



October 16, 2024 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Commissioner Gonzalez presided.

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

The Consent Agenda was approved on a Y-4 roll call.

Council recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:27 a.m.

Communications

868

[Request of Addie Smith to address Council regarding Portland Police Department](#) (Communication)

Document number: 868-2024

Council action: Placed on File

869

[Request of Injured And Pissedoff to address Council regarding news articles](#) (Communication)

Document number: 869-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Crystal Hilton to address Council regarding proposed plan for housing and cleanup](#) (Communication)

Document number: 870-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Lynn Handlin to address Council regarding buildshift](#) (Communication)

Document number: 871-2024

Council action: Placed on File

872

[Request of Karanja Crews to address Council regarding cannabis tax](#) (Communication)

Document number: 872-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Time Certain

873

[Accept Travel Portland 2024 Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 873-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Spectator Venues and Visitor Activities Program

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Council action: Accepted

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

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

874

[Proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2024 to be Latinx Heritage Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 874-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

875

[*Appropriate grant for \\$602,650 from U.S. Department of Energy for energy efficient improvements at Charles Jordan Community Center](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191911

Neighborhood: [Portsmouth](#); [St. Johns](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Parks & Recreation

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

876

[Appoint Sarah Ross and Dan Comfort and reappoint Bryrick Shillam to the River Community Advisory Committee for terms to expire October 15, 2027](#) (Report)

Document number: 876-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Permitting & Development

Council action: Confirmed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

877

[Amend Electric Fences Code to comply with House Bill 4027 and Oregon Revised Statute 195.870 related to certain nonresidential alarm systems and battery-charged fences and add requirements for the installation of battery-operated electric fences \(amend Code Section 26.03.110\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191912

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Permitting & Development

Second reading agenda item 848.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

Regular Agenda

878

[*Authorize acquisition financing to Vital Housing or an affiliate not to exceed \\$6 million to preserve affordability at Belmont Dairy Apartments](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191913

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

879

[Vacate portions of NE Alameda St and NE 58th Ave subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10138\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191930

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Transportation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

880

[Initiate foreclosure action at 8040 SE Knight St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191914

Neighborhood: [Mt. Scott-Arleta](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 855.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

881

[Initiate foreclosure action at 3623 S Corbett Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191915

Neighborhood: [South Portland](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 856.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

882

[Initiate foreclosure action at 11257 NE Sandy Blvd for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Neighborhood: [Parkrose](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 857.

Council action: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

883

[Initiate foreclosure action at 1042-1048 SE 151st Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191916

Neighborhood: [Centennial](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 858.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

884

[Initiate foreclosure action at 2336 SE 130th Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191917

Neighborhood: [Hazelwood](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 859.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

885

[Initiate foreclosure action at 6329 SE 86th Ave for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191918

Neighborhood: [Lents](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 860.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

886

[Initiate foreclosure action at 1541 SW Market St for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191919

Neighborhood: [Goose Hollow](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 861.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

887

[Initiate foreclosure action at 6627 SE Woodstock Blvd for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the property](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191920

Neighborhood: [Woodstock](#)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Revenue Division

Second reading agenda item 862.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Commissioner Gonzalez presided.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

Council adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Time Certain

888

[*Amend Graffiti Materials and Sales Code to allow for misdemeanor penalties resulting from graffiti application using rights-of-way.\(amend Code Chapter 14B.85\)](#)(Emergency Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

City department: City Attorney; Police

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Council action: Referred to Commissioner of Public Affairs

889

[Report on Homelessness Response System Ordinance Milestones](#) (Report)

Document number: 889-2024

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Council action: Placed on File

Thursday, October 17, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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October 16, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning, max. Here. Rubio. Here. Ryan. Here. Gonzalez? Here. Wheeler

Speaker: Thank you. Now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [Portland.gov/council agenda](https://portland.gov/council-agenda). Information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's web page. Individuals may testify for three minutes unless the presiding officer states otherwise. Your microphone will be muted when your time is over. The presiding officer preserves order disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony should address the matter 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. Now we'll hear communications. The first item is item 868. Let's hear from the individual.

Speaker: Please request of adi smith to address council regarding Portland police department. Doesn't look like they're here yet. Okay, we'll circle back.

Speaker: Item 869, please request of injured and off to address council regarding news articles. Welcome, sir. When you're ready, you'll have three minutes. Thank you.

Speaker: My name is injured and off. I never expect people to agree with me. For instance, my name. It can be verified that that was legally changed and magnolia county, the old courthouse. I changed it February 3rd of 2017. Today's article about news releases. If you use google to look up Portland City Council injured and off, it comes up with links. And on the first link at the top of the page, request of injured and off to address council and it comes up with the brief description as well as the two sites that are listed for August ninth, 2006. Should paul phillips speak and that was written by ian deminski of willamette week, and it doesn't show the true article, even though it's from willamette week and it's posted by the city. But this is the actual article of the of the supposedly guide dog. Is what they mentioned in the article, and my dog wasn't no guide dog. The guide dogs are owned by the guide dog schools and mine was a service animal which Oregon attorney general and the national Oregon. The Oregon attorney general, as well as the his name was. I'm trying to think of what the attorney general, eric holder, was. I wrote him four times and never bothered to write. The Oregon attorney general, but the attorney general was fired by obama. And you can look up the date that he was fired. And I was speaking at the mcmillan county board meeting that very same day about my service animal being attacked seven times in less than six years, and he was fired. That day. Too bad that the Oregon attorney general doesn't enforce the laws either.

They should have been fired as well. And if you look up on the article, it doesn't show the picture of my service animal, he was very distinctive. The mayor's meant my service animal before and seen him. He was a dalmatian and lab mix. He had been built like a labrador.

Speaker: Thank you sir, your time is up. Thank you for being here. Next individual please. Item 870.

Speaker: Request of krystal hilton to address council regarding proposed plan for housing and cleanup.

Speaker: Welcome and when you're ready, you'll have three minutes.

Speaker: Yeah. Anyway. Yeah.

Speaker: Okay, so my name is krystal hilton. I'm an environmental science major at psu water resources minor, and I'm earning my itec certificate, which is indigenous, traditional, ecological and cultural knowledge. I'm a mom as well. Two kids. And I'm really sad when I see the homeless problem in town. It's awful. As well as we have what we they call them invasive species. You know, like the ivy and clematis and himalayan blackberry. That's all over. And once you start looking for it, it's everywhere. It's on trees, along the freeway. Barber. Everywhere, I mean, and clematis is like, they look like little doctor seuss flowers. And they're up in the trees and you'll see them and they're all up in trees. And I've been doing habitat restoration for the last nine years, and the weight of that stuff brings trees down. So my idea is, what if we have sort of halfway houses where maybe you have like seven people to a house? And we trained them to remove the problems all over the city? I see the way it's currently being managed. It's with these like giant lawnmowers that, you know, they either take everything or nothing and then they, they can only get what's down low. They don't they don't get what's like up above and reseeding everything. And ivy has an almost 100%. It has 100% germination

rate every one of those little berries that a bird eats turns into new ivy. They only eat 2 to 3 of them because they're mildly toxic. But anyways, it's a huge problem. And I've been I've been cutting ivy with salazar's. That's this thick. It turns into, like, trees and by the time it's done that to a tree, that tree, they're hollow on the inside. I mean, they're just dead. The trees are keeping our hills here that we live on. Our city is made of hills. Anyways, I really feel like we could be pooling resources and the cleanup after homeless camps. I don't even know how much it costs. It's got to be so much. What's left behind. The garbage and all the things. And if we could develop some sort of infrastructure for people, you know, meet them where they're at. Some people need rehab. Some people might just need a tool in their hand. So I would I'd like to see that. So that's it.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Thank you so much for being here.

Speaker: I one thing I have classmates that are in social services majors, and so we're trying to think of an idea together.

Speaker: Thank you. Next individual please.

Speaker: Item 871 request of lynn hanlon to address council regarding build shift. Lynn hanlon circle back next individual please.

Speaker: Item 872 request of karen cruz to address council regarding cannabis tax.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Good afternoon. Good morning.

Speaker: Welcome. And when you're ready you'll have three minutes. Awesome.

Speaker: I have israel here with me as well. Hey. All right. My name is karanja cruz. Portland resident educator by trade. I was an elementary school teacher for 13 years. Now I serve as an entrepreneur. I was the first african American business owner to open up a dispensary. It was the green hop dispensary, the first hip hop

dispensary in the nation. We recently changed our name to green muse, and I wanted to address a few things again. My name is karanja cruz from green muse, formerly green hop, the first hip hop dispensary. We opened our doors in June 16, 2018 with the mayor, current mayor, who was present with the ribbon cutting. Since then, green muse has evolved beyond a dispensary. We expanded our mission to include education and a workforce development through green muse academy initiative. Our key efforts include providing entry level workforce experience in the cannabis sector, offering online industry and business courses, running a state registered training program. I want to say that again because we became the first state registered training program in the nation. So basically we created a whole new career called the cannabis health tech. And that's what this is right here. Our mission extends beyond retail and education. We are committed to reeducating the communities on how cannabis can improve quality of life, especially those dealing with ptsd, addressing health risks and the lack of affordable health care. Bridging the gap between recreational and medical cannabis. Cannabis use. We're proud partners with Portland community college and Oregon state university, and these educational efforts. However, as a small local business, cannabis business we face, we're faced with significant challenges that impact us on a day to day. The recent increase in the city license fees placed a heavy burden on small businesses like myself, threatening our ability to operate and serve our community. I don't know if you guys are aware of section 280, which is a federal tax code that prevents cannabis. Businesses like mine to write off ordinary business expense, creating another unfair tax burden that stifles the growth of this innovative industry. These challenges highlight the vulnerability of our industry, particularly small local businesses like myself. We urge City Council to reconsider the increase in the license fees for small cannabis businesses. Advocate

for state and federal level fair tax treatment. Support our educational program and consider our graduates for relevant city positions and facilitate partnerships with our city health initiatives. I've been reaching out to you guys. I don't know if you guys received my emails. I've been trying to sit down with you and your staff to talk more in depth about these particular issues. I don't know if your assistant can maybe come talk to me after this, but I would love to sit down with each and each one of you. I know one of you guys will be our current mayor in this next governmental structure, and so just want to start the conversation now.

Speaker: Well, thank you so much for being here. Would welcome you connecting with our office. And thanks so much for participating in this process.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you. Is item eight six 8 or 8 seven one here? Yes.

Speaker: 868 request of adi smith to address council regarding Portland police department. Welcome.

Speaker: And when you're ready, you'll have three minutes. You know the drill.

Speaker: I do know the drill.

Speaker: You guys know my drill. So give me a moment, please. Thank you.

Where's my camera? I apologize, but i, as you all know, I record the myself for tiktok and instagram.

Speaker: Ma'am, I'm happy to give you time to get ready, but this is taking a little bit of time here. Let's go ahead and start the clock, please.

Speaker: I saw you got fined by the city for those violations.

Speaker: I don't know what you're talking about, but your time is up.

Speaker: Let's get going. The ombudsman does. That's why you're not going to get my vote. I am going to vote for people who believe in justice and believe in supporting black people. As much as black people have supported democrats, the

problem that I continue to have with electing democrats and the same democrats year after year, every four years, we are told the same thing don't be a single issue voter. Don't do this. Don't do that. Vote for the greater good or vote for the lesser evil. Democrats are not the lesser evil. You're just as evil. You just present it in a different way. My son has been sitting in jail for a crime. He did not commit. A month ago, I played audio to you of the young lady who told him on the phone that she slept with men in his apartment while he was at work. My son is an educated college graduate from Morehouse College, a 30 year old black man who has never been in trouble with the law. And I asked you guys to help do something about it. And the mayor said there was nothing you guys could do because it's in Washington County. In Washington County, Judge Michael Man was sitting on the bench watching child for babies as young as two years old. And the judge who released him is the chief judge in Washington County. Her name is Kathleen Proctor. And all of his colleagues there at the at the on the bench let him leave on his own recognizance. Then when the media posted about it, then they told him he had to pay a \$2,000 bond, \$2,000 for watching babies as young as two years old being raped and tortured. Then when he had his trial, he asked the judge to give him a three year suspended sentence. So he could go home like they had done other attorneys in Washington County, there is a history of attorneys and judges in Washington County raping babies and getting probation. My son was accused of a crime that he did not commit, but from a woman who simply wanted him to open the door so she could talk to him and convince him to stay in a relationship with her. She lied to the police. I came to you guys a couple of weeks ago and I said my son's apartment had been broken into, things were stolen, and I said, I just want the police report because one of the da's called me and she said that because I told her something. She invoked God in it and said she wasn't going to allow, I don't

know, I played it for you guys. I'll play it on my next visit here. But you allow this type of behavior and you do nothing.

Speaker: Nothing.

Speaker: And you're not going to get my vote anymore. You can look this compassionate. You can look and feel however you want. But my vote for democrats.

Speaker: Thank you. That's your time for the presidential item 871. Are they present?

Speaker: Done. Lynnhaven?

Speaker: No. Okay. That concludes communications will now move on to the consent agenda. Keelan have any items been pulled from consent?

Speaker: No items have been pulled.

Speaker: Thank you. Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

Speaker: Maps. I, Ryan Gonzalez, I the consent agenda is adopted.

Speaker: We'll now move into our first time certain item a report. Let's hear item 873.

Speaker: Please accept travel Portland 2024 annual report.

Speaker: Okay, so we have some presenters. You know the drill. Please state your name.

Speaker: Thank you commissioner. Good morning. Council. Donna Oliveras for the record, City Council today we have the opportunity to hear travel, Portland's annual report as the city's official designation, a destination marketing organization, travel Portland plays a critical role in promoting Portland as a premier destination for conventions, travel and tourism. Their work directly supports our local economy and cultural vitality by attracting visitors who contribute to our business, create jobs, and enhance the vibrancy of our communities. The presentation of the annual

report is an important component of the city's partnership with travel Portland, as outlined in our contract, it provides us with an overview of their efforts to promote Portland as a travel destination and the impacts those efforts have had on our economy and community. We're grateful for the services that travel Portland provides, helping to ensure our city remains a compelling destination for visitors from around the world. The work helps to strengthen Portland's reputation as a diverse, welcoming and dynamic city. Here to present the annual report are jeff miller, megan conway, and james jessie. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. I'm jeff miller, president and ceo of travel Portland. It's always good to be here. And I might say this is my last time in front of council. Commissioner Gonzalez commissioner Rubio, thank you for your service as the liaison to the travel Portland board and commissioner Rubio and maps to the visitors development fund board. All of these are incredibly important to have your leadership with us as we navigate the waters of tourism. I'm joined today by megan conway, our chief strategy officer, and james jesse, our chief sales officer. I want to thank each of you personally for your support of tourism over the many years. Almost 18 for me. Our industry has a way to go to full recovery, but you'll hear today how our team has notched a number of wins that tell me that we will see significant growth in the future. And now, on to the business at hand. This graph shows the full city of Portland hotel statistics. If you look at the blue line just below the bright green line of 2019, you see a positive trend that started in June and has continued over the summer. This points to a rebound in progress. Great news for Portland and our hotel partners. Here you see revenue gains which are positive, but due to the very low average daily rate, revenue remains a little sluggish with positive growth coming as you see the blue line in August moving up. This chart shows the revenue from the tax collections provided by the city's revenue bureau.

It details each part of the city as well as short term rentals and online travel agencies like expedia, the airport, hotels and all short term rentals together represent 33% of the revenue, which is surprising to a lot of people. You see significant growth in the airport properties and online travel agencies. And now over to megan conway, our chief strategy officer.

Speaker: Thank you, jeff. Good morning, commissioners. The most recent quarterly sentiment survey results are from this month. So hot off the presses, we might say. And i'll share a portion of the questions that we ask. And note that the trend across the larger survey is that numbers are increasing in positivity across the board, which is great news. Our polling size is more than 1200 people from across the country, with a higher concentration on the west coast. The general tone of media coverage saw a ten point gain in positivity this quarter, potentially due to positive national media coverage around our new wnba franchise, ongoing coverage of our food scene, and a summer full of events and activations throughout the city. Portland's appeal has been steady for the last year and a half. We like seeing the decline here on the red line, coupled with the growth in neutral and appealing while stable over the last number of quarters. We like seeing positive reactions to both of these statements. Portland is welcoming and Portland is a safe destination. We will continue supporting growth in these areas by promoting policy initiatives that have improved safety in the city and highlighting aspects of the city that make Portland welcoming for visitors. Feedback around return visits is critical, especially as we evaluate target markets for our advertising and targeting consumers who have been to Portland before. You see here that we're holding steady with 64% of respondents who have been to Portland wanting to come back. As you are well aware, through the ever popular good news newsletter, we continue to secure and highlight positive media coverage of the destination. This

summer afforded us the opportunity to partner with the port of Portland to earn national coverage of the new terminal at Portland international airport. Media attention of Portland has remained high, buoyed by the city's best performance ever at the James Beard awards, including the coveted Best New Restaurant award for Earl Ninsom Long Bond and Best Chef Northwest for Gregory Gourdet of Con. Keeping with our DEI values, our commitment to include minority owned businesses or diverse story angles in every proactive media engagement continues to deliver as more media outlets showcase minority businesses. And finally, in a leadership moment for Portland editor in chief Jamilah Robinson and her team at Bon Appetit selected Portland as the location where the magazine's coveted Best New Restaurant list was unveiled. It's the first time Bon App has done this outside of New York City, and we're proud to have both Alpenrose and Pasa on the list in early 2020 for travel. Portland took the opportunity to centralize efforts around national media relations work across elected offices and key agencies to ensure unified messaging with agency partner EMC. Our shared role is to be a neutral third party to streamline media inquiries, anticipate topics and prepare shared talking points around events such as protests, elections and major policy wins in Portland, with support to start this work from the mayor's office. Travel Portland was the initial funder, and funding from Multnomah County will keep this work going through June of 2025. At least. Thank you to each of you and to all of your teams for your commitment and support of this effort. Knowing that foot traffic and hotel occupancies were up this summer, it's critical for us to continue leading into our destination stewardship through grants, strategic investment and sponsorships. Our structured grant processes ensure funding is tied back to creating tourism demand in the form of hotel room nights. Current programs include visitor experience enhancement grants that support development of and improvement to

physical tourism infrastructure, large event sponsorships that support recurring multi-day events that already attract at least 7500 attendees, 10% of whom must be from 50 miles or more away. Scale up event grants, which were created in collaboration with prosper Portland to help mid-size events with less than 10,000 attendees, grow and attract more visitors. And finally, we have cultural enrichment sponsorships administered by our edi team. These support events strategically aligned with our organizational goals around all communities in Portland. Feeling the impact of the tourism economy. Per recommendation from governor kotek, central city task force travel Oregon extended a grant opportunity to travel Portland for \$600,000 to support events and activations in the central city. This is a look at how we are spending these funds between now and June 30th of 2025. As you will recall, \$500,000 of the additional 1% tid you approved last December to fund the office of events and film at prosper Portland. This partnership impacts jobs, visibility of the city and overall vibrancy of our destination across the event and film disciplines. The office has several funding opportunities, all of which will continue and expand this year. In addition to the scale up grants, which I already mentioned, amplify Portland creates opportunity for filmmakers utilizing local talent, crew and vendors during production. Post-production grants were designed to encourage the completion of a local feature length film, and in a clear sign of partnership at work travel Portland funding supported recruitment efforts for the highly anticipated amazon series criminal. The show has earned unprecedented economic impact for Portland, and in just two months, this production alone has doubled the city permanent permit revenue over what was earned in all of 2023. It's also critical that we maintain our position as a global city and destination. Much of this work is done in partnership with our valued colleagues at the port of Portland and travel Oregon, as well as our regional partners at clackamas county and Washington

county. We have long, long standing agency partnerships and key direct flight markets and have remained active in japan. Knowing the cultural significance of our decades long relationships and information exchanges, a delegation just returned from the 65th anniversary of our sister city relationship with sapporo, where the group engaged in cultural exchanges to strengthen Portland's existing economic and tourism relationships. A few additional highlights of recent work include the Portland japanese language mini guide, which was distributed through coffee shops, beer pubs and record stores throughout japan. And I have copies to leave with you today and you see a list of in-market consumer activations where we're engaging with tens of thousands of consumers and travel decision makers, while highlighting Portland chef's brands and stories for media. The work of our international team is robust in markets beyond japan. Brand usa markets, the united states to the world and we will continue partnering with them on co op marketing, trade outreach, sales missions, public relations and more. In addition to long standing relationships with our partners in the netherlands, japan and korea, we've added new in-country representation in the uk and oceania markets. Due to leisure growth, these contractors effectively reach local consumers, operators and media to drive destination awareness and bookings. And you see here Portland international airport currently offers 12 international nonstop flights, and we hope to see a return to the asia market when the time and market is right. And i'll now pass things to james jesse for a sales and marketing update.

