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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, 4.

Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone and the City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the City's YouTube Channel, eGov PDX, [www.portlandoregon.gov/video](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/video) and Channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to Council by emailing the Council Clerk at [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov).

The Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the City's business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney.

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

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| <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>   |  |                       |
| <b>375</b> Request of Donna Cohen to address Council regarding St. Johns Truck Strategy - Phase II project (Communication)  |  | <b>PLACED ON FILE</b> |
| <b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>  |  |                       |
| <b>376</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Accept the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission 2019 State of the City Preservation Report (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested<br><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz.<br>(Y-4) |  | <b>ACCEPTED</b>       |

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| <p><b>*377 TIME CERTAIN 10:45 AM</b> – Amend the City of Portland Employee Benefits Program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the Labor Management Benefits Committee and as administratively required by the Bureau of Human Resources for the City’s plan offerings beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 10 minutes requested<br/>(Y-4)</p>   | <p><b>189965</b></p> |
| <p><b>*378 TIME CERTAIN: 10:55 AM</b> – Approve \$500,000 in additional funding for the Cascade Centers, Inc. contract administered by the Bureau of Human Resources, Health &amp; Financial Benefits Office for employee assistance plan services through June 30, 2021 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Contract No. 30002042) 10 minutes requested<br/>(Y-4)</p>   | <p><b>189966</b></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p> <p><b>379</b> Assess property for system development charge contracts, private plumbing loan contracts and safety net loan deferral contracts (Second Reading Agenda 364; Z0842, K0184, T0201, W0070, Z1208, K0185, T0202, Z0843, W0071, P0163, P0164)<br/>(Y-4)</p> |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p> <p><b>380</b> Accept a grant from Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the NW Thurman over Macleay Park project in the amount of \$476,421 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>   |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p><b>S-381</b> Declare intent to centralize, guide and coordinate COVID-19 efforts that bolster progress towards the City’s long-term recovery goals (Resolution) 40 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the substitute Resolution and Exhibit A:</b> Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)<br/>(Y-4)</p>                                  |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>   |                      |

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| <p><b>382</b> Authorize a contract with Landis &amp; Landis Construction, LLC for the construction of the SE Hawthorne Blvd Pipe Reconstruction Project No. E10369 for an estimated cost of \$2,900,000 (Second Reading Agenda 367)<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p> | <p><b>189964</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Portland Housing Bureau</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>383</b> Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution)<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>  | <p><b>37486</b></p>  |
| <p><b>*384</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for 146th West Building 100 located at 11 NE 146th Ave (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>             | <p><b>189967</b></p>   |
| <p><b>*385</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for 146th West Building 200 located at 21 NE 146th Ave (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>             | <p><b>189968</b></p>   |
| <p><b>*386</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Dekum Multifamily located at 330 NE Dekum St. (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>                  | <p><b>189969</b></p>   |
| <p><b>*387</b> Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Harborsky Annex, LLC located at 1245 N Anchor Way (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>              | <p><b>189970</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>388</b> Amend fee schedule for tree permits (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>   | <p><b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>MAY 27, 2020<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b></p> |
| <p><b>Commissioner Eudaly</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>Office of Community and Civic Life</b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>389</b> Authorize \$548,094 total in grant funds for the 2020 Cannabis Social Equity Grant Program in the Office of Community &amp; Civic Life (Second Reading Agenda 373)<br/><br/>(Y-4)</p>  | <p><b>189971</b></p>   |

At 12:55 p.m., Council recessed.

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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney

Council recessed at 4:42 p.m. as City of Portland Budget Committee and reconvened at 4:48 p.m. as Prosper Portland Budget Committee

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**390** **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** – Approval of the FY 2020-21 budget for the City of Portland (Mayor convenes Council as Budget Committee) 2 hours requested

**Amendments are included after the agenda, pages 5-10.**

**Motion to approve the changes to the Proposed Budget as Presented in the Memo, As Amended by the individual floor amendments to Attachments B, C and D of the memo:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

**Motion to approve Budget as Amended:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

**Motion to approve the tax levies:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Mayor Ted Wheeler**

**Prosper Portland**

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391 Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to approve the FY 2020-21 Budget (Mayor convenes Council as Prosper Portland Budget Committee) 30 minutes requested

**Motion to accept the revised change memo and Exhibit A to resolution 7372:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**Motion to increase General Fund appropriations to fund the Portland Film Office – amend the Prosper Portland General Fund Budget as shown in Exhibit A to increase Economic Development appropriations by \$72,000. This amendment is necessary to reflect general fund resources being added for the Portland Film Office during Approval of the City of Portland Budget:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

**Motion to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$547,000 in Cannabis Tax Fund resources – amend the Prosper Portland General Fund Budget as shown in Exhibit A to reduce Economic Development appropriations by \$547,000. This amendment is necessary to reflect the reallocation of \$547,000 of one-time Cannabis Tax revenue from Prosper Portland during Approval of the City of Portland Budget:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

**Motion to vote to approve the budget adjustments in Exhibit A of the Resolution 7372 as amended:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)

**PLACED ON FILE  
AS AMENDED**

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At 4:55 p.m., Council adjourned as Prosper Portland Budget Committee.

## Item 390 Amendments – May 20, 2020

### Mayor Wheeler Amendments

- 1. Motion to allocate \$231,000 in one-time General Fund resources in Special Appropriations as approved for carryover in the Spring supplemental budget:**  
Allocate \$231,000 in Special Appropriations one-time General Fund for the Office of Youth Violence Prevention as approved for carryover in the FY 2019-20 Spring supplemental budget. This includes \$77,000 for the Healing Hurt People program, \$77,000 for the Gang Impacted Family Coordinator, and \$77,000 for other programming (We are the Caution Campaign, Ceasefire implementation, Restoration Academy, and funding to culturally specific organizations). Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.  
- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)
- 2. Motion to allocate \$146,000 in one-time resources in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability General Fund that were approved as carryover in the Spring supplemental budget:**  
Allocate \$146,000 in one-time General Fund resources in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability General Fund by \$146,000 as approved for carryover in the FY 2019-20 Spring supplemental budget process to support the bureau's equity program work. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.  
- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)
- 3. Motion to allocate \$83,000 in one-time resources in Portland Parks & Recreation General Fund that were approved for carryover in the Spring supplemental budget:**  
Allocate \$83,000 in General Fund to Portland Parks & Recreation for the purchase of new Fleet vehicles as approved for carryover in the FY 2019-20 Spring supplemental budget. Increase interagency agreement by \$83,000 with the Office of Management & Finance

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Division of Asset Management CityFleet Fund by \$83,000 with the matching program expenses. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**4. Motion to allocate \$300,000 in one-time General Fund resources in the City Attorney's Office in support of an approved carryover from the Spring supplemental budget:**

Allocate \$300,000 of one-time General Fund resources in the City Attorney's Office for technology projects as approved for carryover in the FY 2019-20 Spring supplemental budget. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**5. Motion to Allocate Resources for the Council-ratified labor contract with the Portland Police Commanding Officers Association:**

Decrease ongoing interfund cash transfer from the General Fund to the Citywide Obligations Reserve Fund and increase ongoing bureau expenses in the Portland Police Bureau General Fund by \$309,092 to fund the increased costs of the PPCOA Labor Contract, as ratified by the Council on May 14, 2020. The ratified contract also includes one-time savings to align with reductions included in the current budget. The funding source of this action is a reduction to General Fund policy set aside by \$309,092. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**6. Motion to amend Attachment D and add a budget note regarding Portland Police specialty units, as follows:**

Specialty units are common elements of public safety systems nationwide. In recent years, best practice approaches to this work have evolved, and communities around the country are considering how best to use specialty units. The Portland Police Bureau employs a wide variety of these units: Gun Violence Reduction Team, School Resource Officers, Domestic Violence Unit, Air Support Unit, Behavioral Health Unit, K9 Unit, Cold Case Unit, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Human Trafficking Unit, Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit, Traffic Division, Youth Services Division, and Neighborhood Response Teams. Through its Public Safety Work Group, the City of Portland is asking fundamental questions about how best to structure a 21<sup>st</sup>-century public safety approach that meets the needs of all Portlanders. The COVID-19 crisis has reaffirmed the need, and urgency, of this work. The use of specialty units must be part of this conversation. Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty will work together with City leadership, and with other interested parties, to consider the ongoing use of specialty units in Portland, and will bring recommendations to Council no later than February 1, 2021. These recommendations will be considered as part of the budget development process for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**7. Motion to amend Attachment D to withdraw the budget note entitled "Civic Life/Police space moves plan."**

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**8. Motion to transfer \$118,911 in ongoing resources from the Portland Parks & Recreation Tree Mitigation Trust Fund to the Parks General Fund Operating budget for a Botanic Specialist II:**

Transfer \$118,911 from the Parks Tree Mitigation Trust Fund to fund a Botanic Specialist II position within the Parks Urban Forestry Division General Fund Operating budget. The Botanic Specialist II position will focus on implementing the Parks tree planting and preservation strategy.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**9. Motion to allocate \$72,000 in General Fund resources to Prosper Portland for the Portland Film Office.**

Allocate \$72,000 in one-time General Fund resources to Prosper Portland for the Portland Film Office. The funding source for this action is a one-time reduction of unrestricted General Fund contingency. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

- Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**Commissioner Fritz Amendments**

**1. Motion to allocate \$123,985 in General Fund resources to the Office of Equity & Human Rights for implementation of the resolution aligning COVID-19 response with the City's climate and equity goals:**

Allocate \$123,985 in one-time General Fund resources to the Office of Equity & Human Rights for work associated with the resolution directing actions to ensure that the City's COVID-19 response aligns with climate and equity goals outlined in the City's adopted ordinances and resolutions. The resources will support the addition of 1.0 FTE Limited-term Analyst I. The funding source for this action is a one-time reduction of \$56,141 in General Fund contingency and a one-time increase of \$67,844 in General Fund overhead resources. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

- Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**2. Motion to allocate \$29,540 in General Fund resources to the Office of Equity & Human Rights for critical administrative capacity and support:**

Allocate \$29,540 in ongoing General Fund resources to the Office of Equity & Human Rights for critical administrative capacity and support, including an increase of 0.10 FTE. The funding source for this action is a \$13,376 ongoing reduction to General Fund contingency and \$16,164 in General Fund overhead resources. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**Commissioner Eudaly Amendments**

**1. Motion to allocate \$547,000 in Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund resources to the Office of Community and Civic Life as follows:**

Allocate \$547,000 in ongoing Cannabis Tax Fund Resources to fund Social Equity community grants through the Office of Community and Civic Life. The source of this funding will be a reduction of \$547,000 in Cannabis Tax Fund resources budgeted for community grants in Prosper Portland. While the previously allocated \$547,000 in Prosper Portland's budget was allocated on a one-time basis, sufficient ongoing Cannabis Funds have been forecasted to support this allocation on an ongoing basis. Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**2. Motion to allocate one-time General Fund resources to Special Appropriations for Universal Defense, as follows:**

Allocate \$250,000 in one-time General Fund discretionary resources in Special Appropriations to support Universal Defense. The funding source for this action is a one-time reduction of \$50,000 in General Fund contingency and a reduction of \$200,000 in one-time General Fund discretionary resources in the Office of Community and Civic Life which were previously allocated to Civic Life's budget for this purpose. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**3. Motion to allocate \$147,000 in ongoing General Fund resources to fund the Regional Arts and Culture Center special appropriation.**

Allocate \$147,000 in ongoing General Fund resources to ensure that the reduction taken by

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the Regional Arts and Culture Council is equal to the 5.6% reduction taken by other bureaus as part of the Mayor's Proposed Budget. The funding source for this action is a reduction in ongoing General Fund contingency. Update Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-2 Eudaly, Wheeler; N-2 Fritz, Hardesty. Motion failed to pass)

### Commissioner Hardesty Amendments

**1. Motion to Allocate Resources for the Council-ratified labor contract with the Portland Firefighters Association:**

Decrease ongoing interfund cash transfer from the General Fund to the Citywide Obligations Reserve Fund and increase ongoing bureau expenses in Portland Fire & Rescue General Fund by \$2,261,713 to fund the increased costs of the PFFA Labor Contract, as ratified by the Council on May 14, 2020. The ratified contract also includes one-time savings to align with reductions included in the current budget. The funding source of this action is a reduction of General Fund policy set aside by \$2,261,713. Amend Attachments B, C, and E as needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**2. Motion to allocate \$50,000 in ongoing General Fund resources to support a Council Emergency Security fund:**

With a rise of white nationalism both nationally and locally, some Portland City Council members have faced increased threats to their health, lives, and safety, for reasons pertaining only to their race, ethnicity, and/or gender. Because Council Office budgets are generally modest, and because the need for potential extra security is unpredictable, the need for a pool of resources for Council members who face these threats should be established.

This action will reduce on an ongoing basis \$50,000 in unrestricted General Fund Contingency and appropriate these resources in the Office of Management and Finance – Chief Administrator's Office. This will represent an available emergency funding source to be drawn upon by OMF who coordinates the provision of security services for Council members when increased security is warranted due to credible threats of health, life, or safety. Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**3. Motion allocate \$50,000 in ongoing General Fund resources to support accessibility to City communications:**

Accessibility to City communications is vital for civic engagement, community empowerment, and safety. Accessibility ~~should~~ **must** be a core tenant of all City communications, **in ensuring the City's compliance with Civil rights Title VI and ADA Title II**, but not all bureaus have the same access to resources needed to ensure that their communications reach ~~everyone~~ **all community members, in particular limited English proficiency communities and people with disabilities.**

In order to accomplish this, this motion reduces ongoing unrestricted General Fund Contingency by \$50,000 and increases the policy set-aside account by the same amount to support a citywide accessibility pool of funding for bureaus who do not have adequate resources to ensure the equitable distribution of communications. Bureaus would request this resource via a supplemental budget process request during the Fall and Spring Supplemental Budget Process. Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- **Motion to accept friendly amendment:** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)



- **Motion to accept the amendment as amended:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**4. Motion to allocate \$633,244 in support of the Portland Street Response pilot program:**

Reduce General Fund one-time contingency policy set-aside account by \$500,000 and increase General Fund one-time discretionary by \$500,000 within the Portland Fire and Rescue operating budget to support the Portland Street Response Pilot project. Additionally, allocate \$133,244 in one-time General Fund discretionary resource as approved for carryover from the Bureau of Emergency Communications in the Spring supplemental budget to Portland Fire and Rescue operating budget to support the Portland Street Response Pilot project. Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)

**5. Motion to reduce one-time General Fund resources approved in the FY 2019-20 Spring Supplemental Budget in the Office of Management and Finance Procurement Services for a Procurement Disparity Study:**

Reduce \$200,000 of one-time General Fund discretionary resources in OMF – Procurement Services for their Disparity Study carryover from the FY 2019-20 Spring BMP. Offset with an increase to General Fund Contingency. ~~for PPB to potential request the funding to remain in their leased space at the Gateway campus for at least another year, to fund this change.~~ Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-2 Eudaly, Hardesty; N-2 Fritz, Wheeler. Motion failed to pass)

**6. Motion to amend Attachment D to add the following budget note: Identifying a medically sound alternative to sobering services**

In the spring of 2020 Central City Concern closed their sobering station recognizing it was operating under an outdated model. However, a need for similar, updated services still exists. This budget note directs the Public Safety Work Group to lead a process to determine a medically sound alternative for services and to bring forward a plan at the FY 2020-21 Fall BMP.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-2 Eudaly, Hardesty; N-2 Fritz, Wheeler. Motion failed to pass)

**7. Motion to reduce General Fund ongoing discretionary resources in the Portland Police Bureau that are currently allocated for sobering services and realigning the resources to support a new sobering program to be requested in the Fall Supplemental Budget process:**

Reduce \$1,912,036 of ongoing General Fund discretionary resources in the Portland Police Bureau's external materials services budget per the contracted amount to support the CHIERS Van and Sobering services formally provided by Central City Concern. Increase ongoing General Fund contingency in a policy set-aside account for the funding of a future program to be determined by the Public Safety Work Group. Amend Attachments B, C, and E needed to reflect this change.

- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**8. Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically the Budget Note titled "Public Safety Governance and Integrated Budgets". This motion will replace the current budget note which identifies a fall timeline for implementation with an October 1, 2020 start date, as follows:**

Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Public Safety Workgroup (PSWG) to identify changes that will improve public safety, increase equity, and address systematic challenges at a citywide level. Specifically, the CAO shall work with the PSWG

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Executive Committee to develop the following by October 1, 2020:

- 1.) Models for housing shared administrative services for the public safety bureaus in the Office of the CAO. These models should clearly identify which services should be centralized and include an analysis of the impacts each proposed change would have on bureau operations.
  - 2.) A strategy for integrating public safety bureau budgets for FY 21-22 in time for the Fall Budget Monitoring Process and FY 21-22 budget development. The budget proposals should be aligned with a public safety strategic plan and contribute to any required savings requested as part of the FY 2021-22 budget guidance. Council also requests guidance regarding a long-term governance and accountability structure for public safety as a citywide system.
- Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

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THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney and Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney at 3:03 p.m.

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| <b>392</b> | <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Amend Planning and Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan Map, and the Zoning Map to implement the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing project (Previous Agenda 374; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Title 33) 30 minutes requested | <b>CONTINUED TO<br/>MAY 27, 2020<br/>AT 2:00 PM<br/>TIME CERTAIN</b> |
| <b>393</b> | <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Revise residential solid waste and recycling collection rates and charges, effective July 1, 2020 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Code Chapter 17.102) 2 hours requested for items 393-395   | <b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>MAY 27, 2020<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b>  |
| <b>394</b> | Authorize the rates and charges for water and water-related services beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and fix an effective date (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Fritz)   | <b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>MAY 27, 2020<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b>  |
| <b>395</b> | Revise sewer and stormwater rates, charges and fees in accordance with the FY 2020-21 Sewer User Rate Study (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler)   | <b>PASSED TO<br/>SECOND READING<br/>MAY 27, 2020<br/>AT 9:30 AM</b>  |

At 4:10 p.m., Council adjourned.

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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**9:30 a.m.**

**Wheeler:** Good morning. This is the may 20, 2020 session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll. [roll taken]

**Hardesty:** Here. **Eudaly:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Wheeler:** Here.

**Wheeler:** Under Portland city code and state law, the Portland city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone, and the city has made several avenues available to the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public, health, safety, and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communication. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. First up, Karla, communications. If you could please call the first individual.

**Moore-Love:** Do you want lori to read the rules.

**Wheeler:** I forgot about the rules, sure. If you would not mind reading the rules of order and decorum.

**Lory Kraut, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Certainly. To participate in 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. The published council agenda is at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) and contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. 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 your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank, lory. It looks like we only have one item for communications today. **Item 375.**

**Wheeler:** Good morning, donna.

**Donna Cohen:** Good morning. I hope everybody is well. Thanks to the staff who did a great job setting me up for this morning. So in march, four people who were members of the stakeholder committee from the community sent a report to pbot and to council about an update on the project, and it's been two months, and I want to give you a status report on that. So if we look at the slides, the first slide -- keenan said I should tell when you to show the first slide. So I am going to wait for that.

**Moore-Love:** I am pulling it up.

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**Donna Cohen:** Okay. And I am from st. John's. Donna cohen, again. I didn't say that at the beginning. So these are the speed cushions. A picture, they say, is worth a thousand words. The one at the bottom is from north willis. Every speed cushion I have seen, except those in st. Louis, look like the one at the bottom. I don't know what went wrong here. But, and this is the second time that they have been put down. These, obviously, are -- need to be corrected. And why it happened the first place, I don't know. Can we go to the next slide, please?

**Cohen:** Our meeting islands -- on the right side, I am hoping that you can see the full slide. On the ride side there should an diagram from the final report showing the specks, which are 14 feet for the island, itself. 16 feet if you add in the one-foot on either side where the lane marking would be, and if you look on the drawing on the left side of the screen, there is an island that was done on columbia boulevard at the same time. And you can see the clearance between the island and the line, and if you look at the pictures in the middle, these are representative of almost every corner on every island that has been put on this area, where the lane markings, if they exist at all, peter out before the end. People have said, you know, these corners are very sharp to begin with, and then you don't have the lane markings, and you can see already some of them have been driven into. So the blue marks show where the lane markings should be. Again, why this happened? I have to wonder, does pbob bother to go out and look at the work that's done before they pay the contractors? So these need to be done, according to specks. They are just -- anyway. Lastly, the next slide, please, a commentary on this, we were told in the upper left that this is from the file report that we would have these markings in the bike lanes, reminding people, the bicycle, the reason that we wanted them is we have this route, and you can see on the map, this is a community of 15,000 people. 40% of the people above the corridor are kids, seniors and people with disabilities, vulnerable people, and now pbob is saying they don't want to do this. We don't have enough bicyclists. The fact is this whole project is to change this corridor, which again, runs through the center of st. John's, so we think this is a back ward looking approach, and by the way, the total cost to paint all of these markings would be between 5,000 and \$10,000, and this is a multi-million-dollar project, so I am not going to go over the last slide, although I encourage you to look at it. It has some support information about accidents with bicyclists and what happens when a senior breaks a hip.

**Wheeler:** Time is up.

**Cohen:** So you can see that. The damage to a senior or a child can be great. So we think that it's a small insurance policy, basically. So that we were told we were not going to get. We would like to ask about that and point out this information.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Can I ask you to bring it to a conclusion.

**Cohen:** Yes, absolutely. I was there. You wanted to ask something? Oh, you wanted to ask me to bring it to a conclusion. I get it. Okay. Well, I am at the conclusion. We hope you folks will take steps and get these corrected.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate your testimony. Thank you for coming in and thank you, by the way, for providing the written presentation. That makes a difference. That completes communications. Karla, is that correct?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, that's right.

**Wheeler:** All right. Has any items been pulled off of the consent agenda?

**More-Love:** We have had no requests.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Could you go to the first time certain -- unfortunately, hang on. We are ahead of schedule. One moment. Can you go to 382, please.

**Item 382.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, I am obviously, stalling until we can get to the appropriate time certain. This is a second reading. We have already heard a presentation and the opportunity for public testimony on this item. Is there any further business related to item 382? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I want to say how much I appreciate the work of the staff on this project and the innovative, creative thinking about moving this project up due to clearly less traffic on hawthorne nowadays. I look forward to the conclusion of this project. I vote aye.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

**Hardesty:** Just trying to help you out, mayor, trying to slow down.

**Wheeler:** Do we have everybody we need for 383 from the housing bureau? Do we have - - yeah, we have dory. And dory, is there anyone else you need for that presentation, or do we have everyone we need?

**Dory Van Bockel, Portland Housing Bureau:** It will just be me.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Good. Karla, please read 383.

**Wheeler:** The Portland housing bureau administers the tax exemption program. The home buyer opportunity limited tax exemption more, more known as the holte program, provides a tax exemption for low to moderate income home buyers making home ownership more obtainable for families in Portland. Home builders apply for the tax exemption prior to starting the construction on the new house. The housing bureau approves builder applications through filing a resolution with city council several times throughout the year. 39 properties are being approved through this resolution. When a developer sells a home over the price limit, or to a buyer who does not income qualify or when a home is not owner occupied during the exemption period as required, the exemption is removed. Before an exemption is terminated owners have the opportunity to appeal the decision made by the city. Within this resolution, 14 properties, tax exemptions are being removed, and we have dory here, who is the Portland housing bureau development incentives program manager, who will be here to answer any questions we may have. Dory.

**Van Bockel:** Good morning, mayor and commissioners. This is dory van bockel. We administer this on behalf of the city, and we verify and confirm home with each sale, and we do ongoing compliance, and owner occupancy of the programs through regular auditing, and we work with the Multnomah county consistently to do that compliance. Certainly I am happy to answer any further questions about this action.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions for dory? Karla, is there any public testimony on 383?

**More-Love:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Call the roll on the resolution, please.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is a great program. And dory van bockel and the team at the housing bureau do a great job of administering it. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. Thank you. Thanks, dory. Appreciate it. The resolution is adopted. Back to time certain item 376, please, Karla.

**Item 376.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, it's a pleasure to introduce kirsten minor, the chair of the historic landmarks commission, who is going to present the commission's 2019 state of preservation report. We also have other members of the landmarks commission joining us today. For those who are watching and may not be familiar, the historic landmarks commission is a seven-member, completely volunteer commission that advises the city bureaus and the city council on matters related to historic preservation and reviews new development and historic districts and alterations, which potentially affect historic landmarks. The commission typically meets twice a month for several hours at a time, and

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we appreciate their service and dedication to preserving the city's historic resources. Again, this is a huge time commitment, and it is done completely by volunteers. As the commission's report notes, preservation can be an important tool to aid our efforts for insuring housing affordability and addressing the climate change. As was recognized in the report, the practice of preservation has not always represented the larger community, and we look forward to hearing more about how this commission intends to help us for a more complete picture of Portland and its history. For instance, on april 27th, the bureau of planning and sustainability submitted drafts of the african-american historic resources, multiple property submission, including a national register landmark nomination, from the building lodge to the national park service. Of Portland's more than 600 national registered landmark properties, only three have been listed for african-american heritage.

Recognizing the histories of all Portlanders is a critical goal for the historic preservation program, one I strongly support, and I look forward to celebrating the park service's recognition of Portland's important black history later this summer. Also, an individual national register landmark nomination has been submitted to recognize Portland's darcelle showplace. According to the nomination quote, "darcelle is truly a cultural ambassador offering not only an opportunity for an evening's lighthearted fun, but underpinning that entertainment value to -- an entertainment value to become known as a tireless supporter, therapist, drag promoter, and philanthropist for the lgbtq community in Oregon and the west coast. This showplace is nationally significant for its role in the overall cultural shift towards the acceptance of drag and gay rights." good work, kirsten, minor, helping to honor darcelle as the national pioneer we know darcelle is. Thank you for that. In addition, building rehabilitation has been proven to create jobs and keep dollars in the local economy. Even though it did not pass, I am proud that the office of government relations advocated for a state rehabilitation tax credit during the 2019 legislative session. 35 other states have state rehabilitation tax credit programs to support seismic upgrades, ada accessibility, and energy improvements to historic buildings. I look forward to Oregon joining their ranks in the very near future, but this won't happen without a coordinated time and unified strategy. Of course, the entire Portland city council stands in support of this action. Now let's hear from the commission. I will turn this over to kirsten minor. Good morning.

**Kristen Minor, Chair:** Good morning, mayor, and thank you very much for your introduction. I think you have already started with some of my talking points, but that's totally fine. Before I launch into my powerpoint, I want to acknowledge my fellow commissioners, and if that's okay, I am going to go ahead and name them out, and I would ask all the commissioners to make sure you have your face showing and your screen on. I will start with vice chair maya foty. There you are. And matthew roman. Good morning, matthew. And annie mahoney. There. Great. good morning. Andrew smith.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Andrew Smith:** And derrick spears. Excellent. And there is a bit about all our backgrounds in the state of the city that report that we submitted months ago. It feels like years ago now. I also want to acknowledge, before I start the powerpoint, the bds land use staff. They are so invaluable. They help us through every case. We could not do our job without them. Especially hillary adam, who literally holds our hands and prepares us for everything. Kara fioravanti, who is the supervisor of the design and historic design review, and then brandon spencer hardel, the liaison from the bureau of planning and sustainability. He has an ability to see the big picture and puts in so much work to help us. So now I will see if I can share my screen. Okay. My presentation today is necessarily just a bit different than the state of the city report that we provided. We still have the same overall goals, but we definitely won't be seeking any funds from city council this year, even for ongoing survey and historic resource inventory work, and we hope that can maybe

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resume next year. Instead, we hope to show you where preservation itself can help us get past the economic pain of this economic slowdown and address other long-term goals. The images selected -- here on this slide are long standing cultural institutions. Some are businesses. Some are nonprofits. And I am sure that I could have chosen you know, spent time and really ranked them, but this is just top of my head here. In each of these, these places hold community together. So really, what I am trying to get at is the concept of preservation is not just about buildings. It's also about getting communities a voice and identifying what's important and hopefully saving community institutions and businesses. Our newest commissioner, derrick spears has researched a program used in a few other cities called "legacy businesses," something that we would love to look into for Portland. As you pointed out already, mayor wheeler, we are volunteers. We have a very broad range of duties and expectations. So first we review new construction in context. We tend to be made up of at least half architectural professionals. We review legislative code projections that affect regulations, and development regulations are generally what we think of as the Portland zoning code, or title 33. Examples of that -- I am sorry for all the acronyms -- the historic resources code project, the design overlay zone amendments, and the residential infill project. We review alterations to historic individual buildings. We review and provide recommendations on historic designations of all types, type 4 demolition requests, guidelines for historic districts, and numerous briefings about city owned resources. And we advocate for preservation to and with the larger community, all trying to achieve the goals and the plan. Finally, we are a resource for city council and bureaus. In short, we dedicate time and energy to this work, not just because it's part of the comp plan, but because we see preservation as a strategy for helping to meet larger goals, and I will talk a bit more about those goals here in this presentation. I will start here with a few wins, and mayor wheeler already mentioned these, but I can't tell you how excited I am. I want to highlight a few designations, rather than to the most privileged Portlanders. So first off, the multiple property designation of african-american resources. Thanks so much for cathy and the architectural heritage center for much of this work. It really identifies many spheres of african-american life and buildings under which places might be individually recognized or designated. Then next darcelle 15 -- it's a gay owned drag club that has been around since before stonewall happened in new york, and this might put it in line to have national significance in the area of lgbtq history. And finally, the billy webb elks lodge, at one time known as the wyca, this is known under the african-american designation so we are hoping to see more places in Portland, in black history in Portland be protected. I am going to cover the three major themes that are highlighted in our report. So first, under equity, I chose this image of the chinese students arriving here in the 1940s or 1950s because it is asian and pacific islander month. We need to focus much more on preserving the places and history significant to minorities rather than the most beautiful mansions and the lives of wealthy white people. These typically are more modest places, but they are the most vulnerable to demolition. And as the pandemic shows us, people are still being discriminated against, specifically for their ethnicity or color of their skin. Next I want to address affordability. Without any formal designation or tax credits that come with that, the oldest houses and apartments are already more affordable than anything recently built. That brings us to the sustainability. These two images side-by-side are windows, but one of these windows will probably last all of 15 years. On the left, vinyl windows, it's made from petroleum products, which is pretty much the least sustainability thing that we can use. They also can't be fixed, so when they start to leak or degrade, they are trash. The other window was constructed over 100 years ago and can last another, potentially, hundred with maintenance. Maintenance saves durable materials, creates jobs, and most importantly, it keeps all that embodied energy and carbon that was used in its materials, production, and transportation costs. So much of the green building movement focuses on



