No. Just kidding. Because I was on the school board in the early aughts. When I hear about tiffs, I still have some PTSD over that, so I was educated just now. Earlier about the legislation that took place to bring some aspirin for that headache for school districts. That said, the school districts in Portland, Parkrose, David Douglas, half a centennial portion of Reynolds are, they their tax base can't pull off what RPS does with voters so they don't have active bonds and levy campaigns. So I didn't want to dismiss that. The impact of that 1.4 million for all of them. So I just wanted to say that mostly that was maybe a comment. I thought the testimony we heard, the one

person who testified was made a lot of sense. And I think when I looked at who's involved and the committees and we've had this conversation before, I always think there should be more inclusion of small business retailers and private sector in general. And I wonder if that's one reason why maybe someone like that is caught off guard. Any comments on the engagement that you do with the private sector?

Speaker: Well, this I mean, particularly the central city was heavily, heavily private sector related voices, there were a number of community voices and partners. But I think, you know, as I mentioned at the very beginning, there are really difficult decisions in terms of what to include and what not to include include. And I want to note to that point the constraint of assessed value and acreage in the central city is really the assessed value. Acreage is not the issue in the central city. You have much higher assessed value per parcel. And so there's only \$4 million less of assessed value properties that could go in. And we have a list of a dozen or so properties that would like to be included. So I think what we can do, because it is council's decision as to what, you know, if you'd like to amend those, is to share a comprehensive list with you. All of the properties and people who've let us know that they wish to be included, one of them is the pearl district, for example, which the full value of that is \$1.8 billion and would mean that we couldn't create the Lloyd holiday or central eastside corridor tif district, and so there are other properties that have been mentioned, and we, you know, that this is why there's a consultant confer process. It's great to have people come through. There's a lot going on. It's hard to kind of cut through and make sure that everybody is aware. But that's why we have this process and we're glad to hear about it. It's the council's decision. And so what we'll make sure is that we give you a comprehensive list of who we've heard from. And then if there are particular properties that you'd like to talk with us or stakeholders about, we're happy to share that and dig in further and avoid that.

Speaker: I think it was more when I looked at the list of who was on the advisory committees, I didn't. I don't recall seeing a lot of people who would be labeled, private sector. I saw some, but can I just I want to make sure I also add because, I think this was covered in kimberly's slides in addition to the committee, we actually did individual presentations in the central city to the pearl district neighborhood association, to the old town community association, to go lloyd, to the lloyd biko district, which is made up largely of kind of property owners in lloyd to the central eastside industrial council.

Speaker: I'm going to be we made presentations to boma, to urban land institute. So we try we yes. It's really challenging when you undertake an engagement process to make sure you're reaching everybody. And I do think, we have heard from multiple property owners who are like, we're at the edges, can we be considered? So we just also want to make sure that we're being responsive consistently.

Speaker: And my comments earlier about pearl were not to lift them as an additional district. It was to say that that's a good example of the mixed type of housing that we vision. So thanks.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you, and this this question is in follow up to some of the housing discussion. So, I appreciate helmy's, we heard from her about the middle income or affordable housing from the housing side of tiff. I'm wondering, if, kimberly and lisa, you can talk a little bit about middle housing from the prosper side of tiff and what kinds of tools and plans are in existence there. And then I have another question.

Speaker: Sure, so what we have available is our commercial property loans certainly work for housing. We actually set aside a portion of our citywide funds to

also support middle income housing. I do want to acknowledge, middle income housing is not regulated, affordable. You don't have the federal programs to tap into. So it's really challenging because you're very dependent on what's happening in the private debt and equity market. And I think that's actually what we're seeing right now. And the volume of resources we have today in tax increment can't take place of what had been private kind of investment to date. And so we're trying to be really intentional about where we focus those investments. So I do think kind of given the volume of resources we have given the fact that very often we are becoming kind of first position lenders on projects because private debt just isn't there right now. We have to be really intentional about where we invest. There are other federal programs going forward, though, with those tools for the new tif districts, we would be able to use those tools for middle income housing.

Speaker: Yeah, great.

Speaker: And then my second question is, and I appreciate, you talking about the consultant confer model as we, adopt or kick off these tiff districts. But can you talk about are there chances down the road if we do see that there's some changes that we need to make? What is the process there or how has it been done or what can we expect in that regard?

Speaker: Yeah, thanks, commissioner. So each tiff district outlines how amendments can be made. And over the life of a tax increment finance district up to 20% of additional acreage can be brought in, or up to 20% of maximum indebtedness can be increased. And so this is not the only time in which district boundaries can be established or adjusted, if it's a minor amendment. So one, about 1% of the district prosper, Portland's board can take that action. If it's a major amendment that would come back to City Council. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Any further questions?

Speaker: I have one more commissioner Gonzalez just the pearl district. What was the time timing of the that tiff district created in 1997?

Speaker: I think it's actually in the early 90s. It the, the central city plan that was 1988 that identified the pearl district or the river district at the time for expansion, the tif district followed shortly thereafter. So I think it's actually the early 90s. Yeah, late 90s, 98.