Speaker: Thank you megan, and good morning council members. Thank you for this opportunity to present today, and i'll be sharing highlights of travel, Portland leisure and convention marketing, as well as some wins and convention sales to help reignite Portland's summer travel season. We ran our leisure advertising campaign, yours to share in targeted feeder markets. The video centric campaign

included over a dozen short films that highlighted Portland's diverse culinary, outdoor, cultural and retail offerings, which we've shared via youtube, social media, hulu and connected tv. To complement these efforts, we ran high impact billboards like these, which promoted tax free shopping to Seattleites and positioned Portland as a welcome escape from sacramento summer heat. And we partnered with travel sites like expedia, priceline, tripadvisor and booking.com to help convert lookers into bookers. Our next steps we've hired phocuswright to conduct an advertising accountability study that, for us, will determine the overall impact of the campaign. But in the meantime, we were delighted to see that this campaign has coincided with a nice uptick in the local hotel market. Another area for us in marketing is the convention side and to support the and to support the convention sales effort. This year, we expanded our advertising to target not only the meeting planners, but the hard to reach decision makers too. This includes board members and the c-suite through platforms like bloomberg.com, business insider, and targeted linkedin ads using consumer facing assets. In the months ahead, we'll expand our digital advertising reach to include the wall street journal and the new york times. And further, we'll tailor our yours to share ad creative so that it continues to resonate with these audiences to. And moving on to some convention sales wins for the year. Fiscal year 24 was a phenomenal year for the convention sales team, producing over 300,000 room nights and future business. This was travel Portland's second best year ever, and a sign of the beginnings of business recovery starting to show up for the Portland hospitality community. 10% over 30,000 room nights were attributed to the sports market and the successes resulting from travel. Portland's annual preferred partnership with sport Oregon. Fueling the future room night production came in large part through short term business promotions produced by travel Portland to assist Portland hotels. The most recent promotion meet and

save in Portland produced over 45,000 room nights, of which 30 13,000 landed in the summer of 2020 for a severe period for Portland hotels. The next promotion just launched, and over the last three years, travel Portland has invested over \$1.8 million to support travel and promotional offers, and travel sponsorships to support hotels with business recovery. Hosting large scale client events was a specific strategy for 2024, offering meeting and event planners a firsthand experience in Portland and generating future business opportunities for the city. On the heels of hosting emerald days, featuring top u.s. Trade shows and co-hosting sport to with sport Oregon travel Portland recently played host to another large group of meeting planners, conference direct cx, in August. All three events included over 100 buyers and event sourcing agents for future convention opportunities. And finally, in a sign of Portland's rebounding appeal to convention delegates, Portland hosted meetings in may or June that either sold out, exceeded last year's registration, or posted record breaking attendance. And the most exciting news after a successful convention in Portland in the fall of 2023, the society, the society for the advancement of chicanos and native Americans in science or sacnas, has chosen to return to Portland for two additional years in 2028 and 2034. And with that, we'll say thank you for your time. This concludes our presentation and we're prepared for any questions.

Speaker: Thank you colleagues, any questions or comments.

Speaker: First, thank you. Presiding officer. First, thank you for the presentation. Thank you for the for this work. Before I get to the questions, I want to take a moment to acknowledge jeff, you have been a leader in the in the hospitality industry for many years here. And I will tell you, there are many, many tough jobs in this town, but I suspect yours has been one of the toughest over the past four years. I want to thank you for your service and the data that we see today shows

how effectively you have helped us navigate some really challenging waters. We will miss you, but I'm delighted to hear that you're going to stick around in town, so hopefully we will just see you in different contexts. James also, I remember when I first got into this space and the convention business in this town was frankly kind of dead in the water. I've been concerned about that for years. You've done amazing work in drawing people back to Portland, very impressed at everything that you've done. And thank you for helping support this incredibly important industry. And, you know, for those of you who are watching at home and don't necessarily pay a lot of attention to the hospitality space, I really think of it as being kind of one of the canaries in the coal mine in terms of providing us indicators of how our economy is likely to do. And frankly, Portland is never going to fully recover until the folks that you represent recover, which leads me to my question. I'm glad to see things are moving in the right direction. What can this council do to support the continued recovery of the hospitality industry?

Speaker: Well, I think the policies that you all have implemented with the street scene, with helping people move to services, is exactly what we need to do. As we have these meeting planners in town, they are seeing a difference. And our biggest opportunity is to get those people here to see Portland the way it is today. And it looks much, much better. There's work to be done, as we all know, so keep at that.

Speaker: Great. Thank you.

Speaker: Attorney, before turning over to commissioner Ryan, do we have any public testimony on this?

Speaker: We have one person.

Speaker: Why don't we go ahead and hear that and we'll turn it over to sure.

Speaker: Laura. Angus.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. So my name is Laura Angus and I have lived in Portland 30 years, and I love it here. And I am a host of an Airbnb actually, I also have one at Mount Hood, and I'm a member of an organization called Host to Host and we work cooperatively with Travel Portland. So we saw this as a great opportunity to talk, to represent our organization and let you know how great our little symbiotic relationship is and how we help one another travel Portland. You know, they do amazing things. And one of the things is that they support us in our organization's activities. We have lots of things we do for our members, and we provide education and support. We have weekly chats. We have ways that, you know, in hospitality, people are usually very personable and fun. Otherwise they wouldn't open their doors to others. And it's really a nice forum, our organization, to get together and support one another because we all deal with clients and different situations, but we see ourselves also as a revenue provider for the city. And in fact, I was just given these stats. There's 5,000 STRs in the greater Portland area, and that generated \$18 million just in August in revenue. Now that's a reflection of, you know, we're we're not I believe the hotel industry did like 12 million in August. So, you know, a lot of people are choosing this route for vacationing. And we had a lot of wonderful small I call it small business because that's what we are. They're they're people hanging on to their homes by opening up a room or an ADU so that they can afford to stay there. And, you know, it's a really neat opportunity for people to, you know, they use different mediums. Airbnb, VR, you know, Vacasa all the different ones. It's not one in particular, but our organization supports all of that. And we I was here in June of 2018. That's the last time I did a testimony. And it was when you guys enforced the \$4 a night tax, and we were all kind of up in arms. How is that going to affect things? What does that mean? But I do see the benefit of where the monies have been helping and how Travel Portland has used that money to

provide great services. So yeah, I just want to mention we also have a fun event coming up this Sunday. That's the kind of thing we do. We have 11 vacation rentals that you can tour. It's called the hosted home tour. And it's through host two. The number two host organization. And I have fliers if you're interested, but it's going to be a way for people to walk through the neighborhoods in northeast and see homes.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Before calling the roll and final comments, are there any other questions, colleagues? Commissioner Ryan, thank you all.

Speaker: Good to see you, Laura.

Speaker: I'm now curious, were your numbers in part of their numbers, like when we look at activation downtown and the areas that they listed are there Airbnb numbers a part of that or they are in the tax numbers? Yes. Okay, great. I just had a few questions. I was taken by the slide that showed how the airport hotels were doing really, really well. Correct? Correct. In fact, they kind of allowed us to have a good summer and the other ones were down a little bit. Is that correct? If I looked at that slide right.

Speaker: Yes. Up until June, July, August, we were having a tough business.

Speaker: Travel was up, but summer vacation travel was summer vacation.

Speaker: Travel was very much up. Leisure really drove June, July, August, which is why you saw that it always has, right?

Speaker: Yes. Okay.

Speaker: Well, last year summer didn't really happen. This year. It happened.

Speaker: No, summer of 2024 was amazing compared to the last four. We can all say that and you were a big part of it. Thank you. And I should have started off by saying I think I'm in denial that this is your last time for me to, and I've always appreciated how positive you are and also real at the same time. And so thank you.

You've been very you've been a great ambassador to Portland. And so it's good to see you, jeff. So I think what I wanted to pause and look at the other numbers, because especially delta park and jansen, I'm closest to that area, jensen beach. And it's been really hard out there for hotels and also east Portland. So I think it's how do you look at each section? Do you market each section differently? Do you work with other partners to help improve the conditions in each section differently? I think I want to just hear about the differentiation, because when I saw that the numbers were up, I was excited. Then when I saw that the airport really led the way and I'll tell you why, I have a little bit of a concern there, because in cities that what makes Portland Portland, there's some special things about Portland. One is that when people would visit, they'd want to really spend some time and have a long layover and explore the beauty of our land and our amazing amenities. And when you see that people are choosing to stay near the airport, it gives me a hunch that it's more about efficiency of travel and less about wanting to hang out here and spend more money, if you will. So anyway, tell me a little bit about what your thoughts are on what we can do to help boost the other three areas that you outlined. East Portland, delta park, jensen beach, and central downtown.

Speaker: And I think our board chair, kate patel, who has our hotels, is here, and we met with each of you all to talk about the jensen beach area. And there still needs to be help in that area, especially around the bottle drop and some of the things going on out there. So expanding what you're doing downtown into that neighborhood will be very, very helpful. So I would ask you to do that when we talk about Portland, we try and talk about the nature, different neighborhoods, and certainly in our website, which has had record breaking visitation, over 500,000 visits each of the summer months, which is phenomenal for us. We really dig into those neighborhoods. And what what can you do in a neighborhood? So our work

really is to first get you focused on Portland, and then we drive you down through the website into those different neighborhoods and things to see and do. There.

Speaker: I was happy to hear about the sister city connection to sapporo when I represented this delegation in taiwan, kaohsiung, and specifically I kept thinking, gee, where's the travel Portland? Here? And so I'm really glad that you really connected with that trip. I think there's a lot of potential with your collaboration with the sister city boards and their volunteers. Is that something that that is going on? More than I realize, or is sapporo an anomaly? Tell me a little bit more about that.

Speaker: And I was lucky to be at the 60th anniversary in sapporo with the mayor and the 65th. So we had quite a ceremonial trip. Those connections really do create a bond between two cities, but we also are interested in guadalajara, bologna in particular, which was my very first trip in this job. So helping those organizations and having that exchange really does make a difference. And it is one of the, I think the keys for travel Portland to be there to talk about not only the business exchange but the people exchange. And that's our business.

Speaker: Can the taxes that we collect, the revenues that we collect to do some innovation, are those ever considered as part of the investment for the sister city associations?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: They have their own mechanisms to raise system of building that up. Yeah.

Speaker: It's something we certainly can look at. It's you know, as we continue recovery, we will we're looking for ways like the events office where we've invested. So there's always possibilities in the future. We need to see the hotel business come back to 2019 levels. And we're not quite there yet.

Speaker: Yeah, I think that's a good one. I'll end with this. When you travel to Portland airport. Now, you arrive and you're pretty awestruck with how beautiful the airport design is. So that's a great first impression. I've had too many colleagues and friends say that. Then they get on light rail, and that first impression can quickly go south. And so my question to you all is what's your relationship like with trimet about this concerning issue, that less and less people are taking light rail, which is what big cities really should promote when someone's traveling. And I always thought that at one time when it was clean and it didn't smell, that people had a good first impression of Portland, why they were on light rail gave them this like nice positivity vibe as they were heading downtown. How can we get that back and what can we do as a City Council to help with that collaboration?

Speaker: You know, I think we do have a good relationship with trimet. They get some funding out of the visitor's facility trust account so that we have free passes for all conventions city wide convention goers. We have asked them to focus on security, especially around the convention center, to downtown. That's very, very important for those convention delegates. But we do see the need further out to the airport on that red line of having more security officers. So I know Multnomah County provides that security. But leaning in, if you could lean in with both of them to provide that security, especially on the red line, that would be helpful.

Speaker: Noted. But I just learned something. So Multnomah County sheriff, sheriff's office is the jurisdiction that's responsible for overseeing security on not overseeing, but they are part of the security on trimet.

Speaker: Along with trimet officers. They are supplemented by Multnomah County.

Speaker: I think leadership at this level needs to really stay on this, because the lack of security and lack of safety on our mac system, especially on the east side,

remains a really big concern. I hear about it daily since my spouse takes it, and so and I've had this conversation directly with sam, or I wouldn't talk like this at the dais. I'm going to continue to stay focused on that, because I do think it's it really does impact our first impression quite a bit. I think that's it. Thank you so much. Great report. I'm glad that things are gradually ticking up. That's true.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps sure. A quick question before we wrap up. What are your expectations or predictions for 2025? Do we expect, for example, hotel occupancy rates to reach the levels we saw in 2019? Or do we still have another catch up year or two?

Speaker: I think we'll be very close, but I'm going to ask james to talk about the convention calendar throughout 25. Okay.

Speaker: Convention calendar from this. At this point, we are today to next summer. It's very challenging. It's something that we saw during the pandemic. That was forming for a few reasons. There, as you most know, that leading into the pandemic, we increased our hotel inventory by about 40%. But one challenge that we had throughout the pandemic was when we were forced into cancellations due to the pandemic in 20 and 2021 and 2022, due to the circumstances here in Portland at the time, all those cancellations, what they didn't do was book future dates in the 25 and 26. And so the conditions here in Portland really led to a big lull in this period in which we would have been booking this period here. So while we're seeing kind of flat at best next year in terms of our hotel room pickup, it was mostly the pace deficits that were left during the pandemic that we were trying our best to kind of make up for now. So we do see some specific challenges over the next nine months in terms of being flat over last year. The teams are working against it and the promotions that we talked about were really instrumental in helping our hotels

against it, but we are still working against some pretty heavy pace deficits left over from the pandemic for this year and parts of next fiscal year also.

Speaker: All right. Thank you for that clarification.

Speaker: I will say on a very, very, very positive note, what we saw in June, July, August is a harbinger of things to come when the convention calendar is back. And the fact that our team booked the second most rooms they've ever booked for the future when we hit it, we're going to be on a rocket ship.

Speaker: So hold on, we'll do that.

Speaker: Was helpful. I just had one last thing, and it's probably because of personal experience, but we have these royal rosarians that are always looking. Many of them are retired and just love Portland and want more and more things to do as ambassadors. How often do you engage with that system, that network of volunteers, as goodwill ambassadors to help with the welcoming and first impressions of when people arrive at Portland?

Speaker: We do specific groups do ask for that. So we do engage with them. And you may not know that I am the a honorary knight of the dolly parton rose. As of this year I am too.

Speaker: But you picked a much better rose.

Speaker: Yeah, I'm from the south, so I'm from tennessee. But we do engage with them and they are great ambassadors of the city.

Speaker: Okay, good. I hope that keeps deepening. Yeah.

Speaker: Any other questions? Keelan, please call the roll on the report.

Speaker: President, do you want to ask for a motion to accept? So moved.

Speaker: Can I get a second? Second. So seconded by commissioner Ryan. Yes, ma'am.

Speaker: Please.

Speaker: Again. Thank you for this report. And I know this report reflects really years of leaning into some really challenging things. It's been an honor to work with you, jeff. We're going to miss you an awful lot. And I can guarantee the folks who serve on this council will be reaching out to you for your wisdom for years to come. Excellent work. We it's always a pleasure to see to see you. I'm glad to vote I and accept this report.

Speaker: Review. I want to thank you for the incredibly informative and helpful report, and also highlight the efforts that your team is making to remind all of our neighbors in the worldwide why we remain a world class city and a destination city for everyone to visit and to enjoy.

Speaker: This team clearly loves Portland, but also recognizes and lifts up the power of our uniqueness of our businesses and that specialness that makes Portland Portland, and that independent spirit as well. It comes through in all the work that you do and everything that you share. And every day you manage to keep our vision front and center and lift up the very best of us for the rest of the world to see. I also want to take a moment to honor jeff in his final council appearance. So sorry jeff, I'm going to love on you for just a little bit. Jeff has been a steadfast optimist and number one visionary for what our city can be, and I've had so many conversations. We've had so many conversations about the incredible work that's been done and also the work we have yet to do. But the truth is, jeff, that you've been a driver behind a lot of the alignments and a lot of the movement and success in Portland's recovery, and you deserve to be recognized for that. And jeff, you and your team have navigated our industries through hard leadership decisions that were very hard, pivotal moments during, you know, really critical times for the city. But because of that thoughtful leadership and that thoughtful deliberation and work, we can now say that there's a deep sense of pride that is permeated and

overtaking the negative narratives, and it's palpable in the air. And it's very hopeful. And I truly credit that to you and your team. I could go on and on, but I just want to say thank you, Jeff. Our city is absolutely better and stronger and more celebrated and more appreciated around the world because of you and your leadership and your team. So I wish you the very best in your next adventures. And with that, I vote. I. Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, thank you travel Portland for being here. This is my fifth one because I was sworn in in September of 2020. This feels so much better and it's really because of your leadership. Jeff, you really have, as commissioner Rubio so eloquently stated, you've just stayed on the course and a lot of really discouraging thoughts and feelings and emotions and came at you and I watched you stay strong and be positive throughout that. And anyone that thinks that's easy to do, it's so not so. Perhaps it's your it's because you revealed you're a southern gentleman. And I think Portland really needed that type of character. Leading the organization through this very challenging period. And your tenure is really was met with two very dramatically different chapters. If I could simplify it to two chapters, we were getting probably maybe too many accolades from national media about how perfect everything was here. And then boom, not so perfect. So it's going to take a while to get the reputation back. And I know that sounds like because of the decisions made, 3 or 4 years out, we're going to have a couple of rough years. And yet I was encouraged by what I heard and the bookings that will continue to go up. And so I thought it was helpful for me to know that we have to keep buckling up for a couple more years, and I do want to be helpful to travel Portland and in working with trimet because I guess I'm a broken record on this. But when I travel, I like to take mass transportation, and when I leave the airport, if that doesn't give me a good first impression, that leaves a very negative impact on me. So I'm going to

keep being a voice for that point until I start to see improvement. That actually makes me say something different, and I haven't experienced that in the last four years. So that remains a concern. I also hope that you continue to deepen the international relationships, because that was travel. That was quite bread and butter for 20 years prior to this. And I think we suffer when that isn't staying steady because they tend to people who come here from far away tend to settle for a few more days and spend more. One caveat that I must mention I'm a shameless sports fan, so I was. My voice is barely coming back from yelling for four consistent hours in Eugene on Saturday. And I did say this right when the ducks became a part of the big ten one, I thought, wow, Eugene airport, they're probably going to take off. And then two, how important it is for our tourism in general. So, you know, people from the midwest probably would see this as a tropical location in October. And I really think we have a lot of potential to keep deepening that with the alumni associations. And they travel really well with those teams from the midwest. So anyway, I hope that we continue to capitalize on that as well. All right. I'll stop. It's great to see all of you. And thanks so much for your perseverance, your dedication and your positivity. It's really helpful.

Speaker: I vote yea Gonzalez I have a statement on behalf of Mayor Wheeler. First, thank you to Jeff, Megan James and the Travel Portland team for this comprehensive, insightful, and detailed report. I'm currently in Bend, attending the League of Oregon Cities annual board meeting and conference, and regret that I have to miss today's gathering. The convention, travel, tourism and hospitality industry are major economic drivers in Portland, and they have a much broader impact on our city's image and reputation. Every positive experience a visitor has here contributes to the broader narrative of what makes Portland special, and those stories shared with friends and colleagues are invaluable. I'd also like to take

a moment to acknowledge jeff, to thank you for your incredible contributions over the past two decades, you've skillfully navigated travel Portland through some significant challenges, but you've also showcased major growth and success, including the largest hotel construction boom in the city's history, which added over 2500 new hotel rooms. And finally realizing the long awaited hyatt regency at the convention center, which opened the door to larger conventions and events with the support of the industry, you brought forward the tourism improvement district and later helped expand it. This program provides critical funding via fees, charges charged on hotel stays to support increased marketing and promotion of our city. Without it, so much of what we've achieved would not have been possible. I want to thank you for all your contributions to our great city, and wish you the best in retirement. Again, that was from mayor Wheeler, and then I my own. First and foremost, I just want to thank you, jeff, for your service to the region and wish you the best of luck in your next chapter. Portlanders, including each of us, are greatly appreciative of all you've done for the industry and for our region. Travel Portland obviously plays such a significant role in the continuing recovery story of the city. The continued recovery reality of the city. This report gives me some optimism and I sincerely hope we see this progress continue. We must. I vote to accept the report. Thank you. And the report is accepted. Thank you for being here. Thank you all. Thank you. Let's hear the next time. Certain item please a proclamation item 874. And are we. Yes. Let's go ahead and hear it proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2024 to be latinx heritage month. I'll pass it over to commissioner Rubio to make some opening comments and introduce our presenters.

