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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Fish and Fritz, 3.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Keelan McClymont, Acting Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Ian Williams Tonia Kohlman, Sergeants at Arms.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS EMERGENCY ITEMS WERE NOT CONSIDERED AND ITEMS WERE NOT HEARD UNDER A CONSENT AGENDA

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
<b>1086</b>	Request of Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1087</b>	Request of Jennifer Young to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1088</b>	Request of Holly Hansen to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1089</b>	Request of Michael Burleson to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1090</b>	Request of Lew Church to address Council regarding Portland Gray Panthers (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
<b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>		
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>		
<b>1091</b>	Authorize the Second Amended and Restated Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County and Metro (Second Reading Agenda 1059) (Y-3)	<b>189776 AS AMENDED</b>

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<b>1092</b>	Assess properties for sidewalk, curb and/or driveway repair for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Second Reading Agenda 1076; Y1100) (Y-3)	<b>189777</b>
<b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b> <b>Water Bureau</b>		
<b>1093</b>	Adopt a set of priority values, expectations, and the Recommended Option to guide the design and implementation of the City of Portland's Bull Run Filtration Projects (Previous Agenda 1079; Resolution) (Y-3)	<b>37460</b> AS AMENDED
<b>1094</b>	Authorize a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for design services for the Bull Run Filtration Project in the amount of \$51 million (Second Reading Agenda 1080) (Y-3)	<b>189778</b> AS AMENDED
<b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		
<b>1095</b>	Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Arbor Lodge - Kenton Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10978, for an estimated cost of \$5,350,000 (Previous Agenda 1081) 10 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</b> <b>Portland Bureau of Emergency Management</b>		
<b>1096</b>	Accept a FY 2019 State Homeland Security Program grant in the amount of \$31,157 from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to enhance emergency preparedness by providing emergency equipment to assist vulnerable Portlanders in the event of a disaster (Second Reading Agenda 1072) (Y-3)	<b>189779</b>

At 10:27 a.m., Council adjourned

**2:00 PM WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27-28, 2019**

**DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS  
NO WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM MEETING**

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**November 27, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

**Wheeler:** Welcome to the November 27th, 2019 morning session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll.

**Eudaly: Fritz:** Here. **Fish:** Here. **Hardesty:**

**Wheeler:** Here, now we will hear from Robert on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning, Robert.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Good morning. Welcome to the Portland city council. The city council represents all Portlanders and meets to do the city's business. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during the city council meeting so everyone can feel welcomed, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate in the council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first reading of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. If it does not, you may be ruled out of order. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left, a yellow light goes on. When your time is done, a red light goes on. If you are in the audience and would like to show your support for something said, please feel free to do a thumbs up. If you want to express that you do not support something, please feel free to do a thumbs down. Please remain seated in council chambers unless entering or exiting. If you are filming the proceedings, please do not use bright lights or disrupt the meeting. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or interrupting testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being ejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being ejected, a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Thank you for helping your fellow Portlanders feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. First up is communications. If you could read -- actually, today I think that we have all the gray panthers. Would you like to come up together?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Sure.

**Wheeler:** Let's call them all, if you want to grab two more chairs from the front row --

**\*\*\*\*\*:** There is just three.

**Wheeler:** There is just three of you?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Michael is in dallas, texas, and holly has been sick all week.

**Wheeler:** I am sorry to hear that. Well, you will do ably, the three of you. I have no doubt about it.

**McClymont:** I will read it into record.

**Wheeler:** If you will not mind.

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**Wheeler:** Great, good morning.

**Sally F. Fronsman-Cecil:** Good morning. I thought you were going first, Jennifer. Do you want me to? Okay. That's fine, usually I have pretty targeted remarks, but then I am reading.