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the annual energy use of a building, but the energy consumed and the construction of a building or a window is 15 to 30 times the annual energy used. So think of windows as an analogy to an entire building. We all should be reusing things made to what's, not throwing them away. So a bit more of a deep dive into each of these topics. This kind of an interesting comparison, so if you would, please focus in on some of the changes in this world known as lower albina at one time. I don't if you can see -- no, I don't have the ability to use a pointer, but I think everyone can look between the top and bottom slide and see the difference where i-5 occurred, you know, down sort of down the middle of the slide. If we zoomed out a bit more, we could see the memorial coliseum, so in the lower slide you can see the two parking structures, and then just cut off in the image is the rest of the coliseum, and below that the rose quarter, and all of that was the fine grain residential and businesses that you see in the upper slide. And just cut off in the slide also to the north is the emanuel hospital area. So what was once a thriving community of people of color was demolished. There is another thing that I would like to point out. Given that this is central city, and that's the sheer number of lots that were cleared that have never been developed. They are literally vacant or surface parking lots, and if you look in that lower image between the Broadway and the Weidler corridors there, central city, this is what we got. Our elected officials handed out these lots when they were cleared to private interests. So we should be pushing for new housing here, both to recoup our investment and light rail in streetcar and also to begin to heal the scars of what happened here. Of course, equity is not just an issue in lower albina. Preservation has a lot of catchup to do across Portland to advocate for the designation and rehabilitation of remaining places important to non-white or minority communities. These stories are part of our story. Historic designation does have benefits and incentives that should be accessible to all. The landmarks commission is committed to trying to make this happen. Affordability. The nation, state, and our city are about to be hit with a title wave of need generated by the pandemic, but it is worth remembering that historic preservation projects can literally put people back to work in strategic ways. Rehabilitation projects put more people to work on the construction of new buildings, even though the scale of each contractor's work tends to be smaller. The money earned is also much more like to stay local. So the idea that we need to invest in better insulation, upgraded systems and seismic stability is just as important now as it was before the pandemic, but now might turn out to be the best time to encourage there work with people that -- I mean, that is small business right here in Multnomah county needing work. Designating, protecting, and fixing up older buildings allows for access to federal tax credits for renovation work, so that money can be coming from out of our area. The commission advocates for other ways to link financial and regulatory incentives aimed at the rehabilitation, seismic upgrade, and adaptive reuse of our historic and older building. Priorities include a state rehabilitation tax credit, which I hope we have another chance to think about, and supporting changes in the historic resources code project, and local preservation programs that support the adaptive reuse of old buildings with energy retrofit grants, easements, fee waivers, and other construction incentives. The best way to limit displacement, after all, is to keep people in their neighborhoods and give them a source of rental income. Finally, sustainability. We can't let this virus crisis or the ongoing housing crisis keeping us from giving up on our incredibly pressing climate problem. With the had to do it, we can push for reuse of buildings, incentivizing developers to remodel, upgrade, and add onto existing buildings. Razing older buildings creates a big risk on scarce resources. First we are throwing away millions of dollars of embodied energy, and that's represented in that upper most slide. The second image is a new house up on north Widant. It cost well over \$1 million, and it's zero energy certified. It has solar on the roof. Very high finishes, but the problem is, the new materials alone put it deep in the red in terms of the carbon footprint. So aside from how it looks and how large it is, studies show

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that the embodied energy savings increase dramatically as the building life stretches over 50 years, so we can't build our way out of the climate crisis even with energy-intensive new buildings. The American Institute of Architects has called for a dramatic uptick in adaptive reuse projects. This is real. This is a real crisis. April just set the record as the hottest April on the planet ever. So the construction industry must change, and it must do so quickly. We need leadership to make this happen. The last image is one of the simplest ways that we, as a city, can move to embrace adaptive reuse projects, and encourage more density and single family areas. I did say this is not the year to ask for money, and we won't. But we do still seek your support and leadership to help us do an effective job in all the decision-making and advocacy that we do. I want to touch on historic districts and why they are important. Historic districts should convey a story, that is a reason why the properties are important. Not just the individual buildings. This is important for your understanding of say the Chinatown historic district shown on the left. This is Portland's only historic district important for preserving the history of an ethnic and cultural immigrant community. It is a district, any district starts to lose the sense of visual -- coherence security services, it feels like any other city, with tall buildings interspersed with smaller ones. The disparity between the existing scale of the fabric and the central city plan allowances, the more conflicts there will be in land use cases, case that will almost certainly come to you as appeals. I ask for your support of reasonable height limits as called for -- in the comprehensive plan. The other issue I would like to highlight, expect residential ones as shown in the slide to the right, is our support of increasing density. The historic districts are not about keeping renters and smaller units out, in fact, we would like to be an active partner in finding ways to make sure that more rental units and more density occurs. This is your support of the amendment on the table, for a demolition disincentive for actual designated historic properties under the residential infill project. We would love to see any property, the amendment on the table is exactly in line with the better housing by design project. So finally here I would like to highlight a couple of our chosen projects of the year, so we can be happy with a few wins, as well. I do have to mention we are troubled by the business of some city agency -- some city agencies who effectively are allowing demolition by neglect on several historic properties in the public trust. With the private sector, as shown here, continues to demonstrate leadership, contextual understanding, and creativity. So just quickly, the Hallock McMillan building restoration, that's the winner in the category of rehabilitation project, and under the category of new construction, it is the Pae Living Building, which is going to be going up soon, we hope, in the Skidmore, Old Town district. So I think that effectively ends my presentation for now. I know that we have four people who are ready to testify -- several of whom have slides tacked onto the end of my presentation. So if it's okay there, I will go ahead and close my screen for now and open it back up to share those slides when those testifiers are ready.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for that excellent presentation. Why don't we hear from the invited testimony so we can keep the momentum going and if you could hold your questions for Kirsten until after we have heard from the guest testimony, as well. All right, thank you. I will let you introduce your testimony.

**Minor:** Okay. I might need to ask for help remembering whether -- first on the list was going to be Kim Moreland or Lou Macklemore, and I am looking for Hillary or Kimberly. I see you raising your hand. Perhaps you are ready to go first.

**Kimberly Moreland:** Good morning, members of the city council, I am Kimberly Moreland on the board of the Oregon Black Pioneers and the Heritage Center. I am also a governor-appointed member of the Oregon Heritage Commission. For over 30 years I have worked on a number of projects related to the history of the African-Americans and Portland and also involved in the preservation of historic African-American builders, including bus tours

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that highlight buildings related to african-american history. I also worked on the documentation of african-american resources. The historic landmarks commission goals and priorities are critical to promoting a robust preservation program that emphasized rehabilitation rather than demolition. After the report states preservation matters, I would also say preserving the historic buildings related to african-americans provides many benefits to the Portland community. Prioritizing the preservation of marginalized communities tells a more inclusive story. Preservation tours, the mpd and the national register of historic places designation allows african-american historic resources to reap the benefits that the historic designation offers. The gold and west hotel, barbershops and a building currently occupied by the funeral home, also occupied by a medical office in the black panther dental clinic, are just a few cultural and historic properties that should be recognized for the historic significance. The preservation tools can be utilized to save the remnants of the african-american historic properties and protect them from the development girls. named as the flagship affordable housing project, after louise flowers. Louise and allen flowers lived in the elliot neighborhood. The allen flowers arrived in Portland in 1865, and his wife, louise, arrived in 1882 when she married allen erwin. The couple have four children and became civic leaders and built several homes in lower albina in the elliot neighborhood in 1885. At the home forward building named in louise's honor was constructed, the flowers, two remaining homes built in 1885 on skyler street were deconstructed and had demolished. In conclusion, I think that it's important that the city council supports the historic landmarks commission efforts to realize equity driven outcomes and the preservation movement. An executive director of the african-american cultural heritage action plan says it best, preservation is about community. Each site stands as a historical indicator of our complex presence. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, and thank you for your service. We sure appreciate it.

**Minor:** Next up I think is lou mclemore.

**Lou McLemore:** Yes, good morning, everyone. My name is lou mclemore. I am the for the elks lodge. I have been there for the last seven years. Billy webb elks lodge has been one of the, I guess you could say, a centerpiece of the black community for the last 85 years. We are presently -- actually, we are presently closed, but prior to that, we have been active in the community doing some coat drives. And we hold a -- an annual party for the kids, for halloween, for easter, we do a number of things. This year, our project had started out to be sickle cell anemia, in partnership with the coalition of black men. And those are some of the projects that we are currently working on. We had a shoe drive that was pulling a start in april, but again, we've been -- that's been knocked out. Those are some of the types of things that we do with -- at the billy webb elks lodge. It's been a little different trying to do a nonprofit with the -- with the covid-19 going on right now. We are looking at trying to get ourselves situated to be reopened and back into the game again. We do a lot of parties. We do a lot of -- we held -- hold a lot of events. We run out of building to the community, so that events can be held there. So it's -- billy webb elks lodge has been a central part of the community. In this situation we have not been able to do anything that we would not normally be doing. I can tell you that we were the headquarters for the vanport flood, for the community. The red cross has been in our building, also. It used to be the uso. A little background history on it. It used to be the uso if the black soldiers. So we've been a real integral part in the community, and we are still trying to be that at this point.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, lou.

**Minor:** Okay. Next up, I believe, it's you, brian. And I am going to go ahead and share my screen so that I am showing your slides, brian, and I probably won't be able to see you so just, you know, let me know when I need to change the slides. See if this will work again.

**Brian Emerick:** Thanks, kirsten. And good morning, city council and commissioners. I am brian, the principal and the chair of the historic landmarks commission. I want to thank you

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for your time and holding this important conversation in our community, the preservation and goals of that. I am going to talk briefly about the buildings through a case study with a project we recently completed in the Portland chinatown district at northwest 4th and davis, the overland warehouse project. You can see the before picture there. This is visible now and completed through that chinatown you saw earlier in the presentation. It's only two blocks away. It's quite a turnaround. It was built in 1889. Most of it abandoned in the 1960s with the exception of the oldest running club on the ground floor when we started the project. Now go ahead and flip the slide to the next one, please. This has a couple of the shots of what it looks like beforehand. You can go to the next one. This is -- it was an important chinese housing before in the previous history. Go ahead and switch slides. This is the after shot. Now it's an anchor in the community. It was a full sized upgrade, 40,000 square feet including the basement, and the cost without the improvements were \$4 million, so a little over \$100 a square foot, and the seismic component was \$50 a square foot. So it shows these projects are achievable, and they add a distribution to the community. This was done speculatively by the urban partnership and ended up attracting a leading technology transit firm, who filled the entire building, and incentivized preservation of the neighboring building, you can see the white one to the west, which also subsequently received a full upgrade, and took space in that building, as well. So it became a turnaround story of how to start incrementally changing these neighborhoods in need and preserving our cultural heritage in our community for forward generations. These projects are challenging because, you know, with height and zoning density increase, even the best preservation outcomes don't exceed what you could do with financial rewards with new development. So the problem is that with the new development and the bigger buildings, we lose a piece of our memory and our cultural heritage, so it's important we think about overall goals with our community when we are thinking of these problems and how to solve them. With that, there is a take-away at the beginning of the presentation if you want to look at more information on these projects and issues. But I will stop there. There is upgrade stuff there.

**Wheeler:** I think I promised them at one point the last time I visited that some day I would walk across that beam of the atrium. I have not worked up the courage to do it yet but it's still on my bucket list.

**Emerick:** I'm sure you won't be the first, mayor wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I was assured that I would have been the first although I didn't believe it for a minute.

**Minor:** So after brian, my next presenter, or testifier is paul, and I have got some slides for you. So if you can hear me, just let me know.

**Paul Schwer:** I can hear you. Can you hear me? All right, I am paul, the president of pae engineers, and we are really excited about this newest project you are about to hear about. It is the Portland pa living building, for those who don't know pae, we are a 350-person engineering company founded in Portland back in 1967. You can go to the next slide. Our site is the corner of southwest 1st and pine in the skidmore old town district, which is a really cool part of town close to the river. A lot of development is happening in that area now, so we are really excited about this community. You can go to the next slide. This is the Portland national bank that was built in the 1880s and was demolished in the 1950s and turned, for some reason, into a surface parking lot. So historic preservation wasn't what it is now. If you go to the next slide, so that parking lot is now going to be turned into our new living building, and we really appreciate the openness of the historic landmarks commission, they showed during the design and the input they provided with it. Their approach to both preserving the past, being forward thinking about what's important for the future of the city is a really kind of great balance. Just, the designer of this project, he said the goal of the project was to design a building that is of its time, but timeless in its

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response to the historic context. So how do you balance that, a brand new building in a historic area? If you go to the next slide, so on top of all that, we wanted to design it as a living building, so this building will be net zero energy, net zero water and waste, and carbon negative. Essentially, this building will meet the 2050 climate goals 30 years ahead of schedule. And if that was not challenging enough as engineers, we always like to add things, it willing a seismic category 4, which is the same as fire stations and hospitals, so it will survive large seismic events. Next slide. We hope it will last 500 years. Part of the design was based on the golden ratio, which you see in historic architecture, which is both in historic architecture and the nature, and those ratios that are applied to the facade of the building, one of the reasons it's so appealing is the systems we see in nature are, as human beings, are kind of, we are attracted to those ratios. Next slide. One of the things that we worked on with the historic commission was the detailing of the top of the building, top of the historic building typically has some type of extra detailing, this is what ours will look like on the fifth floor. The historic landmarks commission was open to new materials as long as they were high quality. There is fiberglass windows in there, which is a long lasting window. And next slide, and we chose this part of town because of the zoning. We are building a 75-foot tall building, which is in that area and since we need solar access to generate energy for the building the three or four blocks to the south of us are all part of the historic district, and they also will protect our solar access. We hope next summer many of you can join us in a party in this space, and once the building is built it is under construction, we are a -- we have a hole in the ground and next summer it will look like this on the fifth floor, and the time slide. This is a developer-led, privately financed project, the first living building in the world. We hope it is a replicable model that other buildings in recalled for and throughout the nation and world can follow of carbon negative projects that you inner, and we had a fantastic design and construction team to do it, and we are really excited to see it come out of the ground, and I appreciate the support of the mayor and the city council during the review permit review process. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Does that complete the invited testimony?

**Minor:** Yes, I was the last one.

**Wheeler:** You are the last one, okay. You wrapped it up well. Colleagues, any questions for any of the panelists I see commissioner hardesty has her hand raised. Commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor, and thank all of you for what an incredible presentation. I actually am always fascinated with the old pictures of Portland and kind of how sometimes we get it right and sometimes we don't quite get it right, but the history lesson is always fascinating. I want to appreciate lou from billy webb elks lodge because I think lou was very modest when he talked about the mole that the elks lodge has played in the african-american community for so, so long. The naacp used to meet there when it couldn't meet anywhere else. Lou talked about being a, being in the club for soldiers who needed a break, coming back from war time, and I have to say I am just so thrilled with the renovation of the billy webb elks club and how it has continued its historic mission. It really has been a centerpiece and a centering for the african-american community here. So much love and respect for that. Kimberly, the work you have done over the years has just been pretty remarkable. You've been so consistent in trying to preserve a history that is disappearing before our eyes. So I also want to thank you for your work not just with this commission, but with all the other work that you have done around this state to preserve our history. I am fascinated by the presentation by brian emerick because brian, what you talked about was also a private development opportunity that really was focused on preservation and making sure that we did not lose the culture of the area that the building was renovated in. We always hear that in the development world it's about building as quickly as efficiently and getting the most out of whatever it is that you are building. How do you create the will to have investors come in and look at a property and make them

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think that the investment for preservation is better and greater than just tearing it down and building some still something or other in its place.

**Emerick:** That's a great question, jo ann. In terms of having a visionary developer who can get where you can go with that, I think that like for movelle who realized the final potential in that building, that's what they were looking for, and that's something that Portland offers. We have got this huge historic footprint relative to our community size, and those types of creative cutting edge companies are not looking to be in a class a office space. They are looking for something more unique, and that's really where you are selling the value of the finished product. It's over a century old and has all these layers of history and culture, and it's a rich experience. You are looking for the right visionary who connects with that, I think, because then you go really exponential value. It's not something you come up with in a new building.

**Hardesty:** It's not as the city, I mean, how do you can that the city council, maybe I will change the question a bit, how do you think the city council can be more helpful in these kind of conversations early on? So that we are, in fact, looking at the very best use of buildings rather than just somebody comes in, and we give them a permit and off they go. How can we be more helpful as a city council because I have to say, I am a big fan of old buildings. I am a big fan of old wood. And I know that a lot of the new properties, they look good. But they don't have that feel of history. What can we do to help actually elevate the work that you have done and others have done as part of the commission.

**Emerick:** Well, that's a great question, also, and I think that you could have a more in-depth conversation with the historic landmarks commission currently, but starting with like the warehouse, that's an unreinforced masonry building. We have about 1,800 of those in our inventory. Thrown of easier not historically designated even though they are historic. I call them historic with a lower case "h". In Oregon it's really hard to get that designation without the owner consent. That's impossible, so that's been a big movement. We are one of the only, I think, two states in the nation that don't have that. So without that ability and kind of lobbying at the state level for some of these things, and mayor wheeler mentioned the historic tax credit. Some of these financial incentive things where Portland is a powerhouse and has the most historic buildings in the state. We can be advocates at that state level to get support on that area. Also the historic landmarks commission has been advocating for this inventory, without knowing our resources, it's hard to craft legislation around how are we going to protect these strategically. So I think that those are some things to be thinking about with that, and just knowing that, you know, these buildings represent really part of our community's collective memory and identity, and we need to hold onto that. That's super important on who we are as a city, and our culture and our people here. So recognizing that value first and then working on the strategies and how to support and incentivize that is probably key.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, brian. That was really helpful. It made me think of geneva barbershop has just announced after 30 years that it is going to close. Talk about a corner that's also been the center of african-american activity, whether you have got your hair done there or not or you just hung out because you knew that there were other people that looked good hanging out near that location. I am curious -- maybe kirsten is the appropriate person to answer this -- what is the time line normally to get a building designated as a historic site, and are we too late? Or too early in the process to start talking about how do we get geneva's, that designation?

**Minor:** Thank you for mentioning that. I also saw that in the paper, and that -- and I included an image in my first slide. I don't know if you noticed it. So typically it can take up to a year, and part of the problem there is that there is a state advisory board that only meets three times a year, and so, you know, trying to get the timing of that and show up in front of them, and then get their approval to go onto, you know, the national park service is

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what sort of takes the long time. But, you know, that time line, depending on when the meeting falls, could be compressed to maybe as little as eight months. It takes a while.

**Hardesty:** Let me know how I can be helpful because I think if we don't try, it won't happen. We should just figure out what we need to do to at least put the effort in because I would imagine that once again, once it is gone, it is gone. And that legacy and that history will also be gone. I will stop there. I have one more question. I am fascinated by paul building, the one on southwest 1st and pine. And you talked about this as a living building, zero energy, zero waste. A building that will put the city of Portland -- I wrote a note. 30 years ahead of our climate goals. Right. That's a bodacious statement to make. [laughter] I am all for bodacious statements, right, but I want to know like the devil is in the details about a living building that you are setting yourself up to be like this 30 years ahead of the time. How is that going to happen in this building?

**Schwer:** Thanks, commissioner. I would love being called "bodacious," that's fantastic at a city council meeting. Yeah, so basically, you know, some of the goals that the city has are to be climate neutral, by 2013, so powered by 100% renewable energy, and so what our building is, is all powered by renewable energy so going forward, it's net zero energy. As we built it we calculated the carbon intensity of every piece of lumber in that building, and every piece of concrete, and we do a one-time offset, hopefully, within the Oregon region, offsetting the emissions that it took to build the building, and going forward since we are, actually, going to be generating more energy than we need, we are carbon negative from that point on, so if you think of it from a carbon standpoint from day one, it will be neutral and go down. We are collecting all the rainfall on the roof of the building. That will be the water used in the building. Essentially, this building is trying to mimic the eco-system that was in Portland predevelopment. Go back 250 years, no buildings here. What happened? A tree growing in that exact location had the budget, its budgets was the sun, and its rainfall was its water budget. Can we design buildings that meet within that budget, and that's the goal for this building and the living building challenge in general.

**Hardesty:** I am loving this. I am hoping that some of the expertise that has been brought together for that building will also help the Portland clean energy funds, as it starts working on what does our energy future look like. I see some real opportunities for some innovation and creativity, so once again, thank you all. I can geek out on this stuff all day, so I am going to --

**Schwer:** Me, too. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** I am going to politely just step aside and let my other colleagues ask questions. But I want to once again really appreciate this extraordinary work that you continue to do and that you do it from a position of love because we don't pay any of you to do the work you are doing. It is clear that you are driven by something other than a financial return on this work. So thank you all very much for this really important work and for this fine report that you presented today.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues. Others, commissioner Fritz, you are next up.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor, and thank you for the fabulous presentation. My goodness. I really enjoyed it. I appreciated it. Felt it. It was really fabulous. I am hopeful that you will all come back when we do the central city 2035 readoption, and in particular, the heights in old town chinatown historic district. I am wondering since the proposal is still kind of being formulated, would anybody like to comment on the heights in the historic district?

**Minor:** Commissioner Fritz, are you asking if any of the landmarks commissioners wish to comment or are you asking your fellow city council members?

**Fritz:** I am sorry, you are the experts. I was asking the landmarks commission. As they say, the proposal will be coming to council, and so it would be helpful to have -- I hope you will testify, each one testify at the hearing and also would appreciate any input that you would like to give or if anyone else would like to give it.

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**Minor:** Thank you very much. Just to touch on that briefly, it's the landmarks position that all the work that was done by various city groups and representatives of that neighborhood, you know, that was hammered out over several years was kind of immediately put aside and there was a -- I have to say a spot zone put on a particular lot. I understand it's, you know, it is a lot without any development on it, but we still perceive that as being done without the necessary understanding of what that historic district really is, which you know, it's only two blocks wide. Five blocks long. It's very small. So we would advocate for the central city 2035 to go back to those -- the heights that were developed as part of the community input of central city 2035.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** I have a couple of questions while my colleagues are thinking if they have others. As you all know, Portland, like every other west coast city, is growing. Unique to Oregon, of course, is the urban growth boundary. This protects our farms, our forests, and obviously, encourages us to build walkable neighborhoods, and I guess my question ultimately for you is, in what ways can you see the historic landmarks commission helping the city to manage this growth in both a sustainability, as well as an inclusive manner. This is a unique aspect to Oregon. It's unique to development. It creates the pressures around both protection versus managing growth. In what ways can you help us both in terms of the inclusivity as well as accessibility.

**Minor:** Thank you, mayor. If I had to talk about historic districts, alone, which you know, obviously we advocate for any old building, upside of the historic districts, but within the historic districts, a lot of which are solely residential, we are strongly advocating for ways to increase the density. We do support the idea that there be allowances for far more residential density as proposed in rip, but we are concerned once you start setting some of these very large envelopes, I guess I will say, some of them are out of context, so we are looking really for ways to be able to change the code, and that might allow for us to put say four, or even five units within some of these very large older buildings, but right now, our single family, are single family moments, and maybe just an older couple are rattling around in there. We could really help do more if we addressed codes, and if we saw I want sent -- I was and encouragement for adopting the backyard garages and for putting up adus. So we can do more on all three of those fronts.

**Wheeler:** And I don't think that you would find any disagreement on this city council. You certainly wouldn't find any disagreement with me. I strongly support each and every one of those strategies that you mentioned. So I think that there is ways for us to continue to work together. I would really like us to continue to partner down in salem for some incentives we talked about earlier. If Oregon is out of steps with other states, and as you noted in the past, kirsten, in previous testimony, Portland, actually, is the home to many of our historic structures, and we know that Portland is going to continue. We will get through the economic crisis and eventually we will come out on the other side. We will go right back onto that growth curve that we had previously. There will be a lot of pressure around development and redevelopment, and without those adequate protections on one hand, and I know commissioner Fritz has been very, very forceful and convincing in her arguments on the protections. We also have to think about the incentive side, and I feel like sometimes that part of the discussion gets short changed, so I thank you, in particular, for bringing it up. My second question is an acknowledgment, first of all. We recently received a report from the bureau of planning and sustainability titled "the historical context of racist planning." that was provocative, and was provocative intentionally. We wanted the community to know and to understand that there is a history of systemic racism in this community that pleased over into the current, into the present day. And I know that I sound like a broken record when I say this, but it traces back to very harmful, and intentionally discriminatory practices in our community. It was done to exclude



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communities of color, particularly, people who are black and indigenous. It separated those populations, in particular, but not exclusively from home ownership opportunities from the opportunities to create inter-generational wealth, and frankly, to protect the public health and the environmental constantly of the areas in which those individuals live. You raised that again today, and I am really pleased with the fact that we do raise these issues intentionally, but in what ways can your commission help the city work to remedy some of those harms that are legacy harms that, to a great degree, still exist today? How can we work together to address those issues when you raised as part of this report?

**Minor:** Mayor wheeler, there is one thing in our report that we have touched on, which is the idea that as a commission, that we began doing active outreach to especially the inner albina communities of color, and see if we can really achieve a sort of ground up understanding of what places are still important to the community, what places we can help to preserve or to commemorate in some cases if, you know, if something is already gone. I think that in that way, we can really, you know, maybe step back and let, you know, let other voices take charge of, you know, what is important really. Do any other commissioners, you know, I am sort of monopolizing the conversation. If anyone else would like to, you know, help add to this conversation, I would love it.

**Wheeler:** I think derrick has some thoughts.

**Derek Spears:** Good morning, mayor wheeler and city council. This is commissioner spears, the historic landmarks commission. Earlier in the presentation chair minor talked about the legacy business program, and I think it's one of those opportunities that we have to take a step from other cities. San antonio and san francisco implemented these in 2013 and 2018 in different phases. We know preservation has long been tied to ownership, and this program has helped those who have not been on their locations. And they also created what they called the legacy business preservation fund that provided a grant to both business owners and property owners, which has been crucial during the covid-19 crisis. I think what this program does is it helps to find the businesses that also are part of the communities -- community, to help establish and keep the communities whole because a lot of times what happens in the development is that the businesses are lost along the way. I think that these -- this is one of those programs that would be beneficial in this conversation along with a lot of other things that we need to come up with to continue to push this narrative forward on how we can be more instrumental and how we help to preserve and also help to grow this city.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, derrick. I appreciate that response very much. And then I share my colleagues' interest -- I learned something new today. I knew that there was sort of these classic lines and dimensions to architecture, but I didn't always understand the direct ties to nature. I thought that was really fascinating. So I appreciate sort of the quick introduction to architectural design, and it actually makes me want to learn more. That was fascinating to me.

**Schwer:** That is coming from an engineer, so there is architects on this call that know 100 times what I know, but it's fascinating to me, too, as an engineer because we try to mimic nature in our designs.

**Wheeler:** It's great. When I saw the building I commented to my colleague, wow, I love that, but I really couldn't articulate why I did. So maybe you helped answer that question. There is something about the way our brains work and the way we think and view dimensions in nature that's innate, and I appreciate you connecting that to what maybe helps us view one building. It's good architecture, and another is bad architecture, and even if we can't articulate why we think that. So that was a big moment, so thank you for that. I am excited to see that even in the midst of the covid-19 downturn we're seeing a renewed interest in the use of natural construction materials. Your building is a fabulous example, and of course, there was another one just announced recently on the east side

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that's going to be a clt building, and of course, the city council supported the framework, which unfortunately, didn't work out given some of the financing issues, but I am hopeful as we recover, we will continue to think about our environmental resilient strategies, and I appreciate the way you approached your project. I have a question for Lou. He raised something that was really interesting to me around Elks Lodge. Lou, can you just give me a couple of -- how are you guys doing during this COVID crisis? I assume you are not meeting. Does that put you and the Elks in any danger of not being able to hang onto that facility? Or how are you -- how are you getting through this immediate COVID crisis?

**McLemore:** Well right now, we are pretty much -- we are hanging in there. We will need some help to get some things done. I have looked at the PPE program that can't do anything for us because of the payback situation. Us being a nonprofit, and not having anything coming in the last couple of months. It makes it really difficult. So we're going to struggle getting open. Depending upon what, what, what the rules are. And that's going to have a lot to do with how we can reopen.

**Wheeler:** I want to make sure you don't lose control of that facility, so I may have a member of my team reach out to you and connect with you and just -- I would like us to stay in the loop and make sure that, you know, we obviously don't have unlimited resources or capacity, but the good news is we all know people who do. So --

**McLemore:** Good. I appreciate that.

**Wheeler:** I also want to acknowledge that it's not only a great facility, that's being used for a really altruistic and community-based purpose, and I want to thank you for your passion and your commitment and service to the community.

**McLemore:** My pleasure.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, sir. I don't have any further questions unless my colleagues do. I will entertain a motion and a second at this time to accept the report.

**Hardesty:** I will move to accept the report.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion from Commissioner Hardesty and a second from Commissioner Fritz. Any further discussion on this item? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Some days I am just giddy to vote yes on opportunities, and today is one of those days. I want to thank you, Mayor, for your last comment regarding the Elks Lodge. I am going to also make my staff available to help in any way that we can because we cannot afford to lose any additional institutions in the city of Portland, so I am very happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Thank you for the report. I want to appreciate the focus on equity, affordability, and sustainability as high priorities in the report. I appreciate the Mayor's office communique, and I am also very intrigued by the possibility of pursuing historic justice through zoning and designation. Looking at how this is not enough, and I strongly believe the remedies that deliver tangible benefits to the property owners and to the larger community, and preserving those spaces is absolutely vital. I would like to mention support for the legacy businesses. I have researched the legacy business program in San Francisco, and I have been advocating for a similar approach, as well, as the reestablishment of the small business advisory council, which is two steps Portland could take to recognize and better serve the local small businesses. So please count me in, for the conversations on, on that, as well, as the remedies we are talking about today.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I was diving from my unmute button. This is one of my favorite presentations of the year. This is one that I will be tuning into next year, and thank you to the Landmarks Commission. Very professional presentation, absolutely. This one, I think, you actually have outdone yourself, and very timely, and you know, the good news, colleagues, is that we have some opportunities coming up that we can actually make a difference on the values and principles that have been stated by the Landmarks

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commission in which each of you endorsed with the expanding opportunities, conversations, and with the central city, and the 2035 conversation, and with the residential infill project amendment that the chair minor mentioned to avoid incenting demolition of historic buildings. These are all things that we, as the council, can do to actively make a difference, and for the most part, pretty much they don't cost any money, and they don't inhibit density or housing, and they enhance it, and they can certainly further our climate action goals that we are about to be discussing. And the mention of why the height limit -- the solar access will still be there. We don't have solar access requirements in the zoning code any more. And so height is the only way that the buildings can be -- the height limit, that's the only way that the buildings can know what to expect. And so again, these are practical things that we, the council, can choose to do or not do, and I hope that each one of the landmarks commissioners and those who testified today will have enjoyed the experience of dialing in, and being able to do so from home, and we will sign up to testify on the other projects that are coming up because it's so important. Thank you very much. Thank you all, also, to hillary adam and kara and the bureau of development services along with brandon and clair and tim on my staff. We very much appreciate all of the work that's been done. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, I want to thank you all for a fantastic and provocative and really interesting report. That was great, and I am energized by what I heard and the passion that you all exude is contagious, so thank you for the great work that you do, and I always learn something new, when I hear these presentations, and today was certainly no exception. Really, really proud of the work that you are doing on behalf of the community. I also want to thank the bureau of development services, kara fioravanti and hillary adams, for working to make sure that the commission is diligently managed and overseen, and I appreciate all the hard work that this report is, in no way, encapsulate the really, really tough decisions and conversations that are happening under the commission's purview, and I want to thank each and every one of you personally for your dedication and your leadership. I am very happy, and this is an easy yes vote. I am already looking forward to the dvd version and the movie version of this coming out soon. I will look forward to next year's presentation. We have a lot of work to do together in the interim. Thank you all. Happy to vote aye. The report is accepted. Terrific presentation. Thank you all for participating. Next up Karla, looks like we're on time for next time certain item, 377.