Speaker: Thank you. Council president, I want to begin by acknowledging the outstanding latinx employees here at the city, including those seasonal workers and workers who do not have access to city wide emails and gatherings. This month, we

see you and appreciate you and what you bring to Portland. I also feel their absence today, and I want to acknowledge their concerns and disappointments about our progress in the space of equity, and we have to call that out to make that right. In the last few months, our staff have seen multiple city equity focused staff changes that have raised questions. We have to acknowledge these things and the work before us, and also acknowledge that our employees are feeling this loss and what it means for the city, especially in times of transition when our city talks about equity, we need to truly mean it and demonstrate it through action. So I want to thank the latinx pdx affinity group for all their hard work and dedication, and for holding space and community for the employees of our city. I know you're all holding a watch party right now with cafecito and pan dulce, and I hope that you all know how much I deeply hold your contributions. Likewise, I believe it's important to hold this celebration, to call out and acknowledge our contributions to the city by our communities. Latinx heritage month is a time when we lift up the diverse cultures that make up latinx and latin community in Portland, and the experiences that educate, inform, and inspire us as we carry on the work of the city every day. For many of us who are immigrants or the children or grandchildren of immigrants, we know that we are all the manifestations of our parents hopes, dreams, and resiliency, and we can honor their sacrifices by being good stewards of our community, building new relationships, and continuing to break barriers in support of the next generation. I have shared on many occasions about my own family's immigrant story and how my experiences, identity, and culture and family have very directly led me to the path I'm on today. All these things have shaped my identity like many others here, and it's how we show up. And so to recognize these contributions, I also want to acknowledge the community and civic leaders in the latinx community who are working hard to create opportunities, support higher

education, and prepare emerging leaders to achieve their dreams and make their own unique contributions to our city and our economy. While building generational wealth for their families. So I would like to call up Juan Barraza, Natalia Garcia and Araceli Cruz. Juan Barraza is from Latino Founders and Natalia Garcia is from Industry One, and Araceli Cruz is from Portland State University. So thank you for being here. I'll turn it over to you.

Speaker: Good morning. My name is Juan Barraza. I'm the secretary, director of Latino Founders and nonprofit organization supporting Latino entrepreneurs and scaling their businesses, generating high paying jobs, creating generational wealth, and fueling growth in Portland and Oregon. We have over 25,000 Latino entrepreneurs in Oregon, and they produce \$18 billion of the Oregon gross domestic products. Portland is home to over 5000 Latino led businesses, and their founders are creating businesses and footwear and apparel software, consumer packaged goods and climate tech industries, just to name a few. While others have left Portland Latino entrepreneurs have doubled down and launched businesses at a faster rate, beating the national average by 144%. On business creation, Portland is home to companies like Photon Marine, developing EV models, midsole footwear, designing footwear for the hospitality industry, and had Mama Salsa bringing Latin flavors to your kitchens. Latino entrepreneurs are forward thinking thinkers, and with the support of City of Portland and philanthropic organizations, we just launched in the central eastside, the Latino Founders Accelerator and the Power and Energy Center of the Pacific Northwest, a state of the art facility dedicated to advancing technologies in clean energy, power distribution and energy conservation, and storage. To ensure that we retain and have reliable, sustainable sources of electricity to power our communities where others see the problems. Latino entrepreneurs see solutions and they are one of the cornerstones for

Portland economic growth. Latino entrepreneurs are creating businesses that will solve tomorrow's problems. Today. And we are seeing the future. And the future is bright. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning everyone. I'm natalia garcia. I work as a community engagement coordinator for industry one, which is a nonprofit arts organization located in downtown. I've been working within the arts industry for the last four years as a community organizer. I just want to start off by saying that latinx heritage month is not the only month we should talk about these topics. This is something that should occur year round. We should highlight people in the community who are doing this work. Grassroots from the underground, consistently and by spotlighting them and showcasing their work, we are not tokenizing them. We are also providing them with the resources that they deserve in order to do the work that is making such a great impact on the city, we need to view not only latinx artists and creatives as partners, but all bipoc artists and creatives as partners to work together, hand in hand with local government. Because in the end, they are the ones who push forward a revolution, who push forward changes. And we need to hold them to that high caliber that they deserve. Once again, thank you for allowing us to come and speak today. I encourage you all to support these communities by going to their events, by paying attention to their work. If you don't, then who? Who else will you? Buenos dias. It's a pleasure to be here with you. My name is araceli cruz, and I'm representing Portland state university, where I serve as the assistant vice president for global diversity and inclusion. Psu is Oregon's most diverse and as an anchor institution, we are deeply committed to education in our region and understand how important it is for our latinx students to be successful, for our city to thrive. Latinx students make up nearly 25% of Oregon's k through 12 system. However, only 18% of latinx adults in Oregon hold

an associate's degree or higher. Highlighting the need for greater support and education at Portland state, we are seeing promising progress despite declining overall enrollment rates in higher education. We've experienced a 53% increase in latino student enrollment over the last several years. In fact, as of winter 2024, 23% of our full time undergrad identify as hispanic latinx students. Based on these enrollment trends, psu is positioned to becoming a federally recognized hispanic serving institution. As we prepare for this designation, we are also building the proper infrastructure that will support latino student success and ensure social and economic mobility. We have done so by building bilingual programing, culturally specific retention and advising programs, and culturally responsive curriculum. In fact, psu has recently launched a long awaited bachelor's degree in chicano latino studies. While the program began in 1994 as first of its kind in Oregon, psu is now the first university in the pacific northwest to offer a full major in this field. This milestone reflects our commitment to elevating latinx history, culture, and contributions through education. As Portland celebrates hispanic heritage month, it is important and is very clear that the city's future prosperity is deeply intertwined with the success of its latinx latinx population, and we are excited to be taking up space and to help our community be seen, which is really important as we continue to do this incredible work. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, I think.

Speaker: Does that conclude the presentation? Yes. Okay. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Oh no. You're fine. Thank you. Oh, no. I was turning over to commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Oh, thank you very much. I want to thank our panel. I want to thank our panel for today's presentation. And colleagues, I also want to say this, I'm delighted to join you in proclaiming September 15th through October 15th, 2024 to be latinx

heritage month here in Portland, Oregon. Portland has celebrated latinx heritage month for nearly two decades. We begin the celebration on September 15th because that is a day of independence for many formerly colonized nations. In latin America. Oregon's latinx heritage runs deep. In fact, until 1848, Oregon and mexico were neighbors. California only became part of the united states as a result of the mexican-American war, which ended in 1848. Before that date, Oregon's southern border was also mexico's northern border, now Oregon and mexico. Not only shared a border, we also share a common heritage. People of latinx heritage first appeared in Oregon's census records in 1850, and today about 14% of Oregonians claim latinx heritage. Our latino ancestors helped build the Portland we all know and love, which is why I want to take a moment to recognize and thank Portland's latinx community for their contributions to our city, and that is also why I want to take a moment to recognize my friend and colleague, commissioner Rubio, who is the city's first latinx city commissioner. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. It has been an honor to serve alongside you. I also want to thank you for bringing this proclamation forward. I also want to acknowledge a few other people I'd like to recognize my deputy chief of staff, cynthia castro, who co-founded our city's latinx pdx employee resource group. Cynthia and latinx pdx helped or established the city's language pay differential policy for multilingual employees and co-developed a leadership program to help advance latinx, black and women employees. I also want to recognize my chief of staff, michelle rodriguez, who has also been a part of latinx pdx leadership team. Latinx pdx cultivates a sense of belonging across bureaus. They enrich employee experiences and help shape policy to make the city of Portland more inclusive, which is why I am glad to join you in bringing this proclamation forward. Thank you so much, commissioner Rubio, and thank you so much for our guest in the audience, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Well, first, I want to start off by wishing my commissioner, friends and colleagues, commissioner Rubio and commissioner Gonzalez, a very happy latinx heritage month. I've known you for many decades now. Commissioner Rubio and you alone have been instrumental in me having more opportunities as an ally to be a part of the vibrant culture and commissioner Gonzalez known you. Just a little over two years, and having met your father, you know, kind of brings it home. So it's always great to meet people's families that you serve with. And thanks for letting me in. I want to also just say that the deep latinx heritage of this state has been obvious to me, as even in the early, even in the 60s, probably because my grandparents lived not far from woodburn. So we had a chance to always eat in woodburn. If you will. And it was kind of an eye opener as a little kid that lived outside, that lived in Portland to experience what was definitely felt like, you were suddenly in a wonderful, different place. And so I think that I'm just giving voice to that, to say that the entrepreneurship that you speak of, the resilience, the micro economies that were emerging then have just been flourishing. So I'm really glad that you were here to really talk about the economic impact and vibrancy of the latino community, and being at Portland state for nine years right after that time, I can't remember the person who started the program. It was just a probably it was it was a minor then, so it wasn't a full fledged program. And he passed on too soon. But he was a beautiful person. So I remember him right at this moment. I can't remember his name, which really makes me sad. And I did google it and it wasn't there. But I just want you to know that the psu heritage was very rich in the mid 90s. On getting this up and running, so it makes me so happy to hear how it's evolved over the last few decades. Thank you for your leadership. I'm just going to end with my spouse. My spouse, name is emotionally reyes, and because of marrying them. And now when I go to vegas, I don't ever do this trip. I just hang out

with the family in east vegas. And there are so many cousins and his mom calls daily, and it's just really wonderful to be married into the beautiful culture. And I look so forward to thanksgiving with my family down in vegas. So anyway, happy, happy heritage month for the latino community. Thanks for being here. And thank you, commissioner Rubio, for making us pause and talk about something that's on our tip of our tongue year round. As you mentioned. Thank you.

Speaker: Just to confirm on this, do we have we don't have any proclamation or we do and we have is a little off. So I'm happy to turn it over to you at this point if you're ready for that.

Speaker: Okay. We have a couple more folks that just okay or got it. Great. So thank you so much for your comments. We have christian vargas from juntos pdx and then victoria lara from lara media, who will read the proclamation first in spanish.

Speaker: Okay. Sounds great.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. You can come up.

Speaker: And commissioner, did you have any further comments or I may just add some quick comments then.

Speaker: Oh do you want to do it now.

Speaker: Yeah okay. That sounds good. Bienvenidos a todos los invitados colegas y miembros de la comunidad. As we celebrate latin heritage month, we reflect on the strength, unity and invaluable contribution of latino communities in our city. This month is an opportunity to celebrate our rich diversity and enhance our engagement. As alluded to by commissioner Ryan, I am the son of a mexican American migrant worker, mis abuelos spent substantial amount of time in the in the fields. I'm married to a brilliant latino woman and I'm a father of three latino children. I understand profoundly the power and the impact of the latino

community has on our broader Portland community. Although we come from diverse backgrounds, we are united by a powerful bond, a shared history, and rich cultural heritage. We must honor our ancestors struggles, triumphs, and dreams as their resilience and courage pave the way for us to further strengthen this resilience, we must ensure access to resources that empower individuals to improve their professional and economic futures. The hispanic community has been instrumental in the success of 2000 thriving latino owned businesses and reaching our local economy through job creation, increased local spending and transforming family dreams. Again, I want to thank commissioner ruby for bringing this forward, and I turn it over to you to.

Speaker: So, christian, do you want to go first?

Speaker: And yeah, i'll go. Oh dang, this is loud. Let me back it up a little bit. Okay. My name is christian vargas. I'm the creative director for juntos pdx, where our mission is to connect the latino community with the roots, inspire the city to engage with our community and celebrate and highlight the latino talent in the city of Portland. We do that throughout the whole 365 days. Like natalia mentioned, we don't celebrate our culture just for 30 days as you shouldn't either. As the city. I think it's a value that you guys put some investment and realize and understand more of what the city is doing as far as latino community. So our goal is to honestly just continue to highlight our culture and community as much as possible. As you guys know, in 2013, the census counted 1919 point in some change percent of the latino community in the united states. That's not just here in Portland, Oregon. So in Oregon, the latino community is growing. I don't know if you guys are music. You guys like going to concerts or some latino artists, but there's been a handful of them that now are adding Portland to their tours that that's that's an impact. That's just let us know that they're starting to see if they see it. Why can't the city, you

know, so if the city, if the city is able to just once again help us and highlight our culture as much as possible, that means investing not just talking about it, but it means just investing more in our community. Then we'll all grow together and be a unity. And like how juntos we put our emphasis on the community. So juntos stands for together. So once again my name is christian vargas and I am the creative director for spirit of pdx. Thank you. I need some water. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Speaker: Hola. Buenos dias. Mi nombre es victoria lara. I'm a proud immigrant from mexico. I also owner of one of the business, lara media services. It has been Portland for more than 20 years. I'm a proud mom of a college student, and now he's not at the university of Oregon. Sorry. He chooses yudof and Washington, but I also very proud to be the organizers of the largest latino event in the pacific northwest, and one of the largest in the united states. The celebration of el grito, where we get between 10 to 15,000 latino families and we have done it for the last 20 years. Latinos, we're not going anywhere, regardless of political situations. Yeah, it may be difficult for us, but we're not going anywhere. We have grow and political power. We have grow economically. We are here to stay and our kids are here to stay. We just influence our culture, our flavors, our colors everywhere. And we continue doing very proudly in making Portland a better city for all. You want me to read now? Okay. Voy a esto en espanol es la proclamation considerando. Qué estamos orgullosos de reconocer y sobre el mas de la prensa latinx del quince de septiembre al quince de octubre de cada ano y considerando el mas nacional de la herencia hispana comenzo a hacer mas de medio siglo, como una celebracion de una semana en esta ocho cientos se extendio a un mas completo celebrando las historias literature. Culturas, artes, musica y contribuciones de aquellos cuyos ancestros proviene de méxico, el caribe y américa central y del sur también para

honrar los aniversario de la independencia de los paises latinoAmericanos costa rica, el salvador, guatemala, honduras, nicaragua, mexico, chile y belize, asi como para honrar el dia de la raza en méxico y considerando la comunidad de espana y latine latinx es la mayor comunidad de color en la ciudad de Portland y en Oregon. Cuya historia y composition es rica y diversa como muchos siendo indigenas emigrantes, refugiados y descendientes de africa y asia. Qué hablan muchos idiomas? Ademas del espanol, como su primer idioma, las comunidades latinas a menudo son trabajadores esenciales en la primera linea trabajadores agricolas trabajadores de salud comunitaria educadores y han sido y sigue siendo contribuyentes criticos en todas las naciones para el bienestar de esta ciudad y considerando cu la comunidad latina a criado y establecido instituciones para resistir la desigualdad y abogada por si mismos y considerando. Qué si se puede convive con los valores de familia y comunidad como en ramos y recordamos a nuestros ancestros. La conexion con nuestra raices africanas asiaticus e indigenas. Las tradiciones de organizacion y las reuniones comunitarias q han servido como modelo de resistencia contra la injusticia y considerando. A pesar de las contribuciones y logros el racismo sistematico persiste en los estados unidos y en el mundo generando una resistencia continua q exige un frente unido y un cambio institucional y social verdadero para la libertad de nuestros hermanos, hermanos y hermanos. Africans afroAmericanos y asi trayendo libertad para todos y considerando q la retorica, anti-immigrant y xenophobic q apuntan nuestras comunidades migrantes e inmigrantes a criado ambientes profundamente seguros. Por lo qué hacemos un llamado a todo Portland para rechazar este tipo de retorica y abrazar la belleza q representan las contribuciones de nuestras comunidades immigrants, immigrants y considerando q latinx pides un grupo de recursos para

empleados de la ciudad de Portland. Valora profundamente las contribuciones que los miembros de la comunidad hispana y latina hacen estar social. Creo que acá.

Speaker: O. Y.

Speaker: Disculpen. I'm sorry.

Speaker: You're fine. Take your time. If someone's coming up to help you here.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Muchas gracias. Educando. I'll see.

Speaker: You económico, physical and cultural y la prosperidad general de la ciudad de Portland y considerando que latina pdx sirve como un puente para cultivar.

Speaker: Un sentido de permanencia y alegría entre la comunidad latina y nuestros vecinos de todos los orígenes para apoyar su vida estar y proporcionar un regimiento cultural auténtico y educación a través de eventos. Talleres capacitación comunitarias y mucho más y considerando que al contamos a todos los residentes de Portland a través de nuestro compromiso contra el racismo la xenofobia y el odio, ya construir una comunidad unida y abrazar el amor la lucha es mi lucha para un mundo más pacífico y justo y considerando. Qué estamos comprometidos a apoyar y fortalecer a nuestra comunidad latina a través de nuestras asociaciones continuas que fomentan el entendimiento cultural y profundizar nuestro appreciation por la amplia gama de contribuciones que nuestra comunidad latina aporta a nuestra calidad de vida tanto en nuestra comunidad como en todo el país y considerando que hoy celebramos dando la bienvenida a todos para celebrar con nosotros y continuar apoyando a nuestras comunidades. Mientras construimos una nación más fuerte y a través de la inclusión y la unidad hoy y más allá si se puede ahora. Por lo tanto. Dice yo Ted Wheeler, pero yo soy Victoria Lahren a por invitación de la consul Carmen Rubio y de mayor Ted Wheeler. Es el alcalde de la ciudad de Portland, Oregon. La ciudad de la rosa's proclaimed el quince de septiembre de

octubre de dos mil veinticuatro sara el mas de la herencia latinx en Portland y animo a todos los residentes a observar este mes. Muchas gracias. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, and read in english.

Speaker: Yeah, i'll do it really quickly. So whereas we are proud to recognize and celebrate latinx heritage month from September 15th to October 15th, every year, and whereas national hispanic heritage month began more than half a century ago as a week long celebration in 1968, in 1988 it was extended to be a month long celebrating stories, literature, cultures, art, music, contribution of those whose ancestors came from mexico, the caribbean, central and south America, and also to honor the anniversaries of the independence of latin American countries costa rica, el salvador, guatemala, honduras, nicaragua, mexico, chile, belize, as well as to honor mexico's dia de la raza and whereas, the hispanic and latino latinx community is the largest community of color in the city of Portland and in Oregon, whose history and makeup is rich and diverse with many being indigenous immigrants, refugees, and descendants of africa and asia who speak many languages other than spanish. As their first language. Latino communities are often frontline essential workers. Farmworkers, community health workers, educators, and are and have been critical contributors in all professions to the well-being of this city. Whereas the latino community has created and established institutions in order to resist inequality and to advocate for themselves. And whereas si se puede lives alongside values of family and community, how we honor and remember our ancestors connection to our african, asian and indigenous roots transition traditions of organizing and community gatherings have served as models for resistance against injustice. And whereas, despite the contributions and accomplishments, systemic racism persists in the united states and in the world generally, generating continued resistance that calls for a united front and lasting

and institutional and societal change for the freedom of our black brothers, sisters and siblings, thus bringing freedom to all. And whereas anti-immigrant and xenophobic rhetoric targeting our migrant and immigrant communities has caused deep seated, unsafe environments where we call upon all of Portland to reject this kind of rhetoric and embrace the beauty that is the contribution of our immigrants and migrant communities. And whereas latinx pdx, a city of Portland employee resource group, deeply values the contributions that members of the hispanic and latinx community make to the social, economic, physical, and cultural well-being and overall prosperity of the city of Portland. And whereas latinx pdx serves as a bridge to cultivate a sense of belonging and joy between the latinx community and our neighbors of all backgrounds to support their well-being and provide authentic cultural enrichment and education through events, workshops, community trainings, and much more. And whereas we encourage all Portlanders to join our commitment against racism, xenophobia and hate and to build a united community and embrace your fight is my fight for a more peaceful and just world. And whereas we are committed to supporting and strengthening our latinx community through our ongoing partnerships which foster cultural understanding and deepen our appreciation for the wide range of contributions our latinx community brings to our quality of life. In our both our community and across the country. And whereas today, we celebrate and welcome all to celebrate with us and continue to support our communities as we build a stronger nation through inclusion and unity today and beyond. Si se puede. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, on behalf of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2023, to be latinx heritage month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. So thank you everybody who is here today.