**Fish:** Put your name in the record, first.

**Fronsman-Cecil:** Sorry, Sally Fronsman-Cecil, I should know, I've been here enough. At any rate, I usually have targeted remarks, but of course, I am reading and I can't really look at people and make eye contact. I am feeling a little more friendly today than I was when I was thinking about this. You know, I have kind of been really feeling like the specific things that I bring, maybe they are not always things that you can do anything, particularly, on but I would like you to take a stance on them or something like that. I am just utterly frustrated as an advocate and an organizer, I feel like I identify with the younger people or the extension rebellion people because trying to make any traction with regular government or people who have, at least we think, control of the money and the projects, so it's a lot, obviously, a lot more complicated than that, and I try to avoid that kind of generalization as much as possible. On the other hand, I am a person who strongly believes that we need some real paradigm shifts in how we deal with things on so many levels. On people who are unhoused. On the situation of elders in general safety, just the way that the society has treated us in terms of housing. Environmental issues. Climate change. And it seems to me like a lot of times we are -- we have decided not just you, but as a culture, as a society not to do what needs to be done. Not to take the bull by the horns. Not to see that we can't forever do business as usual, expect anything to be different. And that is so frustrating to me. And it's like I don't know what we can even do as citizens to push that way. You know, elected officials, people are going to take the stances they take as elected officials, even when they are running. I also think that people don't always understand the -- what needs to be done. How much it needs to be done, and I don't know how much leaders can still be elected as leaders. If they take the stance, I feel people need to take in leadership. And you are among some of the leaders I can talk to, right, and so I would like really to urge you to really think very hard about how much things really need to be changed. Maybe you can't not do or support the projects that are out there. Just for example, though, the things that I brought up last time, you know, why would we be allowing and not speaking up against expanding the airport and numbers of people arriving here? When we know that we have got to cut back those things. I think that I am pretty much at the end, so I am not going to start again.

**Wheeler:** Well timed.

**Fronsman-Cecil:** I am at the end. I never can read that thing.

**Wheeler:** Is it hard to see on that side?

**Fronsman-Cecil:** It's probably that now I am making eye contact I can't see it.

**Wheeler:** And that's good insight. Maybe we could slide that closer. I appreciate your testimony today.

**Jennifer Young:** Good morning. My name is Jennifer Young, and I am speaking today in support of the older single women who are facing homelessness. The programs out there are very limited. I only know of one specifically that's run by the Catholic charities. I don't have drug or drinking problems. I just needed housing. My handicap started in childhood. I am chronically ill, I have severe asthma with COPD. Never smoked in my life. The programs out there, the one that I am currently in, has another social service organization, and I find myself being targeted, living in my housing situation. Fortunately, I have my own entrance, so I don't have to interact with these other people. My concern is I moved into housing not having language even to describe drugs or some of those behaviors, and I am being exposed to just obnoxiousness. I am also requesting that the facilities be staffed 24-7, and people will object to that who are funding these, but it needs to be written into funding

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because people have changed. They are not the same anymore. I would prefer to have housing with older single women together and not split up and not be the null set where we are being a buffer for another social service organization. Right now, the only thing that I am aware of in town is how many, correct me, is -- is gene's place. That's a shelter I am requesting housing. Just recently within the last week or so we got tagged, and the message on the side of the building said human garbage, and I am very aware as a boomer. I don't think that was targeted at me, but it was targeted at the other organization that is in the building. And I was very upset. Hopefully the place will take care of it and find out who is doing this. It was at a location that you can't see it from the street, and it is targeted to the people in the house. So, I am aware of that. At the same time, I have had paychecks stolen. I have had mail stolen, and it's just -- it's not acceptable to be a target as an older woman in housing. We have to have more funds, more resources for those who don't need social services, just housing.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, that's an important perspective, and I appreciate you sharing it with us. It is startling that the fastest growing segment of the homeless population is the 70 plus contingent, so you are representing the vanguard of the fastest growing segment of our homeless population. People don't tend to think of that, right.

**Young:** No. And rightly so, the people who are victims of domestic violence get the first choice. But, people like me, who are chronically ill and really should not be on the street, we're being left behind, and I am 60 this year, and I don't think anyone my age, who is in a building that has just gone condo and can't afford it, they should not be out on the street. So street roots and those organizations are not really there to support us. So, I think that there needs to be more done.

