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PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish and Fritz, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Elia Saolele and Mike Cohen, Sergeants at Arms.

Item Nos. 113 and 116 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The meeting recessed at 10:21 am and reconvened at 10:32 am.

COMMUNICATIONS		
107	Request of Michael O'Callaghan to address Council regarding report from the street (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
108	Request of Charles Ormsby to address Council regarding Bureau of Environmental Services Terwilliger Blvd sewer and Tryon Creek treatment plant projects (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
109	Request of Stan Herman to address Council regarding the City being in violation of ORS 830.035 (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
110	Request of Wayne Wignes to address Council regarding use of the Joyce Hotel property (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
111	Request of Danny Robbins to address Council regarding police response to the protests (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
112	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Accept the Explore Washington Park 2016 program review (Report introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)</p>	ACCEPTED
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		

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Mayor Ted Wheeler

Office of Management and Finance

***113** Authorize a Special Appropriation grant agreement with Vanport Mosaic in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to expand the Vanport Mosaic 2017 Festival (Ordinance)
(Y-4)

188221

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Portland Parks & Recreation

***114** Authorize a lease agreement with World Forestry Center for office space occupied by Portland Parks & Recreation Land Stewardship Division up to five years not to exceed \$40,000 (Ordinance)
(Y-4)

188220

Commissioner Nick Fish

Water Bureau

115 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for \$67,500 with the Mt. Hood National Forest for fire lookout services for the Bull Run Watershed (Ordinance)

**PASSED TO
SECOND READING
FEBRUARY 15, 2017
AT 9:30 AM**

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Bureau of Transportation

***116** Amend contract with Portland Patrol, Inc. to extend the term and increase the amount by \$934,000 for Security Services for Parking Garages and Streetcar Facilities (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30002191)
(Y-4)

188224

117 Remove conditions on the operation of a loading dock door serving a building located at 701 SW Broadway (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 141936)

**PASSED TO
SECOND READING
FEBRUARY 15, 2017
AT 9:30 AM**

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

118 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Beaverton and Metro to revise the urban service boundary for the unincorporated areas between the Cities of Beaverton and Portland (Second Reading Agenda 97)
(Y-4)

188222

City Attorney

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<p>119</p>	<p>Waive potential conflict of interest and authorize City Attorney to jointly represent Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission and the City of Portland in <i>Joel Ranck v. Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, et al.</i> (Resolution) (Y-4)</p>	<p>37266</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>120</p>	<p>Authorize a contract with ViaWest, Inc., for the purchase of data center colocation services for a five-year contract not to exceed \$4,500,000 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00000420) Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Portland Fire & Rescue</p>		
<p>*121</p>	<p>Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$89,959 from Portland General Electric 2016 Renewable Development Fund for Portland Fire & Rescue Station 1 Solar + Storage Project (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>188223</p>

At 11:42 a.m., Council recessed.

<p><u>2:00 PM, FEBRUARY 8, 2017</u></p> <p>DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO AFTERNOON SESSION</p>	
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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney and Mike Cohen and Elia Saolele, Sergeants at Arms.

The meeting recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

<p>122</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Consider the proposal of the Institute of International Christian Communications and Rudy Munzel of Bridgeway Realty Resources LLC and the recommendation from the Hearings Officer for approval to change the Comprehensive Plan Map designation for a portion of the site from High Density Single-Dwelling Residential to Low Density Multi-Dwelling Residential and to change the Zoning Map designation from R5 to R2 for property at 6012 SE Yamhill St (Hearing introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; LU 15-280008 CP ZC) 45 minutes requested for items 122-123</p> <p>Motion to accept Hearings Officer’s recommendation and approve the changes to the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPT HEARINGS OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION</p>
<p>*123</p>	<p>Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map designation and amend the Zoning Map for property at 6012 SE Yamhill St at the request of Rudy Munzel (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; LU 15-280008 CP ZC)</p> <p>Motion to add emergency clause as it is in the public interest to act as expeditiously as possible: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p> <p>Meeting recessed and reconvened.</p> <p>Motion to add emergency clause because expediting this approval will assist in addressing the City’s housing emergency: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent) (Y-5)</p>	<p>188225 AS AMENDED</p>
<p>124</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM – Office of Equity and Human Rights 2016 Annual Report (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>

At 4:24 p.m., Council adjourned.

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Moore-Love'.

By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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FEBRUARY 8, 2017 9:30AM

Wheeler: Good morning this is the meeting of the Portland city council, today is Wednesday February 8, first let's call the roll.

Fritz: Here **Fish:** Here **Saltzman:** **Eudaly:** **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: Before we begin I've been asked to read the following. I want to say a few words regarding council proceedings and maintaining decorum, the purpose of the council meetings is to engage with and hear recommendations from the community on the public's business, in order for us to hear from everyone and to give due consideration to matters before the council, we need to preserve the order of these meetings. To make sure that the process is clear for everybody, both here and those watching on tv I want to review some of the public testimony guidelines. Good morning. My hope is that these details help everyone feel comfortable and included, and also ensure, to ensure the decorum is maintained. During the meetings there are two opportunities for public participation. The first is communications, which are about to do, communications items are an opportunity to speak briefly on any subject. The items are scheduled in advance with the council clerk's office. Then, of course, there is first readings of reports, resolutions and ordinances, public testimony of these items must address the matter being considered at the time. And please state your name for the record, and we don't need your full address, if you are a lobbyist please disclose that, if you are here representing an organization, please disclose that, and folks get three minutes to testify, and unless otherwise stated at the meeting. When you have 30 seconds left, you will hear the little box beeping. And then when your time is up I will let you know. If you have handouts for the city council, if you could hand them over to Karla. The clerk, we would appreciate that, conduct that disrupts the meeting, for example, shouting or interrupting other people's testimony or during council deliberations is not allowed. If that behavior is seen, this guidance serves as a warning that anyone disrupting this proceeding may be escorted from the council chambers, and excluded from city hall. If folks would like to show your support or displeasure for a particular item or a comment, you can do so with a simple thumbs up or down. Please don't shout or yell, it disrupts people and takes time away from everybody who would like to testify today so Karla without further adieu please call up our first individual for communications today.

Item 107.

Michael O'Callaghan: Good morning, welcome to the council, both of you, I've been testifying for eight years, and I've been on the street for about eight years. An advocate for those that live without shelter. One of five that helps to start right to dream. I would like to know, one of my issues, what authority the government has, and you mentioned excluding people from city hall and I would like to know what authority that you have from excluding people from city hall and what law gives you that, and anyway, you don't have any authority to do sweeps. You don't have any authority to confiscate the property, yet the city does it. Be part of my second litigation against the city. I am presently in the ninth circuit court of appeals on the camping ordinance, and they granted expedited consideration to me. And the briefs, your brief is due on the 13th of this month, our brief has been

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submitted. It's interesting they granted expedited consideration and I would assume that the camping ordinance will be struck down just like it was in Multnomah county in 2008. Katz decided to ignore that. In the ninth circuit court, I.a. Versus desert rain, it was struck down. Ok. And Anna aiken right here in federal court, said that to sweep when the shelters are full, is cruel and unusual punishment, which contravenes the constitution. The other is the homeless count, I submitted a few papers so I won't go into details but you have 12,000 people on the streets. 7,000 people, the Portland School districts have said that they are teaching the homeless. Over in the county she said that they put 2,000 people in housing last year. So obviously, the count of the homeless is woefully inadequate by a factor of five. So if you want to solve a problem, you have to understand the magnitude of the problem. There are 12,000 people on the streets. Now the solutions are obvious. Right to dream, which I helped to start, one of the five people that helped to start it, dignity village, hazelnut grove. These are the solutions. What we did when we started our r2d2, we received 20,000 in fines from the city, how nice, you guys really work with us well. There is a solution, ok, and follow the solution, why hasn't it happened, nobody is responsible. Nobody here is responsible for homeless. Somebody's responsible for housing. nobody is responsible for homeless. Another reason is because you have snakes in your legal department. Ok. It's not against the law to sleep in Portland but just to put a blanket on yourself or a tarp on yourself. Ok. No compassion, ok, and I appreciate your attitude and your change in this process. It looks pretty good. But please don't ignore the courts, another thing, would you like to feed a million meals to people due to the same thing that France did the entire Country, prohibited supermarkets from throwing away [inaudible]. Just a sign, a thousand people are fed. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Appreciate it.

Item 108.

Wheeler: Next item please.

Item 109.

Stan Herman: Good morning, sir. I was hoping that Saltzman will be here but we will go ahead anyway. I am Stan Herman. I am just here to try to get some answers on this ors violation I went down to the state talked to them a bit. I am trying to get an answer to my question that I e-mailed everybody. I dropped a paper copy off with everybody, and I got a backup copy here. You know, I called bds a couple times. No return call. I tried to turn in a complaint and get no response to the complaint but my neighbor puts in a complaint they are there the next day so I am trying to figure out if I am doing something wrong. I sent an e-mail to Saltzman's office, and I am not going to take up the whole three minutes, explaining what -- where I've been and what I've been doing but I need an answer to the question that I put in front of you. Was the city responsible to do an investigation on this hit and run? And you got the ors right there. And I just need an answer. Like I said I e-mailed everybody here last week, dropped off the hand copies and no response why.

Fish: I just have a question for you, thank you. Did you contact Dan because you used to have the bureau of development services? Was that the reason that you wanted to see whether he could help you because the bureau has now been reassigned, and --

Herman: No, I think that I contacted everybody. Not anybody in particular.

Fish: You say a hit and run to his building, so is it mostly a building issue and -- is it an issue --

Herman: It is a complicated thing, and in this way, I have talked to 20 people that work for the city, and everybody says, it's not my job. So I had to get some clarification. Go ahead.

Fish: If it's about a building, and it has to do with any kind of code that would be the bureau of development services and that's now Chloe Eudaly's portfolio, so if you would

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resend it but make sure that she gets a copy we can figure out whether we have a piece of this.

Herman: Who is in charge of the police department? Why don't they do that investigation? I know it's an old case now. But --

Fish: I don't know what hit and run to a building means so I think that we will have to look into that.

Herman: Do you see the picture in the back? Ross island sand and gravel Barge slammed into my building.

Fritz: So you're asking us a question as a police officer cause the Oregon revised stature.

Herman: I just want your opinion, should the police of city of Portland investigate that.

Fritz: And mayor wheeler is in charge of the police.

Wheeler: So this sounds like a legal question, I am not a lawyer so let me talk to the lawyers, and we will get a response to you and I have your email information I assume?

Herman: I sent them a copy as well.

Wheeler: and I will get you an answer sir.

Herman: Ok.

Wheeler: Next item.

Item 110.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Wayne Wignes: I am wayne wignes. The road to failure is paved with good intentions. Doing more of the same thing is going to reinforce more of the same results. I hate to be such a broken record but out of request for the fact that we have two new council members and a new head of the housing bureau I wanted to compare what we've been doing and large scale bunk housing. First off in a subtle yet important way the Joyce hotel used to provide a third option to those homeless people besides being criminalized outside or treated like prisoners in missions. Secondly consider that perhaps where they went wrong is that they, like everywhere else they tried to build walls. I love homeless people but there is a reason why missions, many missions don't put doors on the front of the stalls. You give privacy and that sends a notice to drug users to abuse the place. Furthermore, it gives room for balls to crawl through and things to accumulate and when walls need to be repaired they corps money. This force this is together with the fact that they limit the number of people that pay rent and forces the landlord to up the rent or to let the place rot and that's what happened at the Joyce hotel. On the left-hand side I have two 7 by 10 feet areas. The upstairs dormitory section, you see a two-person bunk bed and three by three by three storage units, four-foot walkway and downstairs the same with a three-person couch, plenty of plenty of room. And tack on an extra 35 square feet for kitchen and bathrooms, and that's justified because these appliances are being shared by larger bodies of people. The main thing is how did avoid an awkward silence and feelings of intrusion, and in my experience, the answer to that is add more people. So multiply this by a couple of 200, 300, spatially there is access to a larger area. If access is unrestricted as it is in missions you have more people with probabilities of being in different places at a given time so overall the space is utilized efficiently and claustrophobia is a nonissue, on the right hand side the contrast is like a tiny homes, the individual is limited to 150 square feet, costly appliances go unused throughout the day. More walls means more money. More, cheaper construction, material, costs and that's an epidemic, and mostly that magical space in the vertical direction at night has gone entirely unused meaning the rent has not been divided by two. Homelessness is a social phenomenon, and many people need options rather than help. I am running out of time so I am skipping stuff. But basically china, it's not the infrastructure that's the problem. There is no reason it should be restricted to the use of charities or costly house styles, china has taken Japan's pot model

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and they have -- it has, it is taken with students, they are renting beds for \$11 a night, I can't figure out why we should not be able to do that here in Portland.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next item, please.

Item 111.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Danny Robbins: I want to know what an acceptable occasion to protest in the city without a permit is. On inauguration day the descenders in the streets were assaulted by their own police force. The next weekend, the mayor himself joined in an unpermitted protest at the pdx airport. Did he not see the travel ban? If an unprovoked war or something equally horrific is headed from this administration, I want our city to be the loudest voice denouncing it. In the streets. This administration has made it clear what the goals are and what they aim to destroy. These are not things that we can wait until after the fact to Protest. Either you understand this Mr. mayor or you are interested in symbolic observation of these policies, in the target of the police response you commanded was to focus on violence, then why do we see crowds consisting of people with their hands in the air being tear gassed and shot with rubber bullets? Ribs cracked. A citizen in a wheelchair was shot, I stumbled upon a pair of glasses lost by a tourist who walking back to her hotel asked an officer what was going on. Only to be smashed to the ground with the butt of the rifle. Her face landing on the concrete. She stood up to be smacked down a second time. She asked for their names but they refused to give them. While people laid screaming with their faces burned, police were laughing and taunting them. Police got people into tight spaces and launched explosives into the crowds which contain both children and senior citizens. What strategy is this? This was clear, lack of training. Compounded by unnecessary panic. If you are going to equip the law enforcement with military gear, at the very least they need to be trained in how to use it. My mother once told me, if you are holding a hammer, everything looks like a nail. I don't want to be just another nail to these police when all we're trying to do is demand basic accountability in our executive branch of government. I don't think that I should need a gas mask to voice my concerns in unison with the neighbors, the aclu of Oregon agrees. According to the reporters you and chief marshman agreed to a hands-on approach if the protesters didn't march on to the freeways and a police captain called the organizers an hour before the march to tell them the deal was off. This is terrible mismanagement of the police response, Mr. Wheeler and I want you to promise us that it will never happen again.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Wheeler: We have a time certain item with the forbearance of my colleagues I would like to move to the consent agenda and take care of that quickly, is that all right? Very good. Please call the next item. I am sorry, I am sorry, are there items pulled? Thank you.

Moore-Love: Item 113 and 116.

Wheeler: Go to the end. 113 and 116, we can put those at the end of the regular agenda. If you could please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. You could call the next item please. We have a time certain at 9:45.

Item 112.

Fritz: Thank you mayor, in 2014 council created the pay to park program at Washington park to resolve longstanding issues there. The issues included managing limited parking there, and which often spills over into the neighborhood streets. Explore Washington park, which was formally a transportation management agreement, is the 501c3 nonprofit that provides transportation management services at the park on behalf of Portland parks and recreation. Since the inception it has been working with many partners to alleviate the parking congestion at Washington park. Explore Washington park executive director

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Heather McCarey is here to talk about the accomplishments and what is to come, and since we have not had a report before I thought this will be a good way to start off the new administration. Director mike Abbaté.

Mike Abbaté, Director, Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you, council, it's a great pleasure to be here, mike Abbaté, director of Portland parks and recreation. I would like to set a little historical context. In 1981 the city council consisted of mayor Francis Ivancie, commissioner Charles Jordan, commissioner mike Lindbergh, commissioner Mildred Schwab and Margaret Strong. I am reading from the first and only thus far master plan for Washington park. Two recommendations of that plan include, I am going to read from it, number one establish a permanent advisory committee, which equitably represents each of the institutions and the adjacent neighborhoods as well as users from the city at large to work with the superintendent in recommending policy, programming, and development objectives. And then this is really key. This is what, 36 years ago. As the cost of driving and owning private automobiles increases, public transit will become a more popular means of reaching recreational facilities. Demand is expected to nearly double within the next ten years. Those who reach the park via public transit will require some form of transit to move within the park, as will those who find it necessary to park at some distance from their destination. As the number of people use the park increased, the resulting traffic will itself become a cause of dissatisfaction, among the park users. For these reasons, it is time to consider alternative means of moving people around the park. 31 years later in 2012, and under the leadership of then parks commissioner nick Fish Portland city council and metro council I should mention approved the establishment of the transportation management association for Washington park. As commissioner Fritz mentioned this is our first time to come to council and give you a report on how it is going so first of all I would like to express my appreciation to the council for taking the risk to implement the paid parking at Washington park and we should be very proud and excited for the work that has been accomplished in these four years, and the way that we brought the park stakeholders together to achieve the vision set forth such a long time ago. And now that the effort has been fully operational for three years, we want to give the counselor an update on the accomplishments but the future of the transportation management association, which is now called explore Washington park. Things such as the free shuttle, with excellence ridership, a transportation management plan and starting a new master planning process for one of our premiere parks, increased ranger presence and enhancing the park through better maintenance and stakeholder engagement so I am joined today by a parks program specialist victor sanders, a parks employee who works in close collaboration with heather McCarey, the executive director of explore Washington park who will be making this report to you this morning.

Heather McCarey: Thank you very much, mike. Good morning mayor and counselors. I am heather, the executive director of explore Washington park and really appreciate the opportunity to be here today to give you a bit of background on who we are and what we've been able to accomplish. I appreciate mike's historical background looking at 1981, I am going to start us off in 1903. So in 1903, is when the Olmsted brothers came to Portland and they created plans for the city of Portland parks. And at the time, in 1903, Washington park did exist but it was called the city park. This is what they had to say about city park in 1903. Already the capacity of city park is taxed to its utmost upon holidays and on pleasant Sundays and summer that was in 1903. The popularity of Washington park has not decreased since.

Fish: I have a copy of that plan in my office, and the original is in our archives. The interesting thing about the original is between the preparation of is the final report and the presentation of council the author found some mistakes. So they are all corrected in pencil.