**Item 377.**

**Wheeler:** Well, the bar has been set very high for interesting and provocative conversations this morning. I hope this will be equally interesting and provocative. Every year as you know the city's labor management benefits meeting reviews the programs and provides recommendations for necessary changes. The first ordinance would -- you know what, Karla? No, never mind. The first ordinance would approve the fiscal year '20-'21 benefit plan document addressing recommendations by the labor management benefits company in addition to state and federally mandated changes. The second ordinance would approve additional funding for employee assistance program services provided by cascade centers to continue services for city benefits plan participants. Cascade center has been the provider since 2011. Employee assistance programs comprehensive service that provides resources and confidential consultation on a variety of personal issues city employees may experience and it's designed to provide early intervention to promote employee health and wellness. The council will take these ordinances separately, but I understand the bureau of human resourceless provide comments to both ordinances during their remarks. Cathy bless, deputy resource officer and michelle taylor, deputy supervisor, are on the call to walk us through the ordinances and i'll let you take it from here. Thank you.

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**Cathy Bless, Chief Human Resources Officer:** Absolutely, mayor. Thank you so much. Cathy bless chief human resource officer with the city of Portland. I hope that we can be as provocative as the prior presentation. What I would like to do is to turn over the remarks to michelle taylor. She is the one that has completed all of the work getting ready for the annual enrollment currently under way and also in planning and working with the Inbc. I'll turn it over to michelle.

**Wheeler:** Before you turn it over, Karla, I had one little oversight here. Could you also read the time certain item 378, the companion ordinance to this? I'm sorry I missed that in my original record keeping here.

**Item 378.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Sorry to interrupt, go ahead, please.

**Michelle Taylor, Bureau of Human Resources:** No worries. Thank you, cathy, for the introduction. Good morning, mayor wheeler, commissioners. I'm michelle taylor, benefits supervisor within the bureau of human resources, here to talk about our two ordinances. No pressure whatsoever for my first time presenting to council. So that's a tough act to follow but i'll give it a try. [laughter] before diving in I would love to take a moment just to kind of highlight some of the great work that has been provided by the benefit team during this covid-19 pandemic. Our team implemented the new families first coronavirus response act, and the city of covid catastrophic relief program. These required a tremendous amount of additional work on staff who tirelessly ensured accuracy and administration and provided information to employees so they could make informed decisions. Our occupational health and well-being team has been working with the ecc, bureaus, unions and leadership. Very early on our occupational health and well-being manager was involved in monitoring outbreaks, providing resources and helped advised city on how best prepare for its eventual arrival. The team provides guidance regarding reentry into facilities and supports employees' mental health and well-being as we adapt to this new normal. Our offerings have been subject to change such as withdrawal options for 457 deferred compensation plan through the cares act, cobra extension of deadlines and the most recent changes to the flexible spending accounts which allow participants an extended deadline to incur claims. Employees are at less risk of losing their contributions as many face financial hardships. All changes have impacted the workload of our staff. But they have never skipped a beat. They understand the unique needs of city employees, dependents and retirees and continue providing exceptional service to all. We would be facing different outcomes it weren't for this incredible team which makes up the health and financial benefit office in addition to the leadership from our chief human resources officer. I would also like to take a moment to thank our valued partners with the labor benefit management company who collaborated on plan changes which reflect the fiscal responsibility and sustainability required to protect the health funds. We also collaborated with the Portland police association in making strategic fiscally responsible decisions for their plan. I would like to thank our longstanding vendor partners for their continued support in providing innovative benefits which meet the needs of employees and dependents. Lastly, I would like to express our appreciation to commissioner Fritz and her staff, especially to claire, for their continued support and flexibility as we honor the desire to forage a path toward equitable benefits. Our first ordinance, 377 authorizes the health plan document for the new year beginning july 1, 2020. While the plan documents represent the legal requirements of the health plan and the health reimbursement account by approve this ordinance you are also approving plan design changes recommended by the labor management benefit committee and for the administrative requirements which vhr and the benefit office are responsible to fulfill. Changes recommended by the Imbc include additional aep visits, continued enhancements in no cost mental health co-pay, limiting out of pocket costs only to the deductible for inpatient mental health are pharmacy

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changes targeting specialty medications which reduce costs for the participant and for the city, minor dental changes, important covid related enhancements and a commitment from the Imbc to continue fertility discussions within the fertility and family planning subcommittee working toward an equitable offer with a tentative effective date of January 1, 2021. Based on the Imbc changed final premium costs and self-funded rates increased approximately 3.3% city-wide for fiscal year 2020, 2021. The health operating fund budgets include appropriations and support of health plan costs associated with this ordinance and as in prior years we draw down health operating fund reserves to lessen cost impacts to bureaus and to employees. This has been an important strategy to balance against high increases. Our second ordinance, 378, seeks an additional \$500,000 in funding for employee assistance program services provided by Cascade Centers EAP. There's no change to the contract terms as a result of this ordinance. As the mayor stated, Cascade Centers has been the city's EAP provider and partner since 2011. This is the last year of our five-year contract extension. The city will be required to seek competitive bids through a request for proposal process for fiscal year 2021, 2022. Additional funding is necessary to address increases in participant counts over the length of this contract. Prior increases in the number of visits for first responders, the addition of online mental health platform called Whole Life Direction, and to support the additional five confidential counseling sessions as mentioned earlier. This brings the total number of confidential counseling visits to 13 for our groups and ten for all of our other union and nonrepresented groups. The additional EAP counseling options address gaps in care for current Kaiser participants by allowing for additional provider choice and privacy protection. As required by the Mental Health Parity Act these steps ensure the continued freedom to independently manage mental health and increases the benefit for all employees regardless of their health plan choice. The requested funds are available within the health operating fund and Kaiser is offsetting its premium to make the increase for the additional visits cost neutral for its purchase events. I would ask for your support in authorizing these ordinances and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for that excellent presentation. Well done. Does that complete the overall presentation?

**Taylor:** Yes, it does. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions before I ask if there's public testimony? I can't find myself. Here I am. There I am. I'm back. No further questions at this particular moment? Very good. Karla, is there any public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, Mayor, I believe we have two people signed up. Carly Smith.

**Wheeler:** Three minutes each, name for the record. Carly, welcome.

**Carlee Smith:** Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear. Good to go.

**Carlee Smith:** Wonderful. Thank you for letting me speak today. Over the last few months I have been preparing for one of the most life-changing things a person can embark on. I'm thankful to be in a place where parenthood is something that is within my reach. I knew that with this decision I would be faced with child from the beginning. I'm a single queer woman of color and for me the natural process to become a parent was very different from what my counterparts experience. I was researching IVF, IUI, and other treatments available. These procedures were not covered by my insurance plan. If I wanted them to be I would need to change my entire health plan. So I would no longer be able to get care from my doctor who I have seen for years, I would no longer be able to get care at the facility that I have been going to for years. So my choice is to pay completely out of pocket or endure complete health care upheaval. Ultimately my decision to utilize IUI was affordability. This doesn't seem like a fair choice. It feels punitive. The question is why should I be forced to choose this way just because my natural way of starting a family

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requires a different type of care? I believe that barriers to what is my natural process to become a parent. I would like to recognize the important work that the fertility benefits subcommittee is doing to be truly supportive of families like mine, to encourage this council to adopt changes that reduce barriers like these. Fertility treatment should be covered under all health care plans the city provides for its employees. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Carly. We appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Jennifer Kain.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, Jennifer. Is it Jennifer Kain or -- are you sure you have the right last name, Karla?

**Wheeler:** It's not Jen Cairo.

**Moore-Love:** She's on the attendees list.

**Wheeler:** Jen Kain, are you muted?

**Jennifer Kain:** I am. I'm sorry. I did not sign up for public testimony. I'm just participating in the call.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you for participating. We appreciate it. Commissioner Fritz. You're muted.

**Fritz:** Yes, I was trying to find it. Very difficult toggling back between the screen where I have my comments written and the session, so sorry about that. So I just wanted to get more context about the fertility treatments and thank the team working on it. I brought the request to the labor management benefits company to explore in the fiscal year and I highlighted the city's commitment to being an employer of choice, attracting and retaining a diverse, fully engaged work force, provide excellent public services and adding to our package of inclusive benefits which currently include paid sick time, paid parental leave, including for foster and adoptive parents, cognitive behavioral therapy for autism and gender health care all of which have been a part of getting included over the 12 years I have been on council. It makes me smile to think that the changes and improvements that human resources has made over the past 12 years to provide health care benefits to our valued employees. So to inform the labor management benefits committee and Claire Adams on my staff utilized the diverse empowered employees of Portland to collect testimony from city staff willing to share their experience. Thank you to Carly Smith for being willing to do that in this meeting. These employees highlighted the difficult choices that they had to make between what they could afford for out of pocket fertility treatments or what may have been the best route for them medically. They described their mental health impacts from the cost burden of support deemed elective which is an inherent barrier for people whose past medical or agency support. Some also shared they were unable to access the limited benefits the current plans provide due to age or other factors. There are disproportionate impacts of limited or no fertility coverage on single and LGBTQ plus people in particular. Fertility is a fundamental part of health care and should be accessible to everyone regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, express or marital status. I appreciate the time that the labor management benefit committee members have dedicated to exploring options to help employees pursue various paths to parenting through assisted reproductive technology, adoption or surrogacy. Claire has done amazing work working with you. Particularly thank you to Michelle and to Cathy as well as to Ashley Grundy and the subcommittee members. This is really important work. Those of us who are parents know what as was mentioned what a life changing experience that is. For those who wish to become parents everybody should have access to benefits. It shouldn't matter whether you're on Kaiser or Moda to get that done. Thank you for being willing to work on it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner. Colleagues, any further comments or questions related to this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll on item number 377 first.

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**Hardesty:** Incredible work to make sure that all employees have equitable benefit packages. We continue to work on it until we get it right. Thank you so much, Cathy and your staff, for all the work you did to bring these reforms in front of us. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** I'm very happy to support this item. Carly, it was nice to hear your voice and I wish you luck in that exciting endeavor. We celebrated the anniversary of marriage equality in Oregon yesterday, and I see this as another step in the right direction for equality and justice. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** Colleagues, it makes me really happy to hear of your support because some of this work will continue after I leave office at the end of the year, and so thank you for being willing to continue to work with the amazing Cathy Bless and Michelle Taylor who have done such great work with all the management benefit community. I attended some of them when I first started and I was so impressed at the work the partners are doing to make sure health care is provided. Another piece I'm excited about this package is about the waiving the co-pay for mental health care and that's for both the Kaiser and the Moda plans. Not only that but for the Moda plan copays for inpatient services and treatment for mental health care will be paid for. So in addition to what we're providing for the firefighters and the special needs that they have for mental health care as well as physical care it's really good to see the city taking the lead on mental health care and recognizing its importance because we know that when employees are experiencing mental illnesses that they need to be able to talk to professionals and to get the help that they need, and because of the health privacy rules it's very difficult for supervisors to manage and support employees within the workplace. So again thank you for your work. I know that is something that will need additional work as you continue to evolve. Thanks in particular to Claire Adamsic, so helpful in making sure that I understood and others understand the challenges and the needs that everybody has, everybody may have regardless of your status. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, first of all thank you for a great presentation. These changes to the benefits plan extend access for city employees to critical health care services which is as important as ever in the middle of a global pandemic. We know the effects are causing a strain on mental health as well as obviously physical health so I'm glad we're able to provide additional benefits through our plan partners. There's a lot of people here, too many to name individually to thank, so I want to collectively thank the Bureau of Human Resources staff and all of the members of labor management benefits committee for the incredible amount of work they put into amending the City of Portland employee benefits program to improve our offerings for everyone. Commissioner Fritz, I want to personally acknowledge you and your team for the benefits. That's strong work and so important both being able to protect the health and well-being of our employees and as you indicated this moves us towards our aspirational goals of being an employer of choice at every turn. We want to recruit the best people and be able to retain the best people. Obviously health benefits is one much the ways we're able to do that. Thanks, everybody, for your great leadership. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Karla, please call the roll on the related but different ordinance 378.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everyone. The next item is item number 381 on the regular agenda.

**Item 381.**

**Wheeler:** The resilience resolution is an important starting block as we continue providing immediate community relief and as we begin to map out longer term actions to help Portland come out of this COVID crisis a stronger community. This resolution is not proposing a new set of city values. Rather, it is affirming and enshrining existing community driven priorities as things that will stay primary throughout our COVID-19

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response work and long term recovery. This resolution is also not by itself an action plan, rather it is a values framework that will form a key input to the decisions that we're going to make going forward. This resolution is possible because our community partners' work to turn the values of climate action, environmental health, civil rights protections, and equity into city adopted resolutions, ordinances and specific plans. This resolution reaffirms the fruit of that hard work and the shared values our community has entrusted and expected us to uphold. This resolution also owes a debt of gratitude to my council colleagues and their staffs, former council members and current and former city staff. This is truly a collaborative effort. Thank you to those who led the way on earlier actions with their vision and to those who helped shape today's action to reaffirm those important values. We have city bureau directors and community leaders with us today to walk us through this resolution. So with that we will start with director mike myers. I'm sorry, wait. Before you jump in, mike, a little administrative detail, colleagues, I would like to offer up the substitute resolution. Can I get a second?

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, will you accept as part of substitute the addition of exhibit a?

**Hardesty:** I will.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Legal council, lori, are you good with that?

**Lory Kraut:** It's fine, mayor.

**Wheeler:** So we have a motion and second. Any further discussion on the substitute? Karla, can you call the role to put substitute on the table, please.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The substitute exhibit is now on the table. Director myers, welcome.

**Mike Myers, Director Bureau of Emergency Communication:** Thank you. Good morning, mayor, council, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. For the record i'm mike myers, director of Portland emergency management in the city of Portland. I have been in the emergency service business for over 30 years. I began my career when I was 19 years old as a firefighter in las vegas, nevada. Over 26 years I spent there as a career and ended up as fire chief n. Time I would become your fire chief in Portland. Now i'm your emergency manager. I have fought many fires, managed many large disasters, and I have never witnessed anything like this. None of us have. The magnitude, duration, the complexity. We activated the city of Portland's ecc, emergency coordination center, in early march to manage the city's response to covid-19 outbreak. On any given day you can walk in and there is a small group, 25 to 50 people, working diligently in response to the pandemic. Almost every city bureau is represented there. Employees from all over have spent endless hours working together in our operations center focusing on assuring people are sheltered, have food to eat and access to appropriate personal protective equipment and hygiene items. People have access to information. Teams of people from across the city have been working hard on unemployment assistance, rent and mortgage relief, providing financial stimulus wherever we can. We have volunteers from the mets, neighborhood emergencies teams, working in ecc and in the field. We're working closely with other public partners, businesses and dozens of organizations. It's led by katie wolf, operations manager, and has been your incident commander from the beginning. She shares that with a different bureau director each week. Katie has done an amazing job. We're also tightly linked with Multnomah county where the public health department is located. John, our planning policy annual community programs manager, is the deputy incident commander at the cot and works closely with our public health team. I would be remiss if I didn't offer my deepest gratitude for the dedication and selfless efforts of our public safety teams, firefighters, police officers, park rangers, 911 operators, certainly our doctors, nurses, food service providers and cleaning service providers, shelter operators,



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all the supporting service providers working every day to help our community through this period. I have always said if every emergency I have been to it's always neighbor helping neighbor and this is true today. Thank you, Portland, for being strong, dedicated to winning this battle. We still have a long way to go. We will get there. We will get there together.

Thank you, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, director Myers. Next up the office of equity and human rights director Dr. Markisha Smith. Welcome.

**Markisha Smith, Director of Office of Equity and Human Relations:** Good morning, everyone. Mayor, commissioners, I'm excited about this recovery resolution and honored that the office of equity and human rights is strategically positioned to provide leadership and guidance in what will be a critical -- equity across the city. I'm grateful for our partnership with equity managers in particular Irene Marion as well as other practitioners and folks in the office of equity and human rights to bring this to life. I do have a few slides quickly if I'm able to share the screen if that's okay with everyone. Just to highlight a little bit of where we are -- and hopefully everyone can see, yep.

**Wheeler:** Looks good.

**Smith:** Great. The role of office of equity and human rights in this resolution is to work in partnership with our bureaus and city staff to really live into our city's equity goals for the COVID-19 response. We're assuming authority to monitor what that implementation looks like and we want to make sure that we're coming back to share updates and reports to city council, city staff, and our community members as we move forward in this work. We have equity

**Hardesty:** Excuse me for just a second. There's a lot of background noise. I didn't want to ask if that was your kids.

**Smith:** It is. I'm sorry.

**Hardesty:** It's okay.

**Smith:** We're playing really hard. [laughter]

**Wheeler:** Only in a time of COVID would this happen.

**Smith:** And the door is closed. I apologize. They are really having a good time. As I was saying, the goals of our equity tool kit developed in partnership with our equity managers and our office of equity and human rights really I believe reiterate the city of Portland's values, commitments, what our legal obligations are as they relate to civil and identify a population with an urgent need that will be most impacted over time and when we think about those populations it's not because of the color of someone's skin that COVID is having an impact but rather the systems that have failed to serve blacks and people of color in our system. I want to make that clarification. Make sure we're encouraging our emergency coordination center and bureaus to adopt this tool kit as part of their processes and establish those expectations for Washington -- specific to our COVID-19 response and really beyond. So we hope this is a start to something that will continue our work in equity across the city and not just live in this moment of time but focus on this moment in time and to provide easy access to schools and assistance that can help inform our policies, priorities, our strategy and our decision-making going forward. And for the first time we really have I think a great structure around accountability measures and so we're asking that we have quarterly reports that include what we're calling an equity scorecard at this point that will come from bureaus, come to the office of equity and human rights and that we would be able to bring that to council and that when we sort of get to the end of some of this at some point we also have an annual report that we're able to provide to council that really communicates what the collective progress has been as relates to our city-wide equity COVID-19 goals and response. This final slide is just a little bit about some of the needs that were highlighted in the tool kit itself. You can read more details about that. I don't think anything is surprising. These are the needs that have shown up from community voice as

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they have probably been coming to council, things showing up in our news media, not just in Portland but across the country, and so we want to make sure we're staying attentive to this and that wasn't exhaustive. There are some things that aren't even here that we have not identify in name but we wanted to specifically highlight these and also connect that to why we need a collective response to what happens for equity in the time of covid. So I will stop sharing. I can pass the mike.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate that, dr. Smith. Next up is the bureau of planning and sustainability director andrea durbin. How are you today?

**Andrea Durbin, Director of Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** I'm doing well. Thank you. I'm andrea durbin, director for the bureau of planning and sustainability. We commend the council for seizing this moment -- how we intend to recover as a community from the crisis by centering racial equity and climate justice. This is a pivotal moment as we face converging crises, the pandemic, resulting economic crisis, climate change and systemic racial inequities. It's imperative we rebuild our community and economy in a way that reduces disparities, especially racial disparities, addresses the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis. Requires us to be integrated and collaborative and not siloed or insular. Our ambition should be to build back better and more just. We must share prosperity, equity distribution in resources and safe for all Portlanders. Question commit to several principles. First recovery must not lead us back to business as usual which caused harm to many Portlanders. The track we were on before was a planet in peril resulting in disparate social, economic and environment impacts, inequities and divergent access to wealth, opportunity and health. Two, recovery efforts should help reduce carbon emissions that cause climate change and mitigate the health impacts not add to the crisis while we improve community resilience. Three, recovery must address the racial disparities laid bare by this crisis. Economic relief should be provided directly to people most impacted by this crisis and who have been historically harmed while also protecting against further displacement. Four, recovery efforts should help create family wage jobs. Climate action can accelerate economic recovery, create livable wage jobs and enhance social equity. It is an opportunity to help prevent future crises. Finally, recovery efforts must be undertaken with community. Our work at the bureau of planning and sustainability is moving in that direction. Now is the time to co-create with our community partners to align our goals, priorities and actions and ensure city policies and investments center communities most impacted. Experience coordinating and facilitating multi climate action efforts as well as prepare for the coming climate change. We're well positioned to help build off each other's work by facilitating information sharing. Bps can help bureaus leverage the water bureau's expertise. Bes's in climate resilience, parks in energy efficiency. pbot's expertise in behavior change and prosper's expertise in clean tech. Bps is a connector convenor facilitator and we will help build a collective effort that strengthens our community. We're in the process of assembling materials, tools and resources similar to those developed by the office of equity and human rights. To assist bureaus with the climate cleanse to their recovery efforts. The city of Portland has a unique tool that other cities do not have. The community driven votary adopted Portland clean energy fund or pcef. It will be a source of investments to support disadvantaged and marginalized communities while creating jobs and building community resiliency. It provides an opportunity to invest in a just, clean energy transition while reducing the energy costs for low income people and communities of color. We expect city council will distribute between six and \$8 million by the end of this year through pcep and close to 40 million next year to accelerate Portland's clean energy transition. The bureau of planning and sustainability stand ready to support you and working directly with our community partners to help the community achieve these important goals and recover better. I would like to thank you, mayor, city council, four your

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national and global leadership in prioritizing, centering our covid-19 recovery work with a commitment to racial equity and climate change. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, director durbin. Next up are pbot director chris warner. Good morning, chris.

**Chris Warner, Director Bureau of Transportation:** Good morning, mayor, commissioners. For the record chris warner, director Portland bureau of transportation. I'm honored to be here with my colleagues to reiterate our commitments. In the second week of the activation of the emergency coordination center I had the opportunity to serve as the incident commander. Since then we had a number of pbot staff volunteering focusing on outreach to community organizations, addressing urgent food and resource needs and leading planning efforts. This experience has given our team deep perspective on what matters mortgage to Portlanders. What we're hearing and feeling in this moment is the first priority in meeting these critical needs for -- first is meeting critical needs for populations on the front line. Portlanders really want us to facilitate a safe reopening to support the movement of people and goods in our transportation system, especially to critical destinations and local businesses. Third, Portlanders want us to work towards a more just, sustainable future that assure we apply an equity focused approach for policy and resource priorities so we truly improve the outcomes of generations to come. This really is a critical moment in our city history and requires bold leadership in all areas of our work. We have the opportunity not just to respond to the crisis but also to accelerate our ability to take climate action and create a healthier, more just and sustainable future for our city. For several decades sustainability and climate have been woven to everything we do at pbot. When we approve access to transit, add a sidewalk, add a new street crossing or a bike lane we're not just making it safer and more convenient, we're making it easier to shrink their carbon footprint and improve air quality for everyone. Also becoming part of the fabric of our organization to align and amplify pbot's commitment to climate justice and equity our current plan requires us to continually ask two critical questions. First, will our decisions advance racial equity, and address structural racism. Second, will our decisions reduce carbon emissions. To echo these sentiments my director colleagues and community representatives, this public health pandemic has revealed in stark and many times tragic detail the inequities in our society and here in Portland. All of us have been affected by the covid-19. Pbot understands black, indigenous and people of color, immigrants and region, older people, people with disabilities and young house pop unhoused populations are feeling a disproportionate and compounded effects of this pandemic. As pbot works with our sister bureaus to take climate action and swift out comes we are committed to reducing vehicle miles traveled, using cleaner energy by accelerating our integration of energy and clean fuel vehicles into our system, planning and building complete neighborhoods where Portlanders can easily meet their needs while consuming less. In each of these we're committed to leading with equity and climate justice ensuring that front line communities are informed about our work. Our success in reach these lofty goals depends how we work day-to-day, street by street. That's how we're delivering with the votary proved gas tax. We're exceeding our goals for minority contracting. We're so grateful Portlanders approved the fixing our streets program last night in overwhelming numbers. This will make it possible for people all over the city to go where they need to go and do it safely. Before covid-19 you saw us fulfilling these commitments through a number of programs. Infrastructure projects improve the feed and reliability of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety investment including lighting infill and neighborhood green ways in east Portland. Innovative programs such as the affordable transportation which reduces financial barriers to a suite of transportation options for people in affordable housing. In this reality we are pivoting this work to be responsive to the needs of our new reality. In at the last few weeks you have heard us announce our safe streets initiative where we support safe reopening of

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our city and provide new options for Portland's transportation future. Our teams are preparing business tool kits, guidelines for distancing and public space and best practices for moving safely through our transportation system. You'll see more pbot announcements inviting front line communities to partner with us to address the immediate need and long term recovery efforts. We will initially commit \$100,000 to prioritize essential workers, minority owned businesses and organizations providing care and distributing food resources especially black, indigenous, people of color, immigrant and refugees. Pbot equity program and the transportation justice steering committee will hold us accountable. We will center our working not to just decrease the carbon emissions but to simultaneously increase economic opportunity and improve health outcomes. We look forward to working with all the bureaus in the city and our many amazing community partners to take this challenging work ahead and to create a more just, healthier, sustainable future. Thanks for your time and your leadership.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, director Warner. Congratulations on last night's absolute landslide. Good work. Mention up is Andrea Valderama, coalition of communities of color. Good morning.

**Andrea Valderrama, Coalition of Communities of Color:** Good morning. Thank you for having me. Mayor, commissioners, I really appreciate the opportunity to testify this morning. Before I start I want to say that I have that unstable wi-fi, so if I get a also delayed I have a colleague who will help jump in and make sure you all have the regarding for you in written format. I'm Andrea Valderama, advocacy director for the coalition of communities of color. I'm a registered lobbyist with the city of Portland speaking on behalf of the CCC. Existing racial disparities, economic factors and inequities and health outcomes and in health care access means our response to preventing and mitigating covid-19 must prioritize communities who need it most. Black, indigenous and other people of color. Bipoc communities have been living in a tapestry of injustices for generations. Therefore, it is not true that the virus does not discriminate. We have seen it discriminate against our AAPI communities. We have seen it discriminate against our black, indigenous and Pacific Islander communities. We have seen it discriminate against our Latinx communities and other communities of color. For these reasons we must always lead with race. We must target recovery and resilience efforts on bipoc community members in the following three ways. First, we need your partnership with Multnomah county to address both the public health and the economic impacts of this virus as you implement this resolution. I appreciate that it centers both these areas through an environmental and climate lens. Two, use the city of Portland's equity tool kit for covid-19 when prioritizing additional budget and policy priorities. This tool kit is well written, thoughtful, really appreciate all of the hard work that went into the development of it. I really do think that it lays a great framework for the work ahead. Accountability inclusion of those accountability measures into the resolution itself. That's an important part of what you all are doing today and I appreciate that. The third and final one is meaningful community engagement. This does not mean engaging bipoc led organizations at the last minute and after mainstream white led organizations as have been the case in the past. There must be a true meaningful partnership with culturally specific CBOs, with bipoc led community who are working on this work and who are partnering with you in the work ahead. While we were slightly disappointed to see a resolution about us without us and our input we do appreciate the substitution put into the record today, Mayor, and does incorporate our proposed amendment. So thank you for that. Some additional covid budget and policy areas our community have raised include rent and mortgage forgiveness. Resources for improving substandard housing, access to PPE, subsidies for business owners and undocumented individuals, tracking of hate crime, bridging the digital divide and collection and reporting of data that is disaggregated by race and ethnicity. We cannot be complicit in going back to

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normal. Things that were never normal for our communities to begin with. If we're intentional we must call out the? Ic equities and work towards weaving a new, stronger tapestry of systems and institutions that work for all communities. I very much look forward to working with you on the effort and thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to testify.

**Wheeler:** Thank you andrea, for your testimony. Next up we have anissa pemberton from Portland clean energy fund. Welcome.

**Anissa Pemberton, Portland Clean Energy Fund:** Hi, everyone. Thank you for welcoming us back again. I'm anissa pemberton. Portland clean energy fund coordinator. I want to extend my gratitude to the office of equity and human rights for putting together an awesome tool kit for our community to use. It's lovely to see everyone's personal choices of interior design. So much beautiful art on everyone's walls. Really interesting. I want to comment that I think this is an important to opportunity to rebuild Portland as a city of just as we have a choice between recovery from covid-19 that replicates or exacerbates existing equities or one that centers bipoc communities, black and indigenous and people of color communities. It's important we center racial justice and equity in a collaborative effort to black and indigenous the coalition expects that the city will invest significantly in community based nonprofit infrastructure, nonprofit infrastructure employs 14% support working class. It's important that we invest particularly in front line community based nonprofits. This is an investment in fundamental health and well-being of our most vulnerable communities. We need significant investment in community development corporation, health-care providers, social service providers and we all know these are intersecting needs with the eco-system of a nonprofit structure and ultimately will be an investment in the economy and well-being of our most vulnerable. Our invaluable front line organizations are facing existential threats not just of climate change now, not just economic injustice that already existed, but now of a new current health environmental crisis on unprecedented scale. Latinx people are two times more likely to catch covid-19. Pacific islanders four times as likely and bipoc as a whole two times more likely. That's because we make up the essential work force. We need to invest in the climate goals that build toward just transition. I'm very encouraged to see this as a focus of the recovery. The community fund offers a great pool of resources for green jobs, renewable job projects but more needs to be done for additional green jobs to equitably transition to 100% renewable economy. I really appreciate all of your time today. I'm happy to pass it off to my other colleagues. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it very much. Next is karen evans, environmental justice manager for the coalition of communities of colors. Welcome.

**Taren Evans, Portland Clean Energy Fund:** Thank you. Hello, mayor, commissioners. I'm karen evans. I serve as environmental justice director at the coalition of communities of color. I'm here today representing the pcep coalition. We're living through unprecedented times and dealing with one of the worst public health crises in generations. Yet this isn't just a public health crisis. The effects of covid-19 are wide ranging and have been exacerbated by the economic and environmental state of crisis that we were already in. Covid-19 provides a stark example of the disparities experienced by black indigenous and people of color communities. Lack of access to health care and living wage jobs, increased exposure to air pollutants have had the compounding effect of making our communities more vulnerable during this pandemic. Bipoc communities are at greater risk of developing serious complications from the coronavirus. Among other factors that contribute to this disparity. Communities of color are often concentrated in areas with lack of green space and heavy traffic resulting in poor air quality, higher rates of asthma and other respiratory illness. Covid-19 is disproportionately affecting communities of color and if we don't center race in this recovery disparities will only continue to widen. Culturally specific community

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based organizations doing the hard work to eliminate these disparities need support and investment now more than ever. We hope to have just recovery. The Portland clean energy fund provides an example of the types of programs we need to get that just recovery. It will provide apprenticeships and green job training. We face staggering unemployment numbers and this is essential. We're at a pivotal point. These inequities have been magnified by this pandemic. We need to work toward creating a society more sustainable, resilient and equitable than the one before this pandemic. I would like to end with a quote by michelle romero, executive director of green for all. We shouldn't settle for going back to normal. Not when normal means kids continue to breathe polluted air and drink unsafe water. Not when people who work hard keeping our economy going cannot achieve the basic dignity of health care or good pay. We shouldn't go back when there's the opportunity of going forward and realizing energy independence, healthier communities, cost savings and job creation. This is the opportunity to dream bigger and do better. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, we appreciate it. Next up, jenny lee from apano.