**Wheeler:** Good, thank you. I appreciate it very much. Good morning.

**Lew Church:** Good morning. I am law with Portland gray panthers. I want to thank Sally and Jennifer for talking for panthers on social justice issues, especially housing. I want to touch on a few think locally, act locally parameters. First on impeachment its about time, in addition to Ukraine, bribery and obstruction articles, we know that dismay the usda secretary Sonny Perdue has proposed a \$4 million cut for food stamps specifically targeted, according to the Oregonian, against seniors and disabled folks. Shame on trump. Shame on sonny Perdue. Second, here in Portland, gray panthers has hosted a series of community forums and candidate forums. In the spirit of thanksgiving, we want to thank speakers who have volunteered to talk with us at Portland state and helped organize that. James Posey, Michelle deposs, jo ann hardesty, Albert Lee and Eddi Martain, Carmen Rubio and robin castro. Alyssa kenny guyer, Michael Dembrow and Lew frederick, Aja and Cupid on the mayors staff and ted wheeler. Amanda Fritz, teresa colaf, jamie skinner, randy blasak. Mina Snaps, Ozzie Gonzales and ellen Rosenbloom. In addition to opposing proposed food stamp cuts, we also support the pastini boycott to protest eviction of the free hot soup program at director's park, teacher's park following the nick Fish affiliated free access to park committee. On housing the Portland business journal records Portland is the eighth richest city in estados and needos with an average household income of \$70,000, yet houselessness persists a midst the housing emergency. In a tale of two cities, was charles dickens just talking about london and paris or prognosticating about Portland, Oregon in 2019. On transit, Portland gray partners and the transit rider's union urge everyone to turn out this black friday, November 29 at 12:00 noon in pioneer square for the youth-led protest against tri-met's racist fascist fear inspector system protesting the street roots vendors fined \$200 for not beeping his cart often enough. In addition, requiring the tri-met board of directors, including ozzie gonzales, to be elected by voters, not appointed, is one way to increase the accountability and the transparency. Last but not least there is sally's idea, sally Fronsman-Cecil's idea of gray panthers' holiday party on saturday,

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december 14, at 12:00 at bipartisan cafe, southeast 78th and stark with the theme of joy, hope, and resistance.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I appreciate you being here today.

**Young:** And I would just like to say to nick Fish, jamie, and senator merkley's office was instrumental in getting me on the disability, and I believe that he went to work for you.

**Fish:** That's very nice of you, jamie dunphy.

**Young:** Tell him jennifer young says thank you.

**Fish:** He was working with senator merkley, and we were lucky to hire him, and he's my senior policy director.

**Young:** He took my notice and helped me, took probably eight weeks to get on disability.

**Fish:** You know what, people who work behind the scenes don't get recognized, and so thank you very much for acknowledging his role. Happy holidays.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, all of you. Next up, 1091, this is a second reading.

**Item 1091.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this is a second reading of a non-emergency ordinance. We have had a presentation. We have taken public testimony. Is there any further discussion?

**Fish:** I have a question.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** And I wasn't here for the prior discussion, but I've been briefed. And I don't say this to be provocative or flip, but does this now resolve the issue?

**Wheeler:** Yes: [laughter]

**Fish:** You can tell us that we have the concurrence of Multnomah county and metro on this amendment.

**Wheeler:** I can tell you that.

**Fish:** Well, it's taken a long time. There's been many twists and turns but congratulations for bringing this home. It will free up money for a very important cause, so thank you.

**Wheeler:** You have got it. Please call the roll, keelen.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor, and your staff, particularly, Kristin dennis and a host of city attorneys, thank you carlisle for working on this. This is really significant for many reasons. One it puts money into renovating the city owned facilities using tourist tax dollars, also for the first time, dedicates some of the resources to permanent supportive housing, so providing services to the people who live in the affordable housing that's getting built, so it's truly significant, and I appreciate your dedication and perseverance. Aye.

**Fish:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, I am very excited about this, as well, and I want to thank our government partners in this, particularly, lynn petersen and former metro president tom hughes. Deborah kafoury, the chair of Multnomah county. I want to thank our team, as well, including kirsten dennis my chief of staff as well as elizabeth edwards, who is actively engaged in this, as commissioner Fish mentioned, our legal team has spent a considerable amount of time on this. The bottom line is this allows us to use some of the economic prosperity that's taking place in the community today to be dedicated towards the support services that would be associated with the supportive housing that we're creating through the housing bond, so that includes the things like addiction treatment, mental health services, and job training, and the like, the things that will help the people who come off the streets, those who are the most chronically homeless, come off the streets, into our supportive housing, and ensure that they get resources that they need to help keep them successful in that housing. This will amount to, up to approximately \$5.2 million per year. It will take this a while to ramp up to that level, but it's a very good start and a good agreement, and I am very, very grateful to all the partners to coming to the table for what I think is an important issue. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. 1092, please, also a second reading.

**Item 1092.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this is also a second reading of a non-emergency ordinance. We have had a presentation and public testimony. Any further business on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is number 1093.