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McCarey: Yeah, you can see it said city of Portland parks commission, and then crossed out in pencil. So yeah. So the popularity of the park is ever increasing and we're home to some of Portland's most treasured attractions. We have the arboretum, the Japanese garden, international rose garden, Oregon zoo, world forestry center and the Portland children's museum. In fact, the park sees 3 million visitors every year, and I think it's really interesting to note that the Oregon zoo is bringing in over half those visitors over 1.5 million. So access to the park is really always something that has been a top concern, and I don't know if you remember this bus that used to run from downtown Portland up to the park. This is when omsi was still in the park and tri-met ran this bus, and they did an amazing job marketing with they'll find in the park. The space caption, and lying on the back. And then of course in 1998 the tri-met light rail station opened. This is the deepest nation in north America and links it with the max red and blue lines. But even with those efforts, people were still driving to the park. And so metro at the time they created an off-site parking lot, People would come to the park, if it was full, and they would go and be sent to this off-site lot and take the school buses to get back to the park. This is a system that's still is in use today. And it's not giving people the customer or the experience that we're hoping to provide to them. This is a picture of folks, all these folks trying to park inside of the park. They got sent to this off-site lot and they are in line waiting to get on a school bus. So parking and access continued to be an issue, and so as mike mentioned the directors got together in the park to really figure out aggressive measures to improve access, and these directors hired a consultant. They recommended a paid park system go in, and it was projected to raise 2.1 million annually and all of the money would stay inside Washington park. It would pay for the things you see on the screen so transportation management association --

Fish: I want to say mike, what she just said about the money staying in the park, that was the loud and clear message of our community when we had this very sharp debate a number of years ago, that the money stay, so we're continuing to put all the money back into the Washington park, correct?

Abbaté: Absolutely and again I think that that was a courageous move by the council to do that because sources of funds are precious and to recognize the importance of Washington park and say all the money raised there is going to stay in the park.

McCarey: That's what's happened. It was meant to create this nonprofit association of tma, pay for capital improvements, pay for enhanced shuttle so approve the off-site shuttle and also create a free inter-park shuttle and create a new master plan as mike mentioned. And so mike mentioned in 2012 the city council, metro council approved the ordinance that allowed for the Washington park transportation and parking agreement so that Portland parks and rec could install the system in the park. So I wanted to give an update on how that parking system is going. It is run and managed by parks and recreation so I provide these slides on behalf of pp&r. I mentioned that it was projected to raise \$2.1 million annually. The first fiscal year we raised \$2.4 million. This past year we raised \$2.6. We have not raised rates in the park since we started in January of 2014. We are starting to use, to utilize the parking that we have in a more efficient manner which is why we have seen an increase in the revenue. There is the concern that a system will impact the attendance.

Wheeler: Would you explain that, more efficient manner, what do you mean?

McCarey: We have quite a bit of parking near the reservoir at the north end underutilized. The rest of the park would be full and in fact, people would be sent over to these off-site lots. We had maybe 100 to 200 stalls remaining empty near the reservoirs. We did not have a way for people to get from there to the zoo or the rest of the park so when we started the shuttle we could tell people park at this end of the park and it will get you to

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where you need to go. And that's really, I think, has increased the use of the stalls. So this chart gives you attendance for the peak seasons so this is summer only. For the main venues that are in the ticketed venues so first you will see that the Oregon zoo is bringing in the attendance. 2013 is on the left, and that is when the pay to park did not exist. 2014 it went live and 2016, of course, was this past summer. So you can see that the children's museum really did not see any change in attendance. The Japanese garden actually has increased each year since pay to park went in. The zoo did see a decrease in attendance in 2014. That might have been a bit for pay to park and they also were doing construction on elephant lands at that time. And I am happy this is a, to report that this is a press release that they sent out a month ago, and they topped out at 1.6 million in attendance this past year. A bit about how the pay to park system is running. I wanted to give you some nuts and bolts of explore Washington park. The nonprofit that was created. So we are funded almost entirely through the parking meter funds and we received that for operating and programmatic expenses and we also received funds to operate the shuttle system. We have received metro federal funds through their regional transportation option program, as well. We have a fantastic board of directors that consists of the directors of all the venues as well as the director of Portland parks mike, tri-met sits on the board and we have the two neighborhood associations also represented. That's Arlington heights and sylvan island. So you know we talked a lot about getting everything going and the money we've been able to raise and I wanted to give you a real sense of what we've been able to do with those funds, and the three short years we've been operating. One of the most visible things we've been able to do is create a free shuttle. Pay to park went live in January of 2014 and hell or high water I wanted a free shuttle in may because that was something that we had promised the public that we would do. So we were able to partner with tri-met, and they have line 83 that ran throughout the park, so we paid for the fair box recovery of line 83 so we could advertise it as a free service. It was a popular one the first summer but we did not have control over frequency or customer experience, and so the summer of 2015 we were able to start our own shuttle service, and at the time we were called Washington park transportation management association, which is a bit too long to put on the side of the bus and we did not have a website so we were not really able to market it as much as we wanted to. Having said that it was a huge success. That first summer we offered 100,000 rides. The season is from May to October. It runs around 15 minutes. Depending on the traffic in the park. The next year we did have a logo, a website name etc. So we were able to brand the shuttle and the stops. This is right outside of the tri-met station in front of the zoo entrance. The word, free shuttle, is written no less than nine times in this picture. So it would be very hard to be here and not realize that you have a free shuttle that will take you around the park. In addition to branding the buses, we also got the service on google transit. We created a real-time app that lets people know where the buses are in the park. All of that, had a huge impact. This is just a picture of any summer, summer day, and you can see the popularity of the bus, in fact, we had standing room only often on the bus. Our shuttle ridership increased 40% in just one year. And we gave about 130,000 rides this past summer. That is beginning to back the park. So we can show that we reduced the number of trips by 26,000 vehicle trips in the park. And that has created some decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. We have decreased the co2 emissions by 32.9 million by taking those number of vehicles off the road. Excuse me, 32.9 tons. We also wanted to provide some customer service to folks since they were in the park. This is a picture of an old coffee kiosk right at tri-met right in front of the zoo, so it was not in use. And so we were able to turn it into an information kiosk. We staffed it seven days a week, June through august. We worked to have bilingual staff and the staff were located both at the tri-met kiosk and at the rose garden, and they helped over 30,000

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people this past summer. One of the largest tools that they used was a free brochure we created. So this is a map of the park. It let us people know how to get to the park, emphasizing the transit. It also let us people know where the shuttle will take them and what they will find. We printed 25,000 of these and distributed them through the venues like travel Portland. We have also developed a website that will let people know what they will find in the park and how to get there. Even has a parking available so people can see if there is parking there at that time. They should be taking transit to get to the park. So we have done a lot that is really sort of hands onto resources people can use, we also have worked on policy for the park.

Fritz: Before we get to that if I could ask a question if people park in the overflow, do they have to Pay for that?

McCarey: No. The overflow parking is free as is the shuttle that burst them back.

Fritz: And the shuttle operates all the time not just when they are parking at the park is full?

McCarey: No. It only -- there is two shuttles, an offside shuttle that operates when we use the off-site lots and only use it when parking is full so on a hot summer day we would use those, the inter-park shuttle runs continuously from May through October. On a set schedule.

Fritz: Within the park itself?

McCarey: Within the park we have a shuttle that runs continuously every day but then we only use the off-site lots when the parking lot is full at the park itself.

Fritz: Thank you.

McCarey: So those are some of the services that we're offering and also working on policy to improve the access. One of the ways that we have done that is to adopt a transportation management plan. It was adopted this past October, and it was one of the main tasks that the tma had when it was created. And the management plan sets out goals for the park, and also has different target areas such as mode split so we're looking to decrease the vehicle trips by 15%. One of our goals is to really make sure that we have measurable targets and to that end we do really robust surveying. Every august we survey 800 to 1,000 people, the intercept surveys, we offer those in five languages. And so with that we really have been able to track the impact the programs have had on the park. This is probably my favorite slide because it really shows you the impacts, so you can see in 2014, 80% of the people that were coming to the park drove to the park. This past summer that had dropped down to 66%. So a lot of those folks are taking transit. We have increased from 13% to 17%. I think what's a really interesting story is the other car share, so in 2014 when we started, other was roller blading and uber and lyft had not come on the scene but now in 2016 Uber and Lyft are a main way that people are getting to the park, and in fact, it's 8% of the people. So it kind of shows how technology is impacting the way that people are accessing the park and moving around the city.

Fritz: What can you tell me about the demographics of people coming in and how much the different languages is used?

McCarey: Yes. So we do ask in our survey, we ask what language is spoken at home, and we ask race and gender, and we ask their area code, excuse me, the zip code. And we have chosen not to ask their income. We have decided that we can use that data to figure out the demographics of that, so we are using that to figure out who is coming to the park and one of the main goals in the transportation management plan is to increase the number of people from underserved populations that are accessing the park so we can use that data to track if we are being successful with that or not.

Fritz: Do we have any preliminary findings on that like we have the mode shares?

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McCarey: I do, yeah. It's in our survey report, it can be found on the website, and I can provide you a copy of this. It goes into great detail.

Fritz: It is on the website?

McCarey: It is, yep, and we can also provide you a paper copy.

Fritz: Thank you.

McCarey: So we do have a couple of things that are coming online. One of our goals is to do some targeted marketing to our venue members. These are folks that we can get information to before they go to the park. So we received 140,000 grant from metro to do that work. We'll be starting that work this summer. We also are looking to improve our shuttle service, we don't want people to have to stand on the buses so we'll be putting more buses on routes, and we are looking to develop and build out a new rose garden shuttle stop so this is the current stop that we have, really a poll on the sidewalk, and by this summer, we'll have an actual shuttle stop completely ada compliant that can have up to 20 people there. So we're really excited about that. We're also looking at providing more sustainability offsite parking solutions. I have shown you this yellow school bus. It is not helping us to reach our greenhouse gas emissions. We're looking at using the sunset transit center on the weekends. There is actually more parking available at sunset than what we currently have in our lot. And we're looking to partner with tri-met to figure out how can we improve that access link between the sunset transit center and the park. It is just one stop on the light rail so we're looking to partner with them on that program. Of course mike had mentioned that we're working on a master plan, that plan is being led by Portland parks and recreation and set to be completed in the fall of 2017. And lastly we are working with the Portland water bureau. They have the reservoir project taking place right now. This is a map from our brochure, and I want to orient you to it, the bottom is 26 and that's where the zoo is located and at the top is the Japanese garden and the rose garden and you can see that that's where the red lines are. Those are the red lines; those are the roads being impacted by the reservoir project. That is where we have lost 50% of our parking at that end of the park for the next peak season. We have also lost an access road for the park. So we are working aggressively with the Portland -- excuse me Portland water bureau to provide additional shuttle services. We will really be marketing for folks to take transit to the park and then getting on the shuttle in order to get to that end of the park. I hope that gives you a bit of background, and some information, some updates on what we've been able to do the past couple of years. It really has been an amazing effort and it's been just an honor for me to be able to work in the park and work to improve the access to it.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fish: I have a question. First congratulations on the report and to commissioner Fritz and the director Abbaté and -- I love the name, explore Washington park and I just went on my phone and pulled up the app and it's terrific. Mike, one of the concerns that we had a couple of years ago was the impact on mobility in Washington park with all of the big capital construction projects happening at the same time. And that includes the expansion of the Japanese garden, the work at the zoo, obviously the water bureau work, which I feel like I owe you an apology for that. It is for the greater good, but so you have a lot going on. How is that impacting the ability of people to get around?

Abbaté: Well, it's going to have a significant impact. Right now it's not too bad. It's certainly offseason but this is the year, it's the centennial of the rose garden, the international rose test Garden will be 100 years old and there will be a celebration this year and you know, just convergence of realities. We're in the middle of a giant construction project that at the same time that we are going to recognize an important milestone in the city's history. I think that heather hit it on the head. This summer, if you want to come to

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Washington park, please take max. Take max or other public transit, and there will be limited parking. It will be hard to find. And there will be congestion so -- but what's wonderful is that because the foundation has been laid, we now have a process and plan to help people enjoy the park, in the summer of 2017, so it has real impacts. I would say that a great thanks to the water bureau and to the bureau of transportation, all of whom have come around the table and realize that we need to make everything work to the best extent possible.

Fish: I actually had no idea that you had so many stops that were conveniently located particularly on the perimeter of Washington park so for people that are going to take a bus and then to like 23rd and Burnside or some place on the edge, it really -- there is no reason to bring your car into -- I don't want to take revenue off your goal to fund all this. You have played it easy to access the park without bringing in your car and I thank you for that.

Abbaté: One other thing on the app front if you drive, there is an app, passport app where you can pay for parking. So that's really helpful. If you come to the zoo, and you have got a couple of kids and you pay for a couple of hours of parking, and in the midst of the visit you say man we have not been here yet and we need another hour. On your phone, you can dial in and get another hour or two hours of parking without going back to your car so it has been a really great success. That's how I pay to park when I am up there, just use the phone app.

Wheeler: May I ask, has there been any extension of the services provided to people who are mobility limited?

McCarey: Our shuttle is completely ada compliant, able to hold two wheelchairs and 24 people that are seated.

Abbaté: And I would say that there are many -- the city did an inventory of barriers, and Portland parks and recreation because of our facilities have more ada barriers throughout the city than any other property owners. The bond project, we are doing a major project for increased accessibility to the rose garden, and that's also being timed with the centennial in mind. Thank you.

Wheeler: Any public testimony on this issue, Karla?

Moore-Love: I have three people signed up. Please come on up.

Star Stauffer: Good morning, my name is star Stauffer, thank you to Washington parks for giving us that lengthy commercial for transportation and tri-met. That entire project that they are putting together and the entire presentation that they just gave has nothing to do with the park. It has everything to do with transportation and tri-met. The money will not stay in the park. That is misguiding the public thank you very much. When you talk about expanding parking lots and partnering with shuttles and tri-met and buying kiosks, that's putting money into the hands of developers and corporations. That's not money staying in the park. Money staying in the park would look like taking the money and re-investing and planting more trees, or if we are going to develop more structures in the park let's build some tiny homes, I think in that park with the shuttle service and everything that's going on we could probably do starting off 25 tiny homes. We have got a free shuttle service that will take them up there and take them back downtown so that they can get needs met at the shelters as far as meals and clothing. That sounds like a really good investment to me if you really care about the public but don't come up here and give some halfcocked presentation and think that as the public, I don't realize you are not talking about the park. You are talking about putting money in the hands of tri-met and construction developers. How does this improve the park? This is more walking space and concrete. If you want to invest in your community, invest in those, in those who have nowhere to sleep. We have this park that you have turned into a tourist attraction. That is our park. Shame on this

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council that you would sit here and listen to this for all of this time and you can't even give us a meeting about the houseless. We have e-mailed all of you and Eudaly's office sat with us for hours and took notes and wasted our time and didn't present them and you will listen for 20 minutes about them developing a parking lot? And you think that we're stupid enough to buy that, that it's about the parks. We're not. You have underestimated us and we are not going away. We want to talk about this houseless issue and we don't want a meeting with your assistant, wheeler, we want a meeting with you, face to face where you have a pencil in your hand and taking notes and making stuff happen. Period.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Joe Walsh: Good morning. My name is joe Walsh. I represent individuals for justice. I have got to tell you how enthused I was listening to that plan. Your staff obviously spent a lot of time and a lot of work, and they did a lot of graphs and they contacted tri-met and they did all of the things that they are supposed to do. So my question is to you, mayor, what is the plan for the people dying on the streets. Why don't you have a plan. Where are the graphs? I want to see graphs, I like graphs. People say we lost five people, where is the plan? You keep saying there is a plan. Why don't you get tri-met to put two buses outside of here and warming buses? You open up the Portland building and you think that you are St. Francis? No, you are not. You are a fraud at the moment. And we want to believe in you. We want to give you six months. We wanted to go with you. You are a fraud so far. You throw bombs at kids for god's sakes. And then you have --

Stauffer: Please don't interrupt him. This is the only opportunity that we have had to speak.

Walsh: I am on point. I am on point. You are a fraud:

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Every week you will be told that, fraud.

Wheeler: Duly noted, good morning.

Mimi German: I am Mimi German, and I saw that the report on the parks was really illuminating and I am glad to see that there is such extra money being made from the parking lots that could be turned over in and of itself to help build shelters at these parks for people who need them. The parks are a wonderful place as we just saw in that hour long presentation, or so it seemed, to even have two different shelters built, two different villages built at the park because there is enough room, and I have a feeling that at the park if there was a graph that showed the space near where the reservoir was, where that was, instead of being made into more parking, that we took that idea and used it in a way that was much more efficient and beneficial and humanizing for what our true needs are in the city where we build a village there near the reservoir, and we build another one of tiny homes in another part of the park because the park, as we just saw is doing so well on the extra money of the parking lots that already exist and the money coming in from that, so instead of spending money on concrete, which is something that this council sat before, you know, another presentation last week, or two weeks ago, about giving money to preserve concrete and fix the concrete in front of another, just a disgusting and heinous gentrifying building on front and around northwest 9th, instead of having the pattern of paying for more concrete let's take that extra money and build villages in the park. There is already -- we just heard that there is free busing so the people who need to come down into the city to use -- tpi or anything like that they can come in on the free buses that already exist. It's a fabulous way to spend that extra money and kudos for the parks for, you know, putting this presentation to go. We need to change the focus of not going for concrete, not allowing more money for concrete, and not allowing money to create a shelter for people who are waiting for a bus rather than shelter which is housing for people. I found that appalling in that presentation. There is already a pole that exists where people know up at the rose garden where to wait for a bus. They don't need a shelter. The people

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who need that with that extra money are the people living right out here on the street at that park. A perfect, perfect answer. So I encourage you to look into that extra money, that \$2 million and how many -- you could build beautiful tiny homes in two different villages, perhaps three up at the park and take care of the needs of the people up there.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Shedrick Wilkins: I am sorry I don't agree with this conversation. I believe that Washington park is a place of natural science. We don't want people living there. I have had wonderful. [chanting]

Wheeler: All three of you are excluded and we'll take a ten-minute break.

At 10:21 a.m. council recessed.

At 10:32 a.m. council reconvened.

Wheeler: Start your testimony again, you were interrupted.

Wilkins: I'm Shedrick Wilkins I don't agree about putting homeless housing up at Washington park, actually I was more in favor of putting right to dream too at omsi. I like that fact that there's a lot of natural science even this, in 1957 when splitnik happened, the old omsi had a computer, I used to go up there and see a computer the size of a room. They grow plants there, you can go up to omsi and grow a rose or something, you know. This is natural stuff. Out the Beaverton way there is a thing called a Techtronic Museum, out there, you know, on the west side, it's great stuff, the Techtronic's, but the problem is, this area here is a natural spot, there should not be any people around and if you are going to do housing for the homeless do it near omsi. There is a lot of train tracks there, there was a plan to put right 2 dream too near there and I support that and don't do anything at Washington park. It's a natural spot.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Craig Rogers: Good morning, council. I want to formally welcome mayor wheeler and commissioner Eudaly.

Fritz: Put your name in the record.

Rogers: I am Craig rogers. I am an old straight white guy. And it's my pleasure to walk across the field from where I live and walk into the east Portland community center because of the diversity. And commissioner Fritz, commissioner Fritz, you asked a significant question. In this excellent presentation that they gave of the different languages served. And so you know, you are inquiring, the diversity, and what you got going on over there at east Portland community center, I really encourage you to keep that going forward with Washington park and all of your differentiator. This is not too abstract, but you know, Jeff merkley recently was a part of opening up the area down in the Siskiyou mountains that president Obama contributed some more land to it. And that area down there is, Actually, one of the most diverse areas because there is three distinct eco-systems that overlap, and where they overlap, it's incredible diversity, and nature tends to run ahead of humanity, and we need to look at the examples of their nature of why diversity is so important, and we, as humanity, should grasp and understand that and really appreciate the diversity that we have in humanity. That's all that I have to say.