**Jenny Lee, APANO:** Good morning. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning. I'm jenny lee. I serve as advocacy director for apano, the asian pacific american network of Oregon. First thank you to our colleagues who spoke and to many of our collective concerns, issues, priorities and recommendations so i'll take this opportunity to speak to some of the specific impacts on asian and pacific islander communities and how these need to be incorporated into the city responses. needed so that we can implement meaningful interventions and solutions that result in equitable outcomes. We at apano have been engaging in a range of strategies including key partnerships with the city which we greatly appreciate, small business support, community outreach, responding to hate incidents and developing policy solutions. We must begin by addressing the disproportionate impact on pacific islanders. No surprise like other disproportionately impacted communities the underlying health and disparities dramatically increase the threat presented by the pandemic in terms of contracting the virus as well as the severity of it. Speaking to some of the specific experiences of asian americans and asian immigrants we have seen significant mental health impacts and traumas a result of increasing xenophobia and instances of bias. Fear of this racial discrimination is keeping community members from going out including to access critical resources such as food banks. We're fearing hearing that community members are avoiding traveling at all because of even when they are facing food insecurity because the threat has become so severe. This compounds the strain that we are all experiencing as a result much the pandemic and we are concerned again to see the increasing frequency and severity and we hope that the city will continue to reiterate that message in its responses ending this discrimination. While many of our communities prioritize staying home early in the pandemic they also face increased health risks, for example living in multi generational housing, experiencing job losses resulting in households doubling up and their employment as essential workers. Particular note thinking ahead to how we will respond to the housing crisis and providing assistance and addressing evictions will be critical and I hope that this is a focus consistently from the city. An equitable recovery must serve small businesses and communities. We'll need ongoing strategies to ensure coordination and support with an emphasis on the small business arena in terms of addressing the specific earliest and hardest hit workers. The contributions of the relief fund is an example of an innovated and community driven strategy. We have to see ongoing support. Express our gratitude for the early opportunity to collaborate with prosper. In addition to the recommendations shared by my colleagues we want to lift up strong tracking of the strategies we're using and the impacts being sure that along the way we're collecting community driven, accurate data and anticipate ongoing community engagement and

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analysis of the outcomes so we have guidance and are able to evolve and improve our responses as we deal with the immediate threat as well as the recovery important reiteration of how the city must practice equity principles it has laid out. Under the strain of the pandemic we must maintain these commitments, not perpetuate -- commit the traditional response where our communities are hit first and worst then are neglected in our strategies to rebuild. Let's use this resolution as a reminder to do better. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and the opportunity to work together for a more equity Portland through a meaningful partnership.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Jenny. We appreciate it. Next up is Ariana Maniera, from Verde. Welcome.

**Oriana Magnera, Verde:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record I'm Ariana Maniera. I'm coordinator at Verde. We build environmental wealth through organizing advocacy and social enterprise. We are testifying on 381 as it lifts up the current crises as we are all realizing how crucial connectivity is. We can no longer be in community, organize in person and many are isolated even more so if they lack access to broadband and technological -- we take this for granted. Verde's community has been hit hard not only in connectivity to people and devices but food, personal protective equipment and money to pay rent and utilities. These are not new crises nor are they revelations that communities most impacted by COVID are also communities most impacted by air pollution. This dual burden is catastrophic. It's not new and is unjust. It is unjust that people are energy burdened and threatened with disconnection of utility service. We have done small things to smooth the sharp relief. The question we must ask is will this be lasting. Will we remake a system historically oppressed Black, Brown, Indigenous communities? The answer is we must. The outline is good intention toward equity and acknowledges economic backs on communities of color. But we would know the city often acknowledges these things and that is not enough. Concerted and community led action is the only way to carry out the action that we need. We need more of this. Especially around the digital divide which increasingly impacts access to the environmental benefits that will build communities through PCEP. Verde is committed to this work and we see collaborative, co-creative models as a path toward a just recovery but we -- maintaining employee positions and benefits and providing. This is not an either/or. The city must invest and maintain employees with lived experience skilled with working with communities and expand the office of equity and human rights which needs more resources to administer Title 6 and provide interpretation services which are essential. Now is lifted up to administer the equity tool kit. It must enhance the ability of bureaus to capacity rate communities to come to the table. We are all realizing how crucial connectivity is. That means both links in the chain must be strong. Verde sees much language in 381 outlining good intentionality towards equity but we must ask whether we are willing to settle for equity or fight for justice. This may only be answered after council passes this item. You must ask whether your vote is only symbolic or if you're dedicating the city to this. We ask you to commit to and follow through on a community led process to develop subsequent legislation that establishes action and resource allocation in direct response to community needs. You're strengthening the chain with this resolution. Now we must see if it will hold the weight. Thank you. Verde looks forward to your partnership.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Next up is Bob Sallinger from the Audubon Society. Good morning.

**Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society:** Good morning, Mayor, members of city council. I'm Bob Sallinger, conservation director for the Audubon Society of Portland. We thank you for the opportunity to testify and we also appreciate the work that went into this resolution, the opportunity to collaborate on it and the opportunity to collaborate going forward. I want to support and applaud the comments that have been made by my colleagues today. It is

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incredibly important that we work together to create a more equitable and just and healthy landscape. We were already in crisis before the covid-19 crisis hit us. What it has shown us is how far behind we were to begin with. As you've already heard today, business as usual is not good enough. That cannot be our goal. If we achieve business as usual, return to normal, we have failed. We need to keep that in mind as we allocate resources business as usual will not suffice. We appreciate the callout of nonprofits in this resolution. Nonprofits are often on the front lines of providing essential community support and they have been hit very hard by covid-19. They often do not have the kinds of reserves or safety nets that are found more generally in the business community. It's an irony that the organizations most committed to building our community and protecting our community often don't have the resources themselves to maintain themselves under these kinds of circumstances. We would urge you to look broadly at what that really means. Some of benefits are hidden. We have maintained the operations of wildlife care center throughout this crisis. We did that because there's no other facility in the region that treats wildlife and there's a humane reason to keep it open but there's also a public health reason. Those 3,000 wild animals that come to us every year if they don't come to us they go into people's homes. If they do that they are a real risk. You shouldn't forget the fact that covid-19 most likely began because of inappropriate interactions between wildlife and people. That's why we kept our facility open even at the peak of the crisis. We also appreciate the specific call out of environmental goals along with equity and climate change. Green infrastructure, natural resources landscape resiliency, we particularly call your attention to the Portland watershed management plan now 15 years old but which called for the city to evaluate environmental health in every project it does. We're not there yet but we need to get there now. Covid-19 has driven home in a visceral way and a frightening way the way a healthy landscape or unhealthy landscape leads to increased risks of this kind of disease. If you live in a place treated efficient you'll have lower air quality. If you have lower air quality you're going to have higher risk of asthma and other respiratory diseases. If you have that you'll have higher risk of contracting covid-19 and dying from it. We know these issues play out on economic and racial lines, that it is disproportionate. It's critical that we -- too often we talk about climate change we focus on the emission end of the spectrum. That's critically important so too is building a healthy landscape. I'm really happy we're having this conversation today, I want to point out that we need to move beyond words on a page. We're really good at doing resolutions in this city but there are things happening right now where we're missing critical opportunities. In fact, some of the worst projects are accelerating while we're in the covid-19 crisis. We need to make sure that we're putting the brakes on bad projects and rethinking things in a different way even as we struggle to deal with this. Just a couple of examples. We need to keep moving forward on the tree code. Right now my neighborhood is fighting to preserve we're an under treed neighborhood. The largest is likely coming down in part because the city gave a cut order on that tree. Tree code is absolutely insufficient today and we need much stronger tree code. We need to move forward onto light pollution efforts, on flood plain protections. These are projects already under way. My fear is that they will slow down. This is a time to accelerate, not to hit the brakes. There are big projects that we seriously need to rethink. I think about levee ready columbia and the i-5 rose quarter freeway expansion. Projects are a billion dollars in public funding that have accelerated during the covid-19 crisis but which absolutely fail to meet our environmental, our climate and our equity goals. We need to do things differently. We're still being way too timid and way too complacent about business as usual. We have an opportunity to really rethink our landscape, rethink how we allocate resources and come out of this as you've heard better, healthier, more just. Thank you for your work. We look forward to working with you going forward.



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**Wheeler:** Thank you, bob. Appreciate your work on this. Next up is dr. Pat o'herron, physicians for social responsibility. Welcome.

**Patrick O'Herron, Board President Physician for Social Responsibility:** Thanks. Good morning. I'm patrick o'herron, practicing acute general surgeon, board president of Oregon physicians for social responsibility. Experts of medical science our over 2,000 members statewide address the gravest threats including war, militarism, climate change and environmental degradation. We support the resolution before you today declaring the intent of the city of Portland's approach to covid response and recovery focus on climate and equity. The covid-19 pandemic has shown a light on the inequalities and disparities and health experienced by so many Portland communities. Disproportionate impact the virus is having on black, indigenous and other people of color in the city of Portland and beyond is disturbing. We are right to be taking action to mealer ate those impacts including but not limited to high infection rate in latinx, pacific islander, black and indigenous communities. We support the calls of colleagues from front line led organizations who have already spoken today. In my work as a surgeon initially there was a lull at the start of the covid 19 pandemic. In my work as elective and nonemergency operations were canceled and people avoided the emergency room. Quickly we started seeing things pick up as people still suffered from disorders like appendicitis, cancer and serious diseases that are not covid. The problems we face like racial injustice, poverty, houselessness, wealth inequality and climate disruption have not gone away. I wanted to see if the city is committed to addressing foundational concerns. The pandemic is showing us what needs to be done to address the many overlapping health crises we face. Both climate change and racism are public health issues and we know rising xenophobia and hate against asian american communities and their businesses was one of the first things we saw with the current pandemic. Disproportionate rates of infection and higher impact on communities breathing high levels of air pollution should come as no surprise. Black, indigenous and people of color have been speaking up about the ways environmental racism harms their health for generation and the structure of capitalism accepted puts them at high risk of exposure to covid. These are longstanding disparities but also lead to disparities in the way climate impacts human health. We appreciate that this resolution sets a strong tone to the values and goals that should remain center to the city as it addresses these issues and applies federal stimulus money to efforts to weather the ongoing storm we face in unequal ways. Now is the time to double down on commitments towards a just transition both to weather this current crisis and to be more resilient for future challenges. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, doctor. We appreciate you being with us and your testimony. Next up is nick fallon. Center for sustainable community. Welcome.

**Nick Caleb, Center for Sustainable Economy:** Thank you, mayor, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. My name is nicholas caleb, staffer attorney at the sustainable economic and in order to respond to the covid crisis and the background socioeconomic and racial inequities that has drawn into even clearer view we must understand and name broader system is causes and used public resources and planning to create a more just, life affirming and resilient city. The covid crisis has laid bare how fragile capitalism is as a provision of basic goods. It's good at generating surpluses for the sake of the wealthy few but poor maintaining just and resilient systems that keep most people housed, healthy and whole. It likely emerged as an industrial incursion to nature. The anemic and stressed response was a result of just in time production models applied to critical economic sectors and decades of dis-investment, the government and care economy which contests of child care, early child care education, health care and other essential labor whether paid or unpaid and ensures the health and well-being of our society. Thus far the covid relief effort has disproportionately benefited the rich and

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politically connected. Locally organizations like Portland business aligns have lobbied for more expansive definition of essential workers and for companies to opt out of the clean energy fund tax enacted overwhelmingly by Portland voters. In contrast to this vision, Portland should reject the logic of austerity and corporate protectionism, raise additional revenue from taxes on the wealthy and alarm corporations and provision all available resource to a just and sustainable future. Within this context we seek specific actions from the city of Portland for the covid relief effort and beyond. First, csc stands with our front line and nonprofit community partners in advocating for provision of funds to support their important work. Second, we believe the present crisis must be a wakeup call and used as an opportunity to expand the care economy and access to essential services like health care, public transportation, and good food as the foundation of a local green new deal. This labor is low carbon and provides immense value to everyone in society. The public sector must explicitly and directly invest. Otherwise community needs will continue to go unmet and vulnerable people continue to suffer. Third, we need to use this moment to prepare for the ongoing crisis of climate change and the disaster of cascadia 9.0 earthquake. These crises should be addressed by investing in community scale renewables, weatherization and worker skills training. We need to take seriously at the risk posed to the willamette river and -- Portland harbor superfund site. With the fossil fuel economy in free fall we should plan for a managed structure in our city. The city should support a just transition that protects workers, community and the river and is in line with climate reduction targets. This pandemic has shown resilience on a scale we need can only be address through clear, concerted efforts to value human life over corporate profits. We suggested amendments and have e-mailed this to the city clerk for council consideration. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, nick. We appreciate it very much. Last but certainly not least, nicole johnson from thousand friends of Oregon. Welcome.

**Nicole Johnson, 1000 Friends of Oregon:** Thank you. Thank you, mayor, city council. I'm community engagement manager for 1,000 friends of Oregon. A nonprofit that advocates on behalf of Oregon's land use planning program. We work with Oregonians to enhance quality of life by building livable urban and rural communities protecting family farms and forests and conserving natural areas. Right now we have experienced a dramatic shift in the way we work, live, travel and communicate due to covid-19. Some people have been able to maintain their lives as normal but many are dealing with the fallout of the pandemic. The resilience resolution comes at a time where the city can recommit and bring to the forefront goals and aspirations in this time we're centering the most vulnerable populations is most important in particular commitments to be racial equity and climate resilience. Thank you for serving our city during these uncertain times. We support the city council moving on objectives and policies that focus on our climate and racial equity goals that have already been vetted by Portlanders and community partners. The effects of covid-19 have exposed inequities in our society including land use decisions, inadequate and unaffordable housing options, transit access and disproportionate exposure to climate change. The results would not produce the best out comes for all communities affected. This is why the city must uphold its commitment and policies previously made before covid-19. Our communities are depending on it. In addition, we applaud the city decision to fund anti-displacement coalition and recognize that the coalition is critical to recovery of Portland's bipoc communities. Without anti-displacement policies and investment this pandemic and economic shutdown will disproportionately harm Portland's most vulnerable communities. We hope to see the city continue to resource this in the future. We are glad to see the city continue acting in good faith in keeping its commitments utilizing plans and policy that center on anti-displacement policies, climate action, environmental health and upcoming zone changes that could

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result in more affordable and diverse housing options. We look forward to being a community partner in these efforts.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. Colleagues, that finishes our invited testimony for today. I know each of you will have some comments you would like to make, but let's see first if there's public testimony. Do we have people signed up?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, mayor, we have one person. Ellen nichol.

**Wheeler:** Three minutes, please. Name for the record.

**Ellen Nichol:** That's a mistake. I'm just an attendee today.

**Wheeler:** No worries. Thank you for participating and listening in. We really appreciate it. So I want to thank everybody for their testimony, their leadership and their strong ongoing commitment to help our family members, our friends, and our neighbors during this state of emergency. Colleagues, at this point before we take the vote I would like to open the floor for any thoughts or questions you have. Commissioner Hardesty, you have your hand raised.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. It was actually on purpose too. [laughter]

**Wheeler:** And you were muted. It's like perfect.

**Hardesty:** I want to thank all the invited testimony today. Clearly, a lot of thought has been put into this resolution. This resolution is really about what we rebuild coming out of this pandemic. As many of you have said today, I personally have no interest in rebuilding systems that were inequitable to begin with. I also want to say that as every government in Oregon and across the country, as all of us are facing severe budget challenges, it was important for this city council to actually know we will have 75 million dollar left going into next year's budget. How do we prioritize knowing that there are the needs in our community are just overwhelming at this time? What we are hearing all across the board clearly is that there are a lot of people that are desperate, that want the city to step in and save them. Their business, their nonprofit, their community. I'm proud that this city council really was very thoughtful at thinking about who are the people first hit, worst hit and hardest to recovery. Who are the people that today still adopt have access to covid-19 testing? Who today still are concerned about collecting the virus, it's primarily front line communities as people in service industries and so this is about the city council drawing a line in the sand to say that as we start recovering and by the way we have not one penny yet for recovery, but as we start recovering in the city of Portland it's important that we lead with our values. So I support this resolution. I also understand that a lot of I hope all the people that showed up today to testify that you don't go anywhere because the city cannot do this alone. We need the community. We need our federal partners, state partners. This pandemic exposed what communities of color have been saying for generations which is we live in an inequitable community, the resources are not shared equitably and the outcomes are not shared or equitably enjoyed. Communities of color knew this beforehand. A lot of people understand that is so and i'm proud of the work we have done at the city of Portland both through prosper Portland's economic recovery task force that's been a really thoughtful way to hear from so many community members about what they are experiencing right now but I also know that there are a lot more folks whose voices have not been included in that process. We need to continue to find ways to include more voices so that when we are making decisions those decisions are intentional and they are absolutely through an equity lens. I want to really compliment dr. Markisha smith and her staff for the excellent job that they did in creating the equity tool kit. I'm always the biggest whiner with equity tools because normally they are open to interpretation. I think her team did an excellent job of having some real outcomes that we can hold ourselves accountable to. Let me say, yes, because we are putting more work on the office of equity and human rights many of us support making sure they have the resources necessary to do the hard job that they have moving forward. So later today we will be dealing with the

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city's budget and that certainly will be a key part of how we both invest now and as we invest moving forward. I just want to say this has been a labor of love and is also a labor of anxiety. None of us know today what the resources we will have as a community will be six months from now. Right? We're doing our best guess right now. I'm proud that tomorrow we will have a work session to talk about how we start investing those limited resources we receive from the federal government, the \$114 million cares package. The reality is that's all we know about at the moment, nothing else has been promised, so we only can work with what we have in hand. So thank you all. I look forward to the hard work ahead but I have to say i'm actually excited, very excited about what we rebuild together because what we had we know we're not going back to that. I'm really, really excited and crisis becomes opportunities and in this crisis to be able to center front line communities and bipoc communities and be really intentional means that we're going to have much better outcomes at the other side. So thank you all and I look forward to the hard work that we all have ahead of us.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Anybody else before I call the roll? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I said all the things I want to say. Thank you all. Great to see you all. I'm an enthusiastic yes. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Eudaly:** Great. Well, this public health and economic crisis has only highlighted the urgency of integrating equity and climate justice in all of our work. We also have to prioritize supporting the capacity needed for this work to happen. Something we struggled with. This resolution chronicles the deep inequities of our past and it provides direction toward an equitable future. I thank everyone who provided testimony and acknowledge your many valid concerns and recommendations. The good news is that the equity tool kit is a living document and we can provide further input for development, so while we're not making further amendments today, it's not a static document. I'm obviously very supportive of this resolution, proud to co-sponsor it. I want to especially thank irene merion, who is Portland bureau of transportation equity manager, who is the person who actually developed the equity tool kit during her time on the ecc team. Santia and amanda at the mayor's office who pulled together a resolution that encompasses our federal plan and community supported vision. Thank you as well. Thank you to dr. Markisha smith, oehr staff, and the equity practitioners who will be providing guidance and accountability for implementation. I finally want to express my support for giving oehr some teeth. I have never really understood why that wasn't done from the outset. I am looking forward to their guidance moving forward. You have my full support. Please reach out to my team any time we can be of assistance. Aye.

**Fritz:** Systematically and disproportionately impacts marginalized communities. Covid-19 highlights that fact. We need trustees that promote transformative policies and equitable outcomes. This reaffirms our values and grants the office of equity and human rights the ability to work in a coordinated equity centers during this crisis that prioritizes people of color, people with disabilities and other historically oppressed community. We heard from many today. We didn't hear from anybody from the communities experiencing disability. There's the reason the office of equity and human rice was founded on race and second intentionality towards assisting people with disabilities. The office of equity and bureau of human resources staff are working to ensure accessibility in the actions that the emergency response and we must recognize that people experiencing disabilities are also disparately affected by covid and disadvantaged in recovery. You just think about health care needs, care-giver needs, transportation needs, all of those ways people experiencing disabilities have particular challenges and particular expertise that we can all learn from. I appreciate my colleagues signaling their support to adequately fund the office of equity so it can continue to lead this important work. It's very important to acknowledge behind this

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resolution real tangible work is already under way at the bureau level that can help support implementation of the goals outlined in the policy. Eric Pacheco, equity manager of the water bureau, has developed an equity centering analysis and associated checklist to help the water bureau and its customers they serve lift up this pandemic. Thank you for your work on the equity tool kit and working with Irene Merion. The water bureau is working to develop utility assistance for small businesses with an equity lens to help most vulnerable customers. I thank Kathy Koch for the outstanding work during this crisis. Reassuring people that their water is safe to drink and that they will be able to defer paying their bills if they need to. It's human nature in times of crisis we can get pushed in a direction of doing things the way we have always done them. That has not been the case with the response to the negative effects of COVID-19. When we can confirm that we're all part of same social and civic fabric we're stronger as a community when all our communities are whole. I'm very grateful to Mayor Wheeler and his staff for leading this effort working closely with my team and each of the council offices as well as our bureau of community partners to create the framework that guides our long-term response efforts, thanks specifically to Sam, Tia Williams and Amanda Watson and Nicole Grant. I have to say one of the things -- I like many things about the substitute ordinance, but you Luke especially that it was -- it is discussing nature. And thanks to Sam Diaz for giving the credit to -- as staff and being the coordinator for that work. Thank you for the line in bringing together the equity toolkit and the other equity managers for giving input to it. It represents an important cooperation between the office of equity and bureau equity managers and it's crucial as council we support the success of that ongoing partnership, I thank each of my colleagues for being willing to sign on to their own accountability and office of equity. That's what it talks to truly move the equity work forward. Is when each commissioner is holding their directors accountable for reaching the goals and policies that are indicated in the policy and in the toolkit. Thank you to the staff at the office of equity who supported the developments of the toolkit, this resolution and other key response guidance. Danielle Brooks, Jess Selby, Jonathan Simone and C.J. Robbins, that you to Director Mike Meyers, all the directors. In climate action in both immediate and long-term resiliency planning and my directors. As well as the whole team they work with. My whole team played a role in helping bring together this work, and - - and I'm -- it's astonishing that all of this has come together quickly and so well. Thanks to all of our community partners who gave input and the work that we will do together. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to acknowledge this resolution, like so much of what we have done since the COVID-19 crisis began was developed very, very quickly. I want to particularly thank my colleagues for working overtime with my office to make this happen I want to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of our various council staffs, Claire, Jamie -- and AsFriday, thank you very much for your leadership on this. I also want to thank the many bureau directors and the staff who reviewed and improved this resolution's language and who will do the important work to keep us on track with these values in mind, I'd like to thank my staff, Sonia Shumansky and Sam Diaz for shepherding this work, I am very happy with the leadership this council has shown throughout this crisis, and I'm equally proud of the bureau leadership citywide. We have never been more coordinated or less siloed during my tenure, and it shows, we moved through quickly at the local level and provided immediate relief through the emergency coordination center, economic recovery task force, from our city bureaus and from critical efforts my council colleagues have led, immediate housing and utility relief measures, these actions provide yet another demonstration of the council's priorities during this crisis. Through today's resolution, we will ensure that guiding values of climate action, environmental health, civil rights protections and equity are elevated in our own going work. A sound respect for the best available science demands that we reaffirm our climate action, clean energy and environmental protection goals and mandates. If we are able to fulfill these goals, we'll be

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a more resilient Portland, a city with more job, cleaner our and water and a healthier society, not just for now, but for generations to come. To further guide this focus area in improved climate emergency declaration reflective of the organization and community members on the front lines will be coming before city council next month. That declaration will update the city's 2030, 2050 emissions reduction targets and center Portland's reaction to climate action on front line communities by a shared vision. They undertake together across the climate crisis, we have heard loudly and clearly from those on the front allowance. Nothing about us without us. This is a concept i'm committed to institutionalizing in city practices. Report of discrimination cases, covid-19's disproportionate impacts on certain members of our community over others, and a growing number of working people who can no longer make ends meet while a few have seen their profits dramatically increase, demands that the city reaffirm its civil rights and equity goals and mandates. I'm committed to centering the voices of community partners in accordance with this resolution's direction, we cannot rely on traditional status quo, top down processes and solutions. We must work together to create and leverage new opportunities, to rebuild trust in government and to realize its potential and always be mindful of the greater good. I look forward to working with my colleagues to breaking down siloes, not just within city government, but by also creating partnerships that center community members and organizations who have come together to make this resolution a reality. Together, and only together, can we create a more just, more secure, and more resilient Portland. This resolution is just a starting block as we continue to grapple with this crisis. The work continues, please join the city council virtually on tuesday, may 26, at 9:30 a.m. To listen to my colleagues discuss the city's priorities for our cares act funds in a council work session. With that, I say thank you all, I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Thank you. And i've lost my agenda. Here it is. Right in front of my face. Thank you, everybody. Can you read items 389, 385, 386 and 387 together, please.

**Items 384, 385, 386 and 387.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Dorie is here and dorie, I don't know if we need a lengthy presentation on this. This is somewhat boiler plate per council policy, but if you have some opening remarks, we would like to hear them.

**Dory Van Bockel, Portland Housing Bureau:** yes, thank you, mayor, hello commissioners, i'm dorie van bulkel, i'm with the Portland housing bureau, we have four inclusionary housing units limited tax exemption applications for -- with ordinances for approval before you today. So just with quick background, starting in february of 2017, any building adding more than 20 new units is required to contribute to the city's affordable housing inventory through the inclusionary housing program. Projects have several options to fulfill the inclusionary housing requirements. It's either including affordable units in the market rate buildings, sending units to another building or paying into the inclusionary housing fund. The percentage of units depends on the affordability level and whether a project is within the central city or gateway plan district or outside of those planned district areas. And the multiple unit limited tax exemption or multi program is one of the financial incentives provided to inclusionary housing projects choosing to make units affordable rather than paying a fee in lieu. Each multi application does come before council for approval. We do have a brief presentation that you'll share. Just as a means to walk through those projects real quickly. It closed on me. moving on then, she four projects as mentioned in the introductions, there are two in outer northeast, one in inner northeast, as well as one in far north Portland. The first one, the 146 west building 100 is a 3-story residential only building consists of one bedroom units, roughly 3 -- 430 square feet each. This project is actually making all of the units affordable at 60 percent of meeting family income and we'll restrict all of the units under the inclusionary housing program for 99 years and therefore is eligible to have all of those 24 units receive the benefit of the tax

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exemption over the ten-year period. As far as the benefit to the project specifically, the tax benefit on average over the 99 years is about \$28 for the building as a whole, 668 per year over 99 years. Looking at it annually, there's a \$6,600 benefit roughly compared to a rent discount of about \$4,400. And then as far as on the 146 west building 200, it similarly is part of the same project and also making all of the 22 units in the three-story building affordable. Those are all one bedroom units, about 460 square feet. And will likewise be making all of them affordable over 99 years, and has also per annual tax benefit then of about \$572 over 99 years, and there's a difference in the benefit for ten years of \$5,600, compared to about \$4,400 of a discounted rent. The deacon project -- deku project, 39-unit four-story building, consisting of studios and buildings, averaging 336 square feet and 409 square feet relative there. And is making most of the units affordable. It will have 34 of them affordable at 60 percent of median family income and voluntarily making more units affordable in order to have the tax exemption on more units. Outside of the central city and gateway plan districts, they otherwise would only receive the tax exemption over that ten-year period for the units that are affordable. This avails them to additional exemptions through the system development charge exemption program, as well as the affordable housing construction excise tax. And looking at the deku specifics, that one has a per year total of 2,815 and over the ten year, there's a difference of \$27,000 for the whole project compared to a rough difference in the average rent of 3,000. The last project is harborsky in north Portland, a five-story building with 113 units. There's a unit mix of studios, one bedroom and two bedroom units. And this will be providing the minimum affordability required by the program under the option at 80 percent of median family income and will result in two studio 11 one bedroom and two -- four two-bedroom units restricted over that 99-year period. On a per-unit basis for the affordable units then, that results in rough l.a. Per-year amount of 23 -- about \$24,000 as well as then 4,500-dollar rent discount. On average. So that does conclude the quick presentation. Are there any questions about these particular projects?

**Wheeler:** Any questions? I'm not seeing my hands raised. Looks like you did a thorough job there dorie, as always, we appreciate it. Karla, any public testimony on any of these four items.

no one registered, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll on 384. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you for being at the beginning and close to the end and for your succinct presentation, aye. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 385, please call the roll. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. Ordinance is adopted. 386, please call the roll. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted, last but not least, 387, please call the roll. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Please read item no. 388.

### **Item 388.**

**Wheeler:** Portland has been known as a green and livable city and Portlanders are justifiably proud of our urban tree canopy which includes trees on private and public land. Climate and wildlife produce oxygen, clean air and water, provide shade and reduce the urban heat island effect, reduce soil erosion and runoff, provide habitat, increase property values, and more. Portland park and recreation urban forestry division is proud to support the urban tree canopy, they rely on fees to provide essential services to Portlanders. The

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urban forestry department reviews this annually. This year's proposed update is a moderate fee increase for development permits, meaning permits needed when a building or a new home or significant remodel of a home takes place, the proposed fee schedule does not change any fees for nondevelopment situations like a permit to remove or replant a tree on your property that's become hazardous. We have ryan land do you, the urban forestry analyst on the line to answer any questions that anybody may have. Colleagues, any questions? Bryan, it's good to see you, thank you for being present today. Karla, any public testimony on this item?

clerk: No one registered.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Moore-Love:** This is a nonemergency.

**Wheeler:** sorry. My fault, not yours. Let me do this. That was a good practice vote, people, that was really good. Bryan, since you're here, I just want to thank you for the hard work you put into this, I know it's not easy and we all appreciate it.

**Hardesty:** I want to add my appreciation, and I think it's a credit to the good work bryan did that no one signed up to testify. Normally when we are talking about trees, we have a lot of public testimony, and so that just says to me you did excellent work in preparing to bring this to us, I thank you, bryan.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, bryan. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Last but not least, item no. 389. Second reading.