**Item 1093.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, if memory serves me correctly we have already had a lengthy presentation on this. We have taken public testimony. The record has been closed, but we continued this conversation for the purposes of the vote, does that square with your recollections?

**Fritz:** We had a discussion and so today is just the vote.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

**Fritz:** I will continue to acknowledge the difficult situation that we are in. We are under federal requirement to treat our water, although we have made efforts to waive that for ten years, the time has come to move forward with filtration. That decision was made in 2017. Some people say that we are moving too fast, but two years of due diligence is a significant investment on the project scoping. Almost a year ago, in december of 2018, council agreed to move forward with the several foundational decisions to address the federal mandate, including the location, type of technology, capacity, and procurement message and method. Some of these council decisions were modified slightly to reduce the costs at the location and the type of technology has remained the same, and is causing frustration from some members of the public. As a reminder council had a work session on this in september, and then we had a robust conversation with the Portland utility board and citizens utility board, and so here we are at the end of november after two months of intensive review with this vote, and I appreciate everybody who has put in so much time and effort. The resolution that guides the design of this plant's filtration at the means to treat our water has taken many things into consideration, including the natural disasters such as fire in the bull run watershed. Filtration will allow us to recover the damage from a fire more quickly, it will treat the water in a way that does not change the flavor or odor. Choosing this course of option impacts rates and the water bureau staff have been researching alternative funding avenues. We are hopeful that the water infrastructure finance act will mitigate the impacts to the increasing rates. Working with our partners at the environmental protection agency to achieve this goal with low interest and flexible payback options. Thanks to senator Jeff merkley, who passed the authorizing legislation and helped to secure Portland's invitation to apply. Note that we have sought this invitation twice before without success. The probability of getting this is one of the key reasons that I believe that the council is being wise in moving forward now. \$850 million is a huge investment. Kristin dennis, the mayor's office chief of staff was on the lake Oswego city council when they built the filtration plant that serves 90,000 customers, and cost \$252 million. Our plant will serve a million people. I know that we all got sticker shock but it's, actually, that comparison is another reason that I believe that this is a good investment. The location of the site is another point of consternation for the neighbors despite the water bureau having purchased it in 1975. It's a site that will likely be hit with less impacts during the cascadia earthquake, which is one of the main reasons that we have chosen this site as the location for the treatment plant, that supplies water to the millions of people and growing. However, this does not mean that this area will not be impacted at all, which is why we are increasing the seismic resiliency of the pipes in that location through the design option in this resolution. We are working with the neighbors of the site to mitigate the impacts to the community, although some neighbors may choose not to participate, we will continue to work with those that will in partnership with the designer and our staff. The



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Portland utility board and the citizens utility board have reviewed the project and support moving forward, and commit to working with us to mitigate the rate impacts for low income customers. We discussed the recommended option with the council staff and with council members, and my staff presented this at the November 1st meeting with the councils chief of staff and I have spoken with each of my colleagues in and out of council chambers, as well. And I appreciate my colleagues' willingness to engage on this. As we know the impacts of this decision will carry on after I have left this office. However, as a reminder that's not for another year and one month, and so I will be continuing to work on it for the remainder of the time that I am assigned the water bureau. Although we are voting on the design option and contract today, there will be many opportunities in the future for this council to make the decisions regarding this project. First, this resolution commits the water bureau to report to council on any updates related to the project. No less than once a year. While reporting for the Portland utility board every six months. We will, of course, forward those reports to the council, as well, and we are happy to hold a presentation or a discussion and work session at any time. In april of next year we will come to council with an item related to the application. We will have a better idea of what this project will cost with the 30% design milestone in the middle of 2021, at which point the council may choose to intervene again. I have directed the water bureau staff to work towards a no frill facility, no fancy finishes except landscaping and interior improvements designed to fit in with the surrounding area. My office and water bureau staff are committed to providing as much information as council needs to make sure this process is transparent and accountable. We recognize we have trust building to do again after commissioner Fish had done such a great job repairing that trust over his five years with the bureau. I thanked the members of the public who have written in, testified, and attended many meetings. Thank you to the Portland utility board members who are able to provide thoughtful analysis and recommendations on this quickly. Thank you to my chief of staff, Tim Crail and senior policy advisor Cristine Nieves, and thank you deputy director Gabriel Solmer, the project manager Dave Peters and the finance director, Cecilia Hunh for their input and presentation on these tough decisions, and jamie, as well, doing the public engagement, and are here. Thank you. And really, thank you to the director mike Stuhr, whose expertise and experience in emergency management for city infrastructure over 40 years has helped to guide this decision. Aye.