Wheeler: Appreciate it.

Fish: I move the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second am any further council discussion? Karla please call the roll.

Fritz: Thank you for this great presentation Victor Sanders, Rachael Felice, Heather McCarey. The entire Washington park board, and tri-met, who are partnering on this, also commissioner Fish for starting this project and also for his work, working with the water bureau and bureau of transportation to alleviate the congestion. The lingering concern that

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I have is that when we saw the pictures of the board clearly it does not represent the community that we serve. And so I am going to be hoping that in the next year we can have more discussion of how could we make sure that the people from east Portland are able to come to the park cause it takes a long time on tri-met to get from the east Portland community center all the way to the park. So we have had several years to get the concept going, and now we need to refine it and make sure that everybody has access and not limited by the ability to pay either parking or the expenses. I also was reflecting when we were listening to the presentation about the shuttle bus, that it's becoming more like Yellowstone park, that we should decrease the congestion and also for making sure that people can get around. We have got these internal shuttles as well as the external ones and the more that we can think of the different attractions, at Washington park, very much like some of the different attractions in Yellowstone park, we can continue to promote this wonderful resource that was started so many years ago. Aye.

Fish: First thank you for the excellent presentation and the history lesson. I particularly like the photograph of the bus that used to be used, and I was thinking, was that -- did we borrow that from ken kesey or give it to them after we were finished with it? That was a classic. I also want to compliment the team for coming up with the name, explore Washington park. I think that that's, that has a nice ring to it and I like the logo. This is about good government. The idea is that users pay to maintain the infrastructure, and we did not used to charge people to drive up there but there was an impact on the roads so everybody paid for it. I think it's appropriate to say if you use Washington park you are going to help defray the cost and you are going to cover the cost of shuttle buses to get people out of the car. This is consistent with our climate action plan because we are giving people options, alternatives to driving there. They can take the max and they can take a shuttle bus and they can walk. And finally this is one of our crown jewels, and I didn't realize that this was the centennial year so I look forward to the celebrations with the parks commissioner and the community, as we celebrate this treasure. Thank you for a great report, aye.

Eudaly: Aye.

Wheeler: I thought it was a fantastic and informative report and I believe the team actually has left at this point but perhaps commissioner Fritz if you could extend my thanks along with the other commissioners for the hard work that they put into it. Public testimony notwithstanding it was a report, explicitly about transportation and exactly the report that I had hoped to hear in terms of how we reduce the number of personal vehicles being driven to and then stored in the park while people are there. The reality is that they have made it easy and cheap and convenient and free and in many cases for people to be able to get into the park. I was pleased with the answer to the question about people mobility limited in terms of making sure that everybody has access to this asset. So I am an enthusiastic aye. The report is obviously accepted. Commissioner Fish has invited a couple of people to testify and they have been waiting patiently and I would like to move 113 next please.

Item 113.

Fish: I will ask maryhelen to introduce the panel but a quick background. Today we are officially awarding a 40,000 grant from our special appropriations process to the vanport mosaic festival. And I want to do a little subliminal advertisement for continuing the special appropriation process. This is subliminal.

Maryhelen Kincaid: I second that motion.

Fish: I think that we have the vote. Karla call the roll. [laughter] so this is a big year for vanport. The 75th anniversary of the building of vanport, which was built in 1942, and that's interesting because we normally focus on another event, which is the 70th anniversary of the destruction of vanport with the 1948 flood. Vanport was Oregon's

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second largest city. With over 40,000 residents, and I believe that it was the most diverse city in the state. The vanport mosaic festival is back for a second year, it will take place over four days, may 26 to May 29. And it's a chance to educate Portlanders about the great history of vanport and celebrate that history and the survivors through art and public events, and today Damaris Webb and maryhelen kincaid are here to tell us about the festival.

Maryhelen Kincaid: I am maryhelen kincaid, and I testify often on things that are contentious and this is a happy day. I don't have to talk about demolition or any of those things. So this was an example of how good ideas happen when really smart, caring people get together. Damaris and Laura leforte who couldn't be here today and Renee Mitchell had a great idea to collaborate to bring back the memories of those people that we don't have and they are not being recorded, and I believe that this is an opportunity for us to learn from those memories. It was the second largest city, it was the largest housing project in the nation, at the time. That was 75 years ago, today there is a golf course, pir and delta park, and one small, about 10 by 20-foot patch of asphalt is all that's left so the memories and the history are in the minds and the hearts of people that live there, and they are doing an excellent job of recording those and bringing to light some of the struggles that people go through. We are doing that same thing today and we witnessed that with people's concerns about housing and displacement and what's going to happen and I don't know that we should not and I believe that we should connect the lessons that we have learned at the time of the flood when the berm and the railroad berm broke, 18,000 people were homeless within 24 hours. Where did they go and what happened to them? And not only is that into the history of the Albina district and the soul district we want to know who lived there and who was born there and who went to school there. Portland state college has its roots there and that's where it began and that is rich for the city, and this vanport mosaic is putting that together for us, and so it's -- I've been advocating in my work with them, this is not just vanport but the city of Portland, mosaic. Kaiser did some great innovations when they built that. They have brought out a new form of healthcare. Childcare became something. I forget the man's name. First integrated school in the city of Portland. And hired the first african-american woman as a teacher. Just recently Damaris Webb produced and directed Left Hook which is a play about the boxing culture and the city of Portland and Albina and how it got its start at the knot gym, which is now in the matt dishman center which operates by an almost totally volunteer man that boxed there has connections in the community gets no funding from the city, and rich in history, and basically goes hat to hand to collect the money so that the kids can go there and learn and have the community. We need to do better with in that and they have connected with the mosaic project. There is all kinds of connections there. There is the don't shoot Portland black panthers and black lives matter and Vancouver avenue Baptist church and the Irvington Covenant church, all kinds of people, and what I found and how I got involved was to sort of -- my official job title is resource engineer. Try to find the connection points and put them together. How do we go all those people together? Laura Laforte said there is so many people contacting us that we cannot do all the work so this is really beneficial to help support and provide the structure. I don't know the figures. Last year I would say 95% of all the work was volunteer work. The contacting work that we had to pay for, the food, for what I think is a premiere event is a reunion dinner for all the residents and their families and they gather people together and let them reminisce. Stories from last year, schoolmates that will not have seen each other since sixth grade and they are 80. Memories of who was so and so's boyfriend and girlfriend. It was fantastic. This year the u of o and Portland community media that's now bright lights --

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Kincaid: Okay, have renovated the 1960s airstream trailer into a mobile video recording studio, and it will be on-site to record those. That cost money and that -- we're generating that, so this grant is really going to support a lot of efforts and preserve and discuss the history of Portland. So I can hardly wait for the great stories. The port of Portland is giving us three buses to do an inside the fence bus tour because the people that live there can't walk a mile and a half to see what is there. So I can hardly wait for the first person to point out the window and say that's where I lived. That's where I went to school. So that we can report those things and hopefully we'll learn some lessons of how we can handle the people that don't have housing so that they don't have memories and they are not forgotten.

Damaris Webb: Thank you. I am Damaris webb. And you have done a wonderful job of capturing some of the festival but I want to say thank you for this appropriations grant because it's also allowing us to expand your programming to beyond just the festival. And as we witnessed and we know, housing, homelessness, displacement and also it's interesting when we point to discovering the stories that -- because the stories have been here, and we just haven't been listening, right. I feel that as a co-director of the vanport mosaic, our main intent, although we are artist-led we are community driven, and the mosaic expands to all the entry points coming into the history of the pacific northwest as well as all of the richness of the stories of the pacific northwest. So we're trying to place ourselves in a kind of grassroots' community organizing situation, and then bringing that back to the dominant paradigm so that we can learn from where we've been so that we can more richly and more diversely decide where we're going to go. So thank you for supporting us and doing this.

Kincaid: One thing that I left out and looked at the notes I scratched in the car driving here, last year commissioner Fritz opened the festival at the interstate firehouse, where they will have dramatic readings and commissioner Fish closed the ceremony, and I think that they both experience the great craftsmanship that went into the festival so I am -- commissioner Eudaly and wheeler, I am inviting you, because there might be an event or all the events you want to attend.

Fritz: Can you tell us what the dates are please?

Webb: Yes. The dates are the -- we have cards to share, as well, and you can look -- it's always memorial day weekend which is the anniversary of the flood, and our website is www.vanportmosaic.org so you can find out about a programming throughout the year as well as for the festival memorial day weekend.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Kincaid: I have more cards, so if anybody wants one, you know how to find me and you can put them in the office.

Wheeler: Fantastic. Thank you. Thank you both. Is there any further testimony, Karla, on this item?

Moore-Love: I did not have sign-up sheet.

Wheeler: Call the roll -- I am sorry there is people who want to testify. Come on up. We are running behind now due to the protest earlier so I am going to limit it to two minutes.

Shedrick Wilkins: Vanport is a great thing. I learned that vanport means Vancouver and Portland. My grandfather in world war ii, my roots are from Colorado, foreign people, one thing about making ships to help England or something in the second world war, women built these ships and became welders, and in countries like japan women were not allowed to do things like that, and we mobilized women in a workforce and we also brought african-americans here from the south, to have shipyard jobs, and we could work together, and there was daycare, and there was health care, and of course the flood shows that nature is more powerful than a lot of things, you know, in 1948. But it's a great lesson to be learned,

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a lesson about history and the first and second world war, and how there was a role there for a better society at that time that we're still trying to have right now.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Good morning.

Charles Johnson: Good morning. I am Charles bridge crane Johnson and in this time of increasing from polarization about race and immigration and in-country migration, when we remember what was supposedly the greatest generation, that is the time when vanport happened and much of Portland was not so great about assisting the victims of that tragedy equitably and fairly, by 1948, when a racism that still is part, of the Oregon culture, was causing complications for the victims of the vanport flood, some Americans had only been at internment camps for a few years so when we had the women's march, and hundreds of thousands or maybe people marched, there was a lot of concern, as that was planned about the intersectionality so I think another area for that is when we have this, I think, not so constructive greatest generation idea, is to also look at the intersectionality between the Japanese Americans who were in turn while bringing workers to the port of Portland. And realize that we have made progress but there is a ways to go. Thanks you all.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Joe Walsh: I am joe Walsh and I represent individuals for justice. I object to lowering the time for citizens to testify to this. We are in favor of this. We are excited about it however there is a dark side to this. We are a little bit concerned about that. So when you do this funding, do you have any mechanism that says that you know, this was a disaster on a very large scale? We were coming out of the concept that african-americans were not allowed in Oregon. We had a law that said you could not come to Oregon, and what happened to that city? Why didn't it happen someplace else? Those are all interesting questions that came up. But we do support it. We support it because we need to know. And all we're saying to you is be honest on the histories. Everything that we heard here today was very positive. People lost their homes, they died this is not something to celebrate yet here today we are celebrating it so my brain gets a little tangled on these value systems. If you are going to give our money to any cause, would you please ask pertinent questions. Say there, they have history down here. In that history, do you have what happened? What's the connection as Charlie said to the Japanese internment? It happened at the same time or close to it. It's connected.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner Fish, for pulling this from the consent agenda. It is an important item and I agree that the special appropriations that mayor haless set up last year is a better model than when I first started on the council in 2009 when we had lots of special appropriations, various different things. Over the course of mayor adam's administration and then mayor haless, the things that we really wanted to keep as an ongoing part of the budget like the voz workers center and some of the other future things, on our part, in the budget so we had fewer special appropriations requests but still it was up to people who knew a particular commissioner or mayor to come in and say I would like to put this in the budget and there really wasn't a way to look at what ones should be funded so last year the mayor sets up a million dollars, and in a special appropriations fund, and then the council offices or sent staff obviously not the council members because that would be a quorum in the private meeting but the staff looked at all the applications and decided what were the most meritorious and in looking at what was done before and proposed to be done. It's a much more fair opportunity for everybody to ask for that special appropriations money, and I am very grateful that the vanport mosaic was one of them. I think anyone who went to the festival last year would have no if we about its voracity of telling the real story in multiple ways. Damaris webb who taught me a good lesson is telling

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me Damaris rhymes with glamorous so I have realized that you know, how people remember things, you have something like that, and I don't think that I will ever say your name incorrectly again. I know who you are because of your involvement in that, and thank you Maryhelen Kincaid. You were an integral part in the system and I love your title of resource engineer. That's essentially what a lot of great roots activists are doing is engineering and making connections between community folks who work together for really wonderful things, and I have heard a suggestion that we should rename delta park the vanport and as the parks commissioner I don't know why it's called delta park in the first place. It was not delta park it was vanport but I think that's a conversation that we need to have to look at. Could we stimulate for the rest of they year not just on memorial day weekend, could we get our children asking why is it called that? So I am very open to having that discussion and thank you very much for all of you working in the community. Aye.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz I second your effort in considering renaming delta park. I think a public process is warranted to explore that but it's a splendid idea to Damaris webb and maryhelen kincaid, thank you for joining us today. To me what you are doing represents the best of our city, I will call it the spirit of Portland, and that may be why this year we awarded you the spirit of Portland award and give our welcome to Laura Laforte and the rest of the team.

Eudaly: I am thrilled to get to support this special appropriation. I learned about the vanport flood in 1998 through a zine which is where I learned many interesting details about our city. At the time vanport had really been reduced to a rumor or a legend. It was extraordinary that such a catastrophic event that affected almost 20,000 people in our community had largely been forgotten. I was honored to present the art shows three years ago by a vanport survivor, Peggy ball, that was called kinships stories remember the native north Portland. And through her that I really got to learn firsthand what life was like and, you know, what that event -- the impact the event had on the community so I also -- third commissioner Fritz's suggestion of renaming the park, and aye.

Wheeler: I thought this was a great presentation. Thank you commissioner Fish, and I want to thank you for coming in and sharing your stories and sharing the little bit about the vanport mosaic festival, which will be coming up on May 26-29. I think it's exciting. It's great. Add me to the list of people who wonder why there is not a direct reference to vanport given that is the historic location of vanport where delta park currently is located so let's start that process and see where it takes up. Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

Fritz: Mayor may I just have a point of information. We do have parks naming and renaming processes and so when we have a new park we always go through a process to have the community make recommendations on what to call it.

Kincaid: Senator Jackie Winters is working on a state effort to get an I-5 sign put on I-5 that says historic vanport site and there's also efforts to make the entire site a national historic site. There's a state Oregon historical marker number 102 right there at the entrance to the pir and so there's a lot of interest in the recognition as we can guess there's a lot of regulations and public process to do that. The other piece of that is we're working with commissioner Fish's staff on a proclamation that we'll bring back because last year there was a city proclamation for the city so that will be at another recognition. And we're hoping that we will be able to coordinate that with the state so all of those things are all because one year of work at the vanport mosaic. So good to keep on the record.

Fritz: So I just wanted to make clear that I'm hearing conversations in the community it's not my idea and always interested in looking for community suggestions, renaming a park is a major undertaking was sometimes people do have connections yet in certain instances

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like this perhaps Custer park and others should be considered for renamed, so very much willing to engage in that conversation as it bubbles up. [applause]

Item 118.

Wheeler: Any further council discussion? Please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Wheeler:** Aye.

Wheeler: It passes. Next item, please.

Item 119.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Harry Auerbach, City Attorney's Office: City attorney's office. I think we have briefed you on what we want to do with this item. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Wheeler: Any further council questions? Is there any public testimony on this item? Might as well just stay there. Thank you, sir.

Lightning: I'm lightning. I represent lightning super watchdog pdx. I would prefer that the city attorneys remain independent pertaining to the litigation on this issue. Again, I want to avoid the appearance of any and all conflicts of interest and as we all know, president trump is involved in that from the foreign emoluments clause which we're seeing an historic event take place so I'm watching very close on any conflict of interest and would prefer city attorneys remain separate pertaining to this litigation. Also I have a concern on how much money we're going to end up funding on this because the city attorneys are stepping in position and also representing the other party, the commission itself. So I have some concerns on the overall cost by going in this direction. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any further public testimony? Call the roll, please.

Fritz: Aye. Thank you very much for all of your work on the commission.

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The resolution is adopted. Next item, please.

Item 120.

Wheeler: Very good. Good morning.

*******:** Good morning.

Christine Moody, Procurement Services: Good morning, mayor, commissioners.

Christine moody, procurement services. The bureau of technology services is responsible for maintaining data center facilities for the critical and business critical applications of the city. The Portland building houses the city's primary data center and is subject to significant seismic concerns. Additionally, the Portland building will be undergoing major reconstruction efforts posing considerable risk to city operations if the primary data center remains in its current location. Bts is seeking to relocate to a local colocation facility within the metro area and the same vendor will provide disaster recovery capabilities through a secondary colocation facility outside of the region. In September of 2016, the city issued a request for proposals for data center colocation services. On September 30, 2016, three proposals were received. The proposals were reviewed, evaluated and scored by a five-person evaluation committee including representatives from bts, transportation, development services, and the minority evaluator program. The proposal from via west was deemed highest scoring and was recommended for awarding of a contract. The city issued a notice of intent to award on December 1, 2016, and no protests were received. You have before you a procurement report recommending authorization of a contract to via west for a not to exceed value of \$4,500,000. I will turn this over to Jeff baer and Carolyn glass to talk more about the project.

Jeff Baer, Director, Bureau of Technology Services: For the record good morning, I'm Jeff baer, director of technology services with the city. Carolyn glass is overseeing the data center relocation project. I wanted to provide additional detail about relocation and to most

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people it's not very glamorous to move a data center but for us it's exciting to see this come together. It reflects an investment in a significant leap forward in protecting and providing data resiliency. These are the city's mission critical data systems. By relocating them out of the Portland building and out of the downtown core area we achieve significant improvements in maintaining the system fault tolerant and multiple redundant power distribution paths. What does the 4.5 million cover? This includes total cost of the buildout of the existing systems, relocating equipment and servers to the new location, we have some professional technical services related to the buildout, cloud related services and covers the ongoing operational expense over five-year term. Once we complete this primary site buildout we'll pursue disaster recoveries with via west in Denver, Colorado. Because we're still finalizing the design of the initial system the ongoing expense is going to be the magnitude of 45 to \$60,000 per month ongoing. Because of the technical complexity of this project we're working on this is being overseen by the technology oversight committee so each of you have a transport tent on that committee. It will be recorded quarterly for the city council. We have a quality assurance firm reviewing the project and publishing monthly queue reports. I want to highlight a couple of key reasons why we did select via west because they are actually off highway 26 in Washington county they are connected to the pge power grids, they have 24/7 diesel fuel priority with the dispatch able stand by program. They are a gold level partner in the pge electric clean wind program which guarantees reliable and renewable source of clean energy. There I'll pause and Carolyn is here to answer technical questions.