Speaker: Thank you so much for short recess for five minutes and take a quick picture photo, please.

Speaker: Recess. Will be.

Speaker: Is the ordinance please authorize acquisition financing to vital housing or an affiliate not to exceed \$6 million to preserve affordability at belmont dairy apartments. Welcome. Please state your name for the record, and i'll turn it over to you.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner daniel rivera, for the record council, this item is a financing ordinance to preserve affordable housing at the existing belmont dairy apartments, located in the sunnyside neighborhood. Oftentimes, commissioners, we talk about housing production and the from the perspective of creating new housing, which is very important as we take our take on the challenge of our housing crisis. But one of the programs I'm most fond of and proud of, frankly, for the city of Portland, is the way that we maintain affordable housing. It's a critical strategy for our overall housing needs, and this is an example of a way that we achieve that. It not only does it help preserve current renters in our city, but it also preserves the affordability of our projects. So earlier this year, the belmont dairy apartments was placed on the market, putting 65 low income households at risk for displacement. The city, through the housing the Portland housing bureau, offered acquisition financing for preservation oriented buyer in exchange for continued affordability. The proposed city funding, totaling \$6 million from the construction excise tax funds, leverages 18 million in private financing to preserve the affordability and a high opportunity neighborhood at a significant discount to the cost of new construction. So again, this is us leveraging resources to ensure that people who already are living in affordable housing get to stay there. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to the housing bureau's danielle norby for the presentation.

Speaker: Thanks so much, danny. Good morning. Council. Danielle norby, I'm the housing investment manager at the housing bureau. I want to start well, first of all, I'm here today regarding the acquisition financing to preserve affordability at belmont dairy. I want to start by thanking commissioner Rubio for your leadership on this issue. As a former commissioner in charge of the housing bureau, you recognized preservation of affordable of existing affordable housing as a critical need to prevent tenant displacement and meet the city's housing goals, and called on fb to seek out preservation strategies such as the project in front of you all today. Next slide please. Thank you. Before talking more about belmont dairy, I'd like to just kind of level set regarding preservation needs and overall risks to the affordable housing stock. So we see preservation needs falling into these kind of three main areas. One being unaddressed capital needs at our these are aging buildings. They need often major systems upgrades hvac electrical. They may need new roofs and windows or modernization and life safety upgrades. And as you can imagine, affordable housing by its nature does not generate a lot of cash flow. In many cases. And so it's a struggle often to keep up with capital needs at these buildings. The second major bucket is operating challenges, and the bureau is increasingly hearing from our development partners that they are experiencing major risks to their projects and often larger portfolios due to operating challenges. And some examples include rent collection issues that sort of increased during the pandemic and have not tapered off large increases in expenses such as insurance, utilities, unforeseen expenses such as security that were not originally sort of in the budget, and these challenges, you know, start at the project level. But have really sort of escalated to the point where they're starting to impact our nonprofit owners who are having to bring money to their projects to stabilize the portfolio and keep these projects in operation. And the third bucket is expiring regulatory agreements.

So as public funders, we did not always have the foresight to require a 99 year affordability agreement. And by the way, the city of Portland really leads the country in terms of requiring that almost permanent affordability, which is wonderful. But earlier agreements from the state or from the city were something more like 30 years. And we're seeing a wave of projects that are approaching expiration, and there is a potential for some of these to be converted to market rate, you know, projects that are owned by non-profits or mission mission oriented owners are less at risk. But there are projects in our portfolio and in the state's portfolio that are owned by for profit organizations who may see an upside to converting to market. Next slide please. I think this little graphic really illustrates kind of the issue and how if we ignore preservation as a need, we're really working against ourselves and against our own efforts. So in a ten year period for the Portland housing bond, and this doesn't represent all of the production that the city engages in. But for this one, funding source, we're going to deliver more than 1800 units over a ten year period, starting with the purchase of the ellington back in 2017 and ending with hollywood hub, which is going to start construction pretty soon in the next ten year period. We are aware of approximately 13, I'm sorry, 1100 units at 15 projects in Portland that have a state or city regulatory agreement that will expire and that are owned by for profit entities. And so it's possible some of these projects may be preserved, some may convert to market. But in any case, I hope you can see that this is kind of a situation like a leaky bucket right where we're we're working really hard to produce affordable housing, but if we can't preserve housing and sort of plug the hole in the bottom, we're working against ourselves. The good news is that we have an opportunity today with a project that is facing expiration. Next slide please. So the belmont dairy apartments I'm just going to start with a little bit of background on this project. It's located at 33rd avenue

between morrison and belmont streets. And the site was a former dairy that was redeveloped in 1996 with assistance from city bonds and loans, most of which have been repaid at this point. The project includes 85 apartments above five commercial units, including the h mart grocery store and some neighborhood serving retail and services. Currently, 65 units in the project are restricted to two households earning 60% of median or less. Under a regulatory agreement with the state that is set to expire in December of 2026. The project has numerous residential amenities, including including an enclosed courtyard, two resident lounges, a community room with kitchen. Off street parking, and on site property management. And this is a high opportunity neighborhood where the city prioritizes access to housing and anti-displacement measures. Next slide please. As danny mentioned earlier this year, the current owners, who have been wonderful stewards of the property during the last 30 years, placed the belmont dairy on the market, according to the city's 2023 state of housing report. The belmont hawthorne division neighborhood has just 261 rent restricted units, which is equal to 1.7% of all housing units in that area. So it's really important to preserve what we have. Fb offered acquisition financing to prevent this property from converting to market rate, and the seller accepted an offer from a preservation oriented buyer, vital housing, who is a Seattle based firm that specializes in affordable housing preservation and green building upgrades. Under this new financing, the city will restrict 67 units and increase in two units from the current regulatory agreement at 60% ami, and that includes 19 two bedroom, family sized units. The financing will be secured by a new 99 year regulatory agreement with the city, and the seller intends to complete energy efficiency upgrades after acquisition. This action prevents the displacement of current low income tenants by avoiding a conversion to market that would increase rents by an estimated 450 to \$860 per month. Next

slide please. The request in front of you today to authorize \$6 million in acquisition financing to vital housing or an affiliate leverages private financing totaling more than \$18 million and is equal to less than 90,000 per unit in public subsidy. So when you compare that to fb's typical award of 150,000 per unit for new construction, which is usually layered with other public subsidy from the state or from federal sources, I think I hope you'll agree that it's a cost efficient measure. And with that, I would like to invite cory baldwin from vital housing, who's the vp of acquisitions, to give a few more remarks.

Speaker: Welcome, cory.

Speaker: Hi. Thank you. Council members, and excited to be here and represent vital housing and the acquisition and really the preservation of belmont dairy, which like danielle said, we're at a mission affordable housing owner operator. We are a for profit company. But like danielle mentioned, we really see preservation of existing affordable housing as as a critical component to addressing housing as affordable housing in in whether it's Portland, the state of Oregon, or, you know, Washington, where we're based at that you know, the statistics that danielle brought up about, you know, production of about 1800 units over the last ten years within losing 1100 units or potentially losing 1100 units as those regulatory agreements expire, is indicative of trends in numbers that we're seeing across the country where, you know, if we if we really want to address affordable housing, making sure we don't lose those properties out of the back end of the portfolio is critically important. Otherwise, we're sort of back at square one. And as much as we've created new housing, we've not really addressed it because of, you know, the conversion to property properties like belmont to market rate. And so we're we've been really excited to work with danielle and her team on the preservation of belmont. This will be the second preservation project that that the partners of vital

have have worked on in Oregon. Last year, I acquired was able to we were able to acquire the orchard park apartments in salem, Oregon, which was a 224 unit property that at the time was in the process of converting to market rate. And so we were able to, you know, put together a business plan that was able to arrest that and actually over turn over as the units became available, bring it back into into affordable housing at 60% of area median income. And so we're excited to work on and preserve belmont dairy here. Like like danielle mentioned, not only preservation but also decarbonization is a big focus of us here at vital and so as part of this acquisition, we'll be looking to install a 100 kilowatt solar array on the roof of the property using some money that that will come from the inflation reduction act nationally. Also, to remove the fossil fuels. So removal of the gas boiler system at the property and put in ductless heat pumps and ductless hot water tanks that, you know, help help us to address, you know, not only like the energy consumption at the property level, but also reduce the energy consumption and cost, you know, to the residents that now going forward, their electricity costs will be much less their, you know, the expenses that they'll pay towards utilities, you know, can help mitigate some of that, that impact to them as well. And then ultimately preserve the property as, as affordable housing for 99 years and sort of take on that next role as the steward of this community asset. That is it is there serving, you know, you know, low income residents within the within the neighborhood and really with the goal of, of, you know, making sure that those residents are not displaced, right, because it converts to market. It sort of has this like ripple effect, right? Where because of the lack of affordable housing. Well, it just means those residents that have to give up their where they've sort of lived for years and then move farther out, which then has an impact on, you know, the infrastructure for transportation and schools and so these secondary effects that,

you know, by, by preserving, you know, existing properties, we can ensure, you know, sort of the equity to the residents of, of maintaining, you know, a good quality of living, you know, not having the stress of displacement potentially. And, and, you know, just enhance the, the livability of, of their lives as well. And so with that, you know, sort of who we are and what we're, we're looking to do, and we're just excited to be able to bring that to fruition here with with danielle and her team.

Speaker: Great. Thank you.

Speaker: That concludes our presentation.

Speaker: Thank you. Before public testimony any anything from any questions colleagues, any public testimony Keelan signed up. All right. Having said that, if no further comments or questions, please call the roll on the emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps yea. Rubio.

Speaker: Thank you to danielle and the team at housing for their excellent work to keep this building in our stock of affordable housing. It's such an excellent location near transit and parks and the grocery store, so it truly would have been a shame if we had lost it. And also, thank you to vital housing for stepping up to take over this building and be a steward. I'm happy for this project.

Speaker: I vote yea Ryan. Yeah, adaptive, creative and responsive leadership is seen here and truly appreciated. Thank you, commissioner Rubio and the team at Portland housing bureau, led by you too. Thank you.

Speaker: I vote yea Gonzalez I vote aye. The emergency ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Let's hear the next item, an ordinance item 879.

Speaker: Vacate portions of northeast alameda street and northeast 58th avenue, subject to certain conditions and reservations.

Speaker: Welcome. Please state your names for the record, and i'll turn it over to you.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner. Good morning, council. For the record, I'm priya dhanapala, deputy city administrator of public works. This is a request for approval of an ordinance to vacate portions of northeast alameda street and northeast 58th avenue, located adjacent to northeast sandy boulevard. Winston, sandino petitioned the city of Portland for this location to expand the usefulness of the existing building by establishing a coffee shop and also utilizing the unused right of way for an outdoor seating area with deck tables and chairs. Importantly, this area proposed for vacation does not currently serve any transportation functions and is not planned for such uses in the future as well. Approval of this vacation will allow for creation of a more vibrant community space, while ensuring that adequate public access and utility infrastructure are preserved. I'm pleased to turn it over to kevin boec, supervisor at pbot development support group, to present details of the proposed vacation.

Speaker: Thank you paul. Good morning commissioners. It's good to be here again. My name is kevin boec. I'm the supervisor and pbot real property services division. Today's presentation is to vacate a portion of northeast alameda street and northeast 58th avenue, subject to certain conditions and reservations. Next slide please. Here's a recent aerial photo of the area in question. As you can see, the proposed proposed vacation area lies to the south and east of the petitioner's property. This area is located in the rose city park residential neighborhood along northeast sandy boulevard. Business corridor. Next slide please. Here's a map of the area being vacated, which is 614ft². Portions of northeast alameda street and northeast 50th avenue. If approved for vacation, the property owner's current coffee shop tenant will activate the area with amenities for its customers. Next slide please. The current conditions. This area is a commercial and residential neighborhood surrounded by a commercial mixed use two cm2 and residential

5000 r5 zoning. The street vacation contains grassy landscape and a concrete entrance to the building at 5730 northeast sandy boulevard. Next slide please. There's only one condition of approval. Pbot development review has required that 11 foot wide public right of way be retained for future sidewalk improvements along northeast alameda and northeast 50th avenue, a professionally prepared legal exhibits have been submitted and this condition has been met. Been met. Next slide please. Here's a recent photo of northeast alameda street facing west toward northeast sandy boulevard. A five foot wide sidewalk currently exists on the street and upon future redevelopment, this area will be improved to current city standards. Next slide please. Lastly, here's a recent photo of northeast 58th avenue looking north towards northeast sandy boulevard. A five foot sidewalk currently exists on the street, and upon future redevelopment, this area will be improved to current city standards. Next slide please. With that, I thank you for your time and you can ask any questions of us, any preliminary questions, any public testimony.

Speaker: No one signed up. Last call and discussion. Let's please, please call the roll.

Speaker: This is a first reading.

Speaker: So first reading. So we're going to move the ordinance moves to second reading. Let's hear the next item. Second reading of ordinance item 880. Thank you.

Speaker: Initiate foreclosure action at 840 southeast ninth street for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Welcome. This is a second reading.

Speaker: So I think are we going straight to.

Speaker: Okay got it. Any further discussion on this? I'm sorry I need to track here. So are we on 880880?

Speaker: That's correct.

Speaker: Sorry. Okay. Apologize please call the roll on eight.

Speaker: Item 880 maps a romeo I Ryan I Gonzalez I the ordinance is adopted.

Speaker: Next item please 881 this also a second reading of an ordinance to initiate foreclosure action at 3623 south corbett avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property as a second reading. Anything further? Colleagues seeing none. Please call the role maps.

Speaker: I Rubio I Ryan I gonzales I ordinance passes and I just want to make sure I'm tracking so what was pulled back is 882. So I can read that title okay. Go ahead okay. Initiate foreclosure action at 1157 northeast sandy boulevard for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property.

Speaker: Okay, as noted, this item has been referred back to the mayor's office, so we'll move on to 883.

Speaker: Initiate foreclosure action at 1042 through 1048 southeast 151st avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property as a second reading.

Speaker: Anything further from my colleagues? Please call the roll. Mapps.

Speaker: Hi, Rubio. Hi, Ryan. Hi, gonzales. Hi.

Speaker: Passes. Next item, please. Eight for the second reading of an ordinance to initiate foreclosure action at 2336 southeast 130th avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. The dialog doesn't look like it. Please call the roll on item 884 Mapps I Rubio.

Speaker: Hey Ryan I gonzales I the ordinance is adopted.

Speaker: Next item please. 885 the second reading of an ordinance to initiate foreclosure action at 6329 southeast 86th avenue for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property.

Speaker: Any further discussion, please call the roll on item 88 five maps. Hi, Rubio. Hi, Ryan gonzales.

Speaker: I. The ordinance is adopted. Next item please. 886 the second reading of an ordinance to initiate foreclosure action at 1541 southwest market street for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Anything further on this hearing? None. Please call the roll on item 886 Mapps I Rubio.

Speaker: Hi, Ryan. Hi. Gonzales.

Speaker: I the ordinance is adopted. Next item please. 87 the second reading of an ordinance to initiate foreclosure action at 6627 southeast woodstock boulevard for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the property. Colleagues. Anything further? Please call the roll on item 887 Mapps i, Rubio I Ryan I gonzales I the ordinance is adopted. Does that conclude all the items on today's agenda? It does. Thank you all. We are adjourned.

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Speaker: Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the October 16th, 2024 afternoon session of the Portland City Council Keelan. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Maps. Here. Rubio. Here. Ryan, here. Gonzales here. Thank you. Oops. Jump the gun.

Speaker: I knew the answer. Do you want to say it again?

Speaker: Wheeler?

Speaker: Thank you. Now we'll hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Okay.

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

Speaker: First, let's hear item 888.

Speaker: Please amend graffiti materials and sales code to allow for misdemeanor penalties resulting from graffiti application using rights of way.

Speaker: Colleagues, this item is being referred back to my office. So for now we move on to our next time certain item report Keelan. Let's please hear item 889 report on homelessness response system ordinance milestones. Staff's coming up in the mayor's absence. I'll offer some introductory comments in the July 3rd ordinance approving the continuation of the iga, or more specifically, the new iga. This council specified that it would reconvene by October 15th, 2024, to receive a progress report from the city administrator and the homeless response action plan. Last week, city administrator Jordan reported to a joint meeting of the City Council, the Multnomah County commission. The purpose of today's presentation is to allow the administrative team to complete the report and create space for this council to discuss whether or not to continue with the iga. It's milestones and the report itself as Mr. Jordan communicated to offices on October 11th following discussion under the July 3rd ordinance, any member of City Council believes that the contract milestones have not been adequately met, may direct the city attorney to prepare an ordinance terminating the iga. With that, I will turn it over to the presenters. Please introduce yourself.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner, for the record, my name is Mike Jordan. I'm the interim city administrator for the city of Portland. Thank you for having us today. And thank you, commissioners, for the time this afternoon. I am going to

very quickly just frame where we are and commissioner Gonzalez, I think did a pretty good job already. So we're not going to go through a significant amount of preliminaries. What we'd like to do is actually get to the list of issues that were in the July 3rd ordinance. That and give you an update on all of those. So next slide please. So as the commissioner mentioned last week, we gave a report. It was a joint report for a joint session. And so we covered a lot of ground besides just what was in the resolution or in the ordinance that you passed. And so today we're going to we're going to do that next slide, just to remind the commission or the council there are four kind of high level outcomes that are actually in the iga. We did an update on those last week. I'm not going to do that again, but just wanted to remind you for context what's in there. Next slide. And then last week we did give you an update on the action items. Again not going to rehash that. But just for context we did that last week and we have a number of action items that are in the in the plan that we're working under. But today we're going to restrict our comments to the milestones that were in in the ordinance. And with me today is skyler knapp. And she's going to actually go through the milestones one by one and give you a status. And then we'd entertain your questions and your discussion. Skyler. Thanks, mike.