**Fish:** I have a prepared statement, but since 1093 and 1094 are related I will give it on the next vote, on this item, I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** So I will just give a brief statement. Number one, this is one of those votes where as an elected official there is not a lot of upside potential. It comes under the category of necessary. And I have asked numerous questions about whether this is the right option, whether there are other options that cost less. Whether there are other options that substantially address the issues that are of concern to us, and I have also tasked my chief of staff with calling around to other people who have impartial views about different types of systems that are available to the city of Portland and whether or not this is the right path for us to be on. In all cases, the answers have come back that the answer is yes. The filtration strategy is the right strategy for us to pursue for the long-term. That's how we need to look at this question. This is a long-term question in terms of what is the best interest of the community and maintaining a safe and pure water supply. I want to put on the record today that the cost of this project will more than likely go up. The cost of construction, the cost of labor, are going up. And so, it is my expectation that the cost of the project will go up. In addition, as we get into the design phase, and we refine the design over the next several years, there will undoubtedly be things that will be changed so I want to be clear to everybody that what we have is a 30% confidence level on the estimates today. Where are we?

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**Fritz:** Not even that.

**Wheeler:** Not even that, so we are in the early cost estimate phase. So, I want to be very clear about that, that this council has not nailed down a cost estimate for this project. Finally, Mike Stuhr does deserve our accolades on this. He and I had some differences of opinion about some of the early estimates. He has been very forthright and forthcoming in his answers to my questions subsequently, I feel like the water bureau has done an outstanding job of providing me the information that I need in order to be confident about taking this vote today. With that, I vote aye. [gavel pounded] the ordinance is adopted. The resolution, I am sorry, is adopted. 1094.

**Item 1094.**

**Wheeler:** Second reading. Call the roll.

**Fritz:** So we are absolutely confident that this is not to exceed the amount on this design contract, and the design services for the next ten years, we need this contract in order to be able to get to a better estimate of the cost. And I am convinced this company, which has done many of the filtration plants around the state and elsewhere, is going to do a fabulous job with the presentation by one of their staff at one of the community meetings that I thought was outstanding, and I am looking forward to getting some more specificity. Aye.

**Fish:** So thank you, commissioner, and colleagues. These two items today are hard votes for me. Not because I don't believe filtration is the right approach, and not because I believe that the right option has to be the cheapest option, but because I was very troubled when we learned that the cost estimate had increased, and now that it's almost doubled, I am concerned about what the next update will be. I deeply appreciate commissioner Fritz's comments about accountability and the various ways those measures are written into both of the matters before us today. I also appreciate her reminder that this is not the construction contract. What we are approving -- that we are not approving the project at this point, just the design contract. I want to be very clear, we are not writing a blank check to the water bureau. I expect construction cost estimates to be locked in when the construction contract comes back, and if they are not capped, I will offer an amendment to cap them. Thank you, commissioner and the bureau for your commitment to transparency and accountability and for your commitment to keeping the council engaged at all the major decision points. I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I think that you guys have said it best without the design. We don't know what the project actually is to engage this part of the process. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. 1095.

**Item 1095.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fish.

**Fish:** Thank you, mayor and colleagues, the bureau of environmental services manages the stormwater and sewer infrastructure. This project in the arbor lodge and kenton areas will rehabilitate two miles of aging and deteriorating pipes. Here today to give a brief presentation is Daniel Boatman and Joe Dvorak from the bureau of environmental services. Mayor, since we have such a light schedule today I have encouraged them to take the full hour to make the presentation today. Who is going to take it away? Joe?

**James Allison, Bureau of Environmental Services:** This is James Allison standing in for Joe this morning, and I made a note that I was going to keep my comments brief.

**Wheeler:** I like the way you think. [laughter]

**Allison:** Good morning, city council. I coordinate the large-scale sewer rehabilitation program. I will keep my comments brief by saying that this is standard work for the bureau providing a reliable sewage collection system. The bureau initiated this program --

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**Fish:** I am sorry to interrupt you. Asena Lawrence had given me an updated set of remarks that, actually, lists you. In my customary way I put them off to the side and ignored them, so I apologize. Thank you for joining us.