Fritz: Is it far away enough? What is the earthquake stability of that area?

Baer: It's fault tolerant, out of the primary grid. If you drive out highway 26 if you're familiar with I think it's the tonkin baseball field, it's just past that.

Fritz: That's not subject to the major earthquake problems.

Baer: Right.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Obviously, this is an opportunity for us as we move the data center to take a deeper look at how we actually conduct business, and I'm interested to know how we're going to use this to improve our efficiency, use this to improve customer service, how we're going to use this to adopt new technological advancements like cloud services. With that in mind I have a couple of questions the first of which is as you move the data center are we simply moving an old data center to a new location or are we actually thinking about ways to improve and enhance the use of technology? How is this going to be different than the old data center?

Carolyn Glass, Bureau of Technology Services: I'll take that one. Thank you. Carolyn glass from bts. In terms of moving the old and that's all we're doing, that's not really the case, as a part of a move this large for us we're looking at different technology refreshes, things to advance our capabilities and also reduce our cost. However, with the timeline of this move, primarily being driven by the Portland building reconstruction, we do have a limit of how much time we can spend on that kind of analysis and design. So we did not do everything that we could do. We didn't do everything that we wanted to do. There's further analysis that should be done going forward on how we can further optimize.

Wheeler: Will there be an opportunity to do a deeper customer assessment in terms of their needs? Could that help shape some of the technology you'll be using at this location?

Glass: That's something that would happen over time on a customer by customer engagement level. Always we have consistent engagement with those projects that come up from customer bureaus about how to better meet their needs and how there may be technological things we can employ. This provides greater capability and flexibility than in our own facility. If we needed to expand significantly they are able to assist us with that

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level of expansion. They have no real limitations at our scale for power or cooling that would otherwise have been a problem for us.

Wheeler: What about data collection? I'm very interested in the internet of things, autonomous vehicles, sensor data. Will this facility have the ability to capture and store that data?

Glass: Our systems that we locate in that facility absolutely can. We already have the ability to scale quite large based on design in place. Should we need to we can use their cloud capabilities or their on-ramp to other cloud capabilities to help expand that as well.

Wheeler: Does that include the use of multiple providers, Microsoft, google, drop box? Do we have the capacity to move beyond some of our current customer -- current contractual relationships?

Glass: It does. We currently have contractual relationships with microsoft, for example, using their as your cloud services. This contract gets us access to via west cloud services and we use amazon cloud services for other spot needs as well. Certainly it gives us good capabilities in that expansion.

Wheeler: What about on the data storage costs? Are the data storage costs at bts comparable to, say, amazon or microsoft?

Glass: For the types of storage that we're delivering and including backup capabilities in that, yes, they generally are. What those services tend to not provide is the higher performance storage for applications located elsewhere. We would have to move the applications wholly into the cloud to take advantage of some of those types of storage.

Wheeler: Will you have the ability to scale like that? Will you be able to do that?

Glass: We have the ability to do that now. This contract actually improves our ability to do that because of their substantial band width capabilities out of the via west facility.

Wheeler: I see this is as a great opportunity potentially if we do it right, the opportunity to jump to the next level as far as technology currently available and is assumed to be available in the next several years. I want to make sure that we have an infrastructure in place that's able to handle both the complexity of the customer arrangements as well as data storage and being able to accommodate the kinds of data flow that are coming in through autonomous vehicle and sensors and that sort of thing. I want to make sure we're not locking ourselves into an older technology platform. Sounds like you're telling me that's not the case.

Glass: That's correct.

Wheeler: That's what I wanted to hear.

Baer: Mayor, if I could add one thing, tom Rinehart is chairing our technology executive steering committee. One discussion point now is inventorying what we call all the different major systems and applications throughout the city. We have -- various life cycles in those. Where are those opportunities we can look at more of an enterprise approach so one-off applications? We're starting those discussions.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: Is the technology oversight committee looking after this project?

Baer: They have taken it over as one of their portfolio.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any public comment on this matter?

Moore-Love: I didn't have a signup sheet.

Wheeler: Two minutes, please.

Shedrick Wilkins: I'm Shedrick Wilkins. I agree with this. Generally during this ice storm or if there was an earthquake the whole downtown area will be cordoned off, this might be gas leaks. Traffic jams, people want to get out of the city so people coming into the city won't get in. Ice, snow is what's going to happen. I guess moving this to Washington county is better. Also if you want to have consultant's intel has 15,000 employees they can

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consult about the future, tell you what's the next generation of information storage. Intel is out there. Again, it's more open. It's flat. They have their own generators. Again, if there's an earthquake Portland is going to be mess. People aren't going to be able to come down here.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Charles Johnson: Good morning. Charles bridge crane Johnson. Glad to hear the mayor have direct questions. The electronic document that's linked strictly to the agenda is just three-page fairly proforma you have to read in a paragraph before you find via west. I would -- it's a little bit -- I don't know if this is second reading but I think one thing that even though these contracts look good and I have no qualms about via west as a provider I would encourage you all to look at language in the contract with via west that is strictly about guaranteed service and delivery in times of crisis. It's really great if they have green energy and stuff like that, but if in the end -- also I don't think it really matters they have centers in about eight states and Calgary. I don't think it matters whether the data is collocated in Denver or even Canada. If they can't deliver in performance, if there's a crisis situation, local data center or the earthquake comes, then will our contract with via west reduce payments to them if they are not able to meet specific performance objectives? So often we hear situations where -- we did the best we could. Products are not delivered. I encourage you to see if that can be in the language. In the crisis situation they are going to have -- we're the city government, we're important, but they happen not to be in the city. They will prioritize service based on protecting their revenue. So if there's fines, disincentives, changed payment structures that will ensure the city of Portland gets the best prioritized service from via west. Thank you.

Wheeler: Can I get a motion and a second?

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Good stuff. Aye. The report is accepted.

Item 121.

Wheeler: Thank you for your patience. Good morning.

Danny Grady, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning. I'm Danny Grady, senior energy specialist at the bureau of planning and sustainability. I'm here to request a grant in the amount of \$89,959 from Portland general electric's 2016 renewable development fund for the Portland fire and rescue station one solar plus battery storage pilot project. First I would like to recognize Portland general electric's renewable development fund or rdf program. It's funded by pge ratepayers who made voluntary contributions to support development of local renewable energy projects. They make a choice to have a line item added that specifically supports projects like this one. The pge has one of the most successful utility programs of this type in the nation which I think speaks to the commitment of our community in supporting the development of projects like this one. The city was awarded these funds through a competitive rfp process. They have allowed us to expand the scope of the original project which was originally a 30 kilowatt project. Allowed us to include battery storage component and it simultaneously helps to free up the funds dedicated for this project for continued and additional solar development. Solar projects are not new here at the city. Since 1990 the city has a stated policy to support sustainable energy resources such as solar, the 2009 climate action plan calls for accelerated transition to renewable energy resources and in 2015 council adopted a resolution outlining sustainable city principles and 2013 environmental performance objectives that includes meeting city operations electricity use using 100% renewable

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energy generated or purchased. Goal to have 15% of the electricity come from renewable resources. We're currently at about 7%, halfway there. The city currently has with completion of the north police precinct, which is currently being built that should be completed by the end of the month, that will bring the overall solar assets on city operations to 657 kilowatt hours at 16 sites. That's the equivalent of about 710,000 kilowatt hours, which is enough to again the equivalent is approximately 65 average Portland homes to be powered annually. The fire bureau has currently solar assets at four other stations totaling 25 kilowatts. So this will -- this 30 kilowatt system will more than double the fire bureau's current solar assets. In addition to the solar project this project represents a strategic shift in the development of the city's solar resources. The 2016 mitigation action plan recognized benefits of energy storage in critical city facilities in order to bolster the resilience of city facilities and emergency response staff to respond to emergencies. This project represents the city's first solar plus battery storage demonstration project. Solar plus storage is rapidly emerging technology and the city shows great leadership in developing this type of technology. And planning for resilient response while embracing this resource to meet multiple both resilience and sustainability goals. Due to the new battery storage component of this project there's been a lot of interest from community partners who reached out to us including the energy trust of Oregon who has offered development assistance in terms of design development assistance as well as pge who is interested also in working with us to develop a demand response pilot. So there's a lot of interest, a lot of enthusiasm within the community for this project. Again, it meets many of our goals. With that I'll turn it over to deputy chief.

Marco Benetti, Portland Fire and Rescue: Good morning. I'm deputy chief Marco Benetti Portland fire and rescue. When Danny came to us and asked if we were interested in this type of project we overwhelmingly were just excited so we discussed it, decided that station 1 was probably the best location for a project of this type with solar voltaic panels on the roof. The key was the battery backup. Originally we were just going with the solar arrays and when this grant opportunity arose we said let's jump on it. It would really add to the resiliency of the main fire station, at 55 southwest ash. The interesting thing about this project is it also we have a backup emergency generator but adding solar arrays would augment that capability during daylight hours however since it's a 24/7 operation, including a battery backup system which would continue to operate after maybe you ran out of fuel of the generator or some other interruption occurred was a really key factor for continuing operations in the event of major earthquake or any other emergency since station 1 is dedicated as our area command center or incident command center in major emergencies on the west side of the river for Portland fire and rescue. This is an exciting project. It will provide an opportunity for some training for not only ourselves but for the public for regional partners if they want to be able to access the roof, come see what a solar array is with a battery backup system. It's quite a large structure so there's room up there to be able to do a show and tell. Solar panels are becoming more prevalent around the country and the world and they pose significant special hazards to emergency responders when something goes wrong with them, so the technology is changing but right now the only way to shut off the power to a solar panel is to cover it up basically. Some of the new technology is going to allow a disconnect to be right there at the panels to be able to shut off the power without having some kind of shutter system or tarp or whatever might be available to turn that off so it's safe for people to work around and mitigating emergency at that site. So we have had fires underneath solar panels in the past.

Fritz: So that's why you would need to turn it off?

Benetti: Yes. If there's an emergency with the system for emergency responders, they need to be able to shut off the system and safely operate around it. You can't work around

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an energized system safely. You need to be able to learn how they work, how to disable them and work correctly and safely around them. This is one opportunity that was part of the grant requirements that demonstration project, accessible to the public, are the training components available for emergency responders or anyone else, also is it going to provide a benefit to the public, emergency services, and pick a topic and this just fell into place in all those areas. We're excited about it.

Fish: I have a question. When we did bud Clark commons the goal was to get to lead platinum. Solar long term the goal is to become energy independent as a building. My understanding is the 32,000 kilowatts per hour generated here will cover about 6% of the electrical needs of the station?

Benetti: That's correct.

Fish: So that's certainly worth acknowledging but how do we close the gap on the remaining 94%?

Grady: Through energy efficiency. I think that the existing systems that are at the fire station we need to be operating those systems as efficiently as possible. The amount of renewable energy available to be generated is limited by the amount of rooftop space. Short of identifying an off-site renewable energy system that we can then deliver that power directly to the station, which is again another type of emerging technology that we can continue to explore, but the goal -- in terms of energy management always starts with energy efficiency and offset the rest as best you can.

Benetti: We're sometimes limited by sunlight, too.

Grady: Yeah.

Fritz: What level of seismic resiliencies is by station one is it going to stay up in a 9.0 earthquake?

Grady: My understanding is in case of Cascadia subduction event it may not. This is a pilot project to provide proof of concept. This is the opportunity we had given the location and the funding opportunity. Location we have at the time of the funding opportunity. Once we do provide proof of concept that this is a system that work we would like to very much include this in other areas that would be impacted less and are more likely to still be standing after such an event.

Benetti: Fire station 1 was recently upgraded to withstand what might happen in a 9.0 earthquake. So it's a good location right now to do this.

Fritz: Isn't it in a liquefaction zone?

Benetti: Yes, but the foundation has been stabilized with a grouting system below to minimize any liquefaction. I won't say eliminate but it was engineered specifically built a big rock under the station to prevent liquefaction.

Fritz: Why are we putting this on the west side when most of our population is on the east side?

Benetti: Solar voltaic panels?

Fritz: The project. I guess further other question is why is station 1 your area command rather than on the east side?

Benetti: The east side is also part of the emergency communications center. We would respond there that's the main station where the deputy chief on duty operates from 24/7 and also where administrative offices are for the fire bureau. We also have logistics facility at 11th and Powell is another location we would be able to marshal to and do an area command from that location as well.

Fritz: Very interested to hear how it goes. What's the time frame where you'll know how it's working?

Grady: The grant requires construction is completed and up and running within 18 months.

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Fritz: I'm just thinking for the emergency communications and emergency management center I don't know what their backup power system is. Something we might need to look at.

Grady: I have looked at those facilities as well. With a lot of solar facilities, you're limited by the integral structure of the roof so things such as routine maintenance, comes time to replace the roof, that's one thing I look at with all the city's -- that's a prime opportunity to look at the feasibility of systems like this.

Fritz: Since you're in charge of emergency management and it's a relatively new building I would hope that the roof is able to do that and maybe it can already do that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any further comments? Any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: I didn't have a signup sheet. Mr. Wilkins?

Fish: We're just accepting a grant here.

Shedrick Wilkins: I can't talk?

Wheeler: You can. We welcome your comments.

Wilkins: I'm a pge ratepayer. I'm fascinated about this term called storage. When I was going to Portland state there was a thing called a superconducting fly wheel which spins around and stores electricity in New Zealand they actually pump water back on top of a dam at 90% efficiency and flood it back down to store electricity. I have had an idea one time why don't they just -- like having a spinning fly wheel in a culvert and have glass on top and you can see this thing spin around. Store electricity. That would be -- I'll propose that to pge. It's very artistic. If you put lights on the armature it would make like a -- put lights, have a clock, it would be storing electricity and it's interesting because it stores by moving something around in a circle like a generator and the last 20 years' people have concentrated on lithium batteries for laptops and get away from the idea of storing energy mechanically.

Fish: You're spot on. We have a demonstration project in one of our water bureau pipes we used the flow to generate a turbine that generates electricity but as you also know we have a major hydro power operation in the bull run, so we capture the velocity of the water released generates clean energy through our hydro power plant. Both good ideas.

Wilkins: It's interesting it's different than just batteries but you can't see them. It's fun to watch something turn around. I have been at the Bonneville dam and seen the generator go.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Charles Johnson: I'm Charles Johnson I'm glad commissioner Fritz didn't forget about micro generation and pwb pipes. I think that that might be something to add or consult with people working on that project. If we have massive disruption obviously some pipes won't have water so there won't be micro generation but also transmission will be down so maybe collocating micro generation in pwb pipes near emergency service centers is not too cost prohibitive.

Wheeler: Thank you. Call the roll, please.

Fritz: Thank you. Aye.

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Very interesting. Much appreciated. Aye. Thank you. Last item.

Item 116.

Wheeler: This is brought off the consent agenda. Who pulled this, Karla?

Moore-Love: Mr. Lightning.

Wheeler: Is Mr. Lightning here?

Moore-Love: Yes, he is.

Wheeler: Did you want to say something? Did you want to give a brief presentation?

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Michael Jacobs, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Yes. Good morning, mayor, commissioners. I'm Michael Jacobs, smart program manager for the bureau of transportation. The ordinance is to amend the city's contract with Portland patrol, inc., to extend the term of the agreement through march 31, 2018, and to increase the contract amount by \$934,000. Portland patrol currently provides security services for all of the smart park garages and the streetcar facilities. This extension will allow us to conduct a competitive solicitation process while we do that we can maintain critical security services and keep our facilities safe.

Wheeler: Thank you. Anyone else who wants to testify why don't you come on up now so we can keep this morning.

Charles Johnson: Surprising this was pulled from the consent agenda. I'm Charles bridge crane Johnson. I think this was on the regular agenda last week as a non-consent item then commissioner Saltzman pulled it back. We cannot in the city have public confidence in the government if an item to increase by \$134,000 to annual expenditure on parking garage safety doesn't talk about Ms. Batts obviously her primary safety net is not the people that patrol the parking garages. We live in a city where our safety net is so broken that a 52-year-old lifelong Portlander is found too late to save her life in a parking garage. So on this particular agenda item, you know, there's no way we can guarantee these things don't happen and we can make Portland patrol responsible but as good people, we need to face that challenge head on and eventually have a report from you all dovetailed with mark jolin -- it's unfortunate that there's different areas of responsibility. Sometimes citizens get frustrated about where do we get answers. I don't know why it's \$134,000 more than before. I'm pretty sure last week I remember it being about \$800,000 per year. I'm not opposed to approving it. I trust the procurement division, but we need to realize that people should have high expectation of the safety of their vehicles or personal property in a parking garage when we can't even keep the parking garage from being the grave of a woman.

Fish: One quick comment on that. Your time is up. I have actually written an op-ed about Ms. Batts in the Sunday Oregonian. I want to correct you on one thing. She died of hypothermia in a parking garage within two blocks of a warming center that had a space for her.

Johnson: Thank you.

Fish: The larger question here is what do we do with people experiencing mental health crisis for whom an apartment without services is not going to be a successful outcome, and who are reluctant to use shelter even in the middle of a storm. In my view that calls out the crying need for more permanent supportive housing units, housing plus services. That's my take from that. I don't want someone to have to choose between the street, a garage or shelter they don't want to move into. For someone like her suffering from schizophrenia and with other life challenges, if we failed her in my view we failed her because we didn't have a permanent supportive housing unit. We're short about 2,000 units in this city. I'll have more to say about this next Tuesday at the work session but I urge you to focus on that point too. We're not going to save people like her in a storm without that. That's disgraceful.

Johnson: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Lightning: I'm lightning. I represent lightning super watchdog pdx. One of the concerns I had on this situation is that all the amendments being approved by council members not only by the procurement officer on the original contract itself is one issue I have. What I have seen is that basically during June 29, 2016 there was an increase that would have been amendment 4 by \$250,000. On October 19th, 2016, amendment 5 increased the

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contract by 200,000. There was also a notice of intent to negotiate the contract itself which was issued on July 13th, 2016. Five different proposals came in. Now we're doing another contract which is taking the total amount up by \$934,000. Total contract amount \$4,538,000. It's my understanding if you present a bid or contract out there should amendments be coming in adjusting that price after the fact of 2050 plus thousand then another 250 plus thousand and then we're kicking the bid up even higher now, I want to make sure that companies aren't coming in low then doing amendments to kick the bid up on a regular basis. Now, if I'm wrong on that I do apologize to anyone making the bids. But everything I can see by amendment 4, amendment 5 and where we're at today the appearance is that is happening is there. Does the council members have a right to vote on those amendments or is that going to another individual to make the final decision on that? That is my question. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: So mayor Wheeler I see matt Grumm from commissioner Saltzman's office here. I have a question as to why.

Wheeler: Good looking guy in the corner?