Speaker: And just to point out the exchange you had with commissioner Ryan, if we look at that as an example of successful mixed income development, it predated, our affordable housing set aside. And I don't want to oversimplify, but it, it it's just a historic note. If we're using that as an example of good mixed income. It I continue to be concerned the affordable housing set aside may be an overly blunt instrument for what we're trying to achieve at this point in time, but I'm open to being convinced otherwise. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Very good, this is a report i'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Commissioner Mapps moves. Can I get a second, please?

Speaker: Second. Second.

Speaker: Gonzales seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Keelan, please call the roll on the report.

Speaker: Gonzales I Mapps I Rubio.

Speaker: I want to once again thank the community members who participated in the process. It was not a simple exercise. And the question in front of them wasn't just whether they wanted a tif district. It was much more complex than that. We need to know what exact pieces of property to include, what types of things the money could be spent on, and also, more importantly, who should help create those detailed spending plans. And that's a lot of work to get through. So I'm deeply grateful to everyone who went on that journey with us, and i'll save the full thank

you for once. The actual proposals are in front of us for consideration, but I also just briefly want to sincerely thank the staff. Shepherding the process was a huge amount of work, and I know that when we first brought up the idea of looking into the new tif districts in central city and Portland, both areas at the same time, and having meaningful process and getting it all wrapped up in a year. I remember kimberly and her team giving us these looks. Like you could tell they're processing the information and trying to figure out how to, kindly respond to us. But looking back now, you did respond very deftly and professionally and, you stood this process, this process up and engaged in partnership with key stakeholders and made good use of those resources. So, thank you so much. I think the that our relationships with the 70 plus people that we convened over the past year is stronger because of this work and because of your time and expertise and the humility in which you entered it, that means a lot. So thanks again. And I'm I'm happy to vote. Aye, Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you. Kimberly, helmi, lisa and jessie, and you're going to be busy till the end. Director branam. And you're really setting up prosper Portland for the next decade, it seems. Really. You're a class act. I've watched you blossom in your career. We've known each other for a while in different capacities, and you'll really be missed, your presentation overall made sense, and I like what commissioner Rubio said it was more comprehensive than usual. I felt like it was less literal and became more of like an ecosystem. And so, thank you. I'm especially thrilled to see your focus on downtown parks and plazas, as they're often, really the place where public activation takes place. And it has a direct impact on downtown retailers and restaurants who need to be more responsive to help them. They need to be more included in this type of thinking. And truly, this summer we just had our best summer in four years downtown. In terms of retailers, which we had more of

them, many of them had to close down over the last few years, but they all reported to me every time there was an event, that's when their sales went up, whether it was retail or restaurants. So in our downtown, parks and plazas are activation centers for the arts. It's a presentation space and I've always tried to help when I'm in dialog with parks to say there's different types of parks, and those are the ones that we need in downtown. So thank you for including that. So strategically in your dialog. And I also appreciate the way you're working in community. The people involved from community were mostly balance, and there was a lot of strategic inclusion of communities that were not engaged prior to kimberly's leadership. Quite frankly. And that said, I still think we can include more engagement on the private sector as needed. Maybe it's the small business retailers and that's hard because they don't have enough capacity as it is. But if there's a way to incentivize them to be at the table on the front end, I think that would be helpful, especially as we expand to main streets outside of the main area, outside of central district. Anyway, here's to being a partner to build infrastructure, infrastructure to ignite investments for our city. A great report I vote yea Wheeler.

Speaker: Great projects. This makes a lot of sense. Kimberly. Thank you for your leadership. Again, thanks to everybody. I vote I the report is accepted. We'll move on to the second time. Certain item item 784a proclamation proclaim September 2024 to be suicide prevention awareness month. Colleagues, our next item as you just heard, is a proclamation recognizing September 2024 to be suicide prevention awareness month. This is an occasion that we mark each and every year to begin, I'd like to introduce our two presenters. This morning, taisha mccoool riley, who's a mental health program specialist with our bureau of human resources. And courtney gilmore, a wellness program manager, also with the bureau of human

resources. Thank you both for being here this morning. I certainly look forward to your presentation.

Speaker: Good morning, thank you for having us, it is a pleasure, as usual, to come sit before you all, and to really promote, promote health and wellness for city employees and for our community at large, I want to start off by giving an activation warning that the topic that we're discussing is sensitive, and it should be approached with caution, we may, share in space with one another. We may feel ourselves physically, emotionally, psychologically feeling challenged or feeling some angst around the content that will be shared. And I just encourage everyone to extend themselves grace and compassion, and to be kind, to yourselves as we present, because the potential for activation is high, today I sit before you, along with my colleagues, acknowledging the everlasting, profound impacts of attempted suicide, and completed suicide. As we discussed this sensitive yet relevant topic that many of us may be able to relate to or have been impacted by. Let us please pause and honor of those who have died by suicide. Let us also remember those who are fighting, fighting thoughts of suicide have lost someone to suicide. Have attempted suicide themselves. Love someone who is currently suicidal. Someone who doesn't have much support, and someone who is fearful to speak up about their profound experience with suicidal thoughts. Today, as I sit in front of you, many of you know that I am the mental health health health specialist for the city of Portland. I'm also a practicing therapist, and so for me, this hits home personally and professionally. I have lost several clients to suicide, and in my personal life I've had losses as well as folks who have attempted, as well as those who call on the friend or family therapist to be the support when they are in need. It is important that we be here today because we cannot afford to continue to be silent. We have to be the voice we have to be the listening ear. We have to be the person that sees