**Allison:** The bureau enlisted the large scale program 10 years ago with the following principles. Efficiency to consolidate the individual sewer repair projects into larger neighborhood level, larger geographic scale projects, strategy to systemically assess and cost effectively repair Portland sewers before they fail, planning to intensively coordinate our work with other city infrastructure bureaus that work in the right-of-way, and lastly, engagement to develop early and continuous public outreach to our customers and others who are affected by the sewer service and the disruptions that occur during construction, the projects take two years to develop to get to the point of construction contract procurement. The coordination work is detailed and intensive, in terms of working across multiple bureaus and with the neighborhood at this larger scale, and with that I would turn it over to the project team, Daniel boatman is the project manager, and Matt Gough is the community outreach lead.

**Daniel Boatman:** Thank you, James. Is it showing up there? So the arbor lodge project is in north Portland. You can see it outlined there -- kind of hard to see the color on the screen. There is also -- it shows some of the other projects in the area that have happened recently or are currently happening. This project has a little over two miles of pipes, so around 12,500 feet ranging in size from six inches to 30 inches in diameter. The average age of these pipes is around 83 years old, so a lot of them are near the end of their life. We are also going to be reconstructing about 3,000 feet of service laterals to the homes and around 1400 feet of sanitary sewer extensions. This project will utilize a variety of construction methods, both traditional open trench excavation and trenchless rehabilitation options. It's about 50-50 between the open cut and the trenchless options.

**Fish:** When you say "trenchless rehabilitation" in plain english, what does that mean?

**Boatman:** It is construction methods that will reduce the footprint and excavation required to install a new pipe or rehabilitate the existing pipe.

**Fish:** The picture here is of what?

**Boatman:** That is cured and placed pipe where they insert a flexible liner inside the existing pipe, so they are able to do it without doing any excavation and minimize surface disruptions.

**Fish:** Terrific.

**Boatman:** I will turn this slide over to Matt Gough, our community outreach.

**Matt Gough, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Thanks. We have been engaged with the neighborhood portsmouth kenton arbor lodge since the beginning of design. We have outreached to our mailing list has over is 1,000 people. We currently use nextdoor.com to communicate, which there is about 9,000 recipients of project updates that we have on using that. We are always asking people to sign up for email updates. That's a growing list, its currently at 190. We also have done focus outreach for properties within a two-block radius of any night work locations, and to address any concerns, any feedback was reported to the noise office. We had four comments on that. We have also done some focus outreach to businesses along greeley and lombard that are immediately next to the locations.

**Fish:** And thank you for that update. And you look great in a hard-hat. Does the outreach include working with local businesses to anticipate peak holiday season events and avoiding disruption?

**Gough:** Yes. It does. We definitely honor the moratoriums in place by pbob. We are really trying to -- we want to work with businesses to make sure that they can get their deliveries that we minimize the amount of parking that might be taken next to their businesses.

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Basically, we are in close communication with the businesses throughout design and reconstruction. Ideally no one will be surprised.

**Fish:** Thank you very much.

**Boatman:** The engineers' estimate for this project is \$5.35 million with a high level of confidence. We are hoping to advertise the project in January and begin construction around may. The construction duration would be about -- it will be one year. That is it. Any questions? The picture on the right is, actually, at the kenton neighborhood kind of downtown area, famous statue in the area.