Fritz: Yes. I'm wondering why it was pulled back last week and is it something different than what it was last week.

Matt Grumm, Commissioner Saltzman's Office: The commissioner Saltzman had some concerns about the procurement process and how it was done last year. He wanted as new commissioner charge of the Portland transportation bureau to have a fresh view of the process.

Fritz: Is this identical to what was there last week?

Grumm: This is an extension of the current contract. It will have a new process and hopefully new contract coming forward in the next two months.

Fritz: So it's completely different than what was on last week. Thank you. I certainly support that more in-depth look.

Wheeler: Further council questions? Please call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye it's adopted and we're adjourned until Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

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Wheeler: This is the February 9th afternoon session of the Portland city council. Karla, could you please call the roll?

[roll call taken]

Wheeler: So here's my usual statement provided before we begin I want to say a few words regarding council proceedings and maintaining decorum. The purpose of these meetings is for people to be heard for the council to do its business. Everybody needs to feel comfortable and included. There will be one -- an opportunity during each of our heard items for public testimony. State your name for the record. We don't need your address. If you're a lobbyist, say so. If you're representing an organization, say so. Don't disrupt the meeting. If you do disrupt the meetings you're robbing other people of the opportunity to be heard and could also be excluded from the council session. Could I ask you, Karla, to please read the first two items? We're going to consider them together.

Item 122.

Item 123.

Wheeler: We're going to start with the city attorney giving us a couple of comments about today's hearing.

Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney: Good afternoon. This is an evidentiary hearing. You may submit new evidence to council in support of your arguments. For council consideration of hearings officer recommendation on a comprehensive plan map testimony will be heard as follows. Staff report from bds staff for approximately ten minutes following staff report city council will hear from interested persons in the following order. Applicant goes first and has 15 minutes to address council. After the applicant the council will hear from the individuals or organizations who support the applicant's proposal. Each person will have three minutes to speak. Next council will hear from persons or organizations who oppose the applicant's proposal. Each person again will have three minutes to speak. If there was testimony in opposition to the proposal applicant will have five additional minutes to rebut. Council may then choose to close the hearing and deliberate. I would like to announce several guidelines for those who will be addressing city council today. Any letters or documents you wish to become part of the record should be given to council clerk after you testify. Similarly, the original or a copy of any slides, photographs, drawings, maps, videos or other item you show during the hearing should be given to council clerk to make sure they become part of the record. After testimony arguments and evidence you present must be directed -- any testimony, arguments and evidence you present must be directed toward the applicable approval criteria for this land use review or other criteria in the city's comprehensive plan or zoning code you believe applies to the decision. The bds staff will identify the applicable criteria as part of their staff report to the council. You must raise an issue clearly enough to give council and parties an opportunity to respond to the issue. If you don't you'll be precluded from appealing to the land use board of appeals based on the issue. Additionally, if applicant fails to raise constitutional or other issues related to proposed conditions of approval with enough specificity to allow council to respond applicant will be precluded from bringing damages in circuit court.

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Wheeler: Do any members of the council wish to declare a conflict of interest at this time? There are no council members declaring a conflict at this time. Do any members of the council have ex parte contacts to declare information gathered outside of this hearing they would like to disclose? There are none. Have any members of the council made any visits to the site that are involved in this matter? None have. Do the council members have any other matters that need to be discussed before we begin this hearing? Seeing none, we will then start with the staff report.

Matt Wickstrom, Bureau of Development Services: Good afternoon. I'm matt wickstrom from the bureau of development services. 1900 southwest 4th avenue. Today we're having a land use review hearing for conditional use -- I'm sorry. Comprehensive plan map amendment and zoning map amendment for 6012 southeast Yamhill. The proposal is to change the zoning map designation for the approximately 85% of the site from r5, residential 5000 that's a single dwelling zone, to r2, residential 2,000, and it's a multi-dwelling zone. Then the remainder of the proposal is to change both the comprehensive plan map designation and the zoning map designation for about 15% of the site from r5 residential 5,000 to r2, residential 2,000. That's from a high density single dwelling zone comp plan designation to a low density multi-dwelling comprehensive plan map designation. This is a map of the current zoning of the site. You'll see that it's entirely zoned r5 now. The next slide I zoom in on a little more so we can talk about the map distinctions between properties that have similar comprehensive plan map and zoning map designations as opposed to those that are different. The building was previously used as a dormitory for the international Christian communications and prior to that it was nurse's dorms for the medical center across the street. So here's a zoom in on the zoning of the site. You'll see this here, the r5 with the r2 in parenthesis demonstrates the current zoning is different from the anticipated future zoning of the site or different from the comprehensive plan map designation. So that's reflected by having one zone that is the current zone, r5, with another zone in parenthesis which is the comprehensive plan designation r2. This is where we see about 85% of the site with this designation. This small area of the site down here, about the 15%, is zoned r5 and when there isn't a different zoning designation in parenthesis after the current zoning it demonstrates that the current zoning and anticipated future zoning are the same. So this area of the site is zoned r5. Also this is the area of the site where the comprehensive plan map amendment review and the zoning map amendment review applies whereas the remainder of the site the larger portion only requires the zoning map amendment. So this is what the proposed zoning map would look like with the entire site zoned r2, residential 2,000. You'll see there's a dot that designates demonstrates this is an historic landmark. It became an historic landmark through a hearing in front of the historic landmarks commission in 2016. The building is planned to be converted to 76 dwelling units primarily studios. And because of the historic designation, there's no maximum density applied to the site. It's part of the historic preservation incentives to allow additional density for historic landmarks. The applicant plans to retain the existing 15 on-site parking spaces, surface parking spaces, then that's another historic preservation incentive which is that historic landmarks are required to retain the parking that they have but not add additional parking if there's additional density within the project. This is an aerial view of the site. We'll use this as the site tour. I have some additional on the ground slides if you want to see those. You'll see the dorms are here. Here's the small portion of the parking lot that has just the residential 5,000 designation. This is the medical center across the street. We have got a church to the west. Single dwelling residential development to the south. Then to the northwest and the northeast of the site is r2, which is multi-dwelling designation. There's some low density, houses and low density apartments then to the north here at the intersection of Yamhill or

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Belmont and 60th there's a small commercial node with some retail and insurance office and that kind of development. This is a picture of the building. It ranges from two to four stories with four stories fronting on southeast 60th. As far as the approval criteria goes the comprehensive plan map amendment approval criteria is found in 33.810.050 this approval criteria has to do with requiring the proposal to be consistent and on balance with the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan. This is today's comprehensive plan, not the updated comprehensive plan that's expected to go into effect in 2018. Then the zoning map approval criteria in 33.855.050, and that criteria requires that the proposal show adequacy of city services to support the proposed zoning. As far as the findings go, comprehensive plan map amendments approval criteria were found to be on balance equally or more supportive of the comprehensive plan. Satisfies metro's requirement. Proposal provides more opportunities for housing and housing types. The proposal is consistent with transportation policies and objectives. The overall project will be consistent with surrounding development. As far as the zoning map amendment goes, the proposal meets the approval criteria for base zone changes. The proposed zoning is consistent with the comprehensive plan map designation, and the city bureaus found the site has adequate public services for the zone and has added a condition of approval of storm water management. Both pbot and bes are here today in case there are any questions about transportation related findings. At the hearing with the hearings officer there was testimony from four individuals. The testimony focused on pedestrian safety, increased traffic and parking. In reference to parking I believe the applicant has additional parking related information they would like to submit into the record. As far as pedestrian safety goes, pbot's response at the hearing was, yes, there potentially could be pedestrian safety issues however they are not related to this proposal and appropriate channel would be to call the 823-safe number to see if there can be some investigation of that. Then in conclusion the hearings officer recommended approval of the comprehensive plan map amendment to change the designation from high density single dwelling, r5, residential 5,000, to low density multi-dwelling, r2, residential 2,000 for the landlocked segment of the site and then to the hearings officer recommended approval of the zoning map amendment to change the zoning from r5 to r2. That's consistent with the 2035 comp plan -- I should also point out that the comprehensive plan update that's expected to go into effect in 2018 proposed the same change of the entire site to become r2 zoning. This would almost be a stopgap measure so that the applicant could move forward with the project prior to that change going into effect. Then concludes my presentation if there's any questions I'm happy to answer them.

Wheeler: That was thorough. Now we'll hear from the applicant. You have 15 minutes, sirs. Could I ask a question? Does the I'm allotted I assume we have to be fairly specific. Does that include questions and answers or no?

King: You have discretion to adjust the time so that you can ask questions and answers. I think we just set it up for public notice but you have discretion.

Wheeler: Thank you for that clarification. If you could state your name for the record.

Rudy Munzel: I'm Rudy munzel, m-u-n-z-e-l. There was a spelling error on the application. That's the proper spelling of my name. I'm an investor representative of rehab 6 llc, a small Portland investment group requesting zoning from r5 to r2 that proposes creating desperately needed work force housing in Portland. Thank you to the mayor, city council, for considering our request. Thank you to bds and bps city staff for assisting us and our consultants to work through the complicated task meetings the facets of rules and regulations and complying with them. Thank you to our consultants from the bookin group, Lancaster engineering, heritage consulting and Dave rolderback architects. The report you have seen will be better explained by your staff and the consultants beside me than I can

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possibly do. What I would like to contribute to this is explain some of the more intangible merits of this project that may not be obvious to you or be in the report. However, I think there are aspects you may want to consider when deciding on a thumbs up or thumbs down vote towards our rezoning request. In addition, I'm happy to attempt any answers to questions afterwards. Our ownership is a private, small group of mostly Portlanders that have invested their personal savings along with myself in projects that my business partner Gary oka through the company of bridge way reality resources llc have found and created into business plans that are not only profitable but consider from their very inception important concepts that parallel the city of Portland goals and unique personality that Portland has. We use no public funding in our projects. I think we are an example how private enterprise can provide much needed resources in a respectful and considerate fashion and fit into the Portland fabric while putting no financial burden on taxpayers of Portland. We are not a fund. We are not a large corporation from outside of Portland that comes through and disappears after imposing projects on Portland that fit the corporation's ideals but duly consider the city's needs. It is with some pride that us and our investors look at past projects that add to Portland livability. Our business plan is to provide work force housing, respect the environment and preserve buildings that are often on the cusp of demolition and apparently have come to the end of their useful economic life. With careful thought we adaptively reuse the building that can add to the betterment of Portland and some important elements of this in our work are historic preservation that keeps the fabric and livability of our neighborhoods intact and is almost always appreciated by the residents. This respects not only the feel of the neighborhood but guarantees that it will be for so many future years as the new laws that were recently enacted make it almost impossible to tear these buildings down at a later date. This project is in the process of going through historic registry. We create work force housing that considers income brackets. We have done this long before some of the new regulations like inclusionary housing and other recent rules moving the cost of annual rent increases up by more than 10%. Well before they were enacted. We believe in creating rental units that we have a duty to understand the wide spectrum of the users and formulate a business plan around that, not a narrow top-market user with an earning capacity that is much higher than most Portlanders. Some environmental considerations are also taken into account. Environmental considerations are also an important aspect of our plan adaptive reuse means preventing landfills from being unnecessarily filled. Although our projects don't receive an official lead certificates that most other new high rise towers receive, we think that we are much more friendly to the environment than these projects. Most modern environment analysis recognizes newer buildings usually mean clearing old sites of old buildings. These discarded buildings unnecessarily fill and pollute our landfills. Many of the new buildings using concrete add a tremendous amount of co2 when cooking the lime to create the concrete. Doing the extra work to figure out an adaptive reuse avoids these damaging actions. Some recent examples of our work are the Everett micro lofts, built in 1914 originally, previously called the Everett hotel on northwest Broadway and Everett on the edge of old town Chinatown. The second and third floors were at 2010 vacated for over six years. The roof was falling in and it was raining in the building. The building was ready to collapse. We bought it and converted it to micro loft apartments. It has 18 work force housing units on the top two floors and retail on the bottom floor from locally owned businesses. It was also placed on the historic registry to preserve it. Another recent project of our is Mississippi court apartments that previously was a drug and rehab center for single mothers run by life works. The operators at the time of our purchase were in the process of building a new facility a few blocks away so the building appeared to be not

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economically viable any more. We converted it to 42 work force apartment units and went through an occupancy change.

Fish: Can I jump in? Just so that we can all follow this as carefully as possible are you challenging a condition of approval?

Munzel: No.

Fish: You're not?

Munzel: No.

Fish: So all right, I just wanted to make sure.

Munzel: I just wanted to give you a larger spectrum than the report provides.

Wheeler: It has to come to council as I understand it because it's a comp plan.

Fish: I have a staff memo so there's no condition of approval which you object to.

Munzel: No.

Fish: You're just asking us to approve the hearing officer's ruling.

Munzel: Correct. I just want to give you a better look. That's my purpose.

Fish: I just wanted to make sure that's what you're seeking.

King: This is a recommendation from the hearings officer that has to come to council and evidentiary hearing and make the final decision.

Munzel: That actually concludes my comments.

Fish: I wasn't cutting you off.

Munzel: It was very timely. That's fine.

Fish: I just wanted to make sure in the remaining time -- I had been led to believe this may be a condition of approval question here. Absent that, very good.

Munzel: Thank you.

Saltzman: How do you define work force housing?

Munzel: We don't really have a formal -- careful not to use terms like affordable housing. It has connotations that mean specific things to people. I want to use a term that means that we look at the large spectrum of housing needs in Portland, not the top tier but the middle income. We try to fit in that a firm example we plan on putting 76 units in this apartment, around 1,000 below that, some above that. Generally, you think of housing needs to be no more than one-third of your income. What can you spend? That's the largest part of the segment. We also provided in the other two projects that we finished a couple years ago.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Fritz: Is the building currently occupied?

Munzel: Which one? It has some applicants. We bought it from world view, also icc. So they do occupy a little bit of the building right now. They are in the process of moving out, so they are finding other -- their business plan changed because of actually what happened in 9/11. Long story. It's not viable any more. It's largely empty but not empty.

Wheeler: Did you have anything else?

Chris Hagerman: I'm Chris Hagerman with the bookin group. I have only a couple of quick comments then I'll turn it over to our transportation engineer. I wanted to thank staff, the bureau staff have been very helpful in helping us navigate all the options. I wanted to mention that currently up until they purchased the building it's operated with the conditional use for 90 residents and office space for 10 office workers as well as teaching. The goal is this project, this conversion of use to apartments won't be a significantly increase if at all in the intensity of the use of the building. So from the neighborhood perspective there shouldn't be a change in how they interact with the neighborhood. There shouldn't be a change in how it feels. The students because they are on the school cycle started to move out last year at the ends of the school season I would expect. I would like to turn it over to mike Ard of Lancaster Engineering to talk about parking.

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Mike Ard: Mike ard, with Lancaster engineering, the transportation engineer that has been involved from the beginning of this project with reviewing what the comprehensive plan amendment and zone change would mean in terms of changes to the traffic in the area and what the city needs to do if anything to address the impacts associated with it. This is a little bit of a unique application in usually when we're looking at a zone change we're required in Oregon transportation planning rule to look at how the picture changes under what's called the reasonable worst case development scenario. We look at the existing zoning and we see what you're allowed to do under that zoning. Then we say what are you allowed to do under the proposed zoning what are you allowed to do under that. If someone built out the maximum under what the current zoning is, then changed it to the maximum under the new zone doing that create any impacts? In this case that's not the right question even though it's still a requirement and we did fulfill that requirement that analysis resulted in a change of two trips between the two types of zoning, a negligible impact. We recognize there's an existing use on the site and a planned use of the site that don't really fit in the cubbyholes of what's allowed in the zoning because this is an historic property. We also went and analyzed what the actual use is today and made a comparison between that and what the actual proposed use is in the future. That's more significant although still not huge impact and increase of 11 trips during the evening peak hour and 14 during the morning peak hour. It's a relatively small traffic impact in that context. We did prepare an initial traffic impact study that I don't think has been the subject of much debate or concern in its findings but there were some specific concerns raised during the context of our prior hearing in front of the hearings examiner by the neighborhood and we wanted to be proactive in addressing those concerns. Even though some of them may not be directly relevant to this application and the decision that's made to date we did want to provide answers where we could. One of those is in the form of a parking analysis memorandum that I prepared. The parking analysis memorandum was in response to concerns about whether there's adequate parking in the vicinity to support 76 micro or mini-apartment units in this area. It's kind of a unique land use in that usually I would go to the ITE trip generation manual and look up for an apartment how many vehicles are expected to park during the late night hours when everyone is home. What's that demand look like on the system? Because these are 300 square foot units, we would expect fewer occupants in them. We would also expect people who are more inclined to active transportation, walking, biking, using transit. To get a sense of what the parking demand looks like for that type of use, I went out to a similar location and it is the Tabor Commons development -- I'm sorry. Reading the wrong spot. Alder Royal Apartments at 16124 Southeast Alder Street. There was a prior project Mr. Munzel did that was a small form factor apartment in the downtown area that might provide better insight except that it doesn't have dedicated parking so it's impossible to say that car is associated with the development and that one is not. So in the case of the Alder Royal site they have two parking facilities, one on each side of two buildings, and they have 400 square foot apartments so it's a little bit larger than what's being proposed here but it gave us a good sense, a reasonable conservative upper bound of what the parking demand would be. So based on that and on our inventory of parking as it exists currently on the street in the site vicinity we found it's currently 41% full during the late evening peak hours and that in the future it would be projected to be 68% full considering that existing demand plus approved development that's already occurring in the area plus this site. So there is sufficient parking to address that need. The last thing that we heard was related to a pedestrian crossing concern. That something that I wanted to take very seriously. As the question was raised it was also raised with a solution in mind, that we take the intersection of 60th and Yamhill and we provide a striped crosswalk in that location. I'm definitely in favor of making

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safety enhancements to the area and cross walk striping is a very cheap treatment. There's no reason to oppose that on the basis of cost. But I am concerned about what that could mean for safety. The reason is that a crosswalk when it's marked makes people feel more comfortable walking across the roadway. It makes them feel more comfortable at all times even when there's traffic coming. Because of that, the statistics show that there's about a 20% higher crash incidence that occurs at marked crosswalks versus unmarked crosswalks. So what I wanted to do to try to address that concern is look at some standards that have been established by the national cooperative highway research program that evaluate when you can do something a little bit more than just a striping of a crosswalk. Enhanced flashers and signals and something that really causes traffic to come to a stop and provides more proactive treatment for pedestrians. What I found based on a quick analysis was that based on the existing volumes that would not be warranted based on projected volumes it would still not be warranted but there's an asterisk on that which is that our account data was collected during February, not the highest volume pedestrian part of the year. Ultimately I think the best approach that we can take here is rather than saying the standards are not met to do a more robust treatment we ought to say we can defer this decision to make it associated with the land use process and at that time we may have the opportunity to evaluate the crossing needs. The city has also indicated that they would like to see this initiated as a city sponsored process rather than directly with this. So again it's not really related directly to the zone change and comprehensive plan amendment that's the question posed here today but we wanted you to know it's on our radar and something we're concerned about.