the individual who may be suffering, I want to say that on average, there is one suicide death every 40s globally, meaning that there will be several lives lost during my hour presentation today. And when we leave this place and we end our presentation, I want us to remember that this is a reality for so many, not just in our city, not just in Oregon, but across the world. Often people don't want their lives to end. They just wish the pain they're experiencing in life would end. Life can become overwhelming for people of all ages from all different places and spaces. Suicide is a topic that, must be brought out into the darkness. Because that's how we save lives. By shedding light on the dark things as suicide can be a silent killer. Suicide is the leading cause of death among working age adults in the us, with far reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is important for the city of Portland to put in place measures to promote the good mental health of their employees, and to have a plan for supporting employees and colleagues with mental health conditions, or who have been at risk of suicide. This also includes our colleagues that we have lost. This also includes our surviving colleagues of those who have been lost and how we support them. This includes those who are working in the field, witnessing suicides in the community, and having to secure scenes and having to support those in community. This means that we also have to adopt a trauma response support, what does it look like to deal with trauma and to processes with employees and to help them process that process that over time? This looks like recent work that I've done, creating a trauma debriefing guide and support process, building, building a resilience action plan for teams, and also creating the suicide, the city's first suicide prevention guide promoting mental health and wellness in the workplace will not only support suicide prevention, but also increase productivity, well-being and healthier functioning communities. Increasing our awareness creates space to share stories of recovery, resilience, and

making meaning, making and support to create more powerful tale and humanize the realities related to suicide and its impacts. Preventing suicide is often possible, and you are a key player in its prevention through action, you can make a difference to someone in their darkest moments. As a member of society, a child, as a parent, as a friend, as a colleague, or as a neighbor. We can all play a role in supporting those experiencing a suicidal crisis or those bereaved by suicide. In this, let's remember education is vital. We have to be willing and open to learning more. Understanding the warning signs and symptoms and how we can move forward in intentional and meaningful ways to support those who may be having that experience. By encouraging understanding, reaching in, and sharing experiences, we want to give people the confidence to take action. To prevent suicide requires us to become a beacon of light to those in pain. And I close with if you or someone you know are experiencing distress, you can call or text 988, you can go to your nearest e.r. You can call 911 if you feel safe and comfortable to do so. If you already have had that experience and you have a safety plan, you can follow your safety plan. You can reach out to eap. You can notify your pcp, and you can reach out to others who can be a support to you. I thank you all so much for your time today, and I want you all to just be on the lookout for up and coming information related to suicide awareness and prevention throughout the month of September.

Speaker: Thank you. And does that complete your presentation?

Speaker: Yes. And then next is the proclamation. Yeah.

Speaker: We'll go to council comments and we'll come right back to you.

Commissioner Mapps, you're up first,

Speaker: Thank you first. Thank you so much for your presentation today, this is an incredibly important topic, I also want to say to my colleagues and to everyone watching at home, I am proud to join you once again in proclaiming September to

be suicide prevention awareness month here in Portland, Oregon. I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the advocacy of Sarah Hobbs, who has been a passionate and tireless champion of this proclamation. Sarah just had to leave this council meeting to attend a different. But she certainly she wanted to assure me that she very much wished she could be here today, and I very much want to assure her that we are thinking of her and appreciate her advocacy, and I also want to say this, this proclamation is not just a statement. It is a call to action. It reminds us that we must continue to educate our friends, family and neighbors about the resources available to prevent suicide and support mental health in our community. There is help, for example, the national suicide prevention lifeline is now accessible by calling or texting 988, if you need that number, I sure hope that you use it and I hope that you share it with folks who are in need, too. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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

Speaker: And thank you for bringing this proclamation forward.

Speaker: And also to Tyisha and Courtney for being here today. Suicide touches everyone in our family as Tyisha and everyone and every family or friend circle. As Tyisha has stated, it is impacted and if you think that you're you don't have that, you're wrong, and also suicide rates are the highest with our older population. And recent surveys have told us that 10% of our youth in between ninth grade and 12th grade report that they've made at least one suicide attempt in the past 12 years. And when I heard that those are staggering numbers, but one way that we can all help is by making sure that we're always talking to one another and more importantly, listening. And this topic is a hard one, especially when it comes to our families and friends. But we have to have the conversation when we when we get a

sense, that someone is feeling low or just to check in, especially when it comes to our loved ones, this is why the human connection and dialog and education about all parts of prevention is very important, and we need to do the work in education for ourselves to know those signs. So I'm so glad to know that our city encourages people to prioritize well-being and to practice self-care, but also to center our mental mental wellness. So thank you to staff and advocates and organizations who are leading this work. And thank you for the difference you're making in people's lives. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan, yes, thank you for the powerful presentation.