**Gough:** I do want to say that we will not be working in that area. [laughter]

**Wheeler:** Great.

**Fish:** Just a comment, first of all, thank you for a superb presentation. We had a presentation yesterday on what we would call the parks sustainability, and we looked at the fact that we have the parks bureau \$450 million of capital backlog, and we have an operating gap, and we explored various options going forward for addressing that, and we looked at three. One was an option that locked in a permanent decline scenario. A second was what I will call a status quo option. And a third was a reinvestment option. The challenge that we face in parks is that we have not always received our fair share of general fund resources. And fees don't keep up for the balance of the needs. As costs continue to go up. So, we looked at a number of options, and the council has directed us to do more due diligence in looking at the revenue measures. The utilities that commissioner Fritz and I have the honor of leading had the benefit of a dedicated revenue stream. What that means is that we get a level of predictable funding over time. To invest in the infrastructure. I want to reflect on that for a moment. There are stories that we read all the time around the country of failing municipal infrastructure around the utilities. We read about system failure, we read about botched privatization plans, we read about how other communities are struggling to maintain a water and sewer infrastructure and to fund it. Well, thanks to the generosity of our rate payers, we have a system that allows us to pay for our needs as we go along, but I also want to acknowledge that a number of years ago director Jordan proposed something that I think was very important. He said yes, we have brought rates down for bes, from somewhere between 6% and 7% down to 3%, and yes, we could technically bring those rates down a bit farther. What if we held steady at those rates for a while and invested in overhauling our infrastructure so that in ten years, we had a sustainable infrastructure? So that in ten years, when we got calls for service it was not because of a catastrophic failure, but because something needed a little tweaking. What if we, actually, invested in building a 21st century sewer and stormwater system around the community and invested in every part of the community. Well, with strong council support, that's the plan that we've embarked on. And this is now one of a number of presentations that have come to council where whole neighborhoods have been identified for upgrades. This is not sexy work, and we also know that it is very disruptive to the people that neighborhoods and businesses in this neighborhood. But the long-term payoff to our city is akin to the investment we're making in the bull run watershed. Under commissioner Fritz's leadership we have made some historic commitments to protect the bull run watershed and our water supply and the quality of our water for generations. None of those are easy decisions. Under director jordan's leadership at bes, we have come up with a plan over the next ten years to literally reinvest in our sewer and stormwater system and bring it to a level of compliance, which is really unprecedented for other cities, so, I want to acknowledge that. I want to thank the rate payers and acknowledge that we have a different funding model that allows us to do it. Parks and pbot don't have those funding models, and so we keep falling behind in terms of the capital maintenance, but, we have a chance to do something unique in this city on the water and the sewer stormwater side. That is make the kind of investments that allows us to get ahead of the curve and protect

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our resources, and again, these are not necessarily the hot button issues of the day, although I would say the bull run watershed is probably. It captures more attention than the sewer lines underneath our roads. But I want to acknowledge the work that this council and the bureaus have done over the last number of years and I look forward to celebrating with the community when we are able to step back and say that we have, we have literally transformed our system, and thank you for that investment. Nice work.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Any public testimony on this item?

**McClymont:** Yes, three people have signed up.

**Wheeler:** Gentlemen, thank you. Appreciate it.

**Fish:** They will be the last three people who testify before thanksgiving this year. Jim why don't you come forward.

**Charles Bridecrane Johnson:** Good morning, commissioners. I can see the clock fine. It hasn't. Charles bridgecrane Johnson for the record, and it's good to be up here seeing you talk about progress on the 83 year old sewers, which I've seen happening in other places, after you go home there is trucks downtown from iron horse doing this stuff where they don't have to tear up the downtown streets. And equitably, not just downtown, but also east of 82nd, another location where the boulders have gone down from odot near 83rd and Multnomah, just south of 84. It was interesting to note the -- that we're talking about sewers and nextdoor.com. Some would say that nextdoor.com is a sewer. Especially when you look at how they talk about their neighbors experiencing addiction crisis and other problems, but it was interesting to note on page 4 -- I don't know if you partnered with the office of community life or whatever -- there is an interesting assessment of the three neighborhoods, portsmouth, kenton, arbor lodge where you talk about the diversity in those neighborhoods, and I hope that research will be shared with other bureaus as we look forward to doing a better job on the equity strategy. As commissioner Fish noted, we're coming up on thanksgiving, it's hard to believe it was 399 years ago that England sent us a bunch of religious extremists. Last century they did better and just sent us Amanda Fritz.

**Fish:** That's a really good line. You saved your best for last.

**Johnson:** Thank you. This is a reasonable investment for a neighborhood outside the central zone to see them getting \$5 million worth of sewer work is a bit encouraging. We need more encouragement to start.

**Fish:** Maggie, why don't you go first. Jim has a longer speech and probably unrelated to this matter. [laughter]

**Maggie:** This is about making -- Maggie, Portland homeless town hall, this is about environmental services coming to you and trying to justify why they need to redo this dilapidated sewer. Okay. Well, you know, when I came to you guys and I said you know, there is mrsa and bedbugs and lice in the salvation army, you did not seem to care. Did you know that mrsa causes pneumonia? All everyone in the salvation army, they all had pneumonia. We are talking about the environmental services people coming up here and talking about, you know, let's get ahead of this curve, Fish, because this is all cdc stuff.