Speaker: Next slide please. For the record, skyler brock, director of Portland solutions. Next slide please. Keelan. Thank you. I'm going to quickly just go through the milestones. I want to leave a majority of time for discussion and questions. But just to remind you of the 12 milestones that were passed as part of the city ordinance, the first being you will see on your screen, I'm not going to read every one verbatim, but was a publicly accessible performance dashboard that shows quarterly updates and progress towards the outcomes. This is complete and on county website. Next slide please. Milestone two was to have the joint office of

homeless services launch a shelter availability app and report access and appropriate placement spots when available to be tracked in real time. This is that pilot has started. They're actually piloting it with the street services coordination center. The city outreach team. And so we're really excited about working with them and tweaking kind of different aspects of that before it would go live to kind of the larger outreach community. I got an update this morning yesterday that that team met with the joint office data team and tweaked some more aspects of that app. So it's an active progress, right now. Next slide please. The homelessness response system steering and oversight committee will approve a publicly accessible budget dashboard that is currently on the county's website. It's available for anyone to view and has a lot of really specific data as to different program offers and money that's going to different organizations. So if you have the time and are interested, you can dig really deeply into kind of their budgeting process. Next slide please. Milestone four was that the joint office will provide a detailed plan including costs and locations of the 555 beds of additional adult shelter that was planned to open by December of 2024. This is complete. This is the community sheltering strategy that I know a couple of commissioners were able to participate in and provide feedback. Our team, our shelter services team at the city, has worked really closely with the joint office on this plan. We provided some details on the last week's meeting. I'm happy to go into those charts. We have them in the appendices of this presentation. We also have Randy Westerman, who runs our sheltering services, actually here to answer any questions you have about those specific shelters that are kind of coming online. I'll just recap quickly. We did expand the city's shelter services by 132 units recently at the Multnomah safe rest village and the roadway safe rest village, and then we'll have a north Portland location with 160 units coming online soon. So next slide please. Milestone five was the joint

office of homeless services launching a pilot to secure 200 block leasing and primary leased units to support rapid rehousing placement director field gave of the joint office gave an overview last week on this. So I'm not going to dive into details, but I will just say there is a current solicitation in process. They're looking at potentially creating kind of a pilot version of this with different providers who would be interested. This is something that the city and the county haven't really done much of. And so it's really we need to get providers to work with us to see what's possible, how they could get engaged, how they could kind of learn how that process works. They're going to do that through that solicitation. And then also they're concurrently looking at opportunities for the next fiscal year, 2526. And so that will be part of that budgeting process as well. Next slide please. Milestone six was Multnomah County completing an analysis of supportive housing providers and developing a six month plan to build for medicaid eligible services. I am happy to answer any questions about this. Medicaid can get complicated really quickly, but basically both the implementation committee and the steering and oversight committee agreed to move this item to the spring, because I think it's April because of a couple of pieces of information that are critical to this process. So one is the 1115 medicaid waiver. So that's for that six months of housing that's going to be launched in November. Healthshare is really leading that work, and they're going to have some learnings about the structure and infrastructure for billing medicaid and kind of the reimbursement process for those nonprofits and those providers. And they can kind of piggyback basically off of that work in order to create and bill for some of the supportive housing services work. Just for context, this is something that is done in california, but a central city concern also does some of this. But they bill for a lot of their own medicaid services. So we're working with central city concern with healthshare, with former oha director bruce goldberg and other kind

of stakeholders in the area who have a lot of knowledge about these processes to kind of develop that infrastructure, not only for the 1115 waiver, but for street medicine reimbursement for chat and psr, as well as project respond and kind of some other street medicine work that ccp is doing. And then we want to piggyback off of that for the supportive housing services that would happen kind of in affordable housing units. So happy to dive in. But it's just it's a lot. So if you want to get into substance later, I'm happy to answer questions. Milestone seven please. Thank you. This is the steering and oversight committee expanding the committee to include one business sector representative and one behavioral health expert who is not a current service provider, and an individual taxpayer who currently pays supportive housing services tax and doesn't live in Portland. So council is going to vote on the recommendations from the mayor on the 30th of this month. He was conferring with the chair's office, I believe last Friday, and I believe with commissioner Ryan as well. And so that kind of is in process. And then he'll make that recommendation and then everyone will vote on those two appointments on the 30th milestone. Please. Thank you. This is the steering and oversight committee approving a policy that governs the distribution of tents and tarps by Multnomah County and its service providers within the city of Portland. I think we got a more detailed kind of overview of these proposals last week from director field, but i'll just quickly say the joint office released a draft policy and incorporated some of commissioner Gonzalez's proposals from his proposal into theirs, but not all. And it still needs to be discussed at the steering and oversight committee. So I think that's currently where it stands. Is it still needs to be discussed with that group, provide further discussion, debate and maybe finalize a recommendation for different bodies. So the city of Portland and Multnomah County that I think will take place probably at the next steering and oversight committee meeting. But Ryan deibert

would know better than I do who directs the homeless response system, and I think he is here today. So if you have questions kind of about the timing on that meeting, I believe it's mid-November. If I remember correctly. Next slide please. Milestone nine. The steering and oversight committee will approve a policy that governs the distribution of syringes, drug kits and other harm reduction tools by Multnomah County and its service providers within the city of Portland. So Multnomah County shared its current policy on this. I think this is an opportunity for more discussion within the steering and oversight committee, similar to the last slide, that's something that could be brought up and kind of that discussion area. The mayor and commissioner Gonzalez sit on that committee and would be able to kind of discuss that in more detail with that group and make a recommendation going forward. Next slide, please. Milestone ten, the joint office of homeless services will finalize an outreach and engagement strategy work group and steering committee. The city of Portland currently sits on both of those groups. That has been rolled out in the last month. I think month and a half. It's similar to the community sheltering strategy that we've previously talked about, and that work includes a lot of providers, different governments, Gresham and Wood Village. I think are also represented on the steering committee, as well as some different stakeholders and RMA. The consultants that did the and kind of led the community sheltering strategy are also leading this strategy. So it's very similar in its makeup. And that work will be finalized in the spring based on kind of all the information they gather and the recommendations that the consultants make. Next slide please. Milestone 11 was a steering and oversight committee providing a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of the city and the county. We discussed this last week as well. Some of these are obviously outlined in the city and county charters, as well as the homelessness response system, IGA. However, I just want to note that I think and

this is a little more editorial, but just the reality on the ground means that we're pretty integrated and it's a little messy. And I think that's something commissioners are seeing and speaking to and voicing and I think it is easier to put on paper than it is to see kind of on the ground. So I do think there is some gray areas and messiness, and it is not always crystal clear. Mike can speak to this much more eloquently than I can in the new form of government, and kind of how we see this process going forward, but also happy to answer questions on just what you see as our delineation. Or I can tell you kind of the day to day work, what I see as a delineation of roles and responsibilities. Next slide please. Milestone 12 was the steering and oversight committee. Determining and agreed upon number of housing vouchers to be set aside for residents who are housed in a task or service site. Some context here. Housing vouchers usually pertain to very specific long term rent assistance. So when we say rental assistance in general, that's usually the term we like to use. That's just for any dollars that would go towards rental assistance in general. So that's really what we're looking for here is some people will require a longer term subsidy, a true voucher or love voucher. Sometimes they're called. So some folks will require sorry water. Some folks will. Thanks, mike. Some folks will require that other folks might just need a short term subsidy. So, you know, first and last month's rent, a few three months of rent, etc, or just need to pay some back fees. They weren't able to pay rent last month and they just need help. So we're looking for some rental assistance dollars obviously for our different shelter sites. Council put that forward in one of the milestones and what we've done, thank you so far, is participate with the joint office and kind of their current structure from the budget this year, which would be a \$2 million solicitation for the adult shelter system. As Anna Plum, the deputy director of the joint office, said last week, that's not going to be sufficient for the need at all. Joint office is aware of that and

we are working together to figure out other opportunities. So we're getting as creative as possible. We're looking at federal grants, we're looking at state opportunities. We're looking at our both of our budgets. We're looking at flexible funds and trying to see what might be the most important and an avenue that would actually allow us to house the most people. So some folks will really need those rental assistance dollars, and some folks will need workforce development and other opportunities and avenues for progress, kind of from the shelter for their next best step. So that really involves a lot of different work. Happy to speak more in depth about just the different avenues that we're taking. But some of those are definitely lobbying at the state and federal, regional levels and then working kind of within our own budgets as well. Okay. I think I'm done.

Speaker: Take a drink.

Speaker: I think that's what we had planned to present today, that you may have lots of questions, don't know, but this time is really reserved for your discussion and how the council wishes to move forward.

Speaker: Okay, well, before we commence with council discussion Keelan do we have any public testimony?

Speaker: We have six people signed up.

Speaker: Why don't we go ahead and have them come up and we'll bring you back?

Speaker: First up is john de lorenzo.

Speaker: Welcome, john.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Council president and members of the City Council. I'm john de lorenzo, the attorney who represented the plaintiffs in tozer versus the city of Portland case, which culminated in our ada sidewalk settlement. As you know, the city has honored that settlement insofar as it has devoted substantial sums of

money to remove tent and tarp encampments from city sidewalks, thereby allowing persons with disabilities to freely use our sidewalk system. The plaintiffs efforts and yours have greatly enhanced the daily lives of these contributing members of our community. Unfortunately, tent and tarp distribution policies of the joint office have hampered your efforts because for every two tents you have removed, the county has replaced one new tent on our sidewalks and in our neighborhoods. Last July, by a vote of 3 to 2, you agreed to keep the IGA alive. Based in part on county chair Peterson's promise to temporarily suspend tent and tarp purchases and your expectation that the joint office would attain certain milestones by October 15th. One of these milestones, milestone eight, was a tent and tarp distribution policy, which was expected to somewhat comport with the city's assurances made in the ADA settlement. Later, commissioner Gonzalez published a proposal showing what the city negotiating team expected in such a policy. Instead of engaging in a public discussion and a collaborative process, the county chair reneged on her promise to suspend tent and tarp purchases and published a formal policy embracing tent and tarp distribution as a strategy to deal with homelessness. That policy, placed in juxtaposition with your suggestion, places these policies once again, like two ships passing in the night. The county chair's actions also shows that, notwithstanding talk of collaboration, that she and the joint office intend no such thing, it is their way or the highway. In my view, the most efficacious strategies addressing visible homelessness so far have involved expanding shelter services due to the efforts of the city team, tiny house villages. Thanks to commissioner Ryan curtailing tent and tarp distribution by the fire bureau, thanks to commissioner Gonzalez, the ADA settlement thanks in large part to mayor Wheeler and all of you, these practical strategies have been the city's ideas and have been wholly financed by the city, not the county. The conditions and milestones you proposed were real. The joint office

has ignored them. There is no reason to continue to devote \$40 million of city funds each year to their policies, which promote ideology over pragmatism.

Commissioner Mapps proposed a great idea, he said. Why not search for commonality in homeless response and just build separate igas around those, rather than funding another bureaucracy over which the city has no control, it is time to withdraw from office. You can use the money much more effectively on your own.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have keith martin, steve martin. Let me it looks like they may have joined online. Keith you're muted. Mark. Okay. We'll move on to the next person tiana tozer.

Speaker: Long time no see. Tiana tozer lead plaintiff in the lawsuit against the city of Portland commissioners. Today I want to tell you the story of how I ended up fostering two cats. I call it a tale of two kitties. Isabelle and mandy. Silly names for cats. I renamed them cash and carry this spring on March 21st, mark barnhill died. Mark barnhill was one of my fellow plaintiffs in the ada lawsuit. You'll remember him for never being on topic, and his dogged determination to get the elevators fixed. The ones near the pedestrian bridge connecting union station to the apartment complexes on nato parkway. Mark was a former veteran, had previously experienced homelessness, lived on social security and like a lot of people with disabilities, was very isolated. People with disabilities are the most disadvantaged minority in the u.s. And around the world. Here in the states, we experience 70% unemployment. Only approximately 16% of us obtain a post-secondary degree and 92% of us do not have significant others. People with disabilities are one of the least included minorities in our communities. Mark died of cancer and i, who was only an acquaintance, ended up with his cats while another woman, who had only

known him a couple of years had his power of attorney. It took two months to locate any family, but they hadn't been in contact for years. Mark died with nothing. There was nothing to inherit and no one to deal with his death. This is not an uncommon situation for people with disabilities. The majority of plaintiffs in the lawsuit were on public assistance and not employed. I'm not telling you this to garner sympathy. I tell you this because I want you and mainly all the homeless advocates who claim that the plaintiffs are privileged to understand just how close to the edge the majority of Portlanders with disabilities live, of which there are more than 59,000, the largest minority in Portland. The issue with the sidewalks being blocked only increases isolation for people with disabilities. That being said, I'm here today to tell you that you are not meeting the terms of our negotiated settlement because of the county's actions. So the city passed a resolution giving the county until October 15th to attain certain milestones as a condition of reviewing renewing the joint office intergovernmental agreement, the county virtually ignored one of the milestones and adopted a tent and tarp policy that looks nothing like that of the cities. The county has therefore failed to attain the milestones, so I feel like the county staff and the joint office staff are playing the city and will continue to do so. I am tired of jvp totally throwing her 59,000 constituents with disabilities under the bus, and not caring about us and our lives. It is time to sever the relationship and spend the city's money more wisely, not just for people with disabilities, but for all your citizens. And I think I may come back with a proposal to name that elevator barnhill's folly. On behalf of mark. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: Let's try keith martin again. Keith, would you like to testify? If you're on the phone, you can press star six to unmute. Okay, let's move on to sharon. Myron. Tiffany. Graven. Tiffany. You're muted.

Speaker: Tiffany, you want to try the star? Six.

Speaker: We'll come back to tiffany sarah fisher. Welcome. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Council members I'm sarah fisher, street chaplain and episcopal priest. I'm a political outsider and relatively new to this particular conversation. I do not want tents and tarps on the sidewalks any more than anybody else. And the people that I support on the streets of east Portland certainly do not want to sleep in them. I'm here for those people who will be most impacted. If the iga is abandoned. People who are rarely given an opportunity to make their voices heard. Vulnerable. Portlanders do not need to have desperately needed services interrupted, postponed or thrown into disarray because current leadership cannot agree in less than three weeks, the people of Portland will elect a new mayor and a new City Council, many of whom have spent many months studying this issue and preparing to improve the city, county infrastructure. I hate to sound cynical, and I hope it isn't true, but it seems that to disrupt this infrastructure now without a subsequent service delivery plan in place, is nothing more than political theater and is disrespectful to our democratic process. Our city has repeatedly been accused of dysfunction and poor planning. Let's not prove those naysayers right. I ask you to give the iga more time and to give it to the leaders who will be freely and fairly elected before we know it. Thank you.

Speaker: And we'll go back to sharon, myron.

Speaker: Fine wine. Greetings. My name is sharon myron. I am a Multnomah County commissioner, and I am here to speak to the to the iga. And I'm going to disagree vehemently with my dear friend sarah fisher, because for a number of reasons. And the first thing I would say is services will absolutely not be abandoned if this iga is decided. If the city withdraws from the iga, they will all continue. I think that this is a scare tactic that is being used to suggest in many ways, that that that

things will fall apart. If the ig if you withdraw from the iga, quite the contrary, is true. It will actually allow the city to enter into agreements for the things that it wants to do and should be doing. You have proven success in actually getting things done, and it will. The committees will continue the contracts continue, the services will continue, and we'll figure out, you know, as happens when the iga lapsed, during the time we were working on this, things didn't fall apart and we were warned that would happen. So things will be okay. And we are mostly here today because the joint office had failed when they and that was due to poor leadership. When they tried the latest in a series of efforts over decades to enter into agreements that have each resulted in failure worse than the last. This is the latest example. It is rebranded now as homeless response action plan. A trap I have come to call it part of my language. I call it h crap. At this point because the city. Don't want to go into the history. I hope you will grant me a minute of grace to. Cover for my response to.

Speaker: We may ask some follow up questions.

Speaker: That would be great. So when we had when this agreement was first entered into, it was already we could tell it wasn't going to hold accountability. The measures, the so-called deliverables were not going to be real numbers. And as commissioner Ryan stated at the report on the toward the milestones that this City Council put forward in the ordinance, the milestones weren't met. The there is no north star here and the numbers are in a vacuum. Taken out of context. They do not measure what is really happening in our community. And commissioner myron, I got to stop you on the on your initial presentation.

Speaker: Yes. Could you just articulate where you feel we are in terms of the milestones that the city is articulating?

Speaker: We have not met any of them. The county says that it has checked a number of boxes that say, we will make progress, and it's promising to do the things that it had said it would do before and keep saying two key areas. I'll just say one for time, because I brought visuals the most important thing in addressing, in making an agreement around homelessness, a homelessness response system, is understanding the baseline roles and responsibilities of each party to that agreement. I have asked for the city, for the county. Excuse me to provide what are these basic roles and responsibilities? For months and they have not provided you put that forward in your ordinance. The basic lowest hanging fruit. They have not been able to provide it. And so there are only two reasons for that. One is either the leadership of this doesn't understand what the roles and responsibilities are, or they understand and recognize that it is so. The system is so chaotic, dysfunctional and fragmented that they just don't want to admit that's what the system is, and they're adding more bureaucracy. I therefore took it on myself to outline it myself since they weren't doing it, and I did my little craft project and I have a before and after his, and this is why maybe you can send that out to us for consumption afterwards.

Speaker: I believe commissioner Mapps had a question for you, doctor myron, always a pleasure to see you and thanks for coming in person today.

Speaker: You touched on your skepticism of the joint office achieving, I believe, milestone 11, which is clearly delineating roles and responsibilities for the city and the county and the houselessness space. We've heard from city staff today that, well, we kind of don't need to do that because these roles and responsibilities are delineated in the city and county charters. Do you have any reaction to that? I'm going to i'll just give a heads up. I'm going to I'm going to ask our staff to explain that I was the one who kind of got milestone 11 into the ordinance, and this is one

of the one of the reasons why I asked for this is, you know, I used to be the commissioner in charge of pbot, and I would make the argument that over the last several years, pbot has been one of the most effective houselessness outreach crews and teams in the entire city. And that's just because of the nature of the work. We're actually out there in the real world. Interacting with the public also cost us just millions of dollars that we frankly don't have. I'm proud of our pbot team for doing this work, although it's not clear to me why pbot is frankly bankrupting itself when I kind of look across the river at our friends at the county who frankly, have tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars of unspent money, which is specifically supposed to be spent on the houseless community. So can you give me your response or your thoughts on whether or not I could just look at our charters and find the answer to what what the city and the county should be doing and the houselessness space, because I'm not sure where in the charter it says pbot should be our lead outreach workers on houselessness issues.

Speaker: Thank you so much for that question, commissioner Mapps. Thank you. And commissioner Ryan, for recognizing this need for accountability and just basic understanding of roles and functions. And I think that that is, frankly, a shameful and embarrassing answer to the question of roles and responsibilities. Go find it in the charter. Are you kidding me? I mean, sorry, i, I wasn't here, I was driving in traffic, you know, the city that works, but I was trying to get here. And so I'm sorry I missed that presentation, but that is frankly offensive. First of all, because I do not believe those roles and responsibilities are laid out in charter. And it's not personal. It's just who who would answer that to this body, the City Council, and say it's in charter. If it's in charter, then it would be easy to just pick it out and outline it. But charter is not the real world. And as you point out, commissioner Mapps, we are serving people in the real world and the services come from in what I will share

with all of you. This can see even from afar. It's ridiculous. But how the city, whether it's parks, whether it is, you know, the I don't know, bureau of emergency management trash pickup, all of this ties into homelessness and the charter. Forgive me for saying, but the charter goes nowhere near that. And the h wrap itself goes nowhere near real people and people with lived experience and people doing the work and putting it together. So no, give us you can have mine. And until they correct it, then I think that this is the one that should stand because at least I took the time to put it together.

Speaker: Thank you very much. I got one more question and then i'll lower my hand, I guess. A week ago we came together. City Council, county commissioners to review this progress report. And frankly, I came away from that wondering if the city and the county are trying to solve for two different problems. So for example, by the time we got to the very end of that presentation, we saw, I think it was julia edwards kind of point out that we don't in our current system, even with all the reforms we put into place, there is no discussion of reducing the absolute number of people who sleep on the streets. On the other hand, you know, I know my colleagues on this council very well, and I know all the staff in the room and a whole lot of what we do every day is to respond to the realities that we find out on the streets. I think when I listen to between the lines, it seems to me like the county is not in the business of necessarily moving people from the streets into shelter, but rather maybe preventing people from falling into houselessness in the first place, which is an important. Mission, that's for sure. But i'll tell you, I don't think anyone who sits in these chairs is ever going to be viewed as a success until we systematically reduce the absolute number of people who sleep on our streets every night. And frankly, even despite this agreement, or I think actually because of this agreement, which makes no reference to the actual number of people who are

on our streets every day, I'm not sure that it's possible to reconcile this, because I think we're playing two fundamentally different games. Is that right, or am I missing something? That is.

Speaker: So first of all, you're absolutely correct. There's the what we need to measure to see if we are succeeding or failing in reducing homelessness. There's one number we need to measure the net number of people living on our streets and dying on our streets. I think we should measure as well. If the number is going up, we're failing. If the number is going down, we're succeeding. The county not only has said that it does not have the net number of people living on our street, oh! Oh my god, can we make it?

Speaker: Not quite. Kevin Keith. Keith, come back to you.

Speaker: Keith. Go ahead.

Speaker: Hi, Keith.

Speaker: We don't only not measure the net number of people living on our street. The head of our joint office of homeless services has specifically said there is no intention to measure that number dynamically over time. And the reason that he gave during our budget sessions at the county, when I asked, was because it's out of our control, what happens in terms of inflow? We're measuring inflow and outflow, and that's what we get to the number of people on the streets. So what concerns me there is not only that we're saying these things are beyond our control. We can't measure them, but what you just said is preventing homelessness is a core responsibility of the county. And indeed it is. And we had the joint office of homeless services basically saying that's that's stemming inflow prevention and saying point blank. That is not a role of the joint office of homeless services at the county. And so amongst all of these things, it does not give me confidence and it should not give you confidence that we are looking at what really matters. We are

not holding accountability and we're not serving either our house neighbors or those living unhoused who we need to figure out. And there are straightforward ways of doing it. Figure out how to get them the services they need, get them housed. And on a path if they have mental illness or addiction on a meaningful path to recovery.