Wheeler: Great. Any further questions for this panel?

Eudaly: What's the speed limit on Yamhill do you know off hand?

Ard: I should have that in my notes.

Eudaly: It's not vital if you don't have it. I was just interested in the crosswalk question.

Ard: According to my notes it's an unstriped paved road allowing for two-way traffic and has a residential district statutory speed of 25 miles per hour.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: The way these hearings work it's fairly proscribed in terms of public testimony. First for three minutes each for any supporters of the applicants. Are there any people --

Ard: Can I add one thing? I'm not sure you were asking about the speed limit on Yamhill. 60th is the one they wanted the crossing going across. That is a 30 mile per hour speed limit there.

Wheeler: Thank you for the clarification. Is there anyone who would like to testify in favor of the proposal?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Is there anyone who would like to testify in opposition to the proposal?

Fish: I just have a staff question before we move to recommendation. If I may, commissioner, we don't have any public testimony. We're at the council discussion part. This is the appropriate time to ask further questions.

Fish: Thank you for your excellent presentation. I just have a question. You foreshadowed something which I think we'll see more of. I want to make sure procedural how that happens. You said in the comprehensive plan that we adopted last year we actually changed the zoning on this site.

Wickstrom: Correct.

Fish: That probably was not -- we had not probably adopted that change prior to the filing of this application. But the question is, what happens to all those property owners that hope to have our comprehensive plan adopted by Luba and made the law in a year or two

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who are in this interval? Can they -- is this the process to act in the interim or is there some other process they could also pursue?

Wickstrom: This would be the process to act in the interim if you want essentially to speed up your proposal. We have worked with the city attorney to craft language to warn anyone who is applying in this window for a comprehensive plan map zoning map designation that if it doesn't match what was adopted by council which is going to go into effect in 2018 that you could potentially have a zone change for a short period of time then have it change again.

Fish: Actually there's no crystal ball on what is going to happen at the end of the process. Luba could reject parts of our comprehensive plan. Presumably. I just occurred to me that we may well get a lot of these kinds of applications during this interval.

Wickstrom: That's true. I asked the applicant about that, wondering why would you go forward with an expensive land use review like this when you know that the zoning is going to change. The response I got makes total sense. It was basically holding on to a property like this is expensive. So the need to move forward outweighs the cost of this review that's really only necessary for a short period of time.

Fish: Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Further questions? All right, at this point the evidentiary record in this hearing is now closed. This means that the council will accept no more oral or written testimony on the land use decision. I'm happy at this time to entertain a motion and a second to either accept or not accept the hearing officer's recommendation to the council.

Saltzman: Move acceptance of the report and the recommendation.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Saltzman and a second commissioner Fritz. Is there any further discussion on this item?

Fish: My guess is this will not take the city attorney that long to prepare findings. We should probably just inquire.

King: No. Yes. So you could make a tentative vote today then come back for second reading.

Fish: How long do you think it would take to address findings?

King: We have them you could change it to an emergency ordinance and vote on it today.

Fish: Does the applicant have a strong preference?

Wheeler: Time is money.

Fish: I move we add an emergency clause to the finding.

Wheeler: That's a separate vote, correct?

King: Separation motion and vote.

Wheeler: Let's start with that. We have a motion and second to change this to an emergency ordinance. Any further discussion?

Fritz: The reason being it's in the public interest to do this as expeditiously as possible.

Wheeler: Agreed. Karla, call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Please call the roll. This is a final vote. This is it.

Fritz: Thank you as usual for the presentation. It was excellent and it's gone through the proper process thanks to the applicant for considering the neighborhood's concerns and willing to do what they can. Also thank you for preserving this building and putting it to adaptive new use. Aye.

Fish: We get a lot of land use appeals before this body. I can't think of one that was as succinct and clear. I thank both staff for the excellent job that you do in presenting to us and I thank the applicant for your presentation. Aye.

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Saltzman: Well, I really appreciated learning about the objectives of ridgeway reality resources. I appreciate the commitment to historic preservation and building work force housing. I very much appreciate that. To your transportation consultant, as the new commissioner in charge of transportation bureau I appreciated the mini-lesson about crosswalks and what speeds and things like that. All the factors that go into what seems like a simple decision about a crosswalk. Thank you. Aye.

Fish: Can we just have a friendly amendment to spell the applicant's name correctly in the land use filing?

Wheeler: So accepted as a friendly amendment. It's a scrivener's error. We'll fix that.

Eudaly: Thank you, everyone, for your presentations. Thank you, mr. Munzel. I appreciate the values you bring to your project and I wish more developer would follow suit. Aye.

Wheeler: Thank you, everybody, for coming well prepared. I thought that was an excellent presentation. Aye. The hearings officer recommendation is adopted on an emergency basis.

Wheeler: The next item is a time certain at 2:45 so let's take a three-minute break and we'll reconvene.

At 2:42 p.m. council recessed.

At 2:50 p.m. council recessed.

Wheeler: Alright folks we need to do a little housekeeping, commissioner Eudaly was correct and we still have to take a vote on item 123. We also have to have a motion and second to make that an emergency ordinance. I want to clarify that the applicant has already conveyed the report to the clerk or that is in process, so we're good to go here. Can I take a motion and second, please, on the emergency status of item 123?

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Fritz: The reason is that the council declares an emergency exists because expediting this approval will assist in addressing the city's housing emergency therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on -- I couldn't read this part. On and after its date of passage.

Wheeler: Any further discussion on that piece? Call the roll.

Fritz: Aye. **Fish:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. And to the main motion, amend the comp plan designation and amend the zoning map for the property at 6012 southeast Yamhill at the request of Rudy munzel, spelling corrected, introduced by commissioner Eudaly LU 15-280008 CP CZ. Any further conversation? I need a motion and second.

*****: I move --

Fish: It's an ordinance.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

Fritz: Well the bureau of development services can be happy to have another champion who is paying a lot of attention to details. You're in good hands. Aye.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Thank you.

Wheeler: Completed. Next item, please, clerk.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly? Okay, I'm sorry. There was notes you wanted to say something. Good morning. Good afternoon. Whatever it is. Whatever day it is. I don't know any more.

Dante James, Director, Office of Equity and Human Rights: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, commissioners, let me just say it's truly my pleasure to be here to bring the city council this annual report documenting the work of the office of equity and human rights.

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I'm Dante James, director of the office of equity and human rights, almost my five-year anniversary. It's an honor. These reports are actually not required. But I think it's paramount importance to council and by extension the community hears the work that has been created that has created unprecedented engagement internally and externally. What this office continues to accomplish in the area of social justice on behalf of you elected to ensure all Portlanders are treated equitably in how the city does business. This is somewhat of a milestone because on March 12, 2012, this office opened its doors and began the work of infusing equity throughout the halls of city government we're knocking on the door of the five-year mark. When I first arrived in this city I was told by some that this office would not last for five years. So I and my staff are gratified to still be here doing this work that focuses on improving the lives of all Portlanders through improving how the city thinks about improving its services by addressing the disparities for people of color and people with a disability. I would like to thank my staff for their patience, perseverance and expertise. I ask them to stand so they can be publicly appreciated for their work. [applause] there we go. Thank you, Karla. I also want to acknowledge the continually growing number of city staff and leaders who have supported the work by making it theirs and taking it upon themselves to ensure that equity is a part of their work. I also want to acknowledge the Portland residents and city staff who have come here to support or offer remarks. Not only in this past year but right at this moment we are watching the world, this country and this city struggle with the issues of race. However, we have also seen city staff and bureaus become more comfortable with discussions of race and discussions about institutional racism and discussions and making space for personal and institutional reflection and how they can work to be part of change that deconstructs the races. The office of equity and human rights has been focused on and driven to disparities that exist based on race and disability. This is not just a job, it's a calling for those who do this work. Perseverance and constant vigilance are required to deal with the many trials, tribulations and alternative facts that continue to challenge this work. For example, recent data reported just last week in the Portland Tribune, which is doing a series of articles on the history and current racism that exists in the city of Portland as well as the state. They pulled up data that clearly identified the racial disparities that exist in the criminal justice system just in Multnomah county. From police stops to the fines leveled for jay walking people of color are disproportionately and detrimentally impacted by the actions of the criminal justice system. This office is constantly engaged in working with ppb to encourage, support and challenge aspects of their bureau. The idea that the ratio is 27-1 specifically for black folks to be cited for spitting in public is just amazing. It's just an amazing number. You can see the rest of it. If you haven't read the article in the Tribune, please take a moment to read it. Then it goes to address the financial impact because of the disparity in the fines levied for each of these things they cited as disparities just in citations. You received a copy of the annual report. That details highlights of our work. Our goal is to ensure the community benefits from increased understanding and use of equity principles by city government in the delivery of its services. We tried to stay true to the Portland plan and the many five-year action items within it specifically in each of the heading areas. We have closed the gaps, we have engaged the community, we have built partnerships. We have launched a racial justice initiative. We have increased focus on disability equity and we have increased internal accountability. To those ends just this past year what is some of the work we have accomplished? We continue to conduct and facilitate our equity training. Our training curriculum and approach is a sought after model designed to offer concrete understanding and approaches to equity work. The evaluations of our training show an overall satisfaction rate of 91% which is just unheard of rate given the diversity of city employees and their perspectives. We have engaged the community by holding a community listening session.

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Attended by over 120 residents who offered thoughts and suggestions on issues of importance to their community. You can see some of these suggestions and comments on page 7 and 8 of the report. Our racial justice initiative work continues with almost every bureau's completion of a racial equity assessment and creation of a five-year racial equity plan. These plans each have goals, metrics, timetables and measures of accountability broken into one year increments for review and evaluation. The plans are currently on each bureau's website and they are on our website so that Portland residents can see, evaluate and hold accountable a bureau's work against their plan. You can also see in the report on pages 5 and 6 some of the promising practices bureaus have as a goal to address disparities and improve service delivery in their internal work. We have a short video that will provide a little more information about the racial equity plan process and why it's such a vital resource in advancing racial equity in the city.

[Video played]

****: All 26 bureaus are creating 5-year racial equity plans that are supposed to operationalize bring to life the city's racial equity goals and strategies that city council adopted last year. So the racial equity plans themselves start with outcomes the city's kind of long term aspirational goals and then ask bureaus to create these 5 year objectives you know where do bureaus want to be in 5 years.

****: The purpose of the racial equity plan is to ensure that the bureau focus on their internal practices, the institutional disparity in the system. To look at how we do business with the community whether we're using an equity lens.

****: Some of the major concerns that we are taking a deeper dive in is making sure that our racial equity lens is used as far as contracting and our community engagement. Those are two of the biggest company components of our racial equity plan.

****: Another big theme is community engagement, everything from greater access and understanding of existing community services to building partnerships with community-based organizations that are culturally specific or working with leaders of color to better design or evaluate programs.

****: The director of a bureau can continue to provide that focus over time especially when we do big things like budget and do big things like produce communication plans and hire. Those kinds of things the director's office can provide focus for the bureau. Those are the kinds of things. Remove barriers, another thing I can do at my level.

****: The plans themselves are not supposed to be the end all but that's the beginning of the real work.

****: I want you to know this is going to be difficult work. It takes very hard conversations. Change is very difficult for the city, for bureaus, but it's very important.

****: Really at the end of the day, it's making sure that everyone feels included at the table. The amount of work that the office of equity and human rights in guiding the bureaus to do this work has been amazing and I think a more systemic, deep, passionate approach to this from the top, elected officials, right to line staff, is the only way we can begin to make progress. I'm really proud to work for an organization that's taking that kind of approach on this issue.

****: Communities of color nationwide and in Portland have been organizing for generations and decades for our government to respond to issues of racial inequity. So I think this will be the first time that the city of Portland has really put in a very detailed commitment to addressing very specific racial inequities. The measures associated with those commitments are an opportunity for people of color to and staff of color to hold the institution accountable.

[Video Ended]

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James: Once again thanks to Jeff Selby for his amazing videography and putting the report together. Hoping no, one steals him away from me. The work each of the bureaus did to put their racial equity plans together was amazing. The assessment, the entire process, assessment through goals was truly for many, most bureaus, a very involved process. Took it very seriously from the directors on down. They are still extremely engaged. They want more engagement from us. I will tell you that it is a model as many of the other things that city is doing, a model around the country for how this work is institutionalizing itself and embedding itself in how the city does its works. So it's designed to be a living document. Each bureau has an affirmative action report it has to do, an action plan that everybody dreads when they have to do it. They can't wait to get it done, then it goes on the shelf until the next year when they have to do another one or when they hire someone and they get a report on deficiencies in who they hired. This has been designed to be a living document it's been appreciated and accepted that way. I really expect that in the next just one year we'll be able to see the needle has moved in many of the areas you see in the report as what they want to focus on. We have continued our work to close the gaps in disparity with the most recent example being our support of deep. The diversity empowered employees of Portland which saw the completion of its first annual nine-month leadership development program. Initially for women and Latino and african-american employees deep has added groups for veterans, employees with disabilities and Hawaiian, Asian and pacific islanders. The goal being to increase the number of people of color who are managers and/or supervisors in this city. The city work force has increased in significant measure in the last several years. While the percentages of managers of color has remained significantly, significantly smaller. If you have not looked at our dashboard recently on our website it will indicate for you by bureau what the demographics are, each of the bureaus broken down by employment status, supervisor, nonsupervisory, full-time, part-time, gender, disability, veteran status. So I encourage you if you have not to take a look at the dashboard, the most recent version. It's updated monthly through sap, so it's truly up to date. The bureaus always say that it's a benefit as they do what they do in understanding the demographics of who they are serving. We plan on enlarging our engagement on the issue of disability. Portland can become a leader in disability equity work in the same way it's become a leader in racial equity work. That will require, however, a city-wide commitment of resources in the upcoming budget we have asked for commitment of additional resources and personnel to accomplish this. Also the bureau of human resources will need additional resources to ensure the fruition of their efforts to lead on making this city a truly model employer of people with disabilities. These things will require your commitment individually and collectively to be not just supporters but advocates for this work. We continue to build and grow partnerships through our engagement with the government alliance on race and equity. This office co-hosted along with the city attorney's office a training by internationally known legal expert john Powell on how the city can move this work forward while avoiding legal pitfalls. Additionally, we're also working with procurement services, the county and metro to address the idea of a regional community benefit agreement for minority contractors and people of color in construction industry work force. Our office completed and trained city staff on these racial equity tool kit and there are currently eight bureaus using it on various projects as pilots to evaluate how to improve equity out comes. Additionally, we supported and worked with the millennium rights commission as it dealt with considerable community pressure for the committee on socially responsible investments. I'm sure you remember that process. In conjunction with the tool kit our collaboration with the budget office and equity budgeting process continues to be viewed as a model for other jurisdictions. I have been asked and invited to come to New Orleans later this spring to meet with city leadership to help them

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create a very similar approach. The end of last year deputy mayor and a couple of her staff sat in my office for an entire day going through what and how my office functions and what we have done with the city and embedded in the city. These are in the process of rolling out their own equity work in their equity office and want to see how it can be tied to budget work. You know it's important: Follow the money. They are trying to engage in an equity process around their budget. The office became the oversight bureau for the city's equity contract and purchasing commission bringing the number of commissions the office is responsible for to three including the human rights commission and commission on disability. The commissions take a considerable amount of time to properly support and staff with important expectation for each of them to advise you in the subject areas. Moving forward, as I mentioned we are preparing to expand our work in the areas of disability equity and are asking for additional staff more than the 1.5 we currently have to do that work. We're also asking for support for a centralized model for continuing the racial equity work that we do. In the five years of this office's existence we have received no budget increase. We have only had our budget cuts that were offered and subsequently taken. We have taken on additional programs, some with no accompanying staff or received staff with a new program but nothing to support increases to our core mission. Our goal with this new model is to provide specific liaisons to each bureau in a similar manner as the budget office does or as human resources does. Many bureaus have their other than internal h.r. person or persons but both h.r. And cbo set the standards by which this work is accomplished. I'm asking that equity be given the same consideration. This is not to take away from the work currently being accomplished by any one person in any bureau with the title of equity manager. But there's not even a dotted line to my office for that work. My office doesn't necessarily know some of the work that's being done. Case in point, several bureaus have brought in outside consultants or trainers at a cost of several thousand dollars. Some of the work might have been done by my office, some maybe not, however not knowing what the content is, what the approach is, whether there could have been efficiencies in sharing between bureaus had we known or some bureaus that want their own specific individuals to manage their equity plan, creates disjointed work and creates more silos that exist as we try to then narrow those silos. So I ask you to consider the efficiency and greater effectiveness of a centralized model. Before I introduce now our invited speakers, I would like to introduce you to matt limb from the bureau of technological services enterprise business solutions. He's going to introduce to you an amazing tool that will be part of oehr's website. He has done this on his own time as a member of the Asian and pacific islander affinity group. I'll let him explain it to you. If it's all I heard it to be it's an amazing tool that will be of benefit to each and every bureau in the city.

Matt Lim, Bureau of Technology Services: Thank you. Good afternoon. Well, I'm to show you guys some eye candy here. Get this going.

Saltzman: Can you move the microphone closer?

Lim: Sure. So I'm here to present just some business I have been working on with some publicly available data, specifically pertaining to demographics. So the point of these are to show what type of data is out there and what type of analysis we can do if we have enough resources and people dedicated to just mining and analyzing this data. Bear with me, I know the resolution is kind of small. Hopefully we can kind of read it. Here I just have an example of some poverty data broken down by race and I have an overlay here just related to population growth and what not. So you can see here with this dashboard tool we have some advanced filtering capabilities. Say I just want to look at a few neighborhoods or neighborhood coalitions. Essentially this tableau dashboard tool allows us to do some advanced visuals analytics and is a convenient delivery method for getting analysis out there. So here I have a couple selected here and you can do the same thing

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with this and do a double filter on. That we're looking at census tracks within those coalitions. If you look at the legend here, the bigger the shape on the left side, that represents basically a track or a block group where if you compare the proportional poverty rates between people of color and white individuals, you can see that there are some discrepancies although there are certain instances like this census track right here where we actually do have a higher rate of white poverty. Here you have a graph down here that coincides with the map and all the filters, so as you can see, those few neighborhood coalitions I selected from the filter up top filter to the graph below. If I want everything I click all, and there we go. In the interests of time I'm going to move to the next visual and I can go ahead and send people a link if they want to dive into this type of stuff. So there was a lot of talk about disability. There's actually some really good disability data out there. Available from the census bureau, it's regularly updated, maintained by them. It's a tool that I don't think has been leveraged as well as it could be. So here we have some poverty data here. Same filters as before. We have another poverty rate comparison between the tracks and we also have proportional symbols as well to represent absolute counts. Here I know it's a complex map but I just wanted to do something really complex to show you what's possible. We zoom in on the map here. On this map we have every single sidewalk in Portland and every arterial, major arterial. Because of a masking trick if you look at the gray areas where there's no blue streets, that's a sidewalk gap. If you zoom in even closer, those little purple things, those little corners that are purple, those are ada ramps. The orange ones down here are core ramps. We have every single one in Portland mapped here. It coincides with the disability data. I'm assuming there are issues with mobility with certain disabled people with disabilities. So I think if we can take this really rich census data and combine it with our own we can have some really good analysis. Like this here I did in a few days. [laughter] there is quite a few things that are possible. There's an opportunity for if we focus on a few data sets that have lots of dimensions like I was able to collect something like 600 dimensions or columns from each of these census tracks and I have not even completely begun to mine what the census bureau has. If we can have those large data sets that are standardized, vetted, verified, do some centralized standardized analysis from one point of view and provide that information to all the other bureaus, you establish a metric of equity measures and performance metrics that everyone else can be aware of and adhere to much easier than now. You have pbob, they have their own equity lens. Bps has their own. Every bureau more or less has their own. We don't really know how to consolidate those different lenses. It's almost like the right hand doesn't know what the left is doing. So with tools like these and just amazing data resources combined with our own data resources there are limitless possibilities.