Speaker: And it's always really good to see you and Courtney. I look forward to hearing your voice soon. I really appreciate the moment of silence, it was deeply moving, like most people, at least my age, there's several people that instantly come to your heart that, you know, surprised me when it happened. And so it's a reminder that we really never know where someone's at. And the impacts of suicide are deep and far reaching, and our community continues to lose too many souls to suicide. I know we hear a lot about more straightforward cases now. I think the stigma is being lifted that we're having, like commissioner Rubio said, we just need to have more dialog about it and get out of the shame cycle. But I also want to turn to some more of the hidden aspects of this tragic epidemic a person's mental health status, if not treated, is often a terminal illness, and it's called suicide. My life experience has shown me that untreated mental health can and does end in suicide, whether through a direct method or via a deadly drug overdose. In fact, we're seeing a number of fatal drug overdoses. They're rapidly rising in the last few years. In fact, suicide is also a growing issue. Prior to the pandemic, it was already growing. And then more. It really escalated during that isolation was mandated on

us, and social media became more active, especially for our younger populations. Sadly, our mental health provider, I got to say it, Multnomah County is currently ill equipped to respond to our community's needs. As such, our first responders here at the city are increasingly called to serve when symptoms reach a heightened state. Thank you to our first responders who show up in these very challenging situations. So on this day when we're acknowledging suicide prevention, it's also time that we demand more from our state and our local providers at the county. As we acknowledged this day, please be kind to everyone because again, you never know where someone's at.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you, thank you, commissioner Ryan commissioner Gonzalez, I thank you so much for your presentation.

Speaker: It's always, touches the heart and centers us on folks that are struggling, today we come together to highlight a critical public health crisis in our community that has a profound impact on so many of us and our families. It's just truly is a severe public health crisis affecting people of all ages and backgrounds is particularly alarming to hear the adolescents rates, I think the third leading cause nationwide of death in the age group, those between the age of ten and 45, second leading cause of death, but behind every statistic is an individual and a family and loved ones that are deeply affected, we need to continue to build the infrastructure in our community to support inside the city, inside the county and state, but the other side of this is we also have to work every day to build a social fabric that makes people feel connected and happy, that it's not just responding to the pain, which is essential in a focused way, but that we continue to build through our spiritual organizations, through our arts, through our sports, through whatever gives people connection and meaning that we lean in on the light to, and then we

make that a focus every single day. But again, thank you for bringing this today. And, let's go forward with some hope.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Well, I want to echo my colleague's comments. This this is obviously a tough issue, as you said right off the bat, but it's a very, very important one. And I'm grateful that we have this opportunity every year to openly talk about it and hopefully encourage others to do likewise as we reflect this morning, we're reminded of the deep importance of our collective well-being, particularly our mental health. National suicide prevention awareness month is an issue that truly touches all corners of our community. No one is excluded. We're here to recognize the silent struggles within our community and affirm that each battle, each life, has profound significance. Suicide is a public health crisis, and it leaves deep scars not only on the individuals who are directly impacted, but also on family. On friends, on coworkers. It's crucial that we address this issue not sporadically, but with sustained attention and resources. As part of that, we must always ensure that support and understanding are readily available for those in need in our roles as community members and as leaders. We must be ready and we must be proactive. It's important that we all foster environments that prioritize mental well-being and be willing to have open and perhaps even uncomfortable discussions about mental health. Once again, I want to thank our incredible staff from the bureau of human resources for bringing this presentation and proclamation forward air does not always get the credit. I think it absolutely deserves, particularly in this day and age. A lot of our employees rely very, very heavily on your good work and your excellence, and I want to acknowledge that, and I want to thank you for your continued leadership together. Let's continue to work to strengthen our efforts to reach out to listen, and perhaps most importantly, to act, to prevent suicide. I will

now welcome our awesome presenters to read the proclamation, and i'll. I'll pick up the last paragraph.

Speaker: Catchy. Thank you so much. Whereas activation warning this proclamation contains sensitive content that may be activating. Please be kind to yourselves and whereas today we are here to honor those who are no longer with us, those suffering in silence, who don't feel seen and supported, and those who are fighting moment by moment. We are fighting on your behalf. You are important to us and your life matters. And whereas the city of Portland affirms the national, the national suicide prevention awareness month, September 2024 promotes awareness of the importance of tending to our mental health as it is essential, and acknowledges that those living with mental health disabilities are deserving of care, understanding, compassion and pathways to hope. Healing recovery, fulfillment and inclusivity. And whereas, when mental well-being gets centered and promoted, the risk of suicide and suicidality is decreased. And whereas September was first declared as national suicide prevention awareness month in 2008, in the years since then, September has been a time to acknowledge those affected by suicide to raise awareness and to connect individuals with suicide ideation, to treatment and support services. And whereas, according to the cdc, each year more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind family, friends, colleagues and community members to navigate the traumatic impacts of their loss and whereas in 2021, more than 48,000 people died by suicide in the united states, equaling approximately one death every 11 minutes. 12.3 million adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.5 million adults made a plan, and 1.7 million adults attempted suicide. And whereas suicide is a serious public health problem that can have lasting, harmful effects on individuals, families and communities, there are many factors that contribute that contribute to suicide. The goal of suicide prevention is

to reduce factors that increase risk and increase factors that promote resilience and whereas employers play a vital role in suicide prevention as individuals spend a significant amount of time at work with their colleagues and can often notice important changes that may be signs or symptoms for increased suicide risk and whereas suicide risk has become a more significant concern over the past few years as we navigate a global pandemic, adjust to a new normal, experienced, complex trauma, loss and grief, and endured increase isolation, unemployment and many other distressing life events and whereas the city of Portland, Portland emphasized the importance of all employees and the community taking time to center themselves and do the things necessary to prioritize their mental well-being, encouraging staff and community to refuel ourselves through utilizing tools, education, and resources offered to enable us to practice self-care and center mental wellness.