**Fish:** What do you mean by cdc?

**Maggie:** Pardon?

**Fish:** What do you mean by cdc?

**Maggie:** It is the communicable disease, center for disease control. So you know, you guys turned a blind eye and just kept funding the salvation army over and over as every single person in there got pneumonia, had to go and get antibiotics, and got mrsa on their feet, the laundry didn't work. The showers were overflowing, bathrooms were shut down for months at a time. If you look at articles and records in newspapers, and records by the cdc, they will tell you that mrsa happens because of unsanitary conditions. Of the type that exist, like in the salvation army, and if you, ted, liked to go on camera and have the

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salvation army sit behind you, and you know, because you guys are so close, and if you and amanda Fritz like to turn a blind eye because, obviously, you are from, you know, the u.k. and you want to support your corporate business partner there. I just think it's unconscionable that not only do we not have enough bathrooms for homeless people, but you are just also continuing these types of shelter conditions. Right now we have bed bug issues in the Willamette center like it's completely futile for the people to go in there and spray because all of our shit is all over the floor, and they make us bag it up, but then everybody is still you know, their stuff is still full of bedbugs, and it's so overcrowded that everyone is going to get pneumonia again. So, what do you have to say? This is environmental services that you brought up here. That's what I would like environmental services to respond to.

**Wheeler:** Well, I think that they have heard you, and thank you for your testimony.

**Fish:** Jim whittenburg, now lives in Salem. He's visiting family here, and actually, had an unfortunate incident, I think, today or yesterday where he was almost run over.

**Jim Wittenberg:** Yeah. Mayor wheeler and Amanda and ted and nick, my streets that I frequent quite often are Broadway and Weidler, 15th Avenue. I have a prayer group I go to over there in the mornings, and again, today, I was going across the crosswalk from the old -- what's that big coffee place they have there? They sell coffee all the time? Pete's, lives across the street over here? Starbucks. Starbucks had a shop there, and across the street is a fish's place but the first one was empty, but the second had a truck in it, and the third one had a truck in it. I got this, this far across the street to the first truck, and the second big truck didn't see me, and he just came. He's this far from running over me because he jumped off the light as soon as it turned green, and he, fortunately, stopped in time, or I might have been another statistic here in town. What I am trying to say to you quite frankly is I've been here 63 years now in Portland. I moved here in -- well, say may have my numbers wrong. I moved here in 1963 with my wife. We moved here from Corvallis. It was a nice little town then. I didn't have to worry about traffic or shootings or any of those things. I worked downtown here at 10th and Washington in the pharmacy downtown at the Portland medical pharmacy, but it was a quiet little town then. It only had about 300,000 people around. Now I think that I saw a figure of 680,000 some people in Portland? I mean, this is a big city now. I think that -- I have spent the last three years trying to talk to the police traffic division about the traffic in this town. I am afraid -- I am terrified of the traffic. None of you tried to go across the street too often on a walker because if you do, you would know what it's like out there. You are open season for the big trucks and the buses and the -- I have been -- I've been close to death many times here in this area on Broadway, on Weidler, mlk, and I have never seen is a policeman stop anybody out there. I don't know what they are doing, but I suppose that -- I don't know, maybe they are planning on playing a game or looking for drug traffickers or something, but I don't want to be -- I don't want to be under the wheels of a truck. That would be -- I've been through 80 years now in Oregon, and we have -- I still have things that I want to do, you know, like change the property tax system, which I think is so antiquated, it just is bizarre. The last thing is, I went to the 1968 convention in Miami. I remember the guy standing up there saying a million here or a million there, and pretty soon we will have real money to talk about. And that was 1968. Now we're talking about \$5 million, yeah, it just doesn't seem to matter. My dad would turn over in his grave if we heard a \$5 million project. He couldn't understand that. I see the statement now, we turn into our fathers and mothers as we get older, and we do. We do.

**Fish:** Jim, thank you for joining us, and happy holiday.

**Wittenberg:** Thank you. I just want to tell you, I want to tell you who I am for this weekend.

**Wheeler:** That's great.

**Maggie:** I would like to say for the record we don't want to see him under a truck, either.

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**Wheeler:** We definitely don't. Happy thanksgiving to all three of you. Thanks for joining us. Appreciate it. Thank you, Maggie.

**Wheeler:** All right, any further discussion on this item before I move it? This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Next item, please Keelan is 1096.

**Item 1096.**

**Wheeler:** Very good, colleagues, this is a second reading. It was brought forward by commissioner hardesty last week, and we have heard both a presentation and testimony on this item. Is there any further business? Please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned.

**At 10:27 a.m., Council adjourned.**