**Item 389.**

**Wheeler:** This is the second reading, we have heard a presentation on this item and an opportunity for public commentary. Is there any other business on this particular item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll. [ roll call vote taken ]

**Hardesty:** I want to take a moment to appreciate the hard work of the oversight committee that put this grant applications together. And I want to appreciate commissioner eudaly and actually leading this effort over the last three years to make sure that we were using cannabis tax dollars to actually invest in making community members whole. We will continue to talk about cannabis tax and whether or not we are investing them in ways that give us the outcomes that we are looking for, I am proud to vote yes today to support the work of this committee. I vote aye

**Eudaly:** I want to thank the team at civic life, michael, christina and in particular kimpia. Who has shown impressive leadership during the covid-19 crisis in facilitating this grant selection and notification process and getting these funds to our community partners as quickly as possible. At the beginning of this crisis, I asked civic life to fast track this other to ensure that set aside dollars would get out to struggling communities and organizations as quickly as possible. And i'm really pleased we are able to accomplish this together. Even in a crisis, we have a responsibility to invest in communities that have been the most harmed by our historic and racist public policies, such as cannabis prohibition. There are four buckets of spending for cannabis dollars, public safety, recovery and treatment, economic development, and restorative justice. In my mind, restorative justice is the most important bucket to fund with these dollars. We did harm to black and brown communities with our drug cannabis prohibition laws, and as we talked about earlier, acknowledging that harm is not enough. We have to deliver a remedy, we have to make tangible difference. Differences in people's lives. Who have been disproportionately and adversely affected by these laws. Portland has become a national leader for cannabis social equity and restorative justice, despite the fact that funding has been inadequate for the last three years. So i'm going to continue to fight for funding. And to ensure that we fulfill the ballot measure goals of restorative justice for the communities, today i'm excited to approve these projects, which will provide legal services, educational and organizing opportunities



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and wrap-around supports for Portlanders disproportionately impacted by these past policies, I want to thank the grant committee for their work as well, and I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you and congratulations to all of the community organizations who are going to be the grant recipients, you're doing very important work in the community. Thank you, commissioner use daily and your staff, jamie duhamel, hannah holloway for your continued advocacy to retain a portion of cannabis tax revenues for direct community support. Office of community and civic life has done amazing work on this, my representative of the grant committee, jessica, who works at the northeast coalition for neighborhoods but participated on this committee, thank you to you, jessica and to all the community members who gave their time and energy to this process. And thanks to claire adamsick and tim crawl who helped set up the program initially of the oversight team and who have remained invested. Something that I will continue to watch and feel happy about that we have community benefits, we have a range of programs in the three different areas that were identified in the ballot measure that passed so handily and I wish you well with making good choices in how to spend it in the years to come. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Ditto everything my colleagues said, we are going to make this have a significant impact. Thanks to everybody who worked on this, this is a very easy thing for me to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted, thank you and we are adjourned for at least the next hour. We'll see you all on the other side.

**Council recessed at 12:55 p.m.**

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**2:00 p.m.**

**Wheeler:** This is the wednesday, may 20, 2020 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Karla, please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** I am also here. We are convening as the city of Portland budget committee, and before we get into this could we please get the statement of order and decorum from legal council.

**Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney:** This is matt from the city attorney's office. To participate in city council meetings you may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony and resolutions or final readings of ordinances. The published agenda contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony when city council is holding electronic meetings. Please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization please identify it. The presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. The presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct, refusing to conclude your testimony when time is up will not be allowed. Disruptions will receive a warning that further disruptions may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. All council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Under city code and state law city council is holding this meeting electronically. All are attending by phone and the city has made several avenues to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can provide written testimony by emailing council clerk. These steps are a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health, safety and welfare requiring us to meet remotely. Thank you all for your continued flexibility, patience and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. Today we will take a series of steps and vote as part of the approval of the fiscal year '20-'21 budget as prescribed by Oregon state law. As the city of Portland budget committee we will hold a hearing on uses of state revenue sharing, consider changes to approved budget as filed and approve the tax levies for fiscal year '20-'21. Karla, please read time certain number 390. Yes. I'm convening this meeting of the city of Portland budget committee. We'll start with jessica cannard, director of the Portland budget office. Director cannard, hello.

**Jessica Kinard, Director City Budget Office:** Thank you, mayor. So overview of the hearing as the mayor mentioned council has convened in your capacity as budget committee there are several steps taken today. These are required by local budget law and include uses of state revenue sharing, considered changes as filed and approved tax levies for '20-'21. As a reminder what steps have been taken bureaus submitted their requested budgets at the end of 2020. The city analyzed their requests. We held some work sessions on bureau budgets, however the covid-19 public health crisis resulted in the cancellation of several sessions. Materials have been provided to the public on the website. Of course our financial picture changed dramatically and we have had several ensuing conversations around that. The mayor released his proposed budget decisions on may 7th, proposed budget document was delivered to council also on may 7th. The

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document was not printed and only provided online given the constraints of the public health crisis. Council convened and conducted a hearing on the proposed budget the morning of may 12 during which the mayor delivered his message and in the evening it was reconvened for public testimony. These steps were necessary before entering the budget stage. Today the council will consider changes. These changes will take two different forms. The changes that are included in the approved budget as filed are detailed in the change memo attached, attachment b. These were walked through with you all last week and there will be changes that can be considered by floor amendment. Individual amendments will be put on the table, seconded and voted upon. Again the process for today is first the mayor will open the hearing for state revenue sharing. After reading from a script, hearing testimony and closing the hearing we'll discuss the budget. We will first need agreement from the budget committee to consider changes in that change memo attachment b. That will need to be motioned and seconded. Next amendments. Each needs to be motioned and seconded and finally voted upon. Last we need an action to put all the change memo adjustments and new amendments on the table for public testimony. This will need to be motioned, seconded and voted upon. This will feel like a motion to approve but it's just a vote to put all the amendments on the table. Both the amendments included in the change memo and new amendments. Further amendments can be made. There will be a vote to approve the budget. Finally we vote to approve the tax levy. The approved budget will be forwarded to the tax supervising and conservation commission who has 20 days to review the budget. There will be a hearing on tuesday, june 9, at 9:30 a.m. Under the current virtual meeting format and will live stream on the youtube channel. The final budget adoption is set for wednesday, june 10, at 2:00 p.m. Public testimony can be received during today's approved hearing, the june 9 hearing and the june 10 budget adoption hearing. Now back to the script. Back to you, mayor, for the state revenue sharing items.

**Wheeler:** Opening the hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. This hearing is being held by city council of Portland, Oregon, in compliance with provisions of the state revenue sharing regulations ors221.770 to allow citizens to comment on the possible use of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process as proposed adoption fiscal year '20-'21 budget we anticipate receipts totaling from state revenue sharing. As has been the case in prior years it's proposed this be indicated to support fire prevention and police patrol services. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak.

**Moore-Love:** We had eight people register for 390.

**Wheeler:** Is there anyone on the line who would like to testify on the state revenue sharing component of the ordinance.

**McClymont:** Mayor, will you ask them to raise their hands?

**Wheeler:** If you could go to the raise hand function, for some of you it may be easier to take your cursor to the bottom of the screen, click on participants, find yourself then raise your hand. That will help keelen, our clerk this afternoon, understand where you would like to testify on a particular matter. If there's anyone who would like to testify on this narrow portion of the budget, focused on state revenue sharing, please raise your hand and keelen will call on you. Keelen, just quickly glancing here, I don't see anybody raising their hand. Do you?

**McClymont:** No, I don't.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Then i'm now closing this hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. I will now entertain a motion to consider the changes to the proposed budget as presented in the memo titled approval of the budget for the city of Portland. Is there a second?

**Fritz:** Second.

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**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz seconds the motion. We'll hear from director Cannard on the various approved budget changes as filed.

**Kinard:** So at this point we'll discuss changes to the proposed budget. The approved budget before you totals \$5.6 billion. The general fund discretionary budget is 568.3 million. There are 6791.37 total FTE in all fund sources. This budget includes \$75 million reduction of general fund discretionary resources due to the projected impact of the health crisis on city resources. Notable changes discussed at the work session on May 12, high level overview of those changes include various technical adjustments which in addition to changes to the general fund there is an increase to general fund contingency by \$112,292 due to change in funding of the liveability coordinator and office of management and finance. [audio not understandable] overhead model there were technical adjustments in council office budgets to equalize resources for support of city-wide cost saving measures. A reduction of 2.1 million beginning fund balance as resources are remaining in the 19-20 balance. There's a technical change in office of civic life to properly align city-wide budget to programs. There were a number of items we talked through attachment b, a long document that we worked through in detail at the hearing. I'm happy to discuss any items in that memo if council has the desire to do so. Is there anyone who would like to talk through any items we walked through last week in that memo?

**Wheeler:** Colleagues? I'm not seeing anyone jumping at that opportunity. Thank you, director.

**Kinard:** Then I'll turn it back over to you to lead the conversation around amendments.

**Wheeler:** So just to be clear where we are we're looking at the amendments on the sheet titled approved budget amendments for consideration.

**Kinard:** Correct.

**Wheeler:** Good. So I will start with my amendments and then we'll go into others. First of all -- oh, director Cannard, did you want to read through these or did you want me to do it?

**Kinard:** Either way, mayor. I think it makes sense for you to lead. There are 22 amendments. They are grouped by commissioner. So each commissioner can choose to read their items. That might work best.

**Wheeler:** Then I'll jump in since I'm at the top of the memo and then turn it over to commissioner Fritz next. My first budget amendment for consideration is number 1, we'll call it Mayor Wheeler 1, a motion to allocate \$231,000 in one time general fund resource in special appropriations as approved for carryover in the spring supplemental budget. This would --

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Amendment 2 is a motion to allocate 146,000 one time resources bureau of planning and sustainability general fund approved as carryover in the spring supplemental budget.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** I think that was commissioner Hardesty that time.

**Hardesty:** That's correct.

**Wheeler:** 3, a motion to allocate 83,000 in one time resources in the Portland parks and recreation general fund approved for carryover in the spring supplemental budgets.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Number 4 a motion to allocate \$300,000 in one time general fund resources in the city attorney's office in support of an approved carryover from spring supplemental budget.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Number 5 motion to allocate resources for the council ratified labor contract with the Portland police commanding officers association.

**Hardesty:** Second.

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**Wheeler:** Amendment 6 motion to amend attachment d, and add a budget regarding Portland police specialty units as follows. I would like to read this into the record. Specialty units are common elements of public safety systems nationwide. In recent years best practice approaches have evolved and communities around the country are considering how to best use specialty units. Portland police bureau employs a wide variety of these units, gun violence reduction team, school resource officers program, domestic violence unit, air support unit, behavioral health unit. The k-9 unit, the cold case unit, the criminal intelligence unit, the human trafficking unit, narcotics and organized crime unit, the traffic division, youth services division, and the neighborhood response teams. Through its public safety work throughout the city is asking fundamental questions about how best to structure a 21st century public safety approach that meets the needs of all Portlanders. The crisis has reaffirmed the need and urgency of this important work. The use of specialty units must be part of this conversation. Mayor wheeler and commissioner hardesty will work together with city leadership and with other interested parties to consider the ongoing use of special units in Portland and will bring recommendations to the council no later than february 1st, 2021. These recommendations will be considered as part of the budget development process for the fiscal year '20-'21, 21-22.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Number 7, motion to amend attached attachment d to withdraw the motion entitled civic life/police space moves plan.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Amendment 8, a motion to transfer 118,911 in ongoing resources in the Portland parks and recreation tree mitigation trust fund to the parks general fund operating budget for a botanic specialist number 2.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, before I move on there was one comment I wanted to make on number 7 I skipped over. We have motion on 8 from commissioner hardesty. Back to 7, which is the civic life policy space, never mind. Moving on. Number 9, motion to allocate \$72,000 in general fund resource to prosper Portland for the Portland film office.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, the next amendments are yours.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. I appreciate the amendments particularly the film office. That's good to hear. I move to allocate 123,985 in general fund resources to the office of equity and human rights for implementation of the resolution aligning covid-19 response with the city's climate and equity goals.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Second from commissioner hardesty.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I move to allocate 29,540 in general fund resources to the office of equity and human rights for critical administrative capacity and support in ongoing dollars.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I move to allocate \$547,000 in recreational cannabis tax fund resources to the office of community and civic life as follows. Allocate 547,000 in ongoing cannabis tax resource to the office of community and civic life. The source will be reduction of 547,000 in cannabis tax fund resources budgeted for community grants and prosper Portland. While the previously allocated \$547,000 in prosper Portland's budget was allocated on a one-time basis sufficient ongoing cannabis funds have been forecasted to support this allocation on an ongoing basis. Amendment attachments b, c, and e to reflect these changes.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Eudaly:** One time general fund resources to special appropriations for universal defense as follows: 250,000 in one time general fund discretionary resources in special

appropriations to support universal defense. Funding source for this action is a one-time reduction of \$50,000 in general fund contingency and a reduction of \$200,000 in one time general fund discretionary resources in the office of community and civic life which were previously allocated to civic life for this purpose.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Eudaly:** I move to allocate 147,000 in ongoing general fund resources to fund regional arts and culture council special appropriation. Allocate 147,000 in ongoing general fund resources to ensure the reduction taken by the regional arts and culture council is equal to the 5.6 reduction taken by other bureaus as part of the mayor's proposed budget. The funding source is reduction in ongoing general fund contingency. B, c, e updated to reflect these changes.

**Hardesty:** Second. My first one, motion to allocate resources for the council ratified labor contract with the Portland fire association. Decrease ongoing interfund cash transfer from the general fund to the city-wide obligations reserve fund and increase ongoing bureau expenses and Portland fire and rescue general fund by \$2,261,713 to fund increased cost of the pffa labor contract as ratified by the council on may 14, 2020. The ratified contract also includes one time savings to align with reductions included in the current budget. The funding source of this action is a reduction of general fund policy set-aside by \$2,261,713. Amend attachments b, c, and e as needed to reflect this change.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to allocate \$50,000 in ongoing general fund resources to support a council emergency security fund with a rise of white nationalism both national and locally some Portland city council members have faced increased threats to their health, lives and safety. For reasons pertaining only to their race, ethnicity and/or gender. Because council office budgets are generally modest and the need for potential extra security is unpredictable the need for a pool of resources for council members who face these threats should be established. This action will reduce on an ongoing basis by \$50,000 in unrestricted general fund contingency and appropriate those resources in the office of management and finance a chief administrator's office. This will represent and available emergency funding source to be drawn upon by omf, who coordinates the provision of security services for council members. When increased security is warranted, due to credible threats of health, life or safety. Amend attachment b, c, and e, needed to reflect this change.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion allocate \$50,000 in ongoing general fund resources to support accessibility to city communications. Accessibility to city communications is vital for civic engagement, community empowerment and safety. Accessibility should be a core tenet of all city communications but not all bureaus have the same access to resources needed to ensure their communications reach everyone. In order to accomplish this this motion reduces unrestricted general fund contingency by \$50,000 and increases the policy set-aside account by the same amount to support a city-wide accessibility pool of funding for bureaus who do not have adequate resources to ensure the equitable distribution of communications. Bureaus would request this resource via a supplemental budget process request during the fall and spring supplemental budget process. Amend attachments b and c need to reflect this change.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to allocate \$633,000 -- \$633,244 in support of the Portland street response pilot program. Reduce general fund one time contingency policy set-aside account by \$500,000 and increase general fund one time discretionary by the same amount within the Portland fire and rescue operating budget to support the Portland street response pilot project. Additionally allocate \$133,244 in one time general fund

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discretionary resources as approved for carryover from the bureau of emergency communication in the spring supplemental budget to Portland fire and rescue operating budget to support the Portland street response pilot project. Amend attachments b, c, and e needed to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to reduce one time general fund resources approved in fiscal year 2019/'20 spring supplemental budget in the office of management and finance procurement services for a procurement disparities study. Reduce the \$200,000 of one time general fund discretionary resources in omf procurement services for their disparity study carryover from fiscal year 2019/'20 spring bump. Offset with an increase to general fund contingency for ppb to potentially request the funding remaining in their lease space at gateway campus for at least another year to fund this change. Mayor, I would just take out everything after my apologies, I would just say that it would just go to general fund contingency, period.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Because of your move with the gateway amendment I will just remove the rest of that line. Make sense?

**Wheeler:** No, for clarification, then --

**Hardesty:** The offset will be increase to general fund contingency, period.

**Wheeler:** The remainder --

**Hardesty:** Amend attachments b, c, and e to reflect this change.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly seconds that.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to amend attachment d to add the following budget notes. Identify medically sound alternative to sobering services. In the spring of 2020 central city concern closed their sobering station recognizing it was operating under an outdated model. However, a need for a similar updated service still exists. This budget note directs public safety work group to lead a process to determine a medically sound alternative for services and to bring forward a plan at the fiscal '20-'21 fall bump. Is there a second?

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Motion to reduce general fund ongoing general fund discretionary resources in the Portland police bureau for sobering services and realigning resources to support a new sobering program to be requested in the fall supplemental process. Reduce 1.912.036 of ongoing general fund discretionary resources in the Portland police bureau's external material services budget per the contracted amount to support the chairs van and green services formerly provided by central city concerns. Increase ongoing general fund contingency and policy set-aside account for funding of a future program to be determined by the public safety work group. Amend attachments b, c and e needed to reflect this change.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. And this is the last one, colleagues. Motion to amend attachment d, specifically the budget note titled public safety governance and integrated budgets. This motion will replace the current budget note which identifies a fall timeline for implementation with an october 1, 2020 start date as follows. Council directs chief administrative officer and public safety work group to identify changes that will improve public safety, increase equity, and address systemic challenges at a city-wide level. Specifically the cao shall work with the public safety work group executive committee to develop the following by october 1, 2020. One, models for housing shared administrative services for the public safety bureaus in the office of cao. These models should clearly identify which services should be centralized and included in an analysis of the impacts each proposed change would have on bureau operations. Number 2, a strategy for

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integrating public safety bureau budgets for fiscal year 21-22. Time for the fall budget monitoring process and for fiscal year 21-22 budget development. The budget proposal should be in line with a public safety strategy -- i'm sorry, strategic plan and contribute to any required savings requested as part of the fiscal year 2021-22 budget. Council also -- [audio not understandable] city-wide system. Can I have a second?

**Eudaly:** Second. Long one.

**Hardesty:** I know. I know. That concludes my amendments, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Any other amendments for consideration? Jessica, it's my understanding at the council's discretion we can discuss any of these individually that we would like. It's my understanding that at the end of that discussion we then would call the roll -- actually we need to move and second each of these individually again and then vote on them prior to public testimony. Do I have that right so I don't go to jail? [laughter]

**Kinard:** Yes, so actually first we actually do need a motion and second to also put on as we are discussing all the changes in the change memo so that's what we need first. We need all the changes together on the table and then we're going to go into discussion for the amendments and you are going to vote on each of those amendments and what you're doing there is you're essentially we are refining all of the changes then there's a motion, second and vote on all of the changes together. Currently convened at the Portland city council we are convened as the budget committee so we are following state statute in terms of the order of things. If you're confused by this, number one, that's why and number two, welcome to the club. Commissioner eudaly has her hand up then commissioner Fritz.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm confused as to why we wouldn't listen to public testimony before voting on these amendments because that would mean that we are going to take our vote up or down and the public testimony actually doesn't matter.

**Kinard:** So what you're doing right now, commissioner, you're voting to approve amendments that will make changes to the approved budget. You are not giving your final approval. After you hear public testimony there is then an opportunity for further discussion and further changes.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. I missed that part. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** This is why they have a parliamentarian in salem.

**Hardesty:** Right:

**Fritz:** So commissioner eudaly's question was mine as well and it partially answers it. I don't quite -- the amendment would not -- if the amendment doesn't pass to get on the table, how do people testify on it, then how do we in response to testimony change our vote? Do we vote through all the amendments again?

**Kinard:** That is a good question, commissioner.

**Wheeler:** Why don't we turn that over to matt. He has his hand raised. Maybe he can give us further insight. Matt? Matt, you're muted.

**Matt Farley:** The process as I understand it is you have done perfectly everything so far. All the call for amendments have all been moved and seconded. That's perfect. Next would be as I understand it the public testimony. In other words, the mayor would call for public testimony on any floor amendments, changes to the memo, the budget as a whole. If there's any public testimony on those things we would have that. Next there would be a series of votes. First vote would be on individual amendments. So after the public testimony the individual amendments are voted on as amendments to the original memo. Next there would be a vote to approve changes to the proposed budget as presented in the memo as amended. So the mayor would call for the vote to approve the adjustments in attachments b, c, and d of the amendment this is a vote on the package of all amendments to the budget. Finally, there would be a vote to approve the budget as amended. The mayor calls entertain a motion, second and vote to approve as amended. It's very -- it seems duplicative but that is the process.



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**Wheeler:** Let me make sure I memorized all this. Commissioner Hardesty just fell out of her chair listening to that.

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry.

**Wheeler:** No, I'm glad we clarified this. First we're going to take public testimony. After that we are going to vote on the individual amendments that have been moved and seconded by the council. Then we will vote to approve changes to the budget including any adjustments to attachments b, c, and d. Is that correct? Or e. Bec, e?

**Farley:** I believe it's b, c, d, as in dog.

**Wheeler:** You'll correct us later if it turns out that's not the case then we will approve the budget as amended.

**Farley:** You're voting on the package of all amendments.

**Wheeler:** Approve the budget package as amended.

**Farley:** And then just to keep things interesting, you will then vote to approve the whole budget as amended. You'll call you, Mr. Mayor, will call to entertain a motion, second and vote to approve the budget as amended. It's somewhat duplicative but it's a three-step process.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Sonja just said keep voting until somebody tells us to stop. [laughter]

**Farley:** I didn't even have the heart to tell you about voting to approve tax levies.

**Wheeler:** Nor will you. We'll turn that page later. Good. We will start. Karla, public testimony. Matt, you still have your hand up. How many people are signed up for public testimony?

**McClymont:** Mayor, we had eight people signed up but I see nine people are waiting. Also before we start somebody waiting to testify with the phone number ending in 0621, would you identify yourself? That's the caller on the line, 0621, if we could have your name.

**Fritz:** You have to press star 6 to unmute.

**Wheeler:** Why don't you call the first individual. Three minutes please name for the record.

**McClymont:** The first person is Caitlin Day.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, Caitlin.

**Kaitlyn Dey:** Hello. Hi. I'm Caitlin. I'm here speaking as an organizer. I know you have heard a lot about us. I also organize with Western Regional Advocacy Project and the although I'm not officially representing them at this meeting. So basically I'm here to implore council members to reject any and all increases to the Portland Police Bureau budget ideally resulting in a reduction of the budget. Over 245 million are proposed to go toward the Portland Police Bureau not including money not factored into the budget such as the contract between the Portland Police Bureau and Clean and Safe. Just think of where we could divert this money instead. Housing and tenant protection, free transit and well-funded schools. Especially during a pandemic when many schools are going remote, access to technology and internet for students will be a huge priority. Luckily we and other community organizations know at least three units which could be eliminated, gun violence reduction team, school resource officers and transit police. The GBR is formerly gang enforcement team. A name change and quiet restructuring is not enough to make many communities, especially Black and Brown communities, feel safe from surveillance and entrapment. Eliminating this program can open funding that will support programs that help us care for one another. In regards to SROs it's clear many students do not feel safe around them as evidenced by the No SRO campaign last year. As a graduate from PSU, I can speak to my time working on the campaign. [audio not understandable] detrimental effect of having cops in educational settings including the murder of Jason Washington. My own experiences with my high school SRO, albeit I was in another state as a teenager, I very much remember how he had -- had even told students how he had killed someone when he was working for California Highway Patrol. He was not a great role model for students and I see this happening in other schools with SROs. Are these the kinds of adults we want

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around youth in our community and what message are we sending? Finally transit police are used to target poor people, especially houseless people who cannot afford fare. Imagine if we spent that money to make trimet free and listen to opal. All these demands remain consistent and will stay until we have these demands met. It's becoming increasingly clear police do not belong in our communities yet we keep throwing money toward them. We will continue to fight in the fall and this will continue to go forward but we want to see more opportunities where we can see these demands from the public being met. We have seen various people say similar things and it's just becoming increasingly concerning when we see so many programs to help reduce policing but we don't actually see those reductions coming from the budget. It makes us wonder are we actually trying to find community alternatives or are we just putting out rhetoric and not doing the things to take care of our community and just putting more money towards the police because that's what the business associations are saying and not what [audio not understandable] that's all I have to say. Thank you, commissioners.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. Next individual, please.

**McClymont:** Next individual is hung nam.

**Nam Hyung:** Great. Hi. I'm one of the coordinating committee members of the Portland metro people's coalition of over 20 community organizations, part of the community struggle last year over the city budget especially save the vital parks programs from cut which are not just about recreation but things like child care for families. That work led me to carefully study the city budget and volunteer to serve on the budget advisory committee for the Portland police bureau. I have testified twice and also sent you all messages yesterday laying things out in more detail about my experience especially as a black member. I want to highlight a few points and support the letter that pmc signed on to with many other community organizations including unite Oregon, jobs with justice, many others. I urge you to represent the interests of so many that these organizations represent. In this time of crisis we need to rethink our budget priorities. Portland spends over 50% of its general funds on public safety the majority to police. We need to think about what Portland really needs and think about what public safety means. The ppb is consistently shown that they don't serve the public. Their own study found that over 71% of Portland residents have little trust of the police and that's even higher among people of color. Ppb has also requested additional funds for over time to police protests in this election year. From what we have seen this is the opposite of public safety. It actually is inimical to public safety with the use of military weapons and so on. Also I have noticed in their requested budget that they have recently called for additional seven fte for the swat team. I think this is completely wasteful and we would be better off redirecting these funds to vital needs for the public that are under threat in this crisis. Because so much of the general funds go to policing a proportional cut is not enough. Other vital services are far more needed already or already functioning on meager budgets. We need to rethink our priorities and create a budget that serves all Portlanders. We should make cuts to other programs that have been ineffective and opposed by Portlanders like the gbtr, the sros and transit police. This crisis gives us a chance to carefully review our priorities and values. We need to redirect public funds from overpolicing to the central services like parks and child care, hygiene for houseless, housing, representation and defense of immigrants and to create our own public utilities such as municipal bank, internet, power, et cetera, that would all invest in the future and generate revenue and profits for the city to expand public services. Making these changes would help the city and be much more in line with the mission and values of our city. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. We appreciate it. Next.

**McClymont:** Andrew riley.

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**Andrew Riley:** Good afternoon, mayor, members of Portland city council, andrew riley. I'm appearing today on behalf of unite Oregon where I'm a community organizer here to urge you to prioritize everyday Portlanders in your budget by cutting the Portland police bureau budget. It's a statewide grass roots organization. We organize immigrants, people of color and working people of all backgrounds. The community we work with and in are most acutely over-policed, most exposed to the violence of the criminal punishment system. That's not because they are committing more crimes but where the police department has historically focused its force. I want to echo everyone we heard from metro people's coalition. Transit police. The transit blitz are part and parcel of the criminalization of unhoused on our transit system. Trimet funds large parts but it's housed at the Portland police bureau. It uses ppb equipment and personnel to the lay observer it always to be an arm of the Portland police bureau. As far as we can see the city has no affirmative obligation to carry this out and we urge you to cut all funding for transit police. We have actively worked in schools, we engage parents and one the top concerns we hear is the school to prison pipeline particularly for [audio not understandable] we have heard loudly and clearly one of the first steps towards dismantling that is eliminating the practice of putting police officers in schools. While the name school resource officer sound innocuous these are police officers with full police powers and no surprise according to the budget office 57% of the arrests in and around schools in 2018 were of black youth who comprise 10% of the schools' population. We need to invest in real safety. The budget is not just a bunch of line items on a page. As many observed it's a moral document, reflects your priorities and commitments to our community. We're proud to sign on with the letter with a growing list of organizations to call for all of the above cuts and more. As a coronavirus pandemic continues we have to make difficult choices about keeping people healthy, safe and whole. We do not believe we should over invest in police officers and punishment but community health, safety and well-being.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate it.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me, mayor? Can I ask andrew a question? Andrew, thank you very much for your testimony. I appreciate unite Oregon, Portland people's coalition's perspective. I don't know if you were here when the mayor was reading some amendments into the record. But you may have missed that there will be a process that mayor wheeler and I will be a part of that will come back in front of the city council in february that's really going to take a deep look at all the specialty programs within the Portland police bureau and frankly to start the community conversation about what does community safety look like. I hope that unite Oregon, Portland people's coalition will be partners with us in that effort because what we want is a police bureau that works for the community and what we want is the community invested in telling us how they want to be policed. The opportunity is coming up very quickly. I hope that you'll work with us to come back with the best proposal possible in february of next year. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** One of the reasons I support that process is, and no disrespect meant to anyone, there's a lot of misinformation out there about what is actually in the budget and what is not in the budget so I think more communication is better than less. Thank you for sharing your perspective. Next, please.

**McClymont:** Next is embery mort.

**Wheeler:** Hello, welcome.

**Emery Mort:** Good afternoon. I'm emery mort. As to the comments commissioner and mayor just made, we are trying to file the amendments as they unfold and I definitely heard what you've said and appreciate that offer to work together going forward. So I'll invite us to drift back to faux stories from the year related to public safety and policing. Council recall the jeremy christian trial. You likely recall detail as I do from the night before the tragic day on the train. On this night christian was on a train harassing a black woman. She

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testified about the events which included him throwing a full heavy bottle directly into her eye. Police were called, an officer arrived. The black victim said the officer treated her as if she was the perpetrator while christian walked away uncited. One small part in a chain of tragic events. Now remember another story, december police shooting of covin hendrickson. One can read the 900 pages of grand jury transcript, a mother with her three year old in a car seat behind her in a starbucks. A man walking slowly, unwell, out of it. She sees the officers arrive, pull the truck up close. One gets out, pulls out a large rifle and unleashes three shots within seconds. The woman runs around shouting, they didn't need to do that. The d.a. Verbally redirects the witness away from the scene. A seemingly younger officer in the transcript describes fulfilling his duty going to the body shot by the senior officer who has certification. He says unfortunately the department use of these rifle shells designed to expand when they hit human bodies unfortunately they do a lot of damage. He describes the body with two bullets in the chest and one in the mouth. A final story, council, we have black Portland employee michael fesser. Some of you find it disturbing as well you should. Police department including the action was done by a highly trained Portland gbrt, known for their own decades of scandal. A lieutenant in west linn organized a half dozen gang cops to apprehend him, as retaliation for his totally obvious complaint of workplace racism. He ordered his old colleagues to officially designate him a dangerous person. The lieutenant quit west linn and was hired next day by Oregon's police training academy where he's on suspension from training every new officer in the state. So these senior officers council running these special police programs don't need more money so they can train each other to finally get it right one of these days. As you all know, there's two options. One to make fringe changes or what we hope and maybe perhaps what's coming follow the letter sent to you by a bumble of community groups, hold the police accountable in a real way. You have to execute governing power over their budget and special elite units. I don't see other ways to really address these issues. If not you, who else are Portlanders and Oregonians to go to to get real action on these problems outlined here and in many other forums. I echo the previous commentary and I thank you all for the work you're doing in these difficult times. I certainly look forward to working together to solve these problems as we go forward. Thanks.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. Also in answer to your question, the question was if not us, who do you go to. You know you can come to us and you do. While I don't always agree with you I do appreciate your perspective and appreciate the fact that you participate in these discussions. But you can also go to our state legislature. For two years we have had a police accountability bill languish because the legislature doesn't seem to be able to ever have a quorum at the time that our public safety accountability bill is ready to be supported. It has now come out of the senate unanimously and I think this year it had a good showing where it started in the house. I can't remember honestly if it was unanimous but it was significant. If not unanimous. That bill did not pass because once again there was not a quorum for the legislature to continue. I would also encourage that there's an opportunity for us to join forces in areas where we do agree and that is most certainly one of them. Thank you for your testimony. Next.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, eric.