Speaker: And whereas, the city of Portland Portland supports suicide prevention awareness as an important social movement to help people with mental health disabilities understand that they are not alone in their experience, raising suicide prevention awareness can help create understanding, create access to resources, promote awareness, and it is essential to saving lives. And whereas we all need to feel empowered, confident and confident to do to be the ones to reach out when someone is in crisis. The suicidal state can be a be very complex and can make connecting to someone difficult by increasing awareness and promoting the need for support, we can have an impact if we can connect with someone in crisis, we can help save a life now.

Speaker: Therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim September 2024 to be suicide prevention awareness month in Portland and encourage all Portlanders to honor this month. Thank you.

Thank you both for being here. Thank you for the great work you do. Colleagues will take a five minute recess. We're in recess. For now we are back in session. First item on the regular agenda item 791 is a proclamation.

Speaker: Proclaim September 13th through the 22nd, 2024 to be welcoming week.

Speaker: Colleagues, our next item is a proclamation brought forth by commissioner Ryan. It recognizes welcoming week in Portland, which is September 13th through 22nd of 2024. I welcome commissioner Ryan to kick us off.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor, and good morning, everyone. In 2023, I had the pleasure of overseeing the office of community and civic life. In that one year, I was determined to follow up on what I heard from the new Portlanders commission. Prior to that assignment, they felt unseen by past commissioners and even the leadership at civic life. As such, I was proud to play a small part in revitalizing our welcome week traditions and civic life, and lean into the bureau's strengths of embracing Portland's diversity and providing nimble, culturally specific community services. Immigrants and refugees are welcome in Portland, and we are thrilled to have you. I am continually impressed by the economic vibrancy and resilience immigrant and refugee communities bring to Portland. Many of our emerging economies come from those immigrants and refugees that we welcome into our great city, entire communities and industries are established. And yesterday I was included in a ceremony led by attorney general ellen rosenblum that connected the dots between their legislative and policy work on hate crimes with legislation. They now have a partner in civic life and their leaders who have relationships with those representing communities on the ground. To make this work more operational. I can't wait to see how the new Portlanders choose to innovate, create, and prosper in our river city. And now it's my pleasure to introduce interim director murat ratti and the new Portlanders leader. Offer to take take it away. Amazing leaders, I'm so

glad you're all here and introduce who's your guest, mayor, commissioners, city administrator.

Speaker: My name is murad rabi from the office of community and civic life. Thank you for providing the opportunity to formally support Portland's vibrant immigrant and refugee communities this morning, the office of community and civic life went through some significant changes since last year. Changes that positively impacted our city, immigrant and refugee program and strategic planning for our diverse communities. Thanks to the unconditional support from commissioner Ryan's office. Thanks again and right afterward from the mayor's office as well, we have been able to significantly empower the city's immigrant and refugee program, securing essential funding to launch Portland's very first legal service clinic and collaboration with the Portland community college, with a particular focus on supporting services for youth populations. We were also able to consolidate the new Portlander policy commission structure and initiating some strategic partnerships. As mentioned by commissioner Ryan at the state and federal levels with key institutional stakeholders, it is my pleasure to be here today for this proclamation, and I will pass it to our immigrant and refugee program coordinator, wafa, to take it from here and introduce two of our, new Portlander policy valuable members. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Commissioners and colleagues, my name is wafa al-maqtari. I'm the immigrant refugee coordinator for the office of community and civic life. Thank you for giving us time and opportunity to speak today. I'm honored to stand before you to share the incredible efforts of the city of Portland immigrant and refugee program and the office of community and civic life as we prepare for welcoming week 2024. Welcoming week is a time when our city unites to celebrate the diversity, strength, and resilience of our immigrant and

refugee communities. It reflects Portland's deep commitment to building inclusive, safe and equitable spaces for everyone. This year, we have a remarkable lineup of events that show these values. Our opening ceremony at ventura park will kick off the week of September 13th with vibrant music performances and family friendly activities. This is just the beginning of a week long celebration, which includes the immigrant story life. On September 14th, where we will hear powerful stories from individuals who have enriched our community with their diverse experience and cultures. On Sunday, September 15th, we invite everyone to the eastern european community celebration at the Portland building the following evening, Monday, September 16, we will host uprooted art show featuring powerful work of refugee artists. On Wednesday, September 18th, we offer two key events the legal service clinic at pcc cascade will provide essential legal services to community members, followed by the lively alberta house block party at that evening on September 17th, we will witness one of the most touching moments of the week with our naturalization ceremony, where 30 immigrants will be sworn in as u.s. Citizens. We will also host a job and resource community fair to connect individuals with services and opportunities throughout the week. Events like afghan culture celebration, turkey day party in pdx continue to highlight the beauty and richness of the cultures that contribute to the fabric of our city. On September 19th, we partnered with prsg to showcase vendors and businesses at the Portland state center. Additionally, we will host screening of the ukrainian film, providing insight into the ongoing conflict in ukraine and highlighting the resilience of its people. I would like to express my deep gratitude to our partners, colleagues and the ncpc who have worked to make these events possible. I especially want to thank murad, our civic, our civic life director, for his leadership and support. Finally, thank you, mayor Wheeler and City Council for your continued support of our immigrant refugee