Speaker: Thank you. Let me share this observation with you. Your you work on the other side of the river, and I don't know how often you look at our dashboards, but you know, on our city side, we get maybe once a year, we get a report from the county that gives us a rough number of the folks who sleep on our streets, or the number of folks who sleep on our streets. Getting that number just once a year is not particularly helpful. On the other hand, we also have our impact reduction team, which are basically the folks who take our calls when people come to report tents on our streets and every week they send, they update a dashboard that shows the number of calls that came in every week about camps and the number of unique camps that get reported. I'll tell you, and I look at this number closely and have during my entire time on council right now, colleagues, we're averaging about 700 unique camps reported in Portland, which is shocking. And I will also tell you, if you look at trends in that dashboard for the number of unique camps that get reported, they have increased, frankly, practically every month since we've been on this council, we go back a year. We probably had about 200 fewer camps than we have today. If we go back a year before that, we see that same dynamic, which just does raise to me the question that our failure to focus in on our north star, which is to reduce the absolute number of tents on our streets, is resulting in the exact opposite outcome that we want. Our work will never be done in the houselessness space until we focus in on that goal. And it's not just, you know, the folks in our impact reduction team who need to deal with this. We've all had unique bureaus. I'll

tell you, responding to our houselessness crisis is a huge issue for pbot. It's a huge issue for water. It's a huge issue for bts. I know it's a huge issue for parks. I know it's a huge issue for fire. I know it's a huge issue in the housing space, too. Until we focus and solve for this problem, we are never going to achieve our work. And I would argue and point to the nature of this iga and the fact that it is not attempting to solve the problem that we are charged with solving is a fundamental flaw, and I hope that we have the courage to address that flaw and move the city forward. Thank you.

Speaker: Can I just respond to that? Yeah, absolutely. I think that you you are spot on. And that is what the built for zero program program that commissioner Ryan introduced me to years ago. And then we brought it to the home for everyone board. Got it adopted years later. We have not moved one iota, not one inch in achieving built for zero. And the whole goal is you create a by name list proactively of all the people living outside, identify their needs so we can invest our resources meaningfully in what's actually needed. Have teams that follow them that get them the services they need, help them move along, and then they're removed from the list when they are stably housed. We have no aspect of any of that. And so but we act like we do in this agreement. We need to do real built for zero and then we'll see real solutions. The county, as you said, joint office alone has a \$395 million budget for homelessness and things are worsening. That should give us pause and finally, you mentioned commissioner Mapps that we have sort of maybe two different problems between the city and county. I see it as we have. What is the word we have? We're sharing different aspects of the same problem. That's why it's so important to know what we do and what our roles and responsibilities are. So we have that north star and are working together collaboratively, optimally to address the issue.

Speaker: Well, thank you much. Oh, did you have before you go, I just want to say I really appreciate this dialog. And one of the things, while I am skeptical of both the results and even the theory behind the joint office, I also want to be clear that the city and the county do need to work together. I think you're absolutely right that we are touching the same problem, but from different from different angles. You know, if we're going to solve this problem, we do have to work together. For the life of me, I can't understand why we can't spell out our work in an iga. Guys, we do this literally hundreds of times a year, and we do it dozens of times a year with the county. I mean, we do it with vector control. We do it with bridges. I don't understand why we don't also just have clear roles and responsibility and a clear discussion of cash flows. Or actually the only thing that is clear in this is the cash flows. And the cash flows go from the city to the county. I wish that we could also just clearly define what our responsibilities are too. Thank you very much. I appreciate my colleague's patience.

Speaker: Did you have a question for commissioner myron? I'm so glad you're here.

Speaker: Thanks. Thank you. I was reflecting a lot lately on what voters adopted. What voters passed. It was in the primary of 2020, and that became the revenue that we collect in the fund, correct? Correct. And when I talk to neighbors, when I talked to people on the streets to reminisce on what they thought, they voted on, I always keep hearing over and over again shelter was services. Is that your recollection?

Speaker: That is absolutely my recollection. It is the services that are so needed desperately for mental health and addiction in particular to support people in the housing and shelters, get them off the streets so they're not dying there.

Speaker: Okay. So thank you. I mean, I'm just yes. Sometimes when we're in these rooms, we have to keep asking ourselves like a whole different reality about the reality. And currently the way this is for people, you know, that are trying to track this, those revenues go to the metro. Is the steward of those funds correct? Correct. And then they're dispersed. Where to the three counties. The three counties according to a formula.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Yet there's nothing in the charter that says it couldn't go directly to municipalities that are also doing the said focus of that ballot measure, which was shelter, was services.

Speaker: I, I don't know, I don't believe there's anything that excludes that. But even if it were excluded, the counties and if we were in true collaboration and partnership, which I feel literally with every single one of you, if we were actually our people were working together in the way we could, the county should be giving either by formula or depending on what services we should be giving the city a significant portion of that. And I can't believe that we don't and in fact, extract money from you to do what should be our job.

Speaker: Yeah. So my experience, when the mayor had me be the dotted line to the county's office for homeless services when we brought up early on after that celebratory victory to get those services really much needed, because before that, the city was a primary donor to the county to do homeless work, correct? Correct. So now we have this largesse, revenue that comes in. And I'll never forget, we would ask questions on how we can use this for shelter with services. And what was your experience with that? I'm trying to see if I was there. And did you have a similar experience at a similar experience?

Speaker: How do we save lives of people living outside and get them indoors and get them the actual services they need? And people said, how dare you even suggest that?

Speaker: So because you've been over there now for eight years, what is it about the housing first agenda plan that rejects shelter with services?

Speaker: Go way beyond. But I think there is a misconception about about housing first from both sides of housing first, housing first refers to getting people housed with the matching them to the services they actually need to in a probably in a sort of phased approach because many people we see it I do street medicine. I see people on the streets could not go into an apartment, even if they had all the services in the world, nor do they want to necessarily what we need to do is glom on to people, establish meaningful relationships, support them through the system when they get housing, provide the profound level of services that some people need to keep them housed. It's about sustaining and services. So very few providers in the county do real housing first. It's really, really expensive, which is why we need so much money and said we'd do it with the support of housing services. Measure so and in shelter we need those same services. It's part of a continuum that gets people what they need. And so it it's very complicated. We don't understand it right from either side. And I've looked at the studies cited. There aren't good studies except for the ones that say to work. It's very specific. It's really expensive. And if you do it exactly the right way, it works. We don't do it the right way.

Speaker: And so because we were rejected at that, those tables, the metro county tables to do shelter with services, yes. We were fortunate then that we had a revenue stream that came from the arpa funds from the federal government, and we launched the village program, then the test sites as well, and the city took that upon ourselves. But now that they're getting some promising results and again,

you're over there in more conversations than than I am, is there now an understanding that because we're seeing some promising proof points, that we will be able to finally leverage what the voters approved in 2020 for shelter with services that would go then directly to the said projects that they thought they voted yes on.

Speaker: I can only I can only hope because if we don't start using that money effectively, I worry about about re-upping.

Speaker: Yeah, I just wanted to have some dialog about this because sometimes it feels like we're spinning in circles about the fear of where we get the resources for one of the few things that we have built that's actually getting some results. And how could we not do that when the voters and those paying the tax asked for shelter for services? And that was the main selling point when that went on to the ballot. Correct?

Speaker: For me, it was services wherever people are, that is safer with the goal to get people into where they are.

Speaker: So they would have an on ramp trajectory and on ramp.

Speaker: That's the word. Yeah.

Speaker: So we were missing in our continuum that on ramp we're missing a whole continuum is what we're missing.

Speaker: And we just kind of like got you started on that.

Speaker: Anyway, don't get me started. No, because you and I were in those same meetings and sometimes it feels like it was a long time ago, and it really wasn't. And so I just wanted to make sure that I was recollecting all that adequately.

Speaker: I appreciate I just want to thank you personally, commissioner Ryan, for pushing through and making the safe rest villages happen. When everyone said, how dare you? And they have been one of the few things that have provided the

real support, and then the test sites when everyone said, how dare you? The city has stepped up and filled in the gaps where the frankly, the county wasn't acting and I'm just very grateful.

Speaker: Thank you so much and it's great to be reminded that metro is the steward of those those investments from the taxpayers to invest in such services that are getting results. Okay. Thank you. So much.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: We'll go back to we lose him. Well we have tiffany graven okay.

Speaker: We can raise your hand still.

Speaker: Hi everybody.

Speaker: My name is tiffany graven and I apologize. My grandson might be fussing in the background. I had a paper all filled out, but then after listening to everybody, I wanted just to highlight some of the things. As somebody with lived experience and who is on the verge of perhaps becoming homeless again with my daughter, I have realized that there are a lot of discrepancies in the research I do with all the programs concerning, like for instance, economic opportunity program, regional long term rent assistance, to name a couple. I read one thing and then when I attempt to try to request these support services, that it states that I qualify for, I am then dismissed. And a criteria is told to me is different than what is stated. And that's just one issue. Another is rent assistance for eviction. I feel like that is it's great for emergencies, but I feel that it's that money could go to so many more people. If we help people at the ten day notice or a notice, you know, prior, you know, before they get the eviction notice, because the eviction notice, that threat in itself can lead people to into fight or flight response. And then cognitive dissonance because they're trying to get resources. They're, you know, experiencing the same things I am. And then you get pushed into needing to cope. And that sometimes

can lead to unhealthy coping mechanisms like substance use and mental health issues. Personally, I participate in my own self-directed outreach. I don't get paid. I'm trying to find a job I haven't been able to. I utilized all the services. That are available with snap and other try to start childcare business, and I was met with barriers with that also. But I have moved three dozen homeless individuals out. Out of homelessness using the same pathway that I use to get out. And that was health related services. And so I helped them. I helped with enrolling them in Oregon. One if they haven't, I help them find a provider. And I just want to see if there's any way to get funding. So maybe I could have a job doing it and continue doing it.

Speaker: Thank you so much for your testimony.

Speaker: Let's try. Keith martin. Keith, are you there?

Speaker: I am here, thank you. Do I go ahead now?

Speaker: Go ahead.

Speaker: Okay. Councilors. Thank you very much. I'm sorry I had some trouble at this end. I don't have too much to add here. You know, I live in a condo downtown, and I'm. I'm on a mobility scooter and whenever there's a tent on the street, it just pushes me into market street, into traffic. And I just want to say that there are lots of tents, and it's a lot of a problem. And I that's and I appreciate everything you have to do here. And I hope we don't keep giving out tents and tarps. That's really it.

Speaker: Thank you keith.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Okay. Why don't we have staff come back up and then colleagues for efficiency would like to create some space to first discuss the report. Following discussion of the report. And any questions you may have, we can then discuss

milestones and our current iga engage support for it. Does anyone have questions or comments for staff related to the report? First?

Speaker: Would milestones be considered part of the report?

Speaker: I think so you're framing great.

Speaker: Well, well commissioner, I have some if any unless someone. All right. Great. So I tip my hand a little bit on some of the things I am thinking about today. Let's go. First let's go back to milestone 11. This is one I managed to get added to the ordinance or to the iga. This was just a request to have clearly delineated roles and responsibilities. The status report I got back in part says, well, those roles and responsibilities are outlined in the city and county charters. I'll tell you. Can you tell me where it is in the city city charter, for example. Since we've been here, I've been doing word searches through the city's charter on houselessness homelessness. And I'm not seeing any anything here. What should I be looking for in the city? Charter around that?

Speaker: Yeah, I'm happy to send it to you, to commissioner. So I think when I mentioned my just to give a little more context. So roles and responsibilities for each government are clearly outlined in the charters. If you're looking specifically for homelessness, that's going to be in an amendment. And I'm happy to send that related to kind of adult sheltering. And then we started the joint office of homeless services. So that was intended to kind of help facilitate that process so that the joint office could then take over adult sheltering. So it's a separate amendment specifically about homelessness. But I was speaking to roles and responsibilities in general are outlined in the charter is what I think is a little messier, frankly. And commissioner myron mentioned this is kind of her outline. And I've talked through that with her. I think it's a really good analysis of kind of what it is, but it is really messy and it is a lot of different pieces to that puzzle. So I'm happy to also walk

through that at any point or kind of outline. Those specifics. But what's outlined in the charter are just the city and county responsibilities.

Speaker: Our work governments. But yeah, maybe could have been more clear when I added this milestone to the ordinance on the iga between the city and the county for the joint office. I was hoping we would have clarity on what the city, frankly, was supposed to do in the context of the joint office. As opposed to, yeah, what the what the city does for the mayor and bonds and whatnot. So what I what I'm looking for here is, you know, what is the city's lane in this space and what is the county's lane in this space? And you say that is defined. There's an amendment.

Speaker: There's an amendment that kind of led to the joint office. So I amendment a is it I don't remember exactly what it's called, but I can send it to you that outlines kind of the city's responsibility for the adult sheltering system and is kind of historically why we've paid for like sent that money to the joint office. That was always intended for the adult sheltering strategy, kind of that they had eight years ago. And so that money now funds congregate adult shelters, basically that the joint office contracts with and historically we were funding those kind of adult shelters. And then the county would fund the domestic violence youth family kind of shelters as well.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps may I interject here? Sure. It might be helpful for the city attorney's office just to clarify, I don't I didn't I'm not sure I would have conceptualized the document you're referring to as an amendment of the charter, but I just want to be i, I'm pretty sure I know what you're referring to. And just so we're all speaking. Sure.

Speaker: No, that would be helpful. It might be helpful.

Speaker: You know, robert, I'm not sure if this is a question for you, but.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you.

Speaker: Or someone on your team. But the document that you're talking about, the very old document that describes a triage approach to shelter, could you clarify what the nature of that document is? The thank you. For the record, Robert Taylor, city attorney I believe what Sky was referring to is what's called resolution A, and it was a document passed decades ago.

Speaker: Now, and it was an effort by the city and county to try to identify what are the city's roles, what are the county's roles. And so in that document, it talks about cities going to do adult sheltering. County is going to do more of the social services, human services that document, you know, is old, doesn't go into all of the detail and, you know, doesn't really address the situation we have on the streets now. But that is the document many, many years ago that tried to sort of broadly say city is going to do some things, county is going to do some other things, not just for precision.

Speaker: Do you deem that an amendment of the charter or is it essentially an IGA or a shared resolution of agreement resolution? A yeah, so I don't want to be overly precise, but I just want to clarify that. Okay. So thank you, Robert. I'll turn it back to you, commissioner.

Speaker: Commissioner, I might the other the other part of the statement in the status line is the IGA itself. Yeah. And we haven't there's an appendix in the IGA which states the services that the city will have to continue to provide, should we not should we just discontinue the IGA? Yeah. And so at least we in the IGA itself, we at least define the services that the city would need to continue to work on. Should we not have the IGA. So in my view, that delineates at least our responsibilities in in the discussion we're having right now, now it's even more complex than that because there's a lot of things we're working on that aren't articulated in that

appendix. And it is almost and I let defer to sky on this, my impression because I'm not the person doing this every day, is that it is almost a daily negotiation as to what the city is doing and what the county is doing to try and overcome issues on a daily basis on the street.

Speaker: I'm going to give one more observation. I'm going to get back to you. I think if we could just be very careful as to how we're describing the source of that clarification, because charter is given to us by the voters that those are our mandates, resolutions or igas are really the product of this body and this government. So the distinction is important where the source of the clarification is coming from. I'll turn it back over to you, commissioner. Sure.

Speaker: And commissioner Gonzalez, I appreciate your clarification because it does help articulate why I'm confused and a little bit frustrated here. The resolution, we're told the roles and responsibilities are in the charter. We learned it's not in the charter. It's in it's in a resolution. And then we also hear, well, the roles and responsibilities are in the iga. But what the iga actually articulates is what happens if we don't have this agreement. So it's more like so we can define our roles and responsibilities by somehow peering into the negative space that surrounds this agreement. And all I want, you know, is, frankly, to know who picks up the garbage, who goes out and offers the you know, housing vouchers. You know, if I know what lane the city is supposed to be in, I can focus in on optimizing that. But I can't optimize the system that we're doing now. And indeed, I don't think that the system we've set up right now is intended to solve the problems that, frankly, council is held accountable to, which is, frankly, reducing the absolute number of tents on the streets. So that is my concern. I do have another set of I do have another set of concerns, but I might create some space here for my colleagues to jump in before I get into milestone. Their other colleagues.

Speaker: Is there other questions with respect to the milestones in the report?
We've heard this afternoon?

Speaker: Hi. So I have a few. First of all, I continue to kind of think what I'm always missing when we have our joint sessions is for everyone just to go around the table and say, what is your north star like? What does success really look like in general? I've been open about mine, so I'll try it again. It's to have someone go from being dependent on substance abuse. If you will, dependent on drugs and alcohol, dependent on government services to the north star being independent from addictions, recovered and also in the workforce and living independently from government, that would be a really big net gain in terms of a prosperous city that we live in. And then those same people would be some of the best professionals to serve those who are suffering on our streets. So I'd just like to say that now and then because I'd like to live in government bodies that are focused and inspired by that vision and I often am disappointed that we don't spend any time on that. So I always think of the metrics leading towards that, and it's hard to track that when I'm looking at that. That said, I do want to say that they finally moved a bit and that and so I did want to acknowledge that I did see some of that. But when I asked last week at the joint session about the only way inputs are worth looking at is if there's discipline throughout the provider network, which why for the last three years, I've tried to get that amendment in and then I'd find out it got watered down or went away once I got over to the county and I didn't realize that. So broken record I would like to hear if the joint office in the contracts that does with all of their providers are finally asking for such discipline when they give such awards. So we can actually start to work with built for zero, because we have real time data and we're looking at actual outcomes and not just goals that don't have any net gains, if you will. So I don't know, maybe what's always missing is there's no one here

representing the providers about how that's being a part of their system. But we all know that hms data is compliance data that doesn't give us a lot to work with. And so we've been trying to improve this since commissioner myron and I passed that, that whatever that was, that amendment in that in that meeting about four years ago. So is there any sense of if we have any accountability towards those practices? I know that I was all over this with the safe rest villages, and we had to build this in spite of we had to build it ourselves. And so I know that we'd love to work with, say, with built for zero, to keep building that type of data integrity with the providers of the safe rest villages and the test sites. So the city will continue to lead on this, but we'd sure like to know that we're all doing it together as a team holistically.

Speaker: Yeah, I can say at least what I know to be true. And I think there's some folks maybe from the county, I don't know if anybody from the joint office specifically is here today, but if they'd like to answer in more depth, some people from the county here to the people from the joint office lead.

Speaker: Oh, there you are. Hey, dan.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, I might just ask you the wrong part of the agenda. Yeah. I mean, I think we're still mostly wanting to make the first part of this related to the report we just heard. So if that question relates to the report we just heard and had specific questions related to that, that that is fine. We also have a second part of this discussion. So that's up to you if you want to frame it to the joint office. Now that's fine. It's your your call. I just wanted to be clear. There's a there's a part two to this discussion.

Speaker: I asked it last week and I was unsatisfied, perhaps with the answer. So I assumed. But in one week's time, maybe there was someone trying to formulate an answer, a plan that gives us a sense of urgency around something that hasn't happened in the four years I've been in office.

Speaker: My understanding is that, and I think director field might be here, would know better than I do. But my understanding, commissioner, is that that is part of the built for zero work kind of that deputy director anna plum mentioned hitting 20 of 29. I think of the requirements for the built for zero criteria for their data strategy will part of that will be requiring providers to kind of meet that quality data, because they are the ones inputting that data basically. So I my I imagine that will go in all of their contracts, but I can't speak specifically to the joint office contracting process right now. I can just say, I would imagine that's part of the steps that will be required.

Speaker: Okay, I guess, are we going to have people from joint office come up later? Maybe.

Speaker: We certainly can now or later. I it's they weren't specifically on the agenda, but they were good enough to come in over. So if you'd like to ask them questions, I'm comfortable making some space for that.

Speaker: I guess I'm fine just putting it out there again that that remains one of my big concerns is having this be a through line for me for the last four years. And never being satisfied with any action towards that, and it just remains stairs. And it's not working. We're just not doing it. I don't think it's okay to say that, but part of the amendments that were in two years ago was to then have a through line that when you're a provider, you actually pick a couple of parts of the continuum that you're going to focus on and that you're going to measure, and then you're going to be doing data work inputs so that we can actually start to track on where we are and where we're going. And until we have a system that operates with that type of integrity, it's really difficult to see how our investments are having any impact. And that's I think the frustration that I hear from most people that are in voters and most people that are connected to wanting to see our city move forward out of this

crisis. I don't think anyone is disagreeing with that, but we're just really slow at seeing this type of integrity of discipline show up in the practices.