**Eric Nordstrom:** Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. First of all I want to thank you for all you do for your city, for our city. I'm here to testify in support of greater funding for rap and the arts. I'm eric nordstrom. I have been working in the arts for nearly 20 years as a filmmaker performing artist, arts educator and arts nonprofit employee. Now more than ever strong funding for the arts is the right choice for the prosperity of our city and its citizens. Art connects us to our humanity, creates community, and provides an outlet to express our fears, needs, and perhaps most importantly right now our hopes for a better tomorrow. It's these qualities that are important at any time but especially now. I urge your

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full and continued support of organizations like rap that help fund the media year to year fiscal needs of artists in Portland. I also urge you to look into the future and create a long-term plan for development of arts venues to support the needs of artists as our city grows. Although the funding may not currently be available for the development of arts venues, I encourage you to make the plan now because how are we going to get to support arts venues in the future without having that plan in place now? Currently looking at smaller arts venues in Portland around 100 seats these venues are struggling to hold on during this hard economic time. Medium size conveniences of around 200 to 350 seats are practically nonexistent and mostly nonaccessible for many artists in Portland. I understand that budget cuts are being made across the board. However, when making those cuts I urge you to keep in mind the value of arts especially at moments like this and please put a plan in place for development of arts venues so in better economic times we can have a brighter future to look forward to. There's never an easy time to fund the arts. However, the right time is now. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, eric. We appreciate it.

**Hardesty:** I was going to say, you're mute, mayor:

**Wheeler:** I beat you to it, commissioner, just barely. Appreciate it. Next.

**Scout Zabel:** Hi. I'm scout. I live in north Portland. I'm a preschool teacher and we do not yet know the extent of the ramifications of covid-19 on our community. We do know that those who have and will continue to be most affected are communities who have already social -- are already socially and economically marginalized. These same communities are the most threatened by law enforcement punitive measures to enforce new directives. We know that strategies to mitigate the economic fallout of covid-19 involve massive budget cuts to many departments however a 5.6% cut across the entire city budget does not address the varying utility of these programs rather the depth of the crisis requires us to reimagine the way we allocate funding altogether. Those departments which offer life affirming resources are more crucial than ever and funding must be prioritized. We have always had funding to support these programs funneled year after year into the ever increasing Portland police bureau budget. It's grown by 47 million in the last four years needs to be the well from which these resources are pulled. If you're frustrated with the misinformation look to the significant lack of public input. Only one to comment on the proposed budget and today, the dave the vote. Dissolution of the gun violence reduction team as well as transit police would offer \$14 million allocated towards accessible house, rent relief, education or covid-19 relief. Greater concern the gbtr will escalate its well documented efforts to target black and brown students. They need teachers, advisors and social workers, not transit officers. It must be made free not exist as another site of surveillance and harassment. Not a further conversation in february. People need those resources now. Fatal you're to do so is betrayal. The difficult decisions made today will have reverberating impacts well into the future. We have an opportunity to fund people, not policing. Your loyalties are showing. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Next individual, please, Karla.

**Johanna Brenner:** I'm here. I'm johanna brenner. I'm on the coordinating committee of the Portland metro people's coalition speaking in support of the letter which went with other community organizations have written. We argue that in this time of crisis the city needs to rethink how we understand public safety. I want to thank commissioner hardesty for taking the lead on further scrutinizing the special police programs that our group has highlighted as problems and I look forward to all of us participating in the process that she and the mayor have initiated. Today I want to talk about a different area of our letter and that is the question of the police overuse of overtime as a budget issue. I want to point out that the city auditor's report in 2018 identified problems and as far as I can tell, as we can tell, although the budget is extremely opaque and it was very difficult to compare this years to

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last year's budget because of how changes in how the budget was configured there has not been any real movement on this question. The auditor identified between 13 and 15 million spent on overtime. The north precinct, for example, had overtime uses on over 40% of its afternoon shifts. All thought bureau claims that overtime is the result of being short staffed, the auditor's report identified management failure to adequately manage staffing as a cause of the excessive use of overtime, which is also extremely costly in terms of paying people as you know. Portland does not cap overtime allowing patrol officers to work more than 20 hours a week. They didn't say over 1,000 times in they did so. Other cities cap over time at 24 and 20 hours. In addition to mismanaging staff and allowing officers to work excessive over time the bureau allows officers to work as private security guards for local corporate businesses such as downtown apple store and event venues. There's no evidence that this program is an appropriate activity for public employees, nor that these corporations are incapable of supplying their own security. Secondary employment is the third highest cause of overtime. Overtime work is not only a monetary problem. It is a problem in terms of what happens to police who work excessive over time. They are more prone to accidents and injuries, have higher incidence of burnout, they use sick time more often and so forth. Over time and fatigue negatively affects the relationship between the police and community when officers work long hours they are also more likely to engage in abusive interaction with residents and they are also more likely to be estranged from the community that they serve, reduce social interactions and isolation from community and support systems breeds an us versus them attitude in the police which is one of the major reasons that we have such a difficult time exercising police accountability in the city. Although the city asked the bureau to do a better job the bureau has not shown any success in this area. It's come back to council without demonstrating any reduction in their budget requests. Finally I want to note the bureau has requested additional funding to police public protests. This should be denied. There is no justification for overpolicing of the people's exercise of their democratic right. I should point out that in addition to being counter to democracy the militarization of policing at protests has been costly to the city leading to successful lawsuits from individuals who have been injured exercising their right to protest. I want to thank you very much for listening to us during this very difficult and challenging time. I hope that our voices will continue be to heard and we can see some movement on these issues. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective.

**McClymont:** The last person who signed up is

**Wheeler:** Can you say the name again?

**McClymont:** Samuel hobbes.

**Wheeler:** Are you on board with this?

**Samuel Hobbs:** I'm samuel hobbes. I'm sharing my voice today in support of Portland's eco-system, regional arts and culture council. We on which turn to art to anchor us. We often think of art as an addendum to business, a sideline item. We need to refrain this so we can more effectively support it in the future. We must consider the realities this is not just about art or making art, it's about business, technology, health, science, education and our economy. Artists ultimately create entire eco-systems of jobs not only artists, technical writers, photographers, financial consultants, tax preparers, food vendors, wedding planners, bars, real estate agents, tax prepers and many more. They provide necessary resources for prosthetics and bio mechanical research. [audio not understandable] we have become creatures in blockbuster movies. How doctors and physical occupational therapists understand pain and recovery. We have provided an outlet for children to express their fascination with the world. And we teach the power of persistence and resilience. These are the realities. It demonstrates demand for arts including [audio not understandable] arts are ultimately the life blood of our economy. We drive the housing

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market. We create a world where people want to live. Since the beginning of the social distancing protocols we have seen the importance of art within our nation. Within the first weeks of social distancing in Oregon a dancer created an online resource called dancing together. All of our dance studios or many have transitioned to virtual classes and we have witnessed first time. Just to give you an idea of the viability of these programs kate wallach created a virtual offering for her classes during quarantine where a single class held twice a week hosted 4500 people in one class with a suggested cost of \$15. In regards to brack I have received two grants since my time in Portland which is 2012, I suppose. I have applied for my third this spring. My company receives support from the leadership program. Have learned to write grants, write budgets and plan for my company's future. With the two grants I received I have produced my first last year I launched a resource for Portland called pdx festival of contemporary dance. Last year with rac funding I commissioned two female choreographers, rented space at the Portland opera, celebrated four Portland arts heroes for their service to the community, providing a master class administrators of art organizations from all over the northwest attended. All of this would not have been possible without the support from regional always and culture council and artists rely on the funding from the city of Portland. Portland would not be considered the international arts hub that it is without the support of the city of Portland. Right now Portland like many are facing decisions concerning how to move forward. You're asking hard questions. i'm hoping I have expanded your idea of what the perceived marketability of arts are in Portland. Ultimately, we really need to start thinking about how we can position Portland for the future like eric was talking about and start building a plan and for me and for many artists who rely upon the services of Portland, funding and services and funding that we receive from rac that future requires appropriate funding for the regional arts and culture council. I think I that's all I have to say.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, samuel. We appreciate you testifying today. Commissioner eudaly has her hand up.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I have madison from rac here who was supposed to be on the testimony list. Can they speak?

**Wheeler:** Any time madison listens to us given how busy she is she deserves to be heard. Good afternoon.

**Eudaly:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** How are you today?

**Madison Cario, RACC:** I'm great. Good afternoon. For the record i'm madison cairo, i'm the executive director of the regional arts and culture council here on behalf of rac and for the artists, creatives and arts and culture organizations that call Portland home. Their idea that artists and creatives will just be there when this is over is unrealistic. I don't know when this will be over, but I do know that without thoughtful, equitable, generous support they won't. They can't. What kind of city will ours be and how will we heal without arts and culture? You know the economic impact. 364 million in annual expenditures from nonprofits, 9.9 million in attendance, additional 323 million that audiences spend when they attend arts events. That's when we're in business. We're not in business right now. We need funding to make it to the other side. I know there's a lot of pressure on this current budget and I appreciate the work that you are doing. We all have a role to play, a piece of this burr ten to carry. Rac is doing their part. January we took a deep dive into our operations and made changes that were both necessary and incredibly difficult. We let go of good people and cut expenses so we could be better stewards of public dollars and focus more deeply on service while advancing advocacy and fund-raising. When fully funded rac gets 85% of all the funds directly into the hands of the community. With the aeaf, collection for fiscal year '20-'21 anticipated to come in with a 75 to 100% reduction every penny in special appropriations matters. Since the onset of the stay at home order

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rac went into action launching a statewide survey to identify needs and setting up a fund for those most vulnerable, the individuals. To date we have funded 348 people, 192,000 with over 34% of the awards going to people who identify as black, indigenous and people of color. We gathered art funders from across the state, private and public, created a pool which launched a few weeks ago. That's up to 1.5 million. Cuts to special appropriations now will result in the closure of organizations and the loss of creatives in Portland. Your support of rac will enable us to help sustain hundreds of organizations and individuals until they can pivot and hopefully someday soon get back to what they do best. Inspiring, delighting, inviting, challenging you and every neighborhood, every day. Artists are truly Portland's secret weapon. That's what this money gets you. I want to close with a quote from the late and great and blessed toni morrison. There's no time for despair. No place for self-pity, no need for silence. No room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. This is how civilization is here. Thank you for listening.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, madison. We appreciate the great work you do. And commissioner eudaly, did you have another comment? Is that just residual hand raise? Very good. Next we are going to vote on the individual amendments that have already been moved and seconded. I would propose this, colleagues, first i'll get to commissioner Fritz. Did you have a comment?

**Fritz:** Sorry. You're proposing that we discuss each -- you said we would have a discussion then do the amendments but we're going to discuss each?

**Wheeler:** Here is what I would propose. A lot of these are consensus amendments and a number of technical. I was going to suggest we go through each block of the amendments and then if individual commissioners either have questions about specific amendments or comments about specific amendments, that might be the most expedient way to do this. Unless people would prefer some other way.

**Fritz:** That's fine. As we get to each we can discuss it if we want to.

**Wheeler:** Okay. In the block of amendments I put forward most of those are technical amendments in no particular surprise. There are a few that I would like to comment on and I would like to start on amendment number 6 unless somebody has questions about 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 first. I don't see anyone jumping at that opportunity. We can always come back if somebody does. You'll recall that amendment 6 is the one that amends attachment d budget note regarding the Portland police specialty units. We had a little back and forth during public testimony period. I want to put on the record we have obviously been talking about the Portland police bureau specialty units for many years, predating my time on city council, probably predating everybody's time on city council. But this council has not really had time yet for thoughtful conversation leading to decisions about how we want to use the specialty units. This budget note proposes that commissioner hardesty and I work together to consider the use of specialty units in the city of Portland then return to the council early next year. This will give us both the time to have a thoughtful conversation and the opportunity to make any changes in next year's budget and so I think you heard thoughtful commentary on that. I don't know if anyone had any more questions on six. Commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to share a couple of comments on that. As you know, I had originally put in some amendments that would have disband some of these specialty units including the transit police and including the school resource officers and including the gun violence reduction team. But because of the brilliant work of your office and the police bureau's willingness as well as the ongoing work of -- [audio not understandable] it makes perfect sense to me that we are going to be very thoughtful about this and do it in a way that really is intentional rather than in a very rushed budget process. My preference, of course, before I got on city council was that all those units never existed but being as they do, I am very grateful that you worked with my office to



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come up with this compromise. I think it's the right thing to do and I just wanted to put that on the record that I appreciated working with your office to come to this agreement.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. I appreciate that very much. Just a reminder on amendment number 7 because I know some people were confused about that because the entire amendment is scratched out and I want to be clear that is effectively a motion to withdraw amendment 7 following council conversation about the benefits of collocating the domestic violence specialty unit with the gateway center for domestic violence, I moved to withdraw the note and in doing that wanted to be clear on two particular points. First of all, a lot of good and thoughtful work went into the original proposal and I want that work to continue. Second of all I commit that it won't move out of the building in short term without a conversation with my colleagues and I want to thank commissioner hardesty for acknowledging the challenge of keeping the specialty unit in this building, which is a lease that costs almost \$300,000 a year. I appreciate the partnership in finding resources to offset that lease and potentially leverage opportunities for the gateway center to revisit the terms of that lease. I just wanted to put that comment in the record.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor, if I may before you leave that topic, the reality is that the gateway domestic violence center provides some incredible services for our community, and they are cramped right now. So I believe that there may be opportunities if we take the time to relocate both Portland police that works with the gateway domestic violence center as well as the domestic violence center. They have not said this, but if you ever spent any time there it's an elbow-elbow operation. And they do the best they can with limited space. But I hope that we take this opportunity to really be creative. The mistake you made was putting me on the committee, asking me if I would serve. I'm trying to serve you and the community well because you asked me to do that. So I appreciate you pulling that recommendation because it is vital that those relationships are strengthened, not torn apart based on economic needs.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. No regrets. Amendment 8, the parks position related to tree planting I just wanted to be clear this was an amendment to authorize an additional position in the Portland parks and recreation urban forestry division. This is a position that would be funded from the urban forestry's tree planning and preservation fund and I wanted to be clear it will not have a general fund impact. The incumbent in that position will help manage the design and implementation of the bureau's tree planting program with an emphasis on growing the tree canopy in east Portland, something we actually heard about from an unrelated item earlier this morning. As pp&r shared during their sustainable future work session last november, tree planting is a very important part of our shared climate public health and equity goals. This position is a down payment on putting that work in motion, and I think we heard from bob sallinger on a completely unrelated issue on that very subject. With regard to item number 9, the film office, I want to add a couple of claire clarifying points on. That I was pleased to support 50% of the Portland film office's budget. The remaining 50% of the budget would be supported through an increased fee on film permits. We heard loudly around clearly from the film industry that this office is vital to their success here in Portland. I want to clarify that the industry is willing to play a significant part of this office's success. So I just want to say i'm grateful for my colleagues, to staff and dedicated professionals in the film industry who worked hard with us to find this compromise solution that allows the film office to be funded in the next fiscal year. This pandemic of course is presenting with unprecedented challenges but i'm glad it's also leading us to find very creative solutions with our private sector partners. So I want to thank everyone who worked with us on that. That completes -- unless anyone has any questions about other of my amendments we'll move to commissioner hardesty's amend -- excuse me, commissioner Fritz's amendments. Commissioner hardesty, your hand was raised.

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**Hardesty:** Left over hand raise. I'll put it down.

**Wheeler:** Does anyone have any follow-up questions about commissioner Fritz's amendments or does commissioner Fritz have any further discussion on her amendments?

**Fritz:** I think everybody made some comments this morning on the resiliency resolution. I appreciate that each of you acknowledges that the office of equity can't do what it needs to do unless properly resourced. This budget in fact doesn't fully fund the office of equity and the work it has to do but it does start to correct some of the structural problems and I'm hoping that with each of your shared commitments to the office of equity that next year you'll look at increasing resources for it.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you, commissioner Fritz. Any further comments or questions, anyone, on the amendments put forth and seconded in commissioner Fritz's grouping? With that we'll move to commissioner Eudaly's amendments. There were three. Does anyone have any follow-up or commissioner Eudaly any further thoughts on your amendments?

**Eudaly:** Yeah, mayor, I would just like to reenter into the record what I just shared with the public. I was surprised and disappointed to hear that I may not have the support needed to partially restore the budget cut to RACC. So here is what I just said to our community. I'm proud to be your arts commissioner. I have been involved in the art community since I was a teenager and spent 22 years supporting Portland's literary and visual arts community through my book shop. Today council is considering a passage of amendments to the mayor's proposed budget. We seem to be in agreement and have community support for most of them however the one that's up in the air is my amendment to partially restore the 9% cut to regional arts and culture council. I'm surprised the small allocation, \$147,000 from the general fund contingency, supported by the mayor and the budget office, is in question. Our arts community, individual artists to nonprofit organizations to independent venues are under stress. Artists who may be self-employed or independent contractors are still waiting for unemployment relief in month 3. Performers, performing arts presenters and venues that depend on large gathering have no financially viable way to ply their trade or run their businesses and may not for another year. The potential impact to Portland's art and culture landscape and community is devastating. Portland has built its brand, I hate that word, on the backs of our arts community. A multimillion-dollar industry that provides thousands of jobs is a major tourism attraction and drives businesses to hotels, restaurants and retailers across the city. But we haven't done enough to preserve or foster this community that is so essential, not just to our local economy but to our hearts and spirits. I made a modest ask, reduced cuts to RACC to align cuts to our city bureaus. What I really want is full funding restored to Prosper Portland funding restored to RACC in the historic underfunding of the arts. I'd like to see the city connect to the venue relief fund of at least \$1 million, on par with Seattle, San Francisco, and Austin. This partial restoration of RACC's budget cuts would be a small but meaningful step towards supporting the arts community. I want to thank everyone who has emailed and called in support of RACC. I received more emails about this budget item in the last 24 hours than almost any other issue that's come up during the budget session. And finally, I think we need some clarity on what the \$147,000 would be used for by RACC, and I want to have Madison address that.

**Wheeler:** I owe you an apology, I used incorrect pronouns to speaking to you earlier, and I want to apologize. I know you go by they and them, and I want to apologize for that mistake.

**Cario:** Thank you, mayor. This will go directly to our capacity-building program, an intentional investment over time in communities that have historically not had access to our mainstream funding which is for general operating support, so that's exactly what we would do, continue this program for another three years.

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**Wheeler:** Very good. And commissioner -- I see commissioner Fritz has her hand raised as well.

**Fritz:** I just wanted madison to give examples.

**Hardesty:** I ask a point of order. Is it appropriate for people to bring people in to advocate for a financial position? I mean, i'm feeling very uncomfortable that I am sitting here listening to -- anybody that wants money from our budget should be able to come and advocate for it, but this does not feel appropriate, when we're deliberating on how we're going to spend the money. I think everybody has made the case why they want money, but I feel like this is not appropriate. I just wanted to ask the question.

**Eudaly:** I wasn't aware that this item wasn't going to be supported until it was too late in the day to mobilize support on the tuesday before council. It was well within my rights to invite someone to testify.

**Wheeler:** And commissioner hardesty, your point is well taken. I made a specific exception because I see madison was on the line. As a matter of course, you are correct. But I made this exception for commissioner eudaly since madison was on the line. Point taken. There should be consistency. Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you. And I appreciate 250 people sent us emails the last three days, most of them, many of them didn't understand that racc is taking the same cut that everybody is taking, and, in fact, the bureau, extra amount from the bureau, 5.6%, the overall cut, including some of the other measures the mayor directed 9% and significant but some of the special appropriations received a 50% cut. I'm glad to hear that the [indistinguishable] wasn't cut. We know that people are hurting. It's hard to read those 250 emails and hear how challenging are. On the other hand, we know that restaurant workers are hurting, childcare workers are hurting. There's all kinds of great work going on in our community that we wish we had the money to fund. And the only way we're going to have more to spread around to other needs is if everybody takes a trim at this point, including the program. And racc will still receive \$3.95 million in funds, with the arts, and the level of payment from the arts tax is going to be an issue, we should address that issue as far as how it's collected at that time. So that becomes more equitable. You know that commissioner eudaly has become -- begun work on that. I think it's unfortunate that one segment of our community new enough or was encouraged to send in a bunch of emails and come and testify when others didn't know there was that opportunity.

**Eudaly:** Are you serious? That is how this literally works, every year, and I want to point out, the film office is not going away. It's the position who is the liaison position that wasn't funded and there was no work to do right now. So we're putting half the money i'm requesting for racc into a position for which there's no work to do right now. And also, the cut of 9% was applied to this special appropriation budget, and my argument is that racc has a special relationship to the city and therefore should be treated more like a bureau than any other special appropriations group and they've already made massive cuts to their staff. So they actually don't have more to cut. This is a small amount of money. I'm just baffled by what i'm hearing.

**Wheeler:** All right. Are we done with our conversation on that particular item? Any further comments on anything in commissioner eudaly's list here? If not, we'll move to commissioner hardesty. Are there any questions or thoughts for your colleagues, commissioner hardesty's amendments, I have one --

**Hardesty:** I have nothing to add.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, I appreciate that. Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** I have a friendly amendment on the offer to allocate \$50,000 to accessibility communications based on feedback from the experts in the office of human rights, it points out that it is required by law, so the language in the motion needs to reflect that. So tim is going to share by chat the proposed amendment, so basically, the amendment -- the title

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itself is the same, but then accessibility to such communications is vital to civic engagement, community empowerment, and safety. Accessibility must be a core tenant and should be a core tenet of all city communications, and assuring the civil rights and ada title 2, then continuing as before, but not for bureaus have the access to needed to make sure communications reach, strike everyone, and then insert all community members, in particular, limited language proficiency communities and people with disabilities. I would suggest that friendly amendment.

**Hardesty:** I see that's a friendly amendment. Thank you, commissioner Fritz.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Can we just, to make sure we got that all cleaned up, because I know that legal counsel will come back at the later -- can we accept that as just a friendly amendment, or do we need to take an actual kind of motion and a second in order to accept that?

**Hardesty:** If you move, commissioner Fritz, i'll second.

**Wheeler:** The preference would be to move and second from that.

**Fritz:** I move as a friendly amendment.

**Hardesty:** I second.

**Wheeler:** We have a friendly amendment and commissioner hardesty seconds it, so we now have an amendment to amendment 3. Is that correct?

**Hardesty:** That is correct.

**Wheeler:** That is now on the table. Good. Thank you for that. Just want to make sure I don't go to budget jail. I hear it's the most boring of all jails, in mankind, woman kind, and others. I have a comment on item number 6, and this is relating to the sobering center, and this this center service from my perspective has informed medical aspect, also has a public safety aspect, and the discussion about the best way to move this forward, you coordinate between all of the city's public safety bureaus and the public safety work-through, and they provide a good forum where all of those bureaus work together. That being said, the program update work has already been done, has been happening out of my office, and is on a faster time line than this particular budget note proposes. And I want to make sure that I ensure that the work is coordinated with the city's public safety bureaus, and I share commissioner hardesty's view of taking a thoughtful approach to this discussion, and I will make sure that the other public safety bureaus are a part of this discussion how to do this work going forward, but at this point, I do not support this particular amendment. I just wanted to be honest and why. Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. Switching between screens properly. So on that note, I believe that part of the discussion that I show on number 7 as well should be should the city be funding and managing the surfaces or is that something the county should do and we know the central city concern had multiple reasons for not providing it and also that over the years that i've been on the council, we've had multiplied conversations about who does what, and I suggest it might be best for those -- it might be better to amend number 7 to show that reduced ongoing discretionary resources in the police bureau, and I appreciate commissioner hardesty had that in there, and the money needs to be set aside, but i'm not sure right now if we're at the point of saying that it should be working in the new program in the full or perhaps that money should be conferred to the county and they would take on responsibility for that.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, I do have a discussion on that, that is an important overall discussion about where this should live, and your logic is impeccable, as always. However, there are negotiations that we have on this subject. Let's just say that is very much a live discussion.

**Fritz:** Okay. I will leave it at that. I did have a comment about not funding the disparity study. I'm kind of bemused as to how we would now not fund it. Can you explain that, commissioner hardesty?

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**Hardesty:** I'd be happy to, but maybe around mayor wheeler's first, and central city provided this program for 30 years, and the way they provided it was not based on the best medical advice. It was basically just a sell that people dried out in. And talking to the service providers at central city concern, I was very grateful that a community-based organization said, we know better now. We know putting people in these cells when they are inebriated or on drugs is not the most appropriate way to provide assistance. So i'm surprised, I guess, and heartened to hear that this work is happening in the mayor's office. But the budget notes, I think, important, because I think we need to make that decision outside of policing and do it with medical professionals. Will police officers on the street benefit from whatever the new quote/unquote sobering system should be? Of course they will. But it shouldn't be based on police practices, but what are the best medical practices. So this is why I moved this amendment forward, because we know that treatment has changed radically, as have the severeness of the kind of detoxification that community members need. And so i'm always challenged why the police have so many of these community contracts that really should be based on the best medical information that we have. So I hope as the mayor and I continue to work through, kind of looking at this specialty stuff, we start looking at these contracts, because some of them just don't make sense to me that they would be between the police bureau and the community. They should be between the city of Portland and the community. So this, \$1.9 million contract that we have now, is the reason why I wanted to make sure that we were using that money either to -- for overtime or for other purposes that has not been directed by this council. That's why I was certain about putting this in, but now i'm not clear about what your process is right now and whether we can expect a new proposal to come forward.

**Wheeler:** I don't have a specific time line as my knee to dispose -- maybe I can get one before this hearing is completed.

**Hardesty:** That would be helpful. If we're not able to reallocate it that we take the money out of the Portland police budget anyway and put it in contingency until we come up with another plan.

**Wheeler:** I support that. That's fine. I don't plan on using those resources for anything else. We see this service as critically important, so I can -- sonya is telling me she believes the time line is late september.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I appreciate that. Now to commissioner Fritz's questions about the disparity study, this is one of those times where I can say after 20 years of testifying in front of Portland city council on the spans outcome and contracting for the city of Portland, I can tell you there have been four disparity studies in the 20, 25 years that I have been advocating at the city of Portland, and we cannot point to one that actually has changed the outcome for contractors that are women, that are people of color, that are led by bipoc community members, and with few exceptions, we are woefully inadequate at holding accountable at diversifying our contracting pool, and the disparity study by itself won't fix it. I remember when we did a disparity setting and it sat on a shelf for decades before we started spending more money doing more disparity studies. So I don't want to spend money to do anything to change bipoc and the members of this committee, I would rather spend those dollars investing in outcomes. They don't do anything but make people feel more comfortable that we are getting disparity outcomes. Our procurement processes will reaffirm that every program we have is a colossal failure in achieving the outcomes we say we want. So that is why I do not want to fund a disparity study.

**Wheeler:** All right. Any further discussion on anything that we have left off at this point? All right. So --

**Fritz:** I had another question, and maybe this is on the eighth amendment, about the timing of the implementation of the public safety alignment.

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**Hardesty:** I'm happy to answer that for you unless tom wants to join in because he's been bored and has been here so long and hasn't been able to talk. I talked to tom reinhart and that's why we moved it from july to october, because of more time to make it work and we wanted to respect the fine work that the public safety work groups are currently doing and trust the fact that that will help us do it in a better fashion and a less disruptive manner. Is that accurate, tom? Do you want to add anything? Tom is giving me a thumbs up.

**Tom Rineart:** That is accurate.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much, todd. So the budget note is for october rather than july?

**Hardesty:** That is correct.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** We'll start as soon as we pass this budget, but that will happen by october 1st. It could be sooner. It depends how efficient tom becomes with this process.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Yes, commissioner.

**Eudaly:** I had my hand up to comment on the disparity study. This is an item I supported and i'm interested in further discussions on. We've gone through two disparity studies have haven't made the progress we've made, we are based on broken systems rather than bold solutions. I'm concerned about the methodology of disparity studies as defined by the supreme court, focused on statistical analysis of available funds. This prevents us from the deep, disparities due to our history as a white utopia in Oregon. I'd like to further explore how we can have contract-based models into our model. This could be an exemption to the low-bid model or redefinition of lowest possible bidder, which we've discussed before. In my mind, we put out contract for bid and say we want 20% utilization bid and they come under it, that's not being a responsive bidder. Peba has been a leader on the contracting and strongly committed to this work, but I do not believe that the disparity study is the right way to do it. And finally, I want to give a shout-out to get the contracting. Thanks.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, you have your hand up.

**Fritz:** I have it back up, yeah. My recollection, and I think it was a couple of weeks ago, if we haven't have the hard standards on low-bid contracts, i'd like to do a disparity study, because the last one is too old. And in response to the concern that they're not done well, well, we've learned a lot and this time, we could do it certain with the black, indigenous, people of color to do the study properly. I know less is on the call as well. I don't know if there's more to be said. The alternative is, everything has to go to the construction manager, general contractor, which is how you get the transportation, and I would say the park, the bombs measure we have also, so given that we have to do low bid unless we do the longer cmgc process, what's a part of the tradeoff in terms of procurement and getting the contract work done?

**Wheeler:** Were you hoping lester would answer that question?

**Hardesty:** I'd like to respond to that myself.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that, commissioner Fritz. The last time we did the biodisparity study, the county came up with a proposal out of that disparity study that we would just require contractors at a certain amount to actually reach out to a minority firm, a woman-owned firm, a small business firm and they had the contract with one of those firms. There are so many things that the city of Portland could do with procurement that has nothing to do with a disparity study. It's a way to hide ineffectiveness when we say we can't make changes because we don't have a disparity study. They were beautiful. They were well written. But nobody did anything with them. So it makes no sense to me that we would invest one penny in a disparity study when we know how to reach women in minority firms. We have to reach out to them, to build relationships with them. So when lester comes to the city council and said the primary contractors had five contractors and they don't know any people of color contractors, that's on us. We can do so much better without

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a disparity study, if we had the political will to do it. We are used to doing contracts a certain way and we have not gotten out of our own way. So yes, we need to change. Yes, we will change based on the findings, but the disparity study is not a barrier to us doing better at contracting with minorities and women. Happy to hear what lester has to say if he needs to.

**Fritz:** I would like to hear from lester.

**Wheeler:** Lester, are you on? And then commissioner eudaly.

**Lester Spitler, Procurement Services:** I'm on. The \$200,000 we were going to carry over is not enough to fund a disparity study, but we have as a result of requiring the audit and we know we're going to and the organizations and contractor advocacy groups and we were asking for that \$200 to be carried over to be able to have networks for new ideas. So that was what the \$200,000 was for. At this point we have some ideas, but they aren't vetted with the community, vetted with your staff, vetted with the bureau staff. So that's what the carryover was for. It's not enough to fund a full disparity study. Commissioner eudaly?

**Eudaly:** I wanted to elaborate on what I said early. The problem with the disparity study -- now i'm getting an echo. I'm sorry. The methodology. How the methodology work. It's alive on statistical analysis funds, and if that's the starting fund, it's not going to help us meet our equity goals. It may deliver a lower aspirational goal for utilization rate, and it's just the wrong place to start.

**Wheeler:** Very good. And commissioner hardesty, is your hand up or is that residual?

**Hardesty:** It's residual. Sorry.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions about any of these before we go through them one at a time to vote on them? Seeing none, i'll go through these relatively quickly, and again, if anybody needs to stop or slow down, raise your hand or shout. So at this point we will vote on the mayor wheeler amendment number 1, \$230,000 to special appropriations as carry-over in this supplemental budget. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion to allocate \$146,000 one-time resources to the bureau of sustainability, carryover, any Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** The general fund the special budget, any further discussion?