communities. About your leadership allows us to celebrate these vibrant cultures and build more inclusive Portland. We look forward to seeing you all at these events and celebrating the diversity that makes Portland so unique. Without further ado, I am honored to introduce George and Sahar from the new Portlander Policy Commission, who are here to speak on behalf of the NPCC today.

Speaker: Thank you. Wafa good morning, Mayor Wheeler. Commissioners City Administrator, nice to see you all again. As Wafa mentioned stated, my name is George Sanchez Bautista. I am one of the new Portlanders Policy Commissioners currently, I am the only youth member proudly serving and representing the youth voice in the Portland area, currently the new Portlanders Policy Commission, or NPCC, has 21 commissioners with four soon positions being filled. I am proud to say that we represent many of the diverse communities in Portland, with many different countries and different continents being represented. Occupations. As Sarah, economic classes and so much more. You know, it's a new group. So we're proud of we're proud of that, as Welcome Week approaches, we have, we have many of our commissioners, us to included volunteering during the Welcome Week events and, and so on behalf of the new Portlanders Policy Commission and myself, we hope to see you, during our Welcome Week events, thank you all. And thank you, Commissioner Ryan, for bringing this proclamation forward. Thank you, like, I would like to introduce Sarah Saad. Sorry.

Speaker: Sahar. Yes thank you very much, George, Mayor, Commissioners. Good morning, we're still in the morning, my name is Sahar Wilson, and I am the marketing communications coordinator for Pacific Refugee Support Group. I am also a volunteer, commissioner on the new Portlander Policy Commission. Very pleased to be here. Thank you for providing the space. I am going to highlight our, one for the first time, collaborating with, with the City of Portland to, to host, welcoming

week events, coming up next week. And our event is basically in collaboration with the city of Portland, as well as some of our partner organizations like World Oregon, okay you and, Portland Center Stage, where our festivities are going to take place. And this event is three components. It is one of them is that it's a ceramics exhibit for, one of our volunteers who tells the story of, of refugee journeys through the ceramics medium. And that is going to be held from September 13 to the 22nd, in Portland Center Stage. The second component is on September 18th and 19th. We will have some tabling like fair where we have music, and food vendors for Portlanders to have a taste from the world, really, where we gather in Portland Center Stage, and then the last component is a panel, and I kind of wanted to this is just a little presentation. So the last piece, the last piece is a panel, focused in the line of this year's theme were all in and it is, it is a discussion that is going to explore the work done in the state, city and, state city levels, highlighting how grassroots organizations and, and initiatives to foster inclusion and welcoming here in the city. We will discuss small victories like essential or more significant accomplishments, and we are hoping that to see you over there, it's going to be on the 19th at 6 p.m. And so we have several, panelists, and I want to see if it is at all appropriate to leave some of my invitation cards with the clerk over here. And I hope to see you, to see you all. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Great.

Speaker: Thank you. And does that complete the presentation?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Very good. So commissioner Ryan is going to read the proclamation, but first we'll do council comments. We'll start with commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: First, let me start off by thanking our guests for today's presentation, this is always, I think, one of my favorite and most uplifting weeks of the year, I also

want to, say to my colleagues that I'm delighted to join you in declaring September 13th through the 22nd, 2024 to be welcoming week here in Portland, now, as we've heard since 2015, Portland has honored our immigrant and refugee friends and neighbors by designating a week in September to be welcoming week, welcoming week serves many purposes, welcoming week is a celebration of Portland's, immigrant and refugee communities. Welcoming week is also a challenge to every Portlander to do what we can to make sure that our city is a welcoming place for all Portlanders. And finally, welcoming week is a reminder that except for native Americans, we are all immigrants in this land that we love, as we've heard, there are many exciting events happening this week. I encourage every Portlander to participate in these events and join this council in making Portland a community that welcomes all. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps commissioner Gonzalez, I just want to thank you all for presenting today. Portland is truly a richer community with infusion of spirit, families and hearts of immigrants offering alternative perspectives, cultural enrichment and often appreciation for our country that families here for many generations occasionally forget. So I'd also like to thank those who work tirelessly in this space, making our beautiful city feel welcoming and like home for countless immigrants and refugees who came here seeking a better life and opportunity to opportunity. For those who have arrived to Portland in recent years due to war in afghanistan, ukraine, or instability in venezuela. Welcome. We are happy to have you here and safe. We support you and welcome your experiences and insights. I'm happy to join in proclaiming the upcoming welcoming week and proud to live in a city where we celebrate diversity and welcome those from across the globe. Thank you.