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks, commissioner. And I think I will relay that. And then I also think some of the two of the items kind of that this council put forward are really important to some of that, which is the performance dashboard and kind of the budget dashboard, which I think are really helpful tools to kind of start to get some of that quality data. I think there's still a lot of work to be done, and I think we'll keep pushing for that. I'm also, like you mentioned, really proud of our city shelter dashboard and kind of all of our metrics and how we've incorporated data for all of that. So I had to really stay on that.

Speaker: It was not something that the county cared about. Also, from a month from when we first started this conversation and it was in the summer, and then we said we'd come back on October 15th and we had the meeting last week. We had a lot of dialog about the inclusion of people who are want to be engaged with our steering committee that aren't a part of government, aren't a part of the provider network that are actually independent voices that aren't receiving money, aren't on the hook to deliver the services, but are impacted and have insight. And I was told, I don't know now three, 3 or 4 weeks ago, a month ago, that we were having trouble finding anyone. So I took it upon myself to recruit some people. Wasn't that hard to do, actually, and a couple people did fill out their applications, and there's been a real slowdown in appointing anyone. So I'd like to understand what that process is like. And if this was a joint office, it seems as though our opinions on this side of the aisle of the river would have some influence over that. And that's not my experience. And so what is your experience with the recruitment, and why do you think it's taking so long to get people like that at the table? What are we afraid of?

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks, commissioner. So I will say for that process, the homelessness response staff, three members of that staff are leading that work, and they've incorporated me into a lot of that process. So I personally interviewed the two folks who applied. Thank you for your outreach for the shs taxpayer. Kind of position, the other position, and then we went through a series of questions, took notes, and then made recommendations to the mayor and the chair, respectively. And it's for them to kind of decide who they want to put forward, to be appointed by this body, and then also by the county board for the behavioral health position. The process for that was it was stated that somebody that the county would put forward and kind of recommend someone. So they interviewed, I believe it was two people. I was not a part of that process, but I did receive kind of notes about that and the questions that were asked. And then recommendations were made by, I think, Sarah Morrissey, the mayor's chief of staff to the mayor. And then the chair as well, had, I think, probably some information that she shared with the mayor on kind of who she wanted to recommend based on behavioral health team member and then the homelessness response system team member who interviewed that individual. So that's that was that process. And it will be brought on the 30th. Like I mentioned, I believe we are just waiting for the mayor and the chair to finalize that recommendation. So all the staff work has been done. But now both the electeds need to decide who they are going to recommend, respectively, to the bodies.

Speaker: Okay. And so we did have a meeting last Friday with the mayor, myself, and with the chair and ones I think the chief of staff of each office and I was it was fascinating to go through the dialog together. And it was disheartening to hear that because I have doubt and have casted a vote to say that we could move forward with a way of working together that I think could be new and improved, that why

would I have an opinion on who's at the table? And I just think that we have to be careful as elected officials to be professional and to really lean into inclusion and have some diversity of opinion at the table and be more welcoming to those that aren't a part of the actual industry and aren't actually a part of the system itself. We call it. You know, you have to bust the bubble. Sometimes it's kind of necessary to improve a system, and I think there's some fear that we've had for some time now with the county's culture of owning the homeless services. And so I hope we're on a, on a better path now to know that we're all in this together. And that we all want to move forward with better results and to have some more trust when we're trying to improve the system and i'll end with this once again, i'll just put in the record that the fact that upwards of 75% of the people that are resisting services that are living on our streets are highly addicted to the drugs on our currently on our streets, and it's continues to baffle me that we don't spend time having a plan on how we will address that and how this is not a part of the milestones, and not seeing any data that says that we need to focus on that. Okay. I'll stop. Okay, great.

Speaker: I was just checking energy to the right of me. I didn't mean to interrupt you. I just want to make sure I knew who was next commissioner yea. Rubio.

Speaker: Thanks. So, director Jordan and Skye, when you were talking about that, sometimes there are some daily negotiations with. Things are kind of gray. Can you talk a little bit more about what specific challenges or what things that we still need to figure out?

Speaker: Yeah, I can start. So I think i'll give an example from this morning. So this morning we were talking through kind of an outreach and referral process to one of the city shelter sites. So not to confuse people, but just to kind of show kind of the system that we're dealing with. One of the safe rest villages, Multnomah safe rest village, we send federal dollars that the city receives to the joint office for them to

contract with a provider on that site. We recently paid the city did for an expansion of that site. So more pods, more lighting, more utility infrastructure. We did maintenance that kind of thing. We own that site ourselves. But the determination of who's team or who will refer an individual from the street into that shelter is murky because the joint office holds the contract for the provider of that site. The city pays for that site to the joint office and we have our own outreach team through the street services coordination center, as well as some other outreach partners. And we have a contractor, transition projects, that facilitates some of the joint city county outreach strategy. So lovely woman named shelly, who helps us every day determine what availability there is in different pods or different tiny homes on these different sites, and then makes a determination of or for the shelter strategy for shelter set aside beds that are the congregate shelter beds. She makes that determination of like who called first and who who has that prioritization from the outreach teams that are engaging with individuals on the ground. So clearly, a lot of different people that are trying to figure out how to get one human kind of into that site, what I will say is, I think we do an incredible job. Despite the differences between the many governments. So you've got, as we've mentioned here, city, county, metro, you've got a lot of different people that are kind of dictating or telling us kind of the different ways that the money should flow or what should happen, and within that, I think on the ground we are reconciling how to get individuals into those specific pods or units. But I think it is like director jordan said, you know, a constant negotiation constantly on the phone, constantly determining what's the next best course and the next best step to really get that one individual. And we're dealing with human beings. So everything is going to be a little more nuanced and take a lot more work and energy. We also do a lot of, you know, trash pickup and a lot of, you know, needle removals and things like that.

And it's much more cut and dry, I think, than the folks that we're trying to help who might be dealing with severe addiction issues or mental health issues or just various needs that they would have on the street and reasons that they are living unsheltered and I think we deal with a lot of everyday difficulties that human beings are experiencing, and everyone needs to be handled in a particular way. So that leads to constant negotiation between different governments, different nonprofit outfits, different providers trying to figure out who can get where, who's paying for what and how. We kind of move forward to try to get someone to the next best step, whatever that might be.

Speaker: And do you feel like this is a temporal issue, like this is about figuring it out and braiding the systems, or is it just this is what it is each and every time, and you don't expect that to change?

Speaker: It's a great question. I think a little bit of both. So I think the I'm really proud of how far we've come from three years ago, you know, I think I'm reminded every day how integrated we have become in a positive way, you know, relationships that have been built and processes that are happening. You know, we'll have about a thousand beds on the city side for shelter that didn't exist a few years ago. And so by the end of the year. So I think that's a really positive thing. I think we've built different systems. I think we've increased our technological capabilities. I think we've integrated kind of our data systems in a different way. That has never happened before, and there's still a ton of work to do. And I also see that work that needs to be done every day as well. And so I think I'm constantly excited about how far we've come and looking forward to the future. And appreciative of everyone who's put blood, sweat and tears into a lot of this work and frustrated by the gaps that I see in the system and the lack of clarity for a lot of the pieces.

Speaker: Right. Thank you. I just have one other question, and commissioner, I appreciated your question about the contractor expectation, and I actually would love to hear from director field and anna if they're available to just respond to that question and just to hear what bring it forward.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, can you remind me of the question? It's been a long day.

Speaker: Do you articulated it? Yeah, I've been talking about it for three years.

Speaker: It's that amendment that says when we contract out with the providers we need to have in the contract some accountability on what their what part of the continuum they're really focused on, and give us at least one, two things that metrics that you're going to measure. And I think it's twofold. One, it really provides focus on our strategic plan. And then it also helps build the data integrity that we've been begging for the last four years. All right. That makes sense. Yeah. And we actually have said yes to this. And then we've sent it to the county and nothing's happened with it. And it's not just this year. It started a couple of years ago.

Speaker: Yeah. And I just I appreciate you being here and listening. And I just wanted to give a chance to, to respond because we're talking about these programs and you're directly in them. So we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Speaker: Once again, please introduce yourself to the I'm dan field, the director of the joint office of homeless services.

Speaker: Thank you for the question. I'm going to defer it to our deputy director, anna plumb.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Anna plumb, deputy director of the joint office.

Speaker: So I'm going to answer what I think the question is. And if there was a lot of talk, I do want to confirm a couple of things. Our providers contracts do have

outcomes in them. We do require and track outcomes for our providers. We also have data quality standards in our contracts for example, you have to have data entered by certain time frame. We also do regular data quality checks for our providers. So there are systems in place that require outcomes and data entry and data quality. I do want to note that we are also working on a project that I've mentioned before around making sure the outcomes that we're tracking align with the large metrics that we want to see in our community. And so that work is ongoing. We're doing a bunch of work to align, to sort of edit and align the contracts that we collect in our the outcomes we collect in our contracts with what we track on our dashboards that we then report publicly. So that work is ongoing to make sure those are standardized across the different providers.

Speaker: I appreciate listening to that. It's the first I've heard that answer, and I haven't seen anything in writing or had a chance to look at this before.

Speaker: So we can certainly follow up with more detail on that.

Speaker: All right. That's just surprising.

Speaker: Do you have further questions for these two? Anyone? Okay. Thank you both. Thank you. Commissioner Rubin, do you have some further questions for staff on this?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps your hands still up here. Commissioner Rubio, I thank you. Yep. Sure. I have a before we move on to the broader questions, I did want to get back to one more milestone. Milestone 12, which basically says we'll reach an agreement on the number of housing vouchers to be set aside for residents of our test sites. I was the guy who got this milestone into the IGA, and frankly, I was doing it. I think literally to try to help you, sky, because I think I remember a moment in the not too distant past where we had folks in our safe rest villages. I think it was Clinton Triangle. We folks who were ready to move on to

supportive housing, but we couldn't move them on to supportive housing without housing vouchers. And the county is sort of the body that's in charge of housing vouchers. It was particularly problematic because, you know, the theory behind our safe rest villages is that we could ask people to move from the sidewalks into a controlled safe setting. What I think we found over the last couple of years is that once you move into those spaces after a couple of months, you're ready to move on to a more structured housing situation. However, if there are no housing vouchers, the system that we have set up and worked so well grinds to a halt. So we have to have throughput and we have to have some way to connect these folks with actual housing. Otherwise, everything that commissioner Ryan's done, everything that we frankly have done over the past four years fails. We turn a bridge to permitted housing into a, you know, 500 kind of inadequate permitted housing beds. And that's not what not what I want. I'm not sure if I fully understand. So this strikes me as just being mission critical for the city of Portland. On the other hand, I think your response was, well, our sites will be included in a \$2 million solicitation. Can you can you explain what that is? And I was also doing some of the back of the envelope math here. If we move, let's say, three cohorts of folks through our houseless, our 555 beds and our houseless in our safe rest village network, I think that's going to cost pretty close to \$2 million, if not a little bit more. So I'm wondering if this I'm wondering how all this pencils out and what the plan is, because it strikes me as being we are very vulnerable here. It would appear to me, unless we get this sorted out.

Speaker: Yeah, commissioner. Absolutely. So that \$2 million solicitation is the start and what's currently in the budget. But yes, back of the napkin, I will say, based on how much kind of we've spent in the last year with one time dollars from the state and the county on the rental assistance that went to folks at these different sites,

that was really successful. I think that would probably pay for about maybe 80 placements. So it's definitely not sufficient. And I think the joint office is well aware of that. And so what we've been talking through is what other sources of funding, what other rental assistance opportunities are there? Last year, the governor and her executive order, as well as the chair with housing Multnomah, now gave us one time rental assistance dollars. We were able to get a lot of folks transitioned from the city shelter sites into housing, but there's not a system kind of in place right now for the folks in our shelter sites to get to housing. So I am lobbying heavily in different bodies where they actually have access to rental assistance dollars. So whether that's the state, whether that's metro, whether that's the county, even the federal government, in terms of some grant opportunities and hud funding for any rental assistance dollars that we can try, as well as some creative options, frankly, on workforce development and connection to housing for folks who have, you know, low income, if they have ssi or some federal benefits, like if they could still pay for a unit, that's, for example, 500 to \$700 a month. So really looking at what all the possibilities on the table I am particularly worried about this. And everyone I think, and all these jurisdictions are well aware of it because I've been lobbying for it. But we will be lobbying state legislators. We will be putting in a joint ask with the joint office of homeless services, I believe, toward a legislative ask at the state, but yes, there's a deep need across all the shelter systems, but especially the adult shelter system, I think just needs a lot more rental assistance dollars to get folks moved from shelter into housing. I also think it needs to be a deeper discussion, maybe at the steering and oversight committee. The implementation committee, when they meet, of what do we want the system to look like? Prevention, as you've mentioned, is super important. Shelter is super important. And we also need housing dollars and so there's only so much money we're going to have to budget

accordingly. We're going to have to make some hard choices, and we're going to have to make sure there's a flow through that. We can actually get somebody from the street stabilized into shelter or whatever they might need in terms of services, and then into housing. And I think that's a deeper discussion that needs to happen kind of in an elected level.

Speaker: The county does have access to rental assistance dollars. Is that correct?

Speaker: Yes. So they're allocated for specific things. So specific shelters not ours, not ours. We're like new to the table.

Speaker: Yeah okay. Yeah. Well I mean maybe here you said it's up to elected officials. You know you know colleagues I think as we participate in this discussion and this system, it seems to me like it is a completely reasonable ask for the county to prioritize our clients and our safe rest villages. Otherwise, if we don't, if they don't prioritize that, that our whole system falls apart. It's also just human cruelty. I'm not sure why we send, you know, 20 if not more million dollars a year over to the county to support the joint office. And in exchange, I'm not sure what we get, you know, and all I'm asking here is an agreement for some vouchers for the you know, the souls who live in our safe rest villages. And if we don't get those dollars, everything that we have built over the past four years will grind to a halt.

Speaker: Sure, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Having both of you up here, I want to ask this question. There was a budget note, last year's budget. So the budget that we're in 24, 25, that was looking to track all the expenses that the city spends on homelessness that aren't as clear as a shelter, housing vouchers and such. And how's that coming along, I may ask, ask ruth, who's tracking all of the budget notes that council passed last year.

Speaker: So i'll have her if you don't have it at the tip of your tongue.

Speaker: I understand, and it would be great to get it sooner than later, though.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. Happy to give you an update. So for the record, my name is Ruth Levine. I'm the director of the city budget office. So yes, the budget note that was passed directed our office to work with with the relevant bureaus in the city to pull together this data. We have. I would say we had pulled together some of this data over the past couple of years, and it's been a matter of kind of refining it. Yeah. I think, you know, there are some places where it's easier to track the expenditures than others, right? So I can I'm, I'm happy to show you what we have right now. I'm sure I have it here, but i, I think just to note, it's the work is not done. And I think what we need to do is kind of we need to bring this back to the leadership team and have a conversation around what are the sort of high priority data, what additional programs and things are missing from here that we want to track. So I mean, just as an example, like police do not track every interaction they have with somebody on the streets. Right. And it would be a huge undertaking to actually do that, even to do like a short study would be a pretty big undertaking. There are other areas where we probably can track a little bit better than we do, right now, and we could add that to our data set, but remind me, I'm reminding myself and all of us, this came from leadership that told me many times when I first was elected in 2020, how much time and money they were spending addressing the crisis on our streets.

Speaker: And so I wanted to give them the opportunity to itemize that, monetize that, if you will, and perfection shouldn't get in the way of good here. It's just we're we're building something that's very relevant. And it's important as we, you know, balance our budget. Thank you. Okay. But but right now you don't have any. Don't go yet. Don't you have something?

Speaker: I have a slide. I can show you a slide.

Speaker: Okay. Good.

Speaker: Want to do that? But I actually don't have the zoom link so it might be hard to share. My screen can you send it to council?

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: We can share it while she is doing that. I'm just going to remind colleagues we're I feel like we're almost done with part one of the discussion, which was to talk about the report itself. Then we're going to make some space to just check in with each of us on how we're feeling about the milestones in our own words, how we're feeling about the iga, and will likely just go down the line. But we'll finish part one first.

Speaker: Okay. I'm going to have I've we have the president Gonzalez I think I'm going to have some questions for staff about the larger endeavor that we're involved in here too. I've tried to keep my comments and questions. So far limited to the report. I have some broader questions about what we're doing here.

Speaker: Okay. That's fine. Then after commissioner Ryan's done with this part, we'll go to you with those questions. All right.

Speaker: Did we lose the plot?

Speaker: Keelan.

Speaker: Yes. There we go. So. So there's two slides here. So there's the first slide I'm showing you is the big number. And this this is a version of a slide we put out in 2022. The city budget office put out in a report about housing and homelessness. So you can see obviously the big sort of blue is affordable multifamily housing. That includes stuff like Portland housing bond. Right. So that is not really like true homelessness expenditure. It's just this is where we started. So I wanted to show the big number and why it's so big. So if you go to the next slide Keelan. This is the kind of updated version that breaks out different categories. And I can get you commissioner, the sort of detail that goes into all the programs within this of the

different types of things. We do. I'll note like if you look at emergency response, for example, the reason the actuals is bigger than the adopted, the blue is bigger than the orange is because that includes fire has does track the types of calls that are related to homeless encampment or an individual. And so but we collected that at the end of the fiscal year. So we don't obviously they don't budget that as like a line item, but it's in the actual. So we have it for fiscal year 2324.

Speaker: I might just clarify one piece for colleagues on that from fire perspective, there's still staffing 31 fire stations no matter what. So we always have to be careful of that's incremental cost or essentially allocation of fixed costs. And particularly when you're talking about fire, some of the other public safety bureaus, it's not quite that straightforward, but absolutely, I mean, much of this is not necessarily like marginal cost that you could pick up and move to something else.

Speaker: I think that would take more analysis to say like, what of this? Could you redirect?

Speaker: So orange is just the first quarter of this fiscal year?

Speaker: No, it's the adopted budget. So it's just what we budgeted for.

Speaker: It's not actual.

Speaker: It's not actuals. Correct. So this is what we have at this time. And happy to provide the kind of line item detail of what went into this. But I'm continuing to work with with staff and pulling together a group to kind of the next phase. Now, now that we have this updated, the next phase is to figure out kind of what's missing and what what we would need to do to add any additional data that's more indirect, really, these this should capture all of the direct expenditures on homelessness response, but it does not capture all of the indirect expenditures. And so that would be that would be the next. That's the exercise I heard leadership wanting us to explore. Yeah. It's just more challenging.

Speaker: All right. Could I commissioner Ryan, if I can just jump in here and ask for a quick, clarifying set of comments, I'm struck by the spending patterns I see in emergency response. What what does emergency response, what is emergency response in this context? And how do we go from 25,000,023, 24 to 7 million? Yeah.

Speaker: So that's what I was saying. It just doesn't include so what's in here is so the reason it's going down is not it's just because in the actuals we've included the estimate for fire, which is \$19 million in in fiscal year 2324. But we don't budget in within fire. They don't budget for how much of their time is going to be spent responding to homelessness. It's just in the actuals. It's not in the budget. So that \$20 million just isn't. There's no equivalent for that in 24, 25. That's why it's going down.

Speaker: Does that make sense? Just to clarify, it's essentially an allocation exercise at the end of the year that reviewed the call volume for the fire department and the allocate based on how those calls are logged. But that's why it's a little we have to be careful with this because it's not if we got rid of homelessness tomorrow, you're still spending that same amount of money. It's just it's just the way it gets allocated right now.

Speaker: Right. And president Gonzalez, you're probably most familiar with these numbers. Although ruth to what are the real world trends looking backwards in terms of spending like so if last year for emergency response we spent 26 million, if we went back two years, would it be 21 million or does it just bounce?

Speaker: I'd have to think about that a little bit. I think it's been fairly stable. But again, what's important to note here is that this is an allocation exercise. And so I think you have it's for both fire and police. You know we have some structural budget deficits there that you got to address no matter what. So this is we have data on where people are going on fire calls. And that's what informs this. But I

think you're spending the same amount of money no matter what. Outside of maybe chat and psr, you know that's the those are your really your incremental expenditures inside the public safety bureau's got it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: And that's sorry. Just to add that the psr is one of the other kind of main component in that bucket. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. It's very helpful. It's just helpful to see the clean clean up services, as we call it here, just how high that number is. So even before we send money over, we're spending at least that much internally at the city. So I think sometimes it's important just to be transparent about the expense of dealing with this humanitarian crisis at the city. Okay. Thanks.

Speaker: The other thing to just note about this is these are not annual numbers. A lot of this is one time dollars and includes American rescue plan. It includes all different sources. So it's a complicated set of sources that we use to pay for all of these things. I mean, some of it is Oregon all in and there's shs money in here. So it's this is not all just straight up city general fund and it is not an ongoing figure. So that's a caveat for saying that.

Speaker: I think it would be helpful if there's a way to track what comes from shs, because that's money that is still out there and money that won't come to us any longer. Which was from the arpa money. Yeah, yeah. So those sources are obviously really significant for this dialog.

Speaker: Thanks. And if I may, kind of on the same along the same lines. So for the coming years, funding for safe rest villages, did we pay for that out of the general fund or one time money. Is that arpa money?

Speaker: Yeah, it's a mix.

Speaker: It's a mix. So some of like commissioner Ryan mentioned. So it's some arpa funds. It's some shs funds. So the county has last year sent over, I think \$22 million in shs funds for development and operational costs for city shelters. I believe there's a little bit of city general fund in there, but it's mostly outside sources. There's also about \$7 million, I believe shannon can correct me in state money. So that came for operations for clinton triangle.

Speaker: So you have a sense of how much arpa money is in the mix specifically for safe rest villages for the next fiscal year, it will only probably be if it's allocated.

Speaker: So it ends the end of this calendar year. But because we've allocated it or you could speak to this, I think if there might be a potential to use it and expend it later throughout next year for the some of the shelter operations, but not much. Basically, we're getting to the end of obviously arpa.

Speaker: Yeah, it's transitioning to the shs funds. Yes.

Speaker: Is that the plan. Do we have an agreement on.

Speaker: So that's in the iga. And so that was a major negotiating point in terms of what the cost would be going forward and who would pay for that. And the county's agreed in the iga to pay for the operations of the city shelter site starting July 1st of next year. We still have some negotiations that have to occur in terms of transferring that. That was part of that process was the transfer of those shelter sites.

Speaker: So actually I'm this is one of the things I wanted to touch on in the final piece of today's conversation, which is the future management of the safe rest villages and the argument or part of the argument that the mayor made to this council is that we need to partner with the county, partly so we can hand off the safe rest villages to the to the county, because frankly, we don't have the money to pay for them in the long run. I think one of the other things that we've heard

through these reports is the county is not prepared to take over management of these sites. I think we I've heard that from both the county side, and I've heard that concern on the city side, too. So if we're not prepared to if the county is not prepared to take over the management of the safe rest villages, would they still send over dollars to fund them?

Speaker: Again? I think that is exactly the question that will be part of that discussion. And negotiation. I can speak to the letter of the iga, which says on July 1st we will transfer and they will pay for it. I think operationally and logistically that is probably not possible to fully. And I mentioned this last week to fully hand over all of the shelters at that moment. I think we can have a plan in place for kind of that gradual transition. And I think we still expect that they will be paying for operations on July 1st of next year.

Speaker: Okay. So there are two different pieces. There's the management piece. And I think I think there's a growing but quiet consensus that the county is probably not going to take over the management of the safe rest villages, although that could be wrong. But I do want to be very clear on the second piece, the money transfer to support to support the villages moving forward. Can you just repeat for me what your understanding of whose budget are the according to the iga? That's currently on the table moving forward, who's going to pay for the safe rest villages? Does that come out of the city, or does that come out of the county?

Speaker: The county? So that would be my guess, would be shs funds, but it would be any funds. The county wishes to send over starting next fiscal year, which would start July 1st. I will also mention that we are lobbying jointly at the state legislature for additional funds for operations. So that would be in addition and might offset some of those costs.

Speaker: Do we still have the county folks in the room? I don't know, can I just for the record, remind us that the source is actually the taxpayers?

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. And that money again is stewarded at the metro.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: And so if we're getting results, that's the place you would go. Okay.

Speaker: I think we got field coming up here and. Hey, dan, I appreciate you being here today. And as always, I appreciate your partnership in this very challenging space. We just I just want to make sure that we're all on the same page in terms of short and medium term funding for the safe rest villages. What's your understanding of who pays for these starting July 1st?

Speaker: That'll come from the county under the iga, and I want to expand the question a little bit. This year. This has been either misrepresented or not accurately portrayed up until now. So I want to just clarify the task sites have also been funded this year through those hhs dollars coming through the county, and that was an arrangement. I think you're all aware of that. The county chair and the mayor negotiated a year ago. I think that's been largely successful. We also negotiated an extension of those funds due to an extension of the task site. But from my perspective, as the first task site is up and running, the second task site and the third task site are in a great position to be up and running soon. That collaboration is working extremely well and that funding is happening. This year. The funding for the rvs, as I mentioned, is teed up for next year, and all of that would have to come back on the table if the city withdraws from the iga.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Dan, while you're there, it's good to see you. The arbor lodge shelter that's been finished. And I know people in my neighborhood are asking about it.

What's how's the permitting coming? I know that we are waiting for the county to actually ask for permits.

Speaker: I want to be clear, that was that might have been portrayed in the media as a permitting issue. And it was never a conflict between the county and the city. We weren't we weren't waiting on the city necessarily. We did a grand opening earlier in the summer. I think many of us were there. It was great. Our mistake was that we knew there would be a length of time between that grand opening and the actual opening. So from our point of view, the project has proceeded apace. There have been some normal construction delays and any delays in opening were not related to city permitting.

Speaker: And that'll be a good example to study as a case study on roles and responsibilities. I've often heard that and it's true that the county's the providers of the county handle everything inside the building for services and out in the area where there's the pods but out the sidewalks and such. The public right of way is a city, but the city can't read anyone's mind. So we just need the people that are the providers to communicate and collaborate so that the city can respond if there's issues out on the sidewalk. So as we move forward, no matter what our formal agreement is, we can always work together as public servants to know our roles and responsibilities. That's a great example of that.

Speaker: Anything else for director field right now?

Speaker: It might be a good idea to have. If mr. Field is willing to stay at the table, if we're going to switch over to a broader conversation of where we're going, I might want to refer a couple of questions. In fact, I will want to refer a couple of questions to staff. And dan might be a helpful resource too.

Speaker: So I'm going to just take a quick check in with all of you. Then we're approaching the two hour mark, which time we'll have to take a break so we can

power right up until that time, take a short recess and then come back. I just also want to be mindful of your all's time. So just wanted to acknowledge the time. But if we can expand any questions to staff, to any topic related to the report milestones or the I j ask away and then we'll turn it over to some final reflections. So I'm expanding it, trying to expand the scope. If there were other things you wanted to ask staff, let's go ahead and do it now. Got it.

Speaker: Okay, well i'll this is probably a conversation. Let me ask city staff when I can remember both meeting with the mayor in private and hearing the mayor make the argument for the current iga with the joint office in this chamber. And I remember the mayor making two fundamental arguments. One is we should join in this iga because it will, although we're a junior partner. If you take a look at the economics here, I think the city's contributions, the city's 20 some odd million dollars that we send over to the joint office represents maybe about 10% of their budget, something along those lines. But if we were all part of a shared steering committee, we would have influence over this much larger pie. So that was one of the promises that was there. And then the second promise that I heard the mayor make was, listen, we can't really afford to be to run these safe rest villages. We can stand them up with one time dollars, but long term, we need to find a home for them. And now, you know, a couple of months after that, I find that both of those promises are kind of broken to some degree. So there's the promise of leveraging dollars. And I think that, you know, I take a look at the debates that we're currently having about whether or not the steering committee is a policy making committee or an advisory committee. You know, we hear different things from the city and the county. But one of the things that I think I hear pretty clearly from my partners over at the county is that this is fundamentally an advisory board. You know, I have I can also recall, I think a week ago last Monday, being over at the county for our shared

session, and I heard, I think multiple members of the county commission say, hey, this agreement does not mean that we give up control of our budget. And frankly, I don't blame them one bit for this. So help me think about if one if one of the primary arguments for signing up to this iga is that we'd have this economic and policy influence. I'm not sure if I'm seeing that. Am I getting something wrong?

Speaker: No, commissioner, I think I think it's an avenue to have those tough discussions. And I think what the mayor has mentioned before is it's an opportunity we haven't had in the past. So it's a new opportunity to discuss those really hard issues that I think we either avoid or have kind of in one on one meetings. But this is a public space public meeting, and we'll have stakeholders and experts in that space to help folks make a recommendation. I do think it's difficult to have a body that has those discussions, then make a recommendation to two different governing structures. And it kind of goes back to our discussion on charters. There are roles and responsibilities. You know, we pick up the trash, we have transportation, the county has health and human services. And so there are responsibilities that we have to the voters. And you all have to the voters about specific issues. But I think this is one where, as we've talked about, it's quite intertwined. So I think the steering and oversight committee in my mind, and I can defer to these two who would know kind of from past experiences with similar functions, is one of the few opportunities we have to really engage in that kind of messy process of homeless services and discuss those different pieces. I think we just saw a clear example of all the things the city is doing that is either directly or tangentially kind of related to homeless services. We see a county budget that definitely is spending a lot of money on different health and human services related to homelessness. It's important, I think, for both bodies to acknowledge those pieces, discuss them, have those hard conversations and make recommendations.

They can't dictate what either governing body is going to do, but they can say, hey, we took the time. We looked deeply under the hood, and we think this is the best course of action to our respective governing bodies. It's not perfect, but I think it's what we have to have. Those discussions. I think that's kind of what the mayor was alluding to. It keeps us in the conversation. It keeps us at the table. I think one thing that is a misnomer and feels easy is getting out of kind of a messy relationship, but I think we are in it together no matter what. And I see that every single day. We are responsible for different things. We have different access to funding, and it's important that we work together in the best way possible. And I think the steering and oversight committee is the attempt to have those conversations and work together at a deep level. It's a work in progress, and I think we keep having to evolve. But again, like I mentioned from three years ago, when I think and commissioner Ryan can speak better to this than I can, there were definitely no conversations happening in terms of kind of work that needed to happen, and that was already integrated, but we weren't even discussing it. So I think this is a new opportunity to do so. It's up to all of you whether you want us to stay in that conversation. But I think that was the attempt that was being made to the iga.

Speaker: Is it possible to have these conversations outside the context of the of the iga in its current form? I don't see a world where we don't talk to our county partners here, but one of the things that kind of disturbs me about the current setup of our agreement is the fact that we, you know, come together at a table because we need to talk. Except we can't talk about our respective responsibilities, you know, and like which lane the city is in and which lane is which lane, the county is in, it's almost like being at a dysfunctional family dinner. And I can see mike sitting up. Do you want to respond to that? And it may be I'm looking at things wrong.

Speaker: No, I think you're looking at it pretty well. It is a dysfunctional table. I it's more functional than the one we had two years ago. And it's way more functional than no table at all. Four years ago. Yeah. And so it's a work in progress.

Speaker: Well, we have different missions.

Speaker: We have different philosophical standings on different elements of this problem that we all face. The only thing I know for sure is that whether you're in the ig or out of the ig, you can't escape the county. We are in this thing together. We do different elements that are absolutely critical path pieces to success, and I think we're learning to deal with each other better. I think the people who are doing this stuff on the ground are learning faster than the rest of us, because they have to if they're going to get anything done. And so it's a work in progress. It's not we're not perfect. And I think to your last point about the sok table and even other tables that we're at, i, I think you need to poke at this issue of, we can't talk about that. And I think we need to poke each other pretty hard sometimes about we won't talk about our authority. Your authority is what you do with it. Okay. You guys have incredible authority. The county commission has incredible authority to do things. And so what does it mean? What does that mean? That we can't talk about that because it's variable. It's not it's not written on a tablet someplace. It's what you make of it. And it's what the county commission makes of it. And so while it's ugly and painful and expensive, I'm trying to think of what's better right now. That's all.

Speaker: Thanks, mike. I'll be quiet for a second.

Speaker: It's, you know, I think there may be an opportunity for after this meeting to ask further questions of staff. So it might suggest to my colleagues that we just create space after this meeting for follow up questions. Having said all that, it would be valuable, I think, to respect the language of the original ordinance and take folks temperature on what they're thinking feeling about the iga, the milestones. It's not

a formal vote. There is no formal vote today. So if that's okay, colleagues, absent a significant question for staff, we could transition now just to take a temperature of where we are on it. Does that sound okay to you all? Sure. Commissioner Mapps if it's okay, I guess I'll start with you and we'll just work down the line. How are you feeling about the IGA or our involvement in it, and the satisfaction of the milestones articulated in the July ordinance?

Speaker: Well, I think I've laid my cards pretty clearly on the table today. You know, I want to be clear there, the city and the county have to work together to solve our houselessness problem. However, I think we're on very different pages. I talked about the fact that the city is very much engaged with the realities that we see on the street. I think the county is trying to solve for a different problem. Perhaps preventing people from sliding into houselessness. That's kind of a worthy goal, and something we should certainly lean into. However, I feel like we are seeing an awful lot of our authority and a lot of our focus, frankly, in the current IGA, I'd like to. I want to continue to work with the county. However, I think that the model we have on the table is flawed. You know, we had two promises from the mayor by participating in this, we would get leverage over the county's joint office budget. We clearly don't have that. The other promise here is, well, if we participate in this, we can hand over the management of our city friends villages. We don't have that. I think that it's time to hit the reset button in this relationship. I want to work with the county, but I'll tell you, our north star, as a council has to be on trying to reduce the absolute number of people who sleep on our streets every night and frankly, I think it's quite clear that the county is trying to solve a different problem. And the current IGA is not helping us move forward with our fundamental challenge. And so I would like to do a reboot of this agreement. I think it's I'd like to frankly direct the city administrator or the city administrator and our city attorneys to figure out a

plan forward. You know, i, I the reason why we're having this circuit breaker conversation today is to see if we want to continue down this route. I don't I think we must do better. I'd like to take a look at how we go about reorganizing and refocusing our partnership with the county and our north star should be to reduce the absolute number of people who sleep on our streets every night.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you and colleagues. I hate to interrupt the flow, but we are over two hours and to give folks a little bit of rest. Is it okay if we I'm going to recess us for five minutes and then we'll turn it over to you? Commissioner Rubio does that work? Five minutes. Right. Okay. From recess until 510. Mr. Rubio, you have any thoughts you'd like to share with the group?

Speaker: Maybe just some brief ones? Just a general comment first about the milestones. It's clear there's a fundamental difference between what the council adopted in our ordinance and what the county adopted via resolution we didn't address or resolve it this summer. So clearly that's coming up right now and today. And I think that conflict is a really good example of how we struggle at times to be 100% aligned, even as we're Marching in the same direction. But as sky and director Jordan talked about this new approach to me is a reset. It is a work in progress, and it's about taking our authority in those conversations and putting the hard questions on the table. So for me, I feel like we still do need to see this through. We still need each other. We're always going to be intertwined. So for me, the idea of the iga helps us give us a table and gives us the parameters to have that conversation. So that's where I am right now.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah, I was at that table that supposedly existed four years ago, and it just was frustrating because there wasn't a lot of respect or agency given to our seat at that table. I can see very slowly that there's definitely been an improved

reset, but it's going so slow. And so the truth is we have to collaborate on so many issues with the county because that's just how it's set up. And so of course we're going to keep collaborating. But financial swaps with no substance, it's just time to move forward. There's just no reason to keep this non joint office limping along with these type of conversations. We should be focusing on action and results and our mutual responsibilities to get that going along. And just remember that this is a taxpayers money. And they asked us to provide services and move people off the streets and into shelter and into housing. That's it. It's not the county's money. It's not metro's money. It's the taxpayers investment. And we're not functioning well for now. For years when it comes to that charge. So I've been patient, I've been persistent, and I'm ready to move forward in a different type of reset. So I have zero desire to continue in the relationship that we currently have. Okay. It's not a joint office.

Speaker: I'll have I guess I have some comments here. So I think we're at a point where responsible leadership requires saying this arrangement isn't working while continuing to protect the parts of the system that are working well. And I say that with deep appreciation for some really difficult conversations that I've engaged with in the county over the last 90 plus days. On the steering committee, deeply appreciative of staff at the joint office, the county and the city working very hard to work together, and that those efforts are very much appreciated. I would think we have to acknowledge some components, as the city has worked to comply with the terms of its ada lawsuit settlement. We have sought repeatedly to address the community impacts of both unsanctioned camping and unmanaged shelters in very specific, focused ways with our partners at the county on distribution of tents, tarps and needles, on the management of service providers, and on how public safety and livability is protected around managed shelters, is appropriate to have a

conversation about the city's commitment to this important work done on homelessness and what role the city should have at that really street level, both in terms of providing shelters, providing outreach and how do we protect community from unmanaged shelters and unsanctioned camping. An issue in my mind are how safe rest village is and test sites really represent an evolution and improvement in our sheltering approach. It is a positive step forward from congregate shelter. We combine it services with shelter and looking at the whole need of those on our streets. This is a successful model that the city has piloted, and I want to acknowledge the joint office has supported us at different stages in that process, but that has been a city led, city tested and city proven model that we need to protect in our community. So we need to how do we protect that? I have every confidence in our ability to work productively, productively, productively with our county partners. But without important, meaningful answers to the impacts of current policies on our small businesses, neighborhoods, and public right of ways, and without addressing very real concerns over the viability of a responsible handoff of successful run shelter sites to the county, we cannot simply push forward with things as they are. Things must change, and I believe we should have a serious conversation as a council about what the future of this partnership looks like in terms they meet both the needs of those struggling on the street, as well as residents who want to live in a healthy, safe and vibrant city. I will say the steering and oversight committee has provided an important forum to speak on some of these critical issues. I think in whatever comes next, we need to preserve that platform. I'll let staff and others involved in the process speak to the other committees that have been set up. The steering committee has some value. It's just not solving all of the problems we were hoping for in the time frame. We were looking for. While it is clear that things must change, our path forward should build

on the best of what's already there. While working to address our challenges in no uncertain terms. With that, I'm going to ask city attorney Taylor to come forward. So I want to preempt this by saying I think it is appropriate to create space for constructive dialog as to what a future IGA would look like with Multnomah County. But given the sentiment communicated by a majority of council today, Robert, could you prepare an ordinance terminating the IGA for council's consideration? Yes. Commissioner Mapps, Commissioner Rubio, Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan, would either of you be interested in co-sponsoring that?

Speaker: Yes, I will, obviously, I want to see the substance of the ordinance, obviously, and I also want to make it clear, as I have several times today, there is no path forward on homelessness without a partnership with the county. However, our current partnership is not focused on the primary goal that this council needs to focus on and that goal is reducing the absolute number of people who sleep on our streets every night. So I do believe it is time to hit the reset button in our relationship with the county. And in order to get from here to there, if that means terminating the current IGA and opening up a new one, I would very much appreciate the city attorney's assistance in moving in that direction.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, okay.

Speaker: With that direction, Commissioner Rubio, you're certainly welcome. I do I'm sorry. I just want I stumbled up just based on who had communicated what in the comments.

Speaker: I this is all new to me, so I have not had any discussion about it. So I'm not I don't that's fine. I didn't mean to put you on the I didn't mean to put you on the spot.

Speaker: I, I apologize i, I stumbled the words so with that direction, is there anything further from you all at this point?

Speaker: Keelan is there anything else that we need to do in terms we're not reporting? We're not voting on this report. So for disposition, anything further require of this council?

Speaker: I have a quick question for robert before we go. How long is it going to take you to pull something together? I recognize that this is either simple or it's tricky, and I'm not sure which one.

Speaker: I can have a draft for you to review this week, and then we can try to get it on the council agenda as soon as possible. I do want to note two things. The first is under the current iga, we have to give 90 days notice before the termination date. So we have to follow those procedures. And then also the iga contemplates once there's the termination there is a wind down process. And so I think that if it's the sense of council, we could follow the notification and wind down provisions to terminate the existing iga. And I think that would give an opportunity for the city to decide what kind of relationship they want with the county going forward. Great.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. With that, we are adjourned. Thanks.