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** The motion to allocate \$300,000 in the city attorney's office in support of an approved carryover for the spring supplemental budget, seeing none, Karla, call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The police officers association, any further discussion, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is approved. Number 6, motion to amend attachment b, an out of budget regarding the Portland police specialty unit as we described. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll on amendment 6.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Seven was withdrawn. I don't think it requires a vote, does it, legal counsel?

**Farley:** The withdrawal does not.

**Kinard:** Because this is actually -- you are amending what is in the budget --

**Wheeler:** Amendment 7, which effectively withdraws the motion, is the motion to amend attachment b to withdraw the title police -- moves plan, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. Just a clarification, i'm voting aye to remove it from the budget. Is that accurate?

**Kinard:** That is accurate.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment 8, motion to transfer money to the tree mitigation trust to the general operating budget for electronic specialist ii. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. The motion to adopt \$72,000 in general fund resources to prosper Portland for the Portland office. Any further discussion? Don't see any. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I'm sorry. This money was found, I know commissioner Fish would be pleased to have it back too. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Ditto. Aye. Commissioner Fritz, motion to transfer money from the resources to the office of equity human rights for the covid-19 response with the city's climate equity goals. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is a limited time position for analyst one to help with the reporting requirement in what we passed this morning. I very much appreciate my colleague acknowledged that the office is already doing more than it's reasonable to ask of the people, and this money has been allocated. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment to motion to allocate money to the office of resources for critical administrative capacities, further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is on funding for the deputy director position held by dr. Cosey which is to help dr. Smith with all she has in the bureau that provides --

**Kinard:** I think you're talking on issues.

**Fritz:** No, that's right. This is Fritz number

**Wheeler:** This is Fritz number 2.

**Fritz:** I'm very sorry. My apologies. I was midstream. Thank you. So the deputy director position which the doctor has been very patient in making sure we get the funding for that position for similarly for a new district position and for technical assistance on the ward from housing bureau with the budget, and so these are small asks, as I mentioned earlier. We were not able to get funding for civil rights positions or other things needed to expand, but this is a good start, and I thank you, colleagues. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Commissioner eudaly's number one, cannabis tax on resources to the office of community and civic life as described. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** I'm very proud of the work that the cannabis program has done and especially the social equity grant. I fought to establish this program and to redirect funding because we're not doing nearly enough to fulfill the restorative justice of the grant measurement, but given these to worthwhile funds, record expungement, medical assistance, and job training. I find it unacceptable that I have to fight. I've had to fight for these dollars every year when other bureaus have ongoing allocations. I understand that this \$547,000 allocation will now be an ongoing allocation for civic life, and I want to thank the mayor for that. Without guaranteed funding or nearly enough to respond to a meaningful number of applicants, civic life has not been able to fund this work in a way that increases community capacity. Restorative justice is slow work, and it doesn't happen in a year, two, or even three. They have had to have expungement, job placement, housing, out of time to do well. The recipients don't have the time before it's time to reapply and court on outcome. This work should not be funded at less than \$1 million ongoing. That will allow us to do the more



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meaningful work that we're aiming to do, and while I am grateful for the ongoing allocation, it's still the smallest investment in what I think is the most important aspect of the work that we do with these dollars. So i'm committed to continuing to work in order to find that \$1 million for social equity grants and to reevaluating underperforming allocations in order to do so. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment 2, one time general fund resources for universal defenses as described. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** I want to thank my colleagues for their support of this act. Our community partners and act -- \$150,000 initially, this \$250,000 that we found will provide the bear minimum they need to continue providing these crucial services. I think you heard in our discussion recently that over 500 Portland residents have received assistance through this program, and that means five new people weren't torn from their families, who didn't lose their jobs, who were not put into dangerous detention centers, and were not sent back to countries where there was maybe peril. It was a bright spot to hear about some of those outcomes for me at a time when we're not hearing a lot of good news. So they've done amazing work, and i'm very happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** I didn't get called. Aye.

**Moore-Love:** Sorry about that.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment 3, motion to allocate \$147,000 in ongoing general fund resources to fund the regional arts and general -- as described. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** As vital as I know that the arts are to my community, I cannot support to -- vote to support this additional allocation. I'm going to ask, and I know it's devastating that i'm not. But what I know is through the work that we're doing with prosper Portland, we are working to put money into the hands of musicians, lighting individuals, all the individuals who make up parts of our artists community, and so it is unfortunate that based on the limited resources we have, I believe be no on this.

**Eudaly:** Well, i'm clearly disappointed that my colleagues could not find their way to supporting this very small act that support lacks in continuing their work around capacity building with culturally-specific arts community, it's going to undermine the equity work which madison has been a champion of and has advanced in really impressive ways in her short tenure as director of that. I want to assure madison and racc and our arts community that i'm not going to stop fighting for you. We need a lot more than \$147,000, and I am committed to helping you secure funding, come hell or high water. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** It's hard when there are so many needs in the community and we know the venues themselves are also needing assistance to be able to provide the places where people can perform, and yeah, there's no good choices in this pandemic with the budget so tight and that means that everybody has to take their trimmings and therefore, I vote no.

**Wheeler:** This is a relatively small ask that would be coming out of the ongoing general fund contingency. I thought it was a reasonable judgment. I vote aye. That said, the motion does not pass. Next item is commissioner hardesty's amendment one to allocate resources for the contract for the Portland firefighters association. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment 2, motion to allocate \$50,000 in ongoing general fund resources to support a council emergency security plot. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

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**Fritz:** Well, thank you, commissioner Hardesty, for identifying this as a challenge. I'm very happy my successor will be the first Latinx member of the council, and we know there are increased hate crimes, especially in the pandemic. This is necessary, and I appreciate the ongoing funds because unfortunately the roots of racism and hate run deep in this community, and they're not going away anytime soon, unfortunately. Thank you for your attention to this, commissioner Hardesty. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. And number 3, it's a little different. This is first, the roll call to amend amendment 3. Any further discussion on the amendment to amend amendment 3? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. Amendment 3 is now amended. To the main motion, amended 3 is amended. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, I've been advocating for a central accommodation fund since I got to city hall. We have an obligation to provide accommodations, whether it is language support or access for those with disabilities. That support should be readily available and consistent across every bureau, and hopefully now it will begin to be. I want to thank those who raised the concern early on in the crisis, with Eileen in the mayor's office, and I strongly support this allocation and hope we can devote more to it in the future. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** This is great. I vote aye. Amendment 3 is adopted as amended. Number 4. Motion to allocate \$633,244 in support of the Portland street response pilot program. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment 4 is adopted. Amendment number 5, the motion to reduce one-time general fund resources approved in the general fund budget in the office of management and budget procurement systems, a procurement disparity study. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is really troubling that we make a decision and not even a month later propose that we change that decision. We had a good discussion with commissioner Fritz and if the money even isn't for the disparity study but looking for how can we improve and we have a work session scheduled. So until we have that work session and a way forward, it seems prudent to keep that money in procurement services line item. They won't be able to spend it unless they come and -- until after the work session anyway. So I believe that we should stick with what we did a couple of weeks ago. No.

**Wheeler:** No. The amendment fails. Amendment 6, a motion to amend attachment d to add the following budget note with identifying a medically sound alternative to sobering service. Any discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is the one that you're not supporting, right, mayor?

**Wheeler:** That's correct.

**Fritz:** I appreciate the intent, but as I've said, I think -- I've heard from the mayor, that discussions are happening to address this. I do appreciate commissioner Hardesty finding that line item, but I don't think this budget is the right way to go about it at this time. No.

**Wheeler:** No. The motion fails. Item 7. Amendment 7, motion to reduce the general fund ongoing discretionary resources in Portland police bureau, per the allocation for sobering services and realigning the new sobering program to be in the fall, supplemental budget process. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

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**Fritz:** So i'm going to support this because the note said to support a new sobering program to be requested in the fall budget. It doesn't say where that program would be. So it's possible that these funds could be transferred to the county. If it's determined that they are the best location to fund this medical service. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Amendment 8, which I think is our last one. For now. A motion to amend attachment d specifically the budget note, safety governance in the integrated budget replacing the budget note which identifies the fall time line from august -- october 1, 2020 start date, any further discussion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The amendment is adopted, and now, if all the folks could bear with me, I want to make sure that the next step is to vote to approve changes to the budget as per the memo and the related adjustments and attachments, b, c, and d of the memo as amended. Is that correct?

**Kinard:** So mayor, we do need a motion and a second, and there's some language that I believe was sent to you from matt.

**Wheeler:** Here it is. Okay. Check this out. Quote. Next we need to vote on a passage of amendments. Do I hear to -- when are they going to make a tv show out of this? Seriously. Next we need to vote on the package of amendments. Do we move to accept the amendments to attachments b, c, and d of the memo?

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** Do I hear a second?

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty votes, commissioner Fritz seconds. Any discussion? Seeing none --

**Fritz:** I have a quick question. I can't find the script in my notes. This isn't the speech script.

**Wheeler:** This is not the speech have to.

**Hardesty:** This is a free speech vote.

**Wheeler:** This is the --

**Fritz:** You have to know when we give our speeches, please.

**Wheeler:** I absolutely will. We vote on the package of amendments. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** All right. So the package of amendments has now been approved. Now, here's the speech piece. Oh, I didn't vote? After all that? I vote aye. The package of amendments is adopted. So now, the final step, to vote to approve the budget as amended, so there needs to be a motion, a second, and then we'll take a vote to approve the budget as amended. Can I get a motion and a second, please?

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion from commissioner hardesty, a second from commissioner Fritz.

**Hardesty:** No, you weren't first. Don't even try it.

**Wheeler:** So this is where everybody makes a speech if they're so inclined. Any further discussion before we take the vote to approve the budget as amended? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** First, I want to thank the mayor for his proposed budget that it seems like a lifetime ago, but it was really a very short period of time when the mayor's proposed budget was released. We are moving into a different era here at the city of Portland. We -- our post-pandemic city will look a lot different than our pre-pandemic city. I am thrilled to be working with such colleagues who have centered, front-line community in ensuring that

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we are being intentional about prioritizing those communities that have been hardest hit and those communities that we know will have a hard time recovering. Clearly, this budget and the budgets moving forward, at least in my -- in the next three to five years, will all be budgets that will be less -- will have less financial resources than the city of Portland has become accustomed to. And it matters how we invest the limited resources that we have. It is my hope that this is a beginning of really looking at city services through a lens of, do we really need all those office buildings? Do we really need to all go back and operate the way we operated prior to the pandemic? Do we really need to invest in real technology so that the city can telecommute more effectively? As what matt just asked, but also for community members who are suffering from the digital divide. I am proud that what this budget did was several things. One, it held all city employees to the same standard. We all will have to make sacrifices to get through this budget cycle and the next one and in the near future, and make sure that we prioritize the lowest-wage workers to ensure that they will suffer the least harm. I am proud of the work that the city council did to come to this budget. It should have been a very -- it should have been a very aggressive and contentious budget cycle, but what i've learned in my year plus at city hall in my term here, what i've learned is that the values and people understand the values that you are putting forward. You can normally find some medium ground that will address people's concerns. Is this budget anything I would have hoped for? Of course not. But we're in a pandemic. We're in a state of crisis. And we're in economic crisis. I think we've made some really wise decisions today, and I want to personally thank mayor wheeler. I just wouldn't imagine an aye, working on policing and other public safety issues as thoughtfully as we have over the last year. You know, I know my friends and his friends probably freak out to think that we are in such alignment many times around what's the right thing to do, as it relates to community safety and public safety and what it looks like and how our community experiences it. And so for me, this budget cycle, even though it was quick, even though it's painful, even though all of us are taking cuts, I am so proud of where we ended because what I know is that where we ended is in a place where our values are really stamped into this budget, and it will be stamped into all the work that we move forward in implementing this budget. And I thank each of my colleagues, each office was so critical to where we are, and I think this is an opportunity to thank the mayor and my city council colleagues for the incredible leadership that's been shown through this pandemic. I mean, I knew we had strong leadership at the city of Portland and knew we had strong directors that were visionary and that were willing to work an enormous number of hours to get the job done. But what this pandemic showed me is that at the top, at every level, at the city of Portland, we have people who lead with their heart and lead with their values, and I think this budget is the first step in the process of making sure as we start the rebuilding process that we don't lose those values, we don't lose that sense of why we're doing this work, and we don't lose this sense of, we're doing it for the people who have never had a voice in this process. I am very happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, i'm pleased to make some progress in this year's budget. We've been able to get some wins for equitable use of the cannabis fund and universal representation. I'm obviously very disappointed in our failure to restore the partial cuts to racc, which could be clear-cut, they're a capacity building grant to cultural specific organizations, and as a city, we like to talk a lot about equity, and I personally believe that we should put our money where our mouth is. I am going to be looking to my colleagues for commitments in the future to address the needs of the arts community. I don't feel like the council is grasping the uniquely vulnerable position artists, organizations, and art venues are in, and the fact that the little of the relief thus far is available or to or appropriate to them. So I want to thank the mayor for supporting that, although the motion failed. All are on display, and I have been impressed how everyone has been hustling to try to address the glaring needs

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in our community. And I would assert that is how we should function during normal times as well, because as we know, there is always a crisis for people in our community who are unhoused, who are being underserved, who are being discriminated against in our community. So this is painful but necessary exercise in how to prioritize the most vulnerable and least well-served people in our community. I want to thank my office staff, especially my team, marshall, jamie, hannah, who has caught me how to roll my r's and I want to thank my directors, chris from piedmont, they've worked really hard and made some real sacrifices in their budgets to align with the city's priorities. I want to thank racc director madison for being here today. And finally, I want to thank jessica canard and her team at the budget office. Every year of the budget cycle has been uniquely challenging. We were sped up for what seemed to me the easiest one we've had in the four years that i've been here, and surprise: This happened. So thank you so much. Your input has been invaluable, and I really appreciate your hard work. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** This is my final budget, and it's a once-in-a-lifetime budget. There's nothing like it in my 12 years. Nothing is the same as it ever was. We had high hopes when we started this budget with no cuts and the ability to fund priorities, but the coronavirus has changed everything. And we asked ourselves, how did we get here. This morning, we reflected on the disparities in our community and brought ourselves out of it at the same time we were affirming the budget. I do appreciate that the council approved a modest request for the equity, and I ask that you keep going on that after i'm gone. Just so many things to say. The columbia pool, currently closed. But when it's safe to open, the columbia pool will be open for another year, which is what we need to do. And mayor wheeler, your leadership in this pandemic and in this budget has been absolutely outstanding. You have really taken the reins and at the same time been -- I think most collaborative budget that i've been involved in under your administration. Really good, it's bringing out the best in all of us. Thank you, commissioner eudaly and hardesty for working collaboratively to get the vote to this year, and the mayor's entire team, of course, jessica canard and her entire team, phenomenal in unique circumstances. I thank the labor unions working with the council, realizing the difficult decisions that have to be made and just how everyone has been aware that we need to put our community first, need to put our families and jobs as a pry priority, keeping health insurance going, all of the things we care about. Finally, thank you to my team, every one of them, who has been involved in this budget. Tim has been my budget advisor for 12 years now, and I -- it's actually literally true that I could not have done it without you. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, I want to start by acknowledging commissioner Fritz. As she said, this is her final budget. She's been through many of these, and commissioner Fritz, i'm sorry that this is your last budget, because your input, your guidance, your mentorship on all of these budgets has been very, very helpful to me over the last four years. This is my fourth budget. I don't believe it's my last budget. But it's definitely an interesting one. We were able to protect core services as all of the commissioners have noted. It was an important value for us to retain front-line services and to retain employees as much as possible who provide those services, and we did that through a commitment to shared sacrifice, and I want to acknowledge that. We also didn't take this as an opportunity to move away from business as usual and to make some real changes and innovate and improve the way to do business. We elevated our equity in our climate pools and collectively, we were determined not to let those goals wither during this crisis, but in fact, we chose the opposite strategy, which was to elevate those goals. I also just want to acknowledge that much of this work happened with collaboration from our regional partners. The city of Portland's budget is never in a vacuum. It impacts what happened at the metropolitan level, and I want to thank the collaborative efforts. We supported the services for those who are most vulnerable, including those currently on our streets. We protected the ability

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of small businesses to get through this crisis, and we put a special emphasis on businesses owned by people of color and women. We protected safety net services for vulnerable populations, and as commissioner Fritz just mentioned, we were determined not to let our community parks wither and built a bridge to a sustainable future to those assets. There's obviously a lot more work to be done. We'll continue to work with our labor leadership to find ways without additional layoffs, and, of course, there's more work to be done in the fall. We haven't closed the gap, but we've done the best we can with the information we have today, but we know the picture will be clearer. This fall when we have the full impact of this crisis, clarity and impact of financial crisis will take whatever additional steps are necessary in order to balance the budget. Between now and then, of course, the budget has been working on the most thoughtful approach to addressing those budget shortfalls. I want to thank Jessica Canard and the entire city budget, chiefs of staff and teams. Almost everybody in every office has some crafting of this budget, and it's something we should all be proud of. We all collaborated on it, all worked on it, and I really liked that -- the team approach that we used to put this together. In my own office, I want to thank Christian and Sonya and with that, I'm very proud to vote aye on this budget, and with that, the budget is approved as amended. And since commissioner Fritz, this was your last budget, I'll say, and now, for something completely different. We're not quite done yet. I need to make sure that we approve tax levies, and \$465,469 for the payment of voter approved general fund principal and interest and \$1,246,015 for the obligations for the police and fire and disability fund and .4026 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for the children's levy and for urban renewal collection. So I'll entertain a motion and a second to approve the tax levies.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty moves.

**Fritz:** Seconds. Any discussion? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** We know that taxes pay for services, and we know that many people are going to find it very difficult to pay their taxes in this, during the pandemic and after, so I always make a point to thank the taxpayers of Portland for their contribution to this budget, which we then try to spend their money as wisely as possible. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The tax levies are approved, and with that, Director Canard, can you tell us about the next steps?

**Kinard:** Mayor, we are almost there, you guys. Thank you for your patience, and for anybody who is watching at home, for yours as well. The budget has been approved, it will be sent to TCC for review. The TCC has 20 days to review the budget. TCC will then conduct a hearing on the city's approved budget on June 9th at 9:30 in the morning, and the final adoption is set for Wednesday, June 10th at 10:00 p.m. Public testimony can be received at the June 9th hearing and at the June 10th budget adoption hearing.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Unless there's any further questions or business, Commissioner Hardesty, you look like you have something.

**Hardesty:** I was woefully inadequate and I'd like to thank Christian Johnson, the budget analyst in my office and chief of staff, Doug Bradley. I want to thank Sonya from your office and Kristin, who was just incredible to work with during this budget process, and you know, I don't normally thank people so I always forget to thank people when it's absolutely critical, and I certainly want to take a moment to thank Jessica Canard and her staff. You know, I have to tell you, I didn't know budgets were this easy, and they're only easy because of the expertise of Jessica and her staff and how easy they make it look. I know that this is not an easy budget, but I feel like an expert on this budget because of the support that my office received from the budget office. So I just want to -- thanks all around. I think this was a very collaborative budget process, and thank you, Mayor, for giving me a chance to say thank you. I would have not been able to live with myself

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leaving this program and not have said thank you to all the others who helped make today's budget possible. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Well commissioner hardesty, as you know, this is the stock and trade of the flower business, so there's always a chance to make it up later. So with that, colleagues, this meeting of the city of Portland budget committee is now adjourned. Thank you all.

**Council adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

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**MAY 21, 2020      2:00 PM**

**Wheeler:** This is the afternoon session of the Portland city council. Karla, could you please call the roll. [roll call taken]

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

under the city of Portland code and state law the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by phone and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can provide written testimony by emailing the clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic, the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. Pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this challenging situation to do the city's business. Karla, please read our first item today, the first item is number 375 time certain.

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, would you like me to read the city attorney statement?

**Wheeler:** I forgot about that. Please read the rules of order and decorum.

**Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney:** To participate you may sign up in advance with the clerk's office for communications to briefly speak. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The publication contains information about how and when to sign up for testimony while the council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. Presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Refusing to conclude or interrupting other testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. A warning will be given that further disruptions may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected. All council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Karla, please read the first time certain item at 2:00 p.m., number 375.

**Moore-Love:** 392?

**Wheeler:** Is it 392?

**Moore-Love:** That's what I have. May 21, right? Yes.

**Fritz:** It is, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Please read it.

**Item 392.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, we continue last thursday's hearing on a proposal to expand opportunities for affordable housing under Portland city code and state law -- I can skip that. All right. First we will hear a summary of testimony on the proposal from the bureau of planning and sustainability staff. We'll spend the rest of the time asking questions and deciding what amendments we think are necessary. I will now turn this over to the bureau - - know what? I'm looking at old talking points. Go ahead.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, if I may, for the record I have reviewed the recorded testimony. I missed the first half of the land use meeting originally, and just wanted to say I have reviewed the record.



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**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. We appreciate that clarification. We'll now hear from staff.

**Eric Engstrom, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Thank you, mayor, commissioners. I'm Eric Engstrom with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. With me is Nan Stark, also with BPS. First I just want to recognize Council's prioritization and intention to create and preserve options for permanently regulated affordable housing. When the term affordable is used it is important to be clear about the definition and who the housing will serve. To be responsive BPS will be reviewing our use of that term to avoid using it when not referring to permanently regulated affordable housing, and we apologize if there's been any confusion or frustration. On behalf of my colleagues we're committed to being clear with our communication on that going forward. As you mentioned, mayor, we want to accomplish a few things with our limited time. We want to update you on the testimony over the past week. We want to confirm the list of potential amendments on the table, make sure our list is accurate. You should have had a list distributed to you with the items that we're aware of. There are both code related and a few map related amendments that have come in. We'll start by addressing the code amendments then discuss your level of interest in the potential map amendments. The new map amendments may require notice to neighbors in allowing some testimony at a future date. So one of the desired actions today is to provide staff directions on those next steps and identify the date that we would return. If time allows we will take questions on the individual amendments if we can. The written record on this closed yesterday as you recall you extended it for written comments, and for an additional week because of the COVID emergency just to make sure that people have adequate time to respond. Nan is here to give you a little summary of what's come in over the past week. I'll turn it over to Nan then I'll come back and talk about the map and code amendments.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Nan Stark, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Good afternoon, mayor, members of the Council. First I want to say thank you so much for taking the time last week to hear everyone. I know that was a longer than expected hearing and everyone appreciates that opportunity to be able to speak. We had 40 people speaking at the hearing as you know. The total of all testimony that we received during this phase of the project, the recommended draft, was 228 pieces of testimony including the 41 people who testified in person at the hearing. Of that, about 35% of the testimony was solely to indicate support for the project. I want to contrast that with what we received during the Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing. We only received testimony in support of the project and then a few map requests all of which were supported. There was no opposition to any piece of it which contrasts with what happened last week, and over the course of the testimony period for this draft. So again about 35% was solely to say we support this project in whole. All of the code changes, all of the map changes. About 15% wanted to advocate to increase the parking allowance for repurposing our parking for the use of housing from 50% to 100%. Then there was opposition to two specific map changes that constituted a lot of the testimony. One in particular was the boundary streets Cedar Sinai. [audio not understandable] that took 20% of the testimony and of that, there were 44 people opposing it, three in support of it. The other one was the St. Philip Neri site, also received about 20% of the testimony. That was opposed by seven individuals who wrote in 14 pieces of testimony, and one person also testified at the hearing to oppose it. Then 28 individuals who supported it. The remaining 10% of the testimony was supporting and opposing specific map changes, so about close to 30 people talking about different ones scattered around the city. I can go into more detail, but there were only generally two or three opposed to specific sites. Others were also indicating support. So that is a summary of the testimony that we received.

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**Engstrom:** Thanks, nan. I'll just go over the code related amendments then that we're aware of. There too we have heard about one addressing the regulated affordability and one about parking. On the affordability amendment we have heard interest in requiring regulated affordability in connection with the conditional use exemption. You should have all received a copy of text amendments prepared by staff and this has been coordinated with bps, bds, and housing staff. Essentially says if adopted this amendment would say that housing built taking advantage of the conditional use exemption must have at least 50% of the dwelling units participating in the system development charges exemption in title 30 of city code. This is an existing program so it gives housing and bds the ability to implement it immediately without having to develop a new program or write new rules. The second amendment around parking we didn't write that up because it's a fairly simple substitution substituting 100% for 50% in the code. Basically today we want to confirm interest in either of these amendments or variations on them. If there is interest we would recommend sharing the amendments with the people who were participating in the last hearing giving them an opportunity to comment in a supplemental hearing potentially a few weeks from now. I guess I'll pause here to allow council to discuss those code amendments and then if we allow enough time we'll return to the map question.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty is up first.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. My first question about the proposed amendments that you recommended, is that language sufficient for us to ensure that each of these properties would at least have 50% of housing at rate that is 60% of the median family income in the Portland metro area?

**Engstrom:** Matt Tschabold is on the line from the housing bureau. He may be able to address specific questions about the program. But that's the intent of the amendment is that the housing that is using this conditional use exception would have to follow the rules of that program.

**Hardesty:** The only way to get system development charge waived traditionally is if you're building housing that fits into mfi affordable at 80% or below?

**Engstrom:** Matt can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe there's two thresholds, one for rental, one for sale.

**Hardesty:** 100% we're told, 100% of mfi, but let's have Matt respond.

**Matt Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau:** Thank you, commissioner. Matthew Tschabold. The exemption program if the unit is rental it's required to be affordable at 60% for 60 years. If it's for sale it cannot exceed 100%, 100% of median income.

**Hardesty:** I wanted to make sure that clarification is on the record. From the hearing I was very concerned we did not spell out specifically that if we make these land use changes our expectation is these would be affordable housing units and affordable based on mfi, in some way. I think at the hearing what we heard was, well, if they sell it it's because they need the money or something. What happens if they sell it, if the land is sold, would that same stipulation be held on the land?

**Engstrom:** Commissioner, this is Eric Engstrom again. Because this is about conditional use sites there's still the possibility that an institution could cease operating and the land would be just residential land. So this stipulation is specific to the institution that has the conditional use review. If it reverts to straight up residential it would not have that.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz is up next.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you, staff, for coming up with this solution. It seems elegant, and Matt, I appreciate the housing bureau is going to be willing to add it to the existing program. So that I understand was the reason that there wasn't the required affordability when it first came to us. I'm glad you've been able to figure that out and I support that. Mayor, a process question, I note we're closing in on 2:30, is it

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your preference to hold off on discussing the map amendments and next steps? Are we going to stop and do the rate hearing --

**Wheeler:** We're not going to stop. Let's blow through this. I think we can get through it reasonably quickly. Time certain is the stipulation that we may not start prior to time certain but I would like to get this finished and move on to that.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Eric, nan, what you are asking for now is feedback on the affordability requirement; is that correct?

**Engstrom:** Today bottom line we want to understand that there's interest in the affordability amendment and in any of the map amendments then we'll try to make a decision about next steps in terms of whether we have to have a hearing, how far out we can schedule those things.

**Fritz:** Is now the right time to talk about map amendments?

**Wheeler:** Do those next. He wants to tee up the affordability question then we'll tee up the parking question and then we can move on to the question of map amendments.

**Fritz:** Got it. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** He's just getting feedback on the affordability question. Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm having a bit of a hard time following you because the landscapers have just shown up and are mowing the lawn right outside of my apartment. We are now talking about the affordability amendment, right?

**Engstrom:** Right.

**Eudaly:** Well, I just want to express my appreciation to staff for working with us to come up with a plan that is amenable to it seems like everyone involved and is also doable for the bureau. So my understanding is that the housing coalition that brought this zoning changes forward is always intended for it to be affordable housing, very supportive of this amendment. And support having that added back. I also am happy with the 50% mfi for rental, 80% for homeownership, 99-year affordability. That's a huge win for affordable housing both rental and homeownership. I really don't think we could ask for more from private developers. So thank you for that. I was really trying to listen, but I'm not sure if you went into the options to modify the sdc requirements for the project or anything about the timeline to add affordability. Did we get to that?

**Engstrom:** We didn't dive into the details of the housing bureau program if that's what you're asking.

**Eudaly:** Well, do we need to discuss that today or I guess I'm -- oh, great.

**Engstrom:** It's that time of day.

**Wheeler:** Beautiful.

**Eudaly:** So yeah, I apologize. I will just say I want to know what the options are about modifying the sdc requirements, what the timeline for affordability to the project. I want to signal that I'm interested in revising our waiver requirements over all. [audio not understandable] I understand the bureau has a full work plan and I'm interested in adding an sdc. [audio not understandable] not now, but once there's capacity in the future. I'm going to mute now.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I just wanted to -- commissioner Eudaly raised a couple of points that didn't sound like what Eric had said. I just want to repeat and see if we're all hearing the same things. So what I think I heard was that these changes as recommended would provide for affordable housing at 80% of mfi -- I'm sorry, 60% of mfi, and it would be for 60 years. I heard for homeownership it would be at 100% of mfi, and I'm assuming that also has the same 60-year timeline. I just want to make sure commissioner Eudaly and I are both hearing the same thing at the same time.

**Eudaly:** I'm sorry for the confusion. The 60% mfi for rental, 80% for homeownership, 99 year affordability is what the housing coalition -- what I would be interested in pursuing.

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**Hardesty:** That clarifies it for me. Thank you. We're talking about two different things. Let me just say that I support the affordability amendment as has been proposed. Yes, I'll just say that. I also support what commissioner eudaly said but it sounds like if we were to go the route that commissioner eudaly is suggesting it may set us behind a significant period of time. Is that accurate?

**Engstrom:** I guess my understanding is that if we adopt the amendment that that staff has written what would go into effect short term is the existing sdc program thresholds. What I understand commissioner eudaly is talking about is potentially a future modification to adjust the amount and the mfi rate.

**Tschabold:** Commissioner hardesty if I could make one clarification, the homeownership requirements are not 99 years requirements. We do not require the buyers to resell to an income eligible household.

**Hardesty:** Very good. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** I'll chime in on this. I strongly support this alignment with sdc waiver program. 50% of the units at 60% mfi for 60 years. I want to thank the bureau of planning and sustainability and the housing bureau. This is a pragmatic approach to create lower income housing. I strongly support this direction. Is that residual or do you have another comment?

**Hardesty:** Residual.

**Wheeler:** What's next, the parking yes?

**Engstrom:** Yes. We don't necessarily need to go into the details, we're just trying to assess if this is an amendment that there's interest in.

**Wheeler:** No, I'm not interested. I think 50% is a good first phase for the proposal so I would affirm the planning and sustainability commission's recommendation.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, if I may --

**Fritz:** I think I was next.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, commissioner eudaly, then commissioner hardesty.

**Fritz:** I agree I think we should affirm the planning commission's recommendation. I'm not interested in expanding parking to 100%.

**Eudaly:** Thanks, mayor. This is a topic I was really interested in when I first saw the 50% reduction. I wanted to know how that related to the capacity of a given site and how it related to the existing parking requirements in whatever neighborhood the site is located in. It turned out there was no blanket answer, it varies from site to site, so that's a little frustrating just because we don't know what reasonable or adequate parking would be. We're approaching this with a blanket solution which means in some cases we may have too much parking, in some cases not enough. It's just a test. Thing to figure out in the short term. I would like to hear how waiving the parking requirements altogether would align with current parking requirements or revisions under consideration. That possible to answer given what we know?