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

Speaker: Given my own family story, this proclamation is extremely meaningful and personal for me, immigrant families and their children make up such an important part of our community and in fact, in our country, I think they make up nearly 30% of our residents total. And because of that, we have a richer and better and more vibrant community. And these diverse immigrant and refugee communities do more than just contribute to the diversity and culture of the city, they're quickly becoming the lifeblood of our entire region. And contribute greatly to our the changing leadership across the state and also our economy, so we all belong here, not just this week, but every week and every day. And we owe it to each other to continue to be a city that lifts up and represents and includes everyone who chooses to live here. So just thank you for this important work and for ensuring that Portland continues to be that welcoming city.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner, as we mark welcoming week in 2024, we celebrate Portland's commitment to being a place where everyone feels that they belong. Portland thrives because of its diversity. Immigrants and refugees enrich our community, bringing perspectives and cultural vibrancy that drives our city's prosperity by enhancing all who make Portland their home, we not only uphold our values of inclusivity and respect, but we also strengthen the social and the economic fabric of Portland. I hope that together we can continue to support the immigrant and refugee communities and ensure that Portland remains a place where everyone, no matter where they come from, knows that they belong. I'll now welcome commissioner Ryan to read the proclamation.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Before I do that, I just want to acknowledge george and sahar. It wasn't that long ago that you joined. Was it just over a year, couple months ago.

Speaker: Within.

Speaker: Within within the year? Yes. So it's so amazing to see volunteers plug in this quickly and then have such an impact. So thank you so much. Thank you.

Whereas the city of Portland recognizes that immigrants and refugees contribute to culturally vibrant, prosperous and multicultural community. And whereas regardless of where we are born and how we identify, we are Portlanders and our lives are interdependent. By fostering a welcoming environment for all, regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, place of origin, english language proficiency, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, differing abilities, age, and other factors. We enhance Portland's health, economic prosperity, and well-being for current and future generations and whereas on June 17th, 2020, all city of Portland commissioners voted to approve a resolution that created a strict no tolerance policy for racism, discrimination and bias in the workplace and continues to encourage all city employees and services to operate with the values of anti-racism, equity, collaboration, communication, fiscal responsibility and transparency. And whereas, fostering Portland's spirit of unity, safety and belonging begins with us, and we must continue to be a place where individuals feel valued and safe. And whereas all Portlanders should commit to helping immigrant and refugee communities beyond this proclamation and make Portland a welcoming place for all. And whereas the city of Portland receives several thousand afghan and ukrainian individuals and will likely continue to see our refugees, asylum seeking and other immigrant communities continue to grow. And whereas Portland is a member of welcoming America, a national nonprofit and a network of local governments and nonprofits around the world that pledge to become a welcoming place for new and long term residents alike. And whereas the city of Portland is

once again leading the way by hosting welcoming week for the second year with a theme where we belong.

Speaker: Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim September 13th through 22nd, 2024 to be welcoming week in Portland and encourage all Portlanders to participate in this week. Thank you all. Thanks, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, thank you, thank you. The.

Speaker: Second item here on the regular agenda is a second reading.

Speaker: 792 authorize grant agreements for a total allocation not to exceed \$91,916,334.

Speaker: This is a second reading.

Speaker: We've already heard a presentation and had public testimony on this item, sorry Keelan, I sort of stepped on you on that.

Speaker: That's okay. That's that's what happens after 12:00 and it's 12:02,

Speaker: So it's a second reading. Any further business on this item seeing none. Please call the roll Gonzales | Mapps | Rubio.

Speaker: I sorry Ryan.

Speaker: I Wheeler. Hi

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted 793 please. It's an emergency ordinance pay property damage claim of Mary Haney for \$96,482 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. This ordinance resolves a claim filed by the city in October of 2020. Senior claims analyst well, you're not Karen Bond.

Speaker: You look nothing like Karen Bond. No, sir. How are you doing? Thanks good. Good afternoon, Mayor and Council. I am not Karen Bond. Jonas Berry, the DCA of Budget and Finance and the city's chief financial officer. This ordinance settles a property damage claim brought by Mary Haney resulting from stormwater

overflow onto a property in northeast Portland. A tort claim was filed, resulting from that overflow on September 18th, 2020, risk management and the bureau of environmental services recommend the tort claim be settled for the total sum of \$96,481.82, and I believe karen bond is here, or possibly online.

Speaker: I am online, I'm virtual today. Thanks hi, karen. Hi. Good afternoon. I am karen bond and I am the senior claims analyst with the city with the risk management liability, this claim arises from the flooding to the claimant's home during the heavy rain storm that occurred in Portland on September 18th, 2020. The claimant's property is located at the north end of a cul de sac, the street that the area slopes down to the north toward the claimant's home, which is at the low end of a long street roadway in addition to the cross streets south of the cul de sac drained stormwater toward the street in front of the claimant's home, adding to the flow heading into the cul de sac. The loss was primarily the result of leaf drop leaf drop plugging inlets along the street of the claimant's home, located on and at the bottom of the cul de sac. Because of the leaves, the stormwater was not draining into the inlets, causing it to pool in front of the claimant's home. The water flooded over the claimant's driveway, into the garage and down into a finished daylight basement. The water also flowed through an exterior concrete retaining wall, causing it to crack and necessitating replacement. That wall is part of the support for an upper deck directly above a patio. There have been at least three prior similar incidents with flooding from the leaf drop, which led to improvements being made to stormwater collection systems to help stormwater be directed into the collection system. From the uphill drainage area, but the flooding still occurred after those improvements. Because of the recent 2020 flooding, the city completed additional modifications to two inlets in front of the claimant's house and one in front of a neighbor's house to better help with the clearing of leaf debris. That work