Wheeler: You could do point of time data evolution. You could show how the map is evolving with time?

Lim: Oh, yeah. We have data that dates back since the census was conceived. We have everything. As long as whenever they have been collecting the data in which time frames they have added new dimensions to those sets, we can track it back like 20 years perhaps with a lot of these dimensions. Lots of good stuff.

Wheeler: That's really impressive. Very impressive.

James: Could you, for example, overlay the census data of who in the community has disability with where there's a gap in the sidewalk or a gap in curb cuts?

Lim: Yes. Well, here if you look at the content filter, down here, all these are the different demographics of people with disabilities within those census tracks. We have it broken down in such a granular level. This is just ethnicity. We have gender, income group, we have native Oregonians. We have native American citizens and foreign born nationals as well broken down by economics, age, we even have mortgage values, we have a lot of

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affordable housing data. Not sure why no one is mining it. [speaking simultaneously]
[laughter]

James: So what you're describing if I hear you could find who is a black wealthy person with a disability in any particular area and determine where --

Lim: You technically can. These are broken down by the track level. That's like the level observation you have there. But there are certain geospatial techniques where we can populate the census tracks or block groups within a certain statistical accuracy. For instance, if I did something like a dot algorithm I would have a track there, it would pinpoint every single individual in that shape within a certain amount of time. It's possible.

Fritz: There's a bit of concern with what's going on at the national level.

James: We thought about that too. Yes.

Fritz: What kind of safe guards are there that people cannot just be targeted instead of having demographic?

Lim: In order to do that you need a specialized ensemble model and I made a specialized one that only I know of. Someone else has to get a master's and have their hand at it. Otherwise, pretty tough to do.

Wheeler: You could block the data at a neighborhood level, keep it a larger scale.

Lim: Oh, yeah.

Wheeler: It would still tell you trends, wherein extra structure investments are needed, where there's gaps. Still very relevant.

Lim: Oh, yeah. We can expand those boundaries as much as we want. When it comes to shrinking those boundaries down that's where it gets tricky because when you aggregate up you have different components and you can just add them all together. When you're breaking it down you don't know what that distribution is within that geographic boundary. So that's where you have to do a lot of statistics, a lot of data science, a lot of weird stuff.

Fritz: We have had some discussions about what should go in Portland maps and what should not go in Portland maps. Just recently we were talking about the energy score. So I do -- I'm seriously concerned about this issue so it would be at some point good to have a city policy on how much data we share and how much we protect data.

Lim: To be fair all that data, like all this is from the census bureau. It's not like we even have control over it.

Fritz: Right. And as you just mentioned all of us have master's to be able to do that. If we do have access to those resources, there's still a question of what safeguards do we put on the new data that we just got.

Lim: Well, that's tricky. When you don't have control of the data. The census bureau data is available to everyone funded through taxpayer dollars. Everyone has a right to it

James: As we put this on our website we can limit how far down you can go to the granular level.

Lim: Oh, yeah. I have done that with a number of dashboards I developed for bureaus. I have a really good security process that I go through where it locks it down. I would.

James: That is what we had thought about. We can't pinpoint one person living on this block who has this particular demographic information.

Wheeler: Thank you. Tremendous presentation. Thank you, sir.

James: I wasn't lying. That's amazing. So that's essentially the report. What I would continue to say in singing the praises of this office and my staff is that this office clearly and truly continues to be a leader in doing equity work around the country. I have a phone call next week with somebody in -- is it Texas? Long beach, California. We get calls -- I was going back to Denver and they heard I was coming so I had to go up to fort Collins and meet with the city manager and others. So the office is known around the country for the work that it does. So you know, I truly hope that you can understand and respect it just

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seems like we keep rolling out what we do. This is happening in a short time frame, in five years, Seattle has been doing this now for 12, 13 years I guess in some ways they are ahead of us. In other ways we're ahead of them. I think between the two we are absolutely leading the way and are the models for how this work gets done across the country. Certainly nobody else specifically focuses on disability the way we are.

Fish: Can I jump in for a second? A little history was just made. The ninth circuit court of appeals upheld the state of Washington, federal judge in the state of Washington blocking -- [cheers and applause] the stay stays in place until the supreme court takes it up.

Wheeler: Thanks, commissioner.

James: I guess you weren't paying attention to me, then. [laughter]

Fritz: When we started the office and I agree it's been really satisfying to see the focus on race and disability and to be a leader nationwide on that. Obviously the three main -- when we're trying to explain to people six years ago what we even mean by this we mean opportunities in jobs, contracting and services. We have reports during the budgeting process as far as where the different bureaus are providing services and that kind of thing. For my bureau directors every year I ask what are the demographics of our work force and how are we making progress. Do you have a sense of year by year are we getting to have a city work force that looks more like demographics of our city?

James: Yes. When we started I believe the number of people of color was 17%. In the last time I looked it was about 21.5, 22% people of color. As I said the managers and supervisee number is half of that. But the demographics over all for work force has increased a good number.

Fritz: In addition to the wonderful information in the report for the next one I would like to have put that in there and also I know you've only just started working recently with purchasing and procurement commission, that's something that I know mayor wheeler advice very much focused on. I think we haven't made all that much progress in the past eight years since I have been here, so to be thinking about tracking that, the numbers of the contracting and also the demographics of the work force as well as who owns the businesses. It's great work and there always more to do.

James: Thank you. I would suggest that the numbers -- the contracting numbers are not good. The work force numbers are not particularly good. I would also suggest it's time for another disparity study that I think would give you a different answer than the one that happened six years ago in terms of what the dmwesb percentage is looking like and what can be done. Essentially it said there was no disparity in subcontracting. I would suggest the number is different today and it would give you -- it would recognize the disparity that would allow the city to do something much more concrete in terms of what it can require.

Fish: If I could just make a comment, you mention a couple of times about your budget ask. Hiring staff to following up on the model employer policy we have adopted and the work we're required to do under the Americans with disabilities act. I'm going to be generally supportive of those asks, and I'll tell you why. Asena Lawrence in my office, office of equity, h.r. and the disability commission and I are all working on a pilot program to become an employer of choice for adults with intellectual disabilities. You said some cases we're ahead of Seattle, some we're behind Seattle. Seattle is ahead of us on this one and it's because a number of years ago their mayor said we're going to be a model employer and it was organized out of the mayor's office and they now have 33 employees full-time with benefits that have been recruited and are successfully employed. There's a lot of hoops we have to jump through to make this work but what I have learned is that we don't yet have the full capacity as a city to handle this and to all the other commitments that we have made under the model employer policy, so if we're going to stand behind that

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policy and what we want to do we have to have staff to implement. That council has been emphatic that this is a priority so we have to look seriously at filling those positions.

James: I appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you for your time.

Saltzman: I had a question. Just going back to your recommendation that you have become like a cbo, human resource officer, budget office, human resource office providing centralized assistance to all the bureaus, is that coming full circle from where we started five years ago? It seems to me the drumbeat at the time was to have each bureau have its own equity director. In fact, I think each bureau has done that.

James: That was never my drumbeat.

Saltzman: Okay.

James: Currently five bureaus have -- four have an equity manager and one has someone who has equity in her title but she's not a manager.

Saltzman: Okay.

James: So there will be I think in the upcoming budget asks for bureaus to specifically have an equity manager or someone who is charged with being a program manager who will oversee their equity plan. Which is what a liaison from my office could do as part of what their duties would be. So that's really what I think the centralized model will be able to do is provide that level of service and greater engagement with a specific bureau to understand how they do what they do and what their needs are in the same way cbo does it now or h.r. does it now. In terms of efficiency it saves money from each bureau now having to find money or ask you for money for a new person when it could be centralized in my office for consistency and commonality of the work and oversight of how it gets done.

Saltzman: The other question I had was -- we started out five years ago focusing on people of color and disabilities. Is it time to five years later expand that universe of where we're looking?

James: I would probably say watch tv, say no. That the opportunity to focus allows -- I would suggest the reason that the ease of the restroom issue, not gender specific, was made easier because we had already had these questions about equity the last four years. So I don't think it's time to expand because it's still too easy for everyone to default to the next conversation of let's talk about class. Let's talk about gender. Let's talk about something else. Ignore the issue of race even though it's just so preeminent and prominent in this country currently. I would say no even though I get that question quite a bit. I would say it's still not time, that we need to maintain a focus.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz I have a question for you. Dante said something interesting where he said there's no requirement for an annual report but he's brought one forward. When we did the -- when you led the effort with then mayor Adams, did we not mandate an annual report and if not should we at some point amend that?

Fritz: I think any equity director in his or her right mind would want to bring an annual report because clearly we need to have these conversations. Also we want to invite all of our friends and sometimes people are concerned about it coming in for a public hearing to say this is how we think it's happening. These are what the community wants to see. We're still very much focused on city staff, city programs. We're not where we need to be there yet. So in terms of broadening our outreach and doing work in the community that's not what the focus of this particular office is supposed to be.

Fish: The only reason I raise this is we mandate annual reports for just about everything, I don't want this omission to indicate the council doesn't have a strong desire annually to have you come out with a report and then a follow up on progress.

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James: I appreciate that and I might need to double check, but I know there was a requirement for within the first six months to have a report I just don't recall there was one required every year even though that was what I was gonna do anyways.

Fritz: Some people thought you wouldn't be there after six months.

Saltzman: For the record commissioner fritz I didn't say are we done I suggested we expand, are we ready to expand to include more issues around equity not to declare victory with race and physical disability.

Fritz: Yes, I apologize my wording was incorrect.

James: And think commissioner we have when you look at the gender neutral restrooms there are the conversations and when we talk about the budget equity tool our focus is race and disability, but what I tell the bureaus all the time is your business is equity broadly and so using the tools that we provide you can substitute any identity that you want and work through the same process to address issues of any other issue. So, that's kind of how we approach it. I'd like to introduce our invited speakers I have a few. After which, may be individual sign-ups for additional remarks and then I'll be asking you to accept the annual report and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. At this time, Dawn Uchiyama deputy director of bes, Steven holt who's a community consultant, Deirdre Hall who's from the Portland commission on disability, joe McFerrin who is president and ceo of poic and rosemary Anderson high school and also chair of the bma workforce subcommittee. Musa Aloll from the small American council of Oregon woke up ill this morning and asked me to relay this apologize and sent me remarks, some very brief remarks I'll also read to you when we're done here.

Dawn Uchiyama, Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you. Mayor Wheeler commissioners, I have a little bit of a cold. I'm Dawn Uchiyama the assistant director at the bureau of environmental services. On behalf of director mike Jordan and my bureau, I'm pleased to offer our strong support for equity and human rights and acknowledge this important milestone with their work. Oehr has provided great assistance to bes while developing our equity plan and has served as a really steady guide post as we've navigating our way through the cultural transition that's happening in our bureau from planning and implementation. We're moving into implementation. And, to that end, I want to highlight a few things. With commissioner Fish's leadership, we have created the position of assistant director and have dedicated management in my position to guide employees and guide the equity work we do to tie back into the central model that oehr has created. And, we have rechartered our committee for equity and diversity we recently rechartered it to meet the goals that are now stated in our plan. We have money in our budget set aside for our equity work and we're continuing to build off of the great community relations we've had over the years with programs like the community and watershed stewardship program, our tree-planting program, Portland harbor and our strategic plan. So we have a number of great programs that we are looking to advance our community relations around equity and looking forward, we're really looking to participating in innovative recruitment and contracting practices. There's a lot of potential there for us and we're signed up and ready to go. This work would not be possible without the work of oehr's institutional framework and leadership and we're really looking forward to making advances in the year ahead. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Dierdre Hall: Good afternoon members of council, and mayor. My name is Dierdre hall and I'm the newest-appointed commissioner for Portland commission on disability I've been volunteering with the commission since June of 2016. I became an official member in October. I've been asked to speak about the importance of disability work that oehr and the commission do for our community. I'm continually impressed by the dedication of oehr

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staff. Nicole Sharon, who is our advisor, is also involved with citywide policy initiatives in other bureaus. I know this because she's constantly brings us new things to work on or asking for feedback on surveys. Dante James makes time to be present at our meetings and my fellow commissioners are very passionate about making Portland the most inclusive city. I've been involved with making recommendations about drive-thru zoning, downtown street improvements, odot's transition plan, infill housing recommendations and helping to restructure pcod. My fellow commissioners have been working on the city's model employer policy advocating for more disability resources for ada title ii compliance and a check list for bureaus when hiring disability awareness trainers. Now more than ever, it's important that the voices of the disability communities are heard. Portlanders with disabilities are entitled to housing, transportation, employment, education and recreation. Oehr, pcod and the council have a great opportunity in future years to set the example for other cities to follow suite.

Steven Holt: Good afternoon, everyone hello commissioners. I'm doctor Steven holt and I own a consulting company called try excellence. I'm certified as a dba or gone through the mwesb process, which I'd love to talk about some time, all by itself. Today, I'm here to speak specifically for the office of equity and I have a two-fold approach. I'll talk about the office itself and equity as a whole. The office, itself, has done a phenomenal job in the present structure, with a charge to train and educate and work with all of the bureaus, under its current governmental system without any direct response or accountability of those bureaus to do that work, to have accomplish what it's accomplished is nothing short of miraculous. With the staffing and the challenges to do what they do to be sitting here at this moment and have moved the needle as far as the needle has been moved is tremendous. To go from 17% to 21% or 22%, while that is worth celebrating, it is a far cry from where we need to be. To respond -- hope I'm not speaking out of turn -- to focus on and engage around something broader. What really should happen is we focus the lens even more intensely to make sure we're reflecting the needs of the community and the city. The staff is very talented and capable staff. I'm presently involved working with the five-year strategic plan with the office of equity and human rights. What are the next roll outs? What are the next steps? Definitely, more of a focus and drill-down in terms of the educating in terms of the equipping and empowering of the bureaus and making sure that there's consistency and quality and that the work is being evaluated and being evaluated well and that the adjustments and changes that need to happen in order to hit equity goals that there's resources and support for that. I'm a strong advocate and a strong believer. Part of the challenge with the office of equity is that they are so stretched, from my perspective. And so there's an element that is extremely important. That is community engagement how does the community engage with the office of equity. To this point, it's very much focused on moving the bureaus, which it should be. Very focused on training the government and helping the city to become efficient and to think through a lens because you know it's different to have knowledge of something and begin to think through that knowledge. Those are two very separate things. We've helped to expose or create a lens of knowledge but not moved the thinking. So there's great work that still needs to happen. With the community itself and the needs of the community specifically people with disabilities and people of color, having access and voices that speak for their needs and concerns. Many of thought that the office of equity was given that charge, there's a need to clarify that the office has been put in place to work specifically with moving the city forward in order to be in a position to more adequately reflect. There's a lot of work to be done. And I'll end with this illustration I was working with. I should say that I've been a community trainer with the Portland police bureau, as an equity trainer, through the work that's been done and a variety of other bureaus that I've done some work with. The illustration I want

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to use is work I did with the city of Gresham and their police department and the goal was to take the police department through a process of changing the lens and creating an equitable lens and then to concurrently work with community and develop an opportunity for community to engage and engage in authentic and genuine matters and then at some point to bring the two together. So after we have a prepared community of officers who can think through a lens and then bring the community together. The officers didn't believe they needed the work. Felt they were beyond the need to be adequately prepared. We had a great opportunity and I think the right recipe for what's happening in the city, and yet we missed it. I would hate to see that happen in the city of Portland. With what's going on nationally and what's happening here locally, I think it's quite clear that equity matters more now than ever. There's an opportunity to do significant work and to resource it and support it appropriately.

Wheeler: Thank you very much.

Joe McFerrin: Good afternoon, mayor. Council members. Joe McFerrin, president and ceo of Portland Oic and Rosemary Anderson school a community-based organization that focuses on alternative high school for kids that don't make it in the public school system, but also work with a number of public agencies and departments to provide wrap-around services to some of our low-income citizens and predominantly folks of color. I'm here in support of the office of equity and human rights. Wanted to talk a little bit about my work and our organization's work, specifically with black male achievement and share about how this office has impacted our organization. Our organization, we have about 95 employees and we are in six locations throughout the city and throughout the county. First of all, I need to commend Dante for his leadership. I look at Dante as a mentor. I call on Dante for a lot of advice. Not only about equity, but just about being a leader. And running an organization. So, I wanted to say that publicly I really do appreciate that. I'm not surprised about the depth of the report. It covered the touch points and it covered the points that our citizens, I believe, are very interested in. In terms of black male achievement, I think it's spot-on. The work we're doing in employment and training to give young african-american males the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to take care of themselves and be self-sufficient and bring relevance to their education has been huge. It has brought together a number of community-based organizations and advocates and also brought together a number of african-american males together to impact the young males. That work is going on. We're focusing on construction, i.t. And also work systems on the summer works internships and the year-round internships and I commend the city because the city -- and the county, for taking on a number of those youth. As far as our organization is concerned, we've grown, as an organization, tremendously. When I started 22 years ago, at poic, we were \$340,000 and now we're close to \$9 million and we're serving more than 2,000 citizens in Portland, of all ages. And, as you can imagine, with that growth, it's tough to make sure that your staff and your organization has kind of policies necessary to put them in a position to get the kind of outcomes that we're looking for. And Dante walked our organization through a process and we developed an equity policy that I believe will get at some of the issues and concerns that have been expressed today. I think that what I will be able to do, along with our staff members and our board, is to share that work with other organizations. The impact goes beyond -- I hear -- it was the first that I learned that the primary role of the office was for the city. I had no idea that that was the case and that is because from -- as an outsider, it doesn't appear. So through Dante's leadership, not only is he working internally with the city, but if feels like his responsibility is to also work with the community. So, I appreciate you pulling that off because I think a lot of folks will benefit from that and so I am -- I'll end with, again, I'd like to get more involved. I'd like our organization to get more involved because it's been beneficial and I'd like to encourage the

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council to support the office and meet the request, the budgetary request that Dante has expressed today. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

James: And finally, I would like to read a portion of a letter from Musa Aloll who's the president the Somali American council of Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you today. Today, oehr has a very capable diverse staff and leadership. They can offer the tools and resources to achieve equity. One of my personal experiences with oehr is the following I was helping with a group of cab drivers that wanted to have their own company. As an owner you pay approximately \$300 a week instead of \$700 when working for a company that's not your own. Many of the new comers were like me they were linguistically challenged. In their bid a cab company, they hit a dead end with the city. They were frustrated with the system so I contacted oehr and they offered to help. Oehr have helped us navigate through the city's bureaucracy and helped the cab drivers achieve their goal of cab ownership and get a piece of their American dream. Without oehr's help, the other option was to spend tens of thousands of dollars in lawyers' fees. Oehr's efforts to help the cab drivers has a double outcome value, they offer technical assistance to overcome barriers and the city learns. My request is you support this oehr and its dedicated team and plan for the long-term. We can achieve a reputable, repeatable and lasting success. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you.

James: So, I'll stop and see if anybody is signed up and then come back and answer any questions you may have and ask you to accept the report.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, sir. Do we have people signed up to speak?

Moore-Love: Yes, eight people.

Wheeler: Can we limit them to two minutes? If you could call the first three.

Sharon Maxwell: Good afternoon, everyone. And, part of my presentation, I wanted to just play this little recording.

Wheeler: Sharon, if you just state your name for the record.

Maxwell: Sharon Maxwell.

Wheeler: Thank you.

[playing recording]

Maxwell: What that is, is from hidden figures, part of the track of the women who were the scientists, the computers that got the men up into space and part of my presentation today, mayor wheeler and commissioners, is to talk about what hasn't been done, whereas I hear the good work that has been started, it's still not enough. But I'm going to stick to my script here. We haven't seen real equity rolled out and from the understanding that this was supposed to be internal for the city and not the community. So I'm learning that, as well today. I want to talk about real equity not being met within the communities of color and african-american. If we look at the urban league's state of black Portland and black Oregon, we're at the bottom. It's unfortunately to see a whole community, which we would say stolen, lost and desperate impact severely, I would say, really ripped off. Being red-lined to an area, displaced and gentrified out. I don't want to be too critical, but it must be cited that this doesn't make sense. When you see 30 years of police brutality, black people under seized and being refugees in their own city and country and they have been displaced, what we need, which this city has never addressed, is to be valued as black people and that we have ability to make contributions and that we're human beings. When we haven't seen economic stability come to our families and community over the last 35 years, that's what would help us to actually maintain our neighborhoods, our homes and provide adequately for ourselves and our family. Mayor, you talked about bringing forward employment and careers to the city, with real wages paying for equal work, that's what we

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need in communities of color. Secondly, we have made a significant contribution to this city and region that has never truly been honored, only marginally. I would like to ask council for memorial for the 1,200 black people who have been murdered since 1980, up to this present time. I'm asking that Alberta park be renamed memorial park or as our president has said Frederick Douglas is being recognized more. Maybe we should name it the Frederick Douglas park. In memory of young men and women who were murdered through homicidal violence because of the war on drugs, through poverty. That is something, as of today, one year ago, I asked of mayor Hales and this city council was to acknowledge the loss of 1,200 black people. That hasn't happened in any other city in the state, but in Portland, Oregon. I have a rendition of the artwork that I would like to see commissioned by the city for this memorial to be placed in the park, as well as doing a proclamation in memorial and renaming the park. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Either of you can start.

Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro: Hi, my name is Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro. Resident here in Portland and also bureau advisory committee member for the office of equity and human rights. I'm here to testify, one, in support of a funding increase for the office of equity and human rights. I think many have demonstrated today the importance and need for equity being a priority, the times we're talking about rapid development, the city of Portland. As well as a rapid increase in gentrification. It's very clear that the city, as a steward for the tax dollars, for many of the residents, it's very important to insure that those dollars are spent responsibly to insure that everyone is represented, to insure that those tax dollars are used whether it's construction projects or developing new businesses that communities of colors are benefiting from. I think the office has done a tremendous job in centering equity within the city and I think that's an important vehicle to continue to build. I also want to testify on the annual report. I believe it's my civic responsibility to provide support, as well as critiques on the report. I believe that the equity 101 trainings are great. I do want to say, as I'm wrapping up here, that the five-year racial equity plan is a great step forward, as well. I do find concerns -- I heard a lot of community support around community benefits agreements. I do not see that reflected in this report. I've -- I see in the report around human resources, talking about addressing collective bargaining agreements as an impediment toward racial equity. But I feel like there have been many stakeholders that have come together, with some unions, to talk about addressing true racial equity, to try to work with hr and oehr that has not happened. There were discussions from previous years and I encourage the council members, as well as the office of equity and human rights, to really come together, as stakeholders, not to see the collective bargaining agreement as impediment but how we can insure that everyone has a fair process. That everyone has -- that there is real true pipelines to get jobs in the city and make sure people are clear that they have a clear, transparent process in terms of how they get wage increases, as well as how they are promoted and I think the biggest thing that impacts morality is when those processes are unclear and I think that goes -- that extends to folks who are not covered under the collective bargaining agreement. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much for your testimony. I'm sorry to be rushing people. I don't want to lose commissioners.

Dana Coffee: I'm going to be short. I'm Dana Coffee, I'm with the Portland commission on disability. I want to thank Dante and his hard-working staff for their leadership and their efforts on our behalf, the behalf of the disability community. And, I'd like to lead with a quote from one of our founding commissioners that says, disability is the last frontier in equity. And I believe that can be underscored by a recent city survey result that shows that only 2% of city employees are courageous enough to identify as having disabilities. And

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that there is no stated goals or considerations for persons with disabilities on the contractor and subcontractor -- I'm sorry, I lost the word.

*****: Procurement?

Coffee: Thank you. So, none. To the end of promoting and driving positive change for persons with disabilities, our commission will be meeting with each and every one of you commissioners within this month to advocate for budget to staff, increase staffing at bhr and oehr. So that the shortfalls and gaps, as outlined in the recent -- in title 1 and title 2, ada requirements, are met at the city. So that it can be universally accessible and an equitable employer.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate it. Next three? Good afternoon. Would you like to start?

Angel Chesimet: I am excited to be here. Mayor wheeler and commissioners, my name is angel Chesimet and I'm a part of the Portland commission on disabilities. I'm very proud of all the work that Dante and the office of equity and human rights has done. I just want to say that it's really unfortunate in our society, today, that marginalized groups have to fight their way to the table. Specifically, people with disabilities, we are often not invited or added on as an afterthought. You have supported the office of equity and inclusion -- I'm sorry, the office of equity and human rights to pass the model employer plan. I would like to ask you to take this opportunity to take action and pass or support the budget for the office of equity and human rights. And specifically, the ada title 2 coordinator, who will be a person that will insure equity for our community, specifically our community of people with disabilities. One last thing I would like to point out, every person in this room, every person in this room, at some point in your life, disability will touch you. So, just remember that as you go forward in your day. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Steven Nakana: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, I'm Steve Nakana I am program manager for the port of Portland. I'm here to support the initiative that Dante and his team are running. In fact, the port of Portland equity program is adapting its vision from Dante's team and we're looking at them as a partner and they have been accessible to us in designing our own program. This work is beginning and there's a lot of partnerships they're creating and we're very impressed with the work that they've done and I personally encourage you to support -- to increase the resources that they need. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Was there anybody else, whose name was called, that's here? Is there anybody else who would like to testify, that hasn't signed up? Okay. You get the final word.

Mariotta Gray-Smith: That might not be a good thing. [laughter]

Gary-Smith: Good afternoon, commissioner and mayor wheeler. My name is Mariotta Gary-Smith; I am the daughter of Sharon Gary smith. I'm a second-generation Portlandite and a native Oregonian and I'm here to express my support and deep appreciation for the office of equity and human rights. I want to make sure that I speak clearly, but also clearly state what I want to say. In light of what has happened in our recent election, I have chosen to remain silent about a lot of things and that's because as a person of color and as a women of color my identity has been less than or othered by those who are in places of power and that includes being a native and a resident of the city. In a lot of ways -- I'm not speaking about you all. In a lot of ways, I'm not supposed to be here at all. I'm not supposed to be educated. I'm not supposed to be articulate and doing any of the things that I am doing with my life. I should not have degrees; I should not own my home. I should not be able to make decisions about my body and have healthcare. I shouldn't be able to have the rights to do these things because I'm labeled, other, by those in power. And so the office of equity and human rights allows this city to actually actionably ally ship with

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other folks. It's not about talking words, it's about actual due process and end results, something that is tangible so people have something they can look and see that is real and in real-time and so for me, it's important to have this conversation, but I really want to urge you to figure out how you want to leave your footprint here. We have an opportunity, here in Portland, to move out of the shadow of the history of the city. We have an opportunity to really do some good work. It's going to be hard and challenging and ugly. Equity is not pretty, it's never been pretty because you have to deal with the ugliness around what happens when we're talking about power and institutional and systemic racism. So when we're talking about that it's not going to be comfortable and it's not going to be nice and so if we want to get ahead of Seattle, which is always sometimes a good thing. We have to do some work. You have to commit money and we talk about money, that's also uncomfortable. I am a former government employee with Multnomah County health department and I saw, in my six and a half -- almost seven years there -- the struggle that people went through to talk about money and equity as it related to how people had end results for what they wanted for their lives. Portland has an opportunity to really step out and do something significant and being a leader in all of the ways that people look at Oregon and look at the city for leadership and progress and progressive thought and movement. I encourage you to look at the ugliness and figure out which side you want to fall on and determine if you want to be somebody that it doesn't matter if you can be comfortable with your decision and go home at night and feel okay or know that the people that elected you trust you to make the decisions that will in the end value their life as much as you value your own. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it very much. So, at this point, we have opportunities for further questions for Mr. James or, at this point, I'll also entertain a motion in a second accept the report.

Fish: Mayor I move to accept the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Fish, a second from commissioner Fritz. Mr. James, is there an end cap you wanted to put on this?

James: I think it was just done. So, I'd say no. Thank you.

Wheeler: Done and done eloquently. Please call the roll Karla.

Fritz: Five years and it really does feel like it's going to continue going at this point. It was a question five years ago thank you Dante for your involvement. For those of you I know some of you at home are wondering how this came to be, it was the 2009 state of black Oregon report, showing for African Americans over the last 17 years' things have gotten worse rather than better. And following that, the coalition of communities of color came out with a report saying there were similar evidence in six different communities. And I remember go upstairs into mayor Adams office and saying, we're not going to put this on the shelf we're going to do something about this. He agreed that, yes, we should do something and he announced at the state of the city address and everyone was looking around to each other about what that something might be. What we did is we established what Sam called the creation committee which is a bit grand but on the other hand. It really did need a very deep [indiscernible] from the 32 stakeholders on it and it was referenced that this was the only equity office in the country that looks at disability and we need to honor Nyla MCarthy who was insistent that this was a group that needed to have attention. Commissioner Saltzman, you're right, there are other groups that suffer disparities these were the two that the creation committee and the council at that time thought those were the ones we had to concentrate on the most. And over the last five years, I have just -- I've learned so much and -- as evidence that that was the right decision. And now we're looking at, what are the next five years going to be or certainly the next four years? Dante,

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it might seem like we disagree as far as the equity managers in the bureaus and equity staff that he's requesting in his office, but actually we don't. Only the police bureau got extra funding for their police equity manager position. Others were told by their commissioners to find it within your existing resources and so they did. Dante has got a very small office. To tell him, within your resources, go out and check on the 26 bureaus see how their doing, that's totally not happen. The way you framed it in the beginning, yes, this is a budget person in parks theirs a human resources expert in parks. There are also centralized folks who guide them and tell them when they've done things right or not so I think that's what your taking about. I would certainly support that initiative. Dante, you've been Portlandized. You recognize the value of community engagement Mr. McFerrin is not one to sugarcoat things if he didn't value your work in the community. So, I'm glad that we've won you over and you are part of the Portland process and it continues to be a very difficult process, as we heard from the testimony. We're not where we need to be, at all. We have made progress and we need to celebrate that. But with so much ground to make up. I was almost afraid, when we were started it, if it didn't work this time, we could forget it for the next 50 years because so many people of color in the community were so disillusioned we've done this 20 times over, we're not going to go through it again. It's taken us five years to even start building those bridges and showing, as well as talking about things that we really do need to work together. And I think now more than ever, with what's happening at the national level, we do need to see what can we agree on and certainly for Portland values, are the values evidenced by the office of equity and human rights, as Ms. Mariotta Gary-Smith said we want due process and end results. It has to be tangible. We have to have outcomes that are better than the ones before. It is hard to turn the ship to stay. It's not like a jet boat, you can just swirl around. It takes a while to make it move, but we're all going to have to put our shoulders to it to make it move. We can't fail and it's so important so thank you very much and thank you, colleagues, for your support over the years. Aye.

Fish: Dr. James, thank you for an excellent report. I am proud to be on the council that launched this experiment and I'm glad it's still moving forward. 75 years ago, a president signed an executive order that over time, history will record was a terrible mistake, targeting people based on who they were and questioning the loyalty of Japanese Americans. 75 years later, we have a new president that is signing similar executive orders and we are living in a time where people are being targeted because of their faith. Because of where they live and because of their status. It's unbelievable that 75 years later, we have not made more progress. As commissioner Fritz eluded to, the dark clouds at the national level, it's all the more important we get it right locally. We can control what we do locally. We have very little control right now over what's happening in Washington. The report, I think, is thorough and clear and I'm a big fan of Jeff Selby's work and he does all your reports and he also spoke the other night that the mayor and I attended where 1,000 people came out to the Muslim educational trust and he got up and gave a brilliant speech. Here's my commitment. I do believe we need to support the ada title 2 coordinator position and the implementation of a model employer. That's not just because we have a bad habit of signing on to things and not funding them. We've declared this a core value of reducing barriers in our community. And the way we do it is we have the staff people to help us get it right. So, I will be supporting the budget ask. Number two, I want to celebrate something that's not referenced in here, but we have some folks in the room that participated. That is the work that commissioner Fritz and I and others were able to do around converting single-stall restrooms to all user restrooms. On the scale of things, it's not the pinnacle of civil rights, but it did prompt near-revolutions in North Carolina and Houston and here in Portland, people shrugged. We're getting great support. The report

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has a reference to some barriers we continue to face in extending programs from the city to people, particularly communities who are people of color and refugees and immigrants. I appreciate the collaboration on that and we hope to get that right. We'll have more to say this year, before council, when we bring something forward. The work of providing opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities is critically important. Seattle is ahead of us, but we're about to catch up and this cannot happen without a number of bureaus and a lot of people working together. The water bureau's proud to be in a position where they can pilot this program and work out some of the hard details and then we hope it goes citywide. We're long overdue in providing those opportunities. As I learned when I went to Seattle, they have figured it out and it's a win, win, win. It's just an incredible program. I want to compliment you for the way you've been working with all the bureau of directors on the bureau equity plans. You, in turn, have given us feedback on the plans and you help make them better. They are living documents. I thank you for the work. I'm grateful to dawn for being here to present. Finally, we do have a lot of work to do. I am so discouraged by some things that are going on in the world that I'm probably overcorrecting for a little bit by looking for things we can celebrate locally. We're going to wear people out if we just look at the underbelly of everything. Sometimes, it's a little overwhelming to listen to the news these days. We set goals and celebrate wins, even small wins, and that's how we stay together. I'm committed to this work. I appreciate the work you do and all the people in bureau. I'm proud that five years later, we still have an office of equity and we're still moving forward. Thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Thank you, director James, and all the staff at the office of equity and human rights, for all the work you're doing. I appreciate all the aspects you have been involved in over the last five years. I'm supportive of this new service role you want to move into. I think it makes sense and it's entrepreneurial. I think that's the way to go. I want to see more details in the budget and all that and how it looks. I think that's the right approach. And just, you know, thank you for your good work and appreciate all your council to the bureaus that I oversee. Thank you. Aye.

Eudaly: Happy almost anniversary. And thank you, director James, oehr staff and to the public, especially miss Gary-smith. If she didn't identify herself, I would have recognized her as Sharon's daughter for the fire she brought today. I want to join the chorus of the people in the room, who was initially confused by the intent of oehr as someone who cares about racial justice and someone is a parent of a child with a significant disability, I was really excited that there was an office that we may be able to access to find out if our civil rights are being violated and if so, what recourse do we have? So, I just wanted to admit that and say that I think it's very honest confusion and, you know, maybe we could expand our mission in that direction one day or have an outward-looking piece to it. I also am looking forward to digging into the budget and being supportive of expanding your programming. And, I want to say something I've been thinking about lately is that, equal is not the same as equitable. And, we haven't even reached equal yet, if our employment stops or 21%, when we know that people of color make up about almost one-third of our population. Let alone, equitable, which would mean making up for decades and centuries of historic oppression and discrimination. So, I just want to acknowledge that it's exciting, the progress that we've made. But acknowledge that we have a long way to go and I'm excited and a little apprehensive about looking at my bureau demographics. I've only been here five weeks. So, give me a chance if we're lacking in that department and I'll also be meeting with my -- I guess, they're not liaisons, but my equity managers in the bureaus. So, aye.

Wheeler: I'm obviously going to support the acceptance of the report. But I want to say something just briefly, which is that I have moved into an office upstairs that is stacked

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from floor to ceiling with reports. What I've heard and what I thought was underscored by the testimony today is that people want less talk, fewer excuses and more action. And, what I'm committed to doing as people in this chamber are well-aware, I have this ability to bumble along. Particularly if we're talking about issues of race and equity, I have the ability to colossally screw things up in the process. That's where I think your office can be extremely helpful to me. If we can't get our act together internally, we can't go externally. I don't think we're in a position to tell the rest of the community what they should be doing if we haven't figured out internally, how to get thing together. Making sure that our contracting and procurement policies are reflective of the experience and the need that still exists out there in the community and there's going to be nothing easy about it. And, you know, I'm compelled by what commissioner Fish said in terms of becoming a model employer. I think we need to do that and I'm not sure sitting here today, what steps one, two and three are. I appreciate the people who came in to testify today. But I hope by accepting this report, we're taking that as a baseline of support for the work that you are doing in your office. But I think all of this would agree and you would probably be the first to agree, dr. James, based on the conversations that you and I have had, those actions, in and of themselves, are insufficient and they're not going to move the dial the way we want to move the dial. I want to say publicly; I'm committed to working with you to make that happen. Perhaps we'll bumble along together. As the last person testifying said, we need to get out from under the shadow that been haunting this community for a long, long time. There's no time like the present to do that. I obviously vote, aye. The report is accepted and we'll move on from here and we have a commission -- city council unified in helping you. So, thank you. Thanks everybody who testified. We're adjourned.

At 4:24 p.m. council adjourned.