**Engstrom:** I can take a stab at it. On the two sides of the coin here on one hand there are going to be some institutions that exist in neighborhoods right next to commercial zoning where there is no parking requirement so it seems disjointed from our current policy of not requiring off-street parking. On the other hand as you mentioned the institutions' parking amounts are set by discretionary land use process. If we set it to 100% removal we're saying those recent or past negotiations don't matter any more and we're going to put that aside. It could create some distrust or frustration from people who have been in those negotiations. It puts bds in the awkward position of continuing to negotiate that knowing it could be undone later. So that's kind of the two sides.

**Eudaly:** I'll just say I'm generally supportive of a careful consideration of parking and minimizing it as much as possible, but I don't think a blanket 100% reduction is the right approach given how different these sites are in as you said proximity to areas with no

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parking. Yeah, this seems like a complicated conversation that would potentially delay the project. Certainly something worth considering in the future but I don't think I support it at this moment.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Commissioner hardesty, do you want to get in on this?

**Hardesty:** It feels so anti-climatic for me to talk about this at this -- [laughter] let me just say that I just will echo what commissioner eudaly said. I certainly had an interest when I first heard about this but my interest was more around if we're building multifamily units where are these kids going to play, and are we cutting off opportunities to create outdoor adventure and opportunities for young folks. So I also am not interested in moving a one-size fits all solution forward. Some of these sites are big enough that even taking half of the parking there's still a significant space available, and some have almost no parking and rely very heavily on-street parking. I don't think in this instance a one-size policy makes sense. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Eric, how quickly -- commissioner eudaly? No? Eric, can you walk us quickly through the map amendments?

**Engstrom:** Certainly. There are six potential changes to the map that came from testimony. One or two of them are straightforward and one is somewhat complicated. The rest are in between. The change to the st. Andrews site is straightforward because it's implementing a compromise between that institution and neighbors. You may want to just consider accepting that change. You would not have to do extra hearings for that one because the site was already part of the proposal and neighbors have already had due process. On the flip side the mississippi site is more complicated.

**Wheeler:** Is there any opposition to the st. Andrews compromise? There's no opposition. So take that one off the list as no problem. Let's start with the easy ones.

**Engstrom:** Okay. Well, the other ones -- the two that are the least sort of thought through are the southeast stark site and the vancouver avenue additional site. Both those came in during testimony that you heard in your last hearing that did not come from the property owner, they came from neighbors who were expressing interest. So I guess I would describe those as not as fully baked as the others. So we would advise you there's probably more information you need for those sites. The vancouver site is next door to the hill blocks. But that particular parcel has not been part of the conversation about rezoning yet. You did hear a recommendation from that advisory group about the actual hill block site but they are not had time to look at this option.

**Wheeler:** So what is the process on this and 6161 southeast stark? Are you going to put a package of information together or is someone going to make a recommendation, is planning and sustainability going to look at it? What do you recommend?

**Engstrom:** If you're going to consider any of these map changes what we could do is notify the neighbors of all of them and then see what happens at a supplemental hearing. The one that we have the most information about is the st. Philip deacon on northeast knott. That's a change from multifamily to mixed use potentially. That site fits pretty well within the intent of project and may have an institution that's interested in moving forward with some housing. The complicated one that I want to go to a little more is the mississippi avenue change. That one, this project was advertised as an opportunity to facilitate housing on land controlled by institutions and community based organizations. While that site has a compelling potentially compelling story, it is about an individual residential property. That's why the psc didn't act on it. If the council were to take up that change, we have had advice from the attorney that we mail supplemental notice to dlcd to inform them of the potential scope change and that could take a longer time. That would be a five week time frame to give them the appropriate notice at the state level about that scope change which would mean it would take a little longer before we could consider that item. The

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other changes you could potentially consider them if you give us a few weeks time to send out a notice to the neighbors and give them an opportunity to come back and give written or oral testimony at a follow-up meeting.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Let's get some questions then. Commissioner Fritz, then commissioner eudaly.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Colleagues, I would like to suggest this may be a two or three part project that I think we all agree that for the ones where they are noncontroversial and where we get more housing as quickly as possible we would like to move those forward. It seems like there may be a package a that we could go without more public testimony other than affordability which it seems like we're getting a lot of support from individual properties. Then I think there's a second -- a little longer process like eric was just talking about with notification to dlcd, work with the neighbors, some of the opposition we heard to the boundary sites was there had not been enough process so that could potentially be in the second package including potentially looking at the mississippi avenue site as one that wasn't in the original scope. On the other hand, I think it's a little troubling that we would only make it faith based institutions and not allow other property owners to have an opportunity to participate. Finally I think there's a little bit of a longer term project on anti-displacement. Commissioner eudaly has some thoughts on this too and my staff has circulated an amendment. Could we look at this not only as anti-displacement but wealth creation and addressing the disparities that we know happen because of of the racist redlining, et cetera, in the past. So that could be the next project which potentially could roll into the anti-displacement work that's being done with residential infill project.

**Wheeler:** Before I move on, would you have a proposal specific to what would be in your package a of amendments that are ready to go now?

**Fritz:** I'm pretty sure eric has that, right? The ones we have consensus on, that have been fully vetted and had the public participation they need to have.

**Wheeler:** Would you include st. Philip the deacon in that or not?

**Fritz:** That one is a new request for a different zoning is that correct?

**Wheeler:** From rm1 to cm2.

**Fritz:** I would take our expert planner's advice whether that needs more public process or whether that's ready to go or not.

**Wheeler:** Good. Sounds like the mississippi site because of the notifications that are required and the focus on individually owned sites is probably plan b, or c.

**Fritz:** I would hope it would be the second part rather than the third part. To me this is a really intriguing possibility that ms. Clay brought before us. I remember when verde came in and asked us to transfer development rights near cully park to be able to do more affordable housing and I wasn't even aware of that possibility. Because they raised it, we then realized the far transfers in the central city might be available if we made some code changes so we now are in the middle of a project that will be coming to council shortly on how could the city use the city owned sites to generate public benefit. So all though the verde request was the one off too I consider it a finders fee that we then did the transfer to them because they had been the one that brought it to my attention. So I think that a case can be made that ms. Clay having raised this opportunity to address the history of racist planning and to also provide some anti-displacement in other areas of the city, it's really intriguing and I appreciate that she brought it.

**Wheeler:** I'll move this on in a second. I want to finish this line of thought. I would assume that north vancouver and southeast stark as eric said require more process so those would not be immediate. It sounds like we're in consensus on st. Andrews. Then there's this one other boundary street site. I would be supportive of removing boundary street. I would look to commissioner eudaly's office and pbot to address those. Commissioner eudaly?

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**Fritz:** If I could comment on the last piece, I think that the boundary site has distinct possibilities and as commissioner eudaly said last week in the hearing there would be transportation analysis to be able to do it, but I think the challenge with that site is that we heard from the neighbors that they had not been included in the process at all. So I think that that I certainly wouldn't want to take it completely off the table or shunt it to a third part but potentially it could be managed in the second part of this project.

**Wheeler:** Good perspective. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. My package would not include anything that would delay the project. So that's where I'm at on that question. The zoning changes impact religious, educational and fraternal organizations. That makes sense to me because they are very unique in the universe of landowners and they all have conditional use permits. It's my opinion that opening this up to property owners that fall outside of that designation seems problematic. Why wouldn't we allow everyone a chance to hop on this wagon? I'm not supportive of the kind of spot zoning approach this time around. First question is -- [audio not understandable] st. Philip, both religious organizations, if they are not included in the first round, they still will have the benefit of easier roads to development. Is that correct?

**Engstrom:** Correct. As we mentioned the project has two parts where the first part is to allow that path for conditional use sites -- [audio not understandable] the second path was the zone changes. The difference is the density they would be allowed to have with the zone change they would have a higher number.

**Eudaly:** I see. I also support removing the boundary project. I would be really uncomfortable with including it considering the level of opposition we heard from the immediate neighbors. It sounds like there are existing challenges between that facility and the neighborhood. I took a look at the street view and there is really inadequate infrastructure there for cars, pedestrians, cyclists. I would support removing that although I would like to think those issues would be addressed in the development review process when it comes to pbot's part. It would be hard for me to overlook the opposition. The last comment I have is while I don't support including the mississippi site just because it would delay the project and because it doesn't fall within the scope of the zoning changes, it really pains me to not give benefit to this property owner. I want to consider whether we could look or whether bps could look at creating some kind of restorative justice zoning project. We know there's other black property owners in north northeast Portland who probably have similar circumstances. This is not a well developed spot in my mind. But it's another -- this is another moment where you have that amazing history of racist planning. We're acknowledging the harm that we did to the black communities through public policy and the devastation brought on that community by urban development, redlining, everything. What are we going to do about it? Is there some really innovative thing we should do through zoning that could acknowledge past harm, allow those owners to build wealth in their properties and create more housing. [audio not understandable] I'm going to mute you again because they are back with the lawnmower.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner hardesty, then commissioner Fritz.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I don't have a lot to add to what has already been said. I absolutely support commissioner Fritz' recommendation that the properties that are ready to go that fit into the vision that we have about faith institutions and nonprofits being able to use their land to help with our affordable housing issues. I also would not support the boundary site just because of all the feedback we heard from neighbors about the unwillingness to be a good neighbor and the ignoring of good neighbor agreements in the past. I think that that organization needs to do some work to build relationships in that community before they could hope to develop that property further. I support commissioner Fritz' recommendation that the ones that have already been fully vetted that have had public input already, the ones that are ready to go should go and we should not delay the

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over all package because others will need additional work. I also support commissioner Fritz in trying to find a solution for the individual homeowner. I think it's unfortunate that the individual homeowner who has had the experience that black people have had in Portland around housing and around access to capital, I find it unfortunate that her conversation was happening in a context of whether churches and nonprofits would be able to get zone changes to build affordable housing. I agree that with commissioner eudaly that we need a process that actually helps homeowners like that who have a vision for moving forward, especially in communities that have been devastated by previous public policies. But I think what we're trying to do is stick a square device to a round hole and this was not -- this process was not created for that kind of deliberation. I would like to see that deliberation happen, but in a much more -- contractual way with community members who have that lived experience. We're trying to mix it all together and it doesn't feel right. I would not support it moving forward in this manner at this time but I certainly would support housing and bds working with that property owner to come up with some recommendations about how the city could be supportive and helping her achieve her vision.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Just a reminder the reason this was focused on institutions is that's what we applied for the grant to metro. There wasn't any particular -- other than knowing that there's large properties that have vacant land. As eric said, notification to the departments would take care of some of that. I do think -- I appreciate the support moving forward with the ones that are ready to go and would appreciate hearing from nan and eric on next steps to do the second package but then also how long would it take to do some things to address property owners like ms. Clay and others to help them. She has identified that this is the way that the city can help her and in particular that she's not eligible to get prosper Portland's assistance unless she has the change from single family zoning. Could I get eric and nan to comment on the second part of what we're going to do, please?

**Engstrom:** Thank you, commissioner. In generally think bps we have been talking about this question of is there a zoning project that follows up on the racist history of zoning project and to take specific action. There are a number of potential elements to a project like that. We have to figure out, of course in this time of tight budgets and staffing resource issues when that would happen and how we could make that happen but I can just say from an interest perspective bps is interested in having that discussion. If there was a short-term come back in a few months with a follow-up ordinance for a few properties that's fairly doable if that's an element of what council wants to do here. The longer term sort of phase 3 project as you described it, we have to figure out what the scope of that would be and how long that would take. In general zoning projects take around 18 months between the planning and the execution and the going through the legislative process. What I heard --

**Stark:** The anti-displacement project that is a program that bps does have in existence now. We have been talking about folding in on that project like this exactly what we're talking about into that program, but again, that would take probably a good 18 months to two years to end up with those map changes. So it does take a while if you're going to do a really comprehensive outreach to the communities that are most involved in that.

**Engstrom:** In terms of next steps today what I was hearing from the commissioners as you talked was interest in the affordability amendments, the amending st. Andrews and removing boundary street, then what sounded like was on the edge was some discussion whether to include the st. Philip the deacon or not. Lauren, the city attorney, could maybe help me if I get this wrong. Choice you have if that's your interest you could come back -- we're on the calendar again on the 28th. You could direct us to come back then and have the final votes on these amendments then. If that was your pallet, or you could direct us if



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you want to include the new property, st. Philip the deacon, you could direct to us send notice to the neighbors of that project and then have us come back like the week of June 8 or possibly the following week for a short supplemental hearing just on that and the affordability amendments, then so that isn't much of a delay in terms of timeline choices. And then we would come back the following week after that with supplemental findings to support those amendments.

**Lauren King:** Eric, I want to make sure, you're saying the affordable housing code amendments removing boundary street, amending st. Andrews, and adding st. Philip the deacon?

**Engstrom:** Well, I think if you weren't adding st. Philip the deacon we talked about potentially you could move forward without more testimony.

**King:** So if it were just those three, what we would want to do is get notice to the participants? Is that what you're suggesting, another hearing, opportunity to testify or just come back with an amendment?

**Engstrom:** I'm asking that question. If there's no new map amendments do you advise us to come back and ask people who participated in the last meeting another opportunity to comment on the amendments or are you comfortable voting on the amendments next week and moving on from there.

**King:** Yeah. That's going to be a risk assessment if council feels like and bps feels like people had the opportunity and were aware of those opportunities and had the opportunity to participate last time. The affordability has been a part of the package from the beginning. But it has evolved a little bit, the requirements. So it depends on whether or not council feels like they have heard enough testimony about these specific amendments and whether or not everyone that showed up to testify last time understood them and adequately had the opportunity to speak. I will note that the language was not available last time, so even though people testified about the concept of affordability they may not have known the specifics particularly here talking about the connection to sdc waiver, all of that is new.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Well, mayor, i'm mindful the rest of us are hogging the conversation. I want to hear your opinion on this. Usually we hear testimony and come up with amendments as long as it's on the general topic of what people were asking for the amendment will be on the table and we could take written testimony, is that correct, lauren?

**King:** Yes. Traditionally we try to have the language available or at least a clear idea of the concept so people can testify on them. As I said the idea of affordability has been part of this package from the beginning so it's not new, but the specific -- there may be people that feel they didn't get to comment on the specifics of the project. That's the assessment council needs to make.

**Wheeler:** My thinking is consistent with what you said earlier, commissioner Fritz, I think there's an a, a b, and a c. I would like to move forward now with what we know we have consensus on, get it done. I see commissioner Hardesty giving us the twinkle fingers on that. Thank you. Some of the others that require process since we are doing one offs i'm not eager to short change the process. I think we can get to yes on those but since they are specifically brought back as one offs I don't think there's expectation on the part of the proponents that we're necessarily going to move those immediately. I say let's move forward fast with what we know we have consensus on and i'm fine taking public testimony or having further hearings throughout the summer to get to the other items. Some have a lot of merit. I'm not eager to slow the process down to include them.

**King:** And I may make one suggestion. I cut Eric off and also sounded like there wasn't controversy

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**Wheeler:** We don't have controversy but we don't have consensus because we don't have enough information. I'm saying st. Philip the deacon, northeast knott, I think we need more information.

**Wheeler:** That's what I heard from my colleagues. That's certainly my position.

**King:** I guess what I would suggest one thing council could consider if council wanted to send the postcard notice then take that up as well as all the others in another hearing.

**Wheeler:** I don't want to slow it down. That's my concern. What happens if we put postcards out and it blows up the neighborhood. We have no basis to know how the neighborhood is going to react and I don't want that to put the larger package in jeopardy.

**King:** Sure. Understood. I think that the remaining items I don't know if we can necessarily come back with an ordinance. I think some of it will need to go back to planning commission. We'll need to spend time thinking about whether or not we could package it back before the city council or whether or not --

**Wheeler:** You have a week to figure it out. Eric, can you give us some guidance, please, on what you need from council with regard to our council schedule so that Karla has an understanding what it is she's scheduling?

**Engstrom:** My understanding is we already are penciled in for the 28th, next week. I think we have a half hour there.

**Wheeler:** Can we extend that? I don't know how this got put on for half an hour. We're not going to wrap that up in half an hour, are we?

**Hardesty:** We're tired. We just agreed for anything to be done.

**Wheeler:** I would like commissioner Fritz --

**Fritz:** I just have a detail request about st. Philip the deacon. I notice you support the map amendment and there was a request that they testified about the cm3 at the planning commission. Is it possible we could add that? I'm reading there would be sufficient time for neighborhood notification prior to the june hearing date. Would you be comfortable adding st. Philip the deacon? Eric and nan?

**Engstrom:** Staff is -- we looked at it and just from a substance perspective it's supportable. I think it has the infrastructure, it's within the scope. There's a project that they are interested in. The main issue I think right now is just that if we wanted to send a postcard out and get neighborhood input we would probably want to take an extra week or two to allow that postcard to be out in the world. What I'm hearing the mayor say is let's move fast with the ones that we know we have consensus on and put that in a package b. So if we -- if we just do the st. Andrews and boundary street removal and the affordability amendments, staff can prepare the material you need to make votes on those amendments on the 28th whether you have enough time in that session or not I guess is up to you. But if we did that on the 28th we would just advise you we come back a week or two later to wrap up any findings to make sure we have the record in order then you could pass it to second reading. If you want to include the st. Philip the deacon, you probably would not have the meeting next week and would instead ask us to come back in a week or two.

**Wheeler:** Let's do the thing next week with consensus. Let's pass it. That does not preclude us from coming back in two weeks, three weeks or any number of weeks to discuss the st. Philip the deacon.

**King:** Correct. We have to figure out whether you can directly take that up or we have to pass it back --

**Wheeler:** Life is short. What do we have on the 28th as a consensus package?

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, the 28th is thursday and that is central city. We're going to move this to the 27th. The 2:00 p.m. is open. Otherwise we don't have any time certain in the morning and we only have about a half hour of regular agenda. You can do either the 9:30 or 2:00 p.m. On the 27th.

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**Wheeler:** What do we have after 2:00 p.m.?

**Moore-Love:** Nothing else is scheduled.

**Wheeler:** Schedule it at 2:00 p.m. So there's no time pressure.

**King:** The plan is on the 27th for council to reconvene and vote on the amendments, the record will remain closed. Is that what i'm understanding?

**Engstrom:** That's what I heard. I guess I would also add that I heard several commissioners mention interest in an additional directive in the ordinance for the follow-up project.

**King:** We can include that in the amendments when council votes on the 27th.

**Moore-Love:** Right.

**Wheeler:** Hallelujah: Good. Any further direction, eric?

**Engstrom:** No, I think we're clear and we got what we needed today. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Karla, do you have everything you need for the scheduling?

**Moroe-Love:** I do, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Anything else on this subject before we move to the next council agenda item? All right, good discussion.

**Engstrom:** This was very helpful. I appreciate it.

**Wheeler:** Thanks for your good work on this. Please read 393. No, the numbers changed.

**Moore-Love:** You're correct. 393.

**Wheeler:** Good.

### **Item 393.**

**Wheeler:** The next three ordinances are annual updates to utility rates. Solid waste and recycling rates, water rates, sewer and stormwater rates and fees. The first ordinance adjusts the monthly rates for collection of residential garbage, recycling and composting, waste collection is an essential service that must continue even during a public health crisis. The bureau of planning and sustainability has done a great job working with our private garbage and recycling companies to ensure residents' garbage, recycling and compost continues to be collected while protecting the health and safety of the drivers and their staff. It's important for us to remember and acknowledge and recognize their role as essential employees in this whole endeavor. As for the rates, the city's franchise agreements with residential haulers require us to conduct the annual rate reviews and ensure rates accurately reflect costs of delivering services. Bps has thoughtfully reviewed the costs associated with residential waste collection and is proposing a monthly rate increase of \$1 for most customers. \$1 a month for most customers. Bruce walker and ariana sperry are here to share the findings from this year's garbage and recycling rate review. Welcome.

**Bruce Walker, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Good afternoon. Mayor, i'm bruce walker, waste collections program manager for the bureau of planning and sustainability. With me today is ariane sperry, who leads the solid waste rate review work for our program. We're providing the findings of our annual rate review process and proposing rates for curbside collection of residential garbage, recycling, yard debris and food scraps. Curbside includes single familiy homes, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. The city does not set rates for the commercial sector which includes units five units or larger. Today we will present key rate factors and the proposed rates to you for the residential collection service but first wanted to provide brief updates on current conditions.

**Wheeler:** Before you continue, i'm sorry to interrupt you. Karla, could you read items 394 and 395 at the same time?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, mayor. Let me grab those.

**Wheeler:** One moment, bruce.

### **Items 394 and 395.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Karla. Bruce, pardon my interruption.

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**Walker:** No problem whatsoever. You are all well aware of the circumstances we're operating in with the covid-19 public health emergency. When conditions worsened during march, bps staff were very concerned and our office was in daily contact with Portland haulers. Fortunately, their drivers and staff are remaining healthy and able to make their scheduled collections. Garbage composting and recycling collections are recognized as an essential service and their route drivers are in the front line of delivering these services to the public. The drivers are very proud of their efforts to meet the community's needs. On a related topic, because of the economic impact of the health emergency, bps and Portland haulers association have reached an agreement for services, service continuation at residences unable to make payments on their garbage bill. Both bps and the haulers recognize that continuity of service is important during these times and are working together in this effort. Appreciations. Residents are recognizing the effort and risk haulers are undertaking to maintain they sendings service, and we have received word of many appreciations shared with haulers and drivers. Here are some of the examples of messages from the public hoping their drivers stay safe.

**Wheeler:** That's awesome. Great to see.

**Walker:** Speaking of staying safe we want to give a brief update on truck side guard project. They are the white panels that you see in the photo that are designed to physically block side openings on a large truck in the event of a side impact. The side guards reduce risk, protect vulnerable road users such as bicyclists, walkers and wheelchair users. In january, Portland city council approved a bps proposal that aligns with the city's vision zero traffic safety program. Project accelerates the installation of side guards over a two-year period on all garbage recycling and compost trucks. Portland haulers immediately began working on installation though the impact of the covid-19 emergency has caused some delay. Bps is committed to work with haulers to bring this plo project to completion on schedule. Now, I would like to turn it over to arienne sperry to present information on this year's rate review.

**Ariane Sperry, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Thank you, bruce. As many of you know we use an independent epa to analyze hauler financial records and project those costs forward to determine cost of providing service Portland households over the coming rate year. This year there are two new items affecting residential rates. The first new item is the state of Oregon corporate activity tax. Beginning january 1, 2020, businesses with more than \$1 million in commercial activity in the state of Oregon must pay this new tax. We estimate that the corporate activity tax will increase residential garbage bills by about 20 cents a month. The second is the Portland clean energy surcharge. Last spring when we were here we included costs related to the clean energy surcharge in the residential rates. Subsequently city council voted to exclude residential garbage collection from the surcharge. In february of this year new rates took effect that both removed the costs associated with the surcharge and included a customer rebate to compensate residents for the amount they had already paid toward the clean energy surcharge through the rates. The rebate was calculated to be in place through june 30, 2020. The removal of the rebate increases monthly bills by about 25 cents. You'll notice combined the two items account for 45 cents of upward pressure on rates. Now in addition to the two new factors we have our typical rate drivers. Prices are rising because of investment in newer, cleaner trucks and contract labor costs. Over all these check out to a dollar increase for a typical resident that has collections every other week. After we have determined the cost to provide each level of service bps has historically included small disincentive premiums. [audio not understandable] on the smaller garbage containers. To help encourage waste reduction and recycling. Those have grown in magnitude over time. In recent years we have been working to ratchet them back. This year while many residents are at home and are generating more household garbage, we're looking to reduce the disincentive premium

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and hold that flat. With people home from work and school folks may need more garbage capacity and with budgets tight all around we want to make sure folks can sign up for the rightsized garbage container to meet their household needs. We want to encourage folks to continue putting their garbage into the container and not do any wishful recycling so we can continue to collect and market clean recycling here in Portland. Bps is proposing to allow the rate for the every four weeks collection service to rise by a dollar 20. This is because the real cost of providing every four week service is driving more than other service levels this year. Why is that? As recycling and composting become a bigger part of the service we provide, we see more costs related to buying newer, cleaner vehicles to provide that recycling and composting collection and we're seeing that this year too. [audio not understandable] going up. For most service levels those increased costs are offset somewhat by lower garbage collection costs. Every four week service is different. That service level receives the same amount of recycling and composting but only half as much garbage service which means it doesn't receive that same offset so the cost of service is rising more. The every four week service already has the largest subsidy of all the service levels and bps believes is not appropriate to increase it further. There are about 6% of the customer base that subscribes to the every four week service. That is the extent of our presentation today. So we're happy to answer any questions.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. Colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you. What's happening to the charge for the on-call garbage pickup, please?

**Sperry:** That was a question. I can get back to you on that. I don't have that at my fingertips.

**Fritz:** Thanks very much.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, I have a question. My question had to do with the high cost of once every four week pickup. Was there an assumption made that it would be more cost effective for residential homeowners to have a once a month pickup and we're finding that that is not panning out? Is that correct?

**Sperry:** The every four week garbage service provides the same garbage capacity as the 35 gallon roll cart collected -- i'm sorry the 20 gallon roll cart collected every week but the folks that have that every four weeks collection service really appreciate that service a lot and so we have maintained that service even though it doesn't provide as much of cost reduction as we might think it would. Just because as we provide more service and recycling and composting that is a greater portion of the cost of the full rate.

**Hardesty:** And we are subsidizing folks who have a once a month pickup?

**Sperry:** Yes, it's part of our incentive to do more waste reduction and recycling. We do subsidize the smaller service levels so the 20 gallon and every four week service level receive a subsidy.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any further questions? All right, does that complete the presentation for 393?

**Sperry:** Mayor, it does. I believe there's testimony if this is --

**Wheeler:** I what would like to do is have all three of the hearings and then let's do the testimony combined. Then we'll move these ordinances. Do you -- are you suggesting we have invited testimony?

**Sperry:** No.

**Wheeler:** Just public testimony. Why don't we go through each of these three because we have the water services then sewer and stormwater. Let's go through the three presentations then do public testimony together. Very good. Excellent presentation. Next up then is 394.

**Fritz:** I think that's me. We already read the title. Thank you. I have been in charge of the water bureau a little over two years and they have continued to show us that they work

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every day to provide their customers with clean, healthy, reliable water. Not only that they continually work on how they can provide this service at the lowest rate possible. This budget is a reflection of this work through the leadership of finance manager, director michael stuhr and the director we have taken a modest increase and tightened up even further. Cuts include the willamette river pipeline which has been delayed due to permitting issues. That project when we start the work will keep the water flowing underneath the river to the west side even after the big earthquake. You will also hear about what director mike stuhr calls a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fund the filtration plant project using a federal water infrastructure financing and innovation act loan which if we are fortunate enough to get it will save ratepayers and we expect to hear on that application later in the summer, early fall. I also need to acknowledge while we're not used to hearing bureaus taking the leadership in equity work the water bureau has been doing that with the guidance of the equity manager, deputy director and others. They have developed an equity name work and associated checklist to help the water bureau and the customers they serve lift out of this pandemic including good work on the tool box which we adopted yesterday. The mayor and I are working with our bureaus to develop a small business assistance program for utility bills in partnership with prosper Portland which we hope to roll out in the next few weeks. With that I will turn it over to water bureau staff.

**Wheeler:** Good. If you could introduce yourself for the record.

**Mike Stuhr, Water Bureau Director:** Will do. Good afternoon, mr. Mayor, commissioners, i'm mike stuhr, director of the Portland water bureau. I'm joined at our virtual table by cecilia hewn, finance director, she will be bearing the big load in this presentation. Also joining us are gabe solmer, deputy director, and kathy koch, director of customer service, to help with any questions we might have. Next slide, please. As commissioner Fritz mentioned we have been working very hard in our year and a half long strategic planning effort to improve water service, improve equity throughout our system. In our presentation this afternoon i'm going to spend a brief time outlining the work we have under way. What our rate ordinance is, which cecilia will cover in some detail. We're going to clarify our financial assistance building and rate information, and provide some context regionally and nationally for our water service. What you see before you is the rollout of our mission vision and equity statement that was created as part of our strategic plan. We're committed to keeping the water on for Portlanders, all Portlanders, and serving excellent water every day. As a matter of fact, during this covid adventure I guess I would call it during our covid adventure we have had staff working both outside and inside every day since the beginning of this exercise it make sure people have water when and where they need it. Next slide, please. We're doing all this --

**Hardesty:** Michael, before you continue, could you to your equity statement, please?

**Stuhr:** Yes, ma'am.

**Hardesty:** It's always a pleasure, mike, I appreciate your presentation. I want a definition of marginalized communities.

**Stuhr:** Can gabe or cathy talk about that, please?

**Hardesty:** That's fine. I just wanted to acknowledge it's in your equity statement and to me it puts the burden on the communities, it's not the communities are not marginalized because they want it to be, so i'm just wondering about the terminology, if this is your equity statement I want clarity about what that means.

**Gabriel Solmer, Deputy Director Bureau:** Thank you, commissioner. I'm the deputy director. We worked with a number of communities to come up with the language that we used in our statements both in our mission vision and equity statements. So I would have to go back to those conversations, but using an equity framework, an equity lens, this is the language we came up with. You're right that how we frame this work helps determine

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how the work gets done, so I would be happy to follow up with you on some of the thinking behind that.

**Hardesty:** I appreciate that. Underserved, underrepresented, the word marginalized hits me in a way implies something is wrong with the community. The community didn't marginalize themselves.

**Stuhr:** Correct. We went through that thinking about exactly how to put that. I'm happy to share that with your office.

**Wheeler:** Okay, commissioner?

**Hardesty:** Yes. Thank you.

**Stuhr:** Next slide, please. So how are we going to do this is our key priorities which you see in front of you. In order to speed along a little bit I'll summarize this four words. Safe. Reliable. Affordable. Resilient. Particularly mentioning affordable and resilient and we'll go through a little more on affordability as we proceed. Resilient is to handle Mike's worst nightmare, which is a subduction zone earthquake, we want to be able to respond to that and that's what the Willamette River crossing is designed to do. We watch all of these priorities as we move along. Next slide, please. In addition to the extensive strategic planning work that we have done, the bureau's proposed rate ordinance and budget continues important equity work from previous years and advances new work. I'm extremely proud and I know Gabe and all of the staff at the water bureau are very proud of our efforts in equity over the past few years, particularly the last year. We have hired a fantastic equity manager for the bureau, Eric Pacheco. We have had six members of our staff participate in the results based accountability training done by Erica and her partner Theo, which I think Council has experienced at least an afternoon with them. These efforts have inform our performance measures including the equity measures and helped inform our analysis of our budget to make sure that we apply equity in every aspect of our work. We'll be focusing more on equity based performance measures, participating in our own ADA Trance plan. We have financial help for people who need it. Cecilia will talk about that in more detail. We have used an equity lens in building every aspect of our budget and three of the positions that remain we have deleted 11 positions in the budget ask that was part of our process to reduce the rate impact, will include an equity coordinator to support the equity manager, communications staff member to work on communicating with communities, and also employee fully dedicated to equity work. Next slide, please. So I'm going to talk a little bit about what is the water bureau rate. What does it mean? There