was completed on October 13th, 2020. This location was added to the pbot or maintenance operation hotspot list, and street sweeping was requested to occur more frequently. The flooding has not occurred again since those since that work was done in October. The damage amounts claimed in this loss are supported by a detailed bid from a restoration company. An experienced firm specializing in disaster flood, fire, etc. Repair the claimant had some additional costs for personal property damaged in the flood and for immediate cleanup expenses. Risk management hired an independent appraiser to inspect the exterior damages and provide a review of the detailed bid. Risk management's independent appraiser determined that the restoration company's estimate was reasonable and in line with industry standards. Risk management has already advanced paid miss haney \$5,000 upon passage of this ordinance, a check will be issued to the claimant in the amount of \$91,481.82, making the total of this claim. 96,000 \$481,481.82. And that does conclude my presentation.

Speaker: All right. Very good. Thank you. Colleagues any questions? Do we have public testimony?

Speaker: No one signed up.

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

Speaker: Gonzalez. Hi Mapps. Yea. Rubio. Hi Ryan. Hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, thank you. We'll move to the last item. Also a second reading. Item number 794.

Speaker: Add community police oversight board pursuant to Portland city charter, chapter two, article ten.

Speaker: Colleagues, this is a second reading. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Speaker: Gonzalez I had planned to support this code language on emergency. However, a federal judge's decision to placate police abolitionists, and abolitionists, adjacent segments in our community and undermine a democratically elected body has changed my mind. It has been a decade since the start of federal intervention in Portland. Police interactions with those suffering from mental illness on our streets. A number of mayors and police chiefs have come and gone, but federal intervention continues in that decade, we have seen marked decreases in public safety, in our ability to retain police officers in the city of Portland, despite some recent improvements, despite the significant downsides of a decade long and material d.o.j. And judicial intervention is hard to find, any evidence that things have improved for those suffering mental illness on our streets. If we were to go back in time, federal intervention in the state's failure to treat mental illness may have led to more positive outcomes. We have a federal judge in this case that appears to be enamored with the protester class. He should consider this a protest vote. I vote no mingus Mapps yea. Rubio i, Ryan,

Speaker: Yeah, I have some comments, as of yesterday, I served on the City Council for four years since I was sworn in. My mouth, and assembled a team. There's always been a member, usually a pb, a liaison staffer who has taken on the pb d.o.j. Lawsuit as part of their portfolio. Why? I attended several doj all day sessions. That staffer, one per office, attending many day long d.o.j. Sessions. Add to the many briefings, the many follow up meetings with city attorneys, the executive sessions, and more. The doj lawsuit began in 2012, so multiply that with all the experienced with the council offices over eight years, you get the picture. This has been a very expensive and slow moving process. Don't get me wrong, the topic at hand deserves focus and thoughtful attention. However, I think we've been down the rabbit hole for a long time. We had to build trust with community and law

enforcement, and the DOJ had to become involved. In 2012, I understand system change takes time and this work overseen by our courts is just especially glacially slow. Finally, the recent impulses from the assigned judge is disappointing. This current council took this seriously for the last 18 months we had frequent, frequent dialog on this and we didn't always agree on every point, but we stayed at the table and it's not easy to get consensus. And we got there. Then we're struck with 11th hour setback like this. It's a gut punch to those of us sitting up here in the hundreds of city employees who are dedicated to making progress on the settlement. The judge was persuaded by a former member of this council, and now this has become a campaign issue as the work was dismissed and we must now wait for a new City Council. Wow there is a huge vested interest in getting this right. I understand that, and I know this needs to be right for Portland. We are familiar with the quote justice delayed is justice denied, and I believe that at this point we are denying Portlanders justice when we continue to kick this can down the road. Portlanders want reforms and running that builds trust in law enforcement to start demonstrating those results. We want to join other 21st century police departments in modern, equitable approach toward law enforcement. We need to stop delaying justice. I do not believe that 82% of voters who want police accountability support this additional delay that cost time, taxpayer money and stops police reform in its tracks. My deepest gratitude for all those everyone who spent their valuable time working for a more just law enforcement system in Portland. I see you, I thank you, and I apologize for this further delay. I especially want to say how much I respect for our city attorneys, Heidi Brown, Sarah Ames, and the mayor's point person on public safety, Stephanie Howard. Thank you. Let's stop playing political games with multi-million dollar settlement with authentic voter intent for common sense accountability and get Portlanders, the community

police, Portland, the community police bureau. They deserve. I vote yea Wheeler I've made many previous comments on this, so I will not belabor those prior comments.

Speaker: I also want to thank our legal team for their outstanding work on this, and we will of course, be moving forward with a motion for reconsideration. I vote I the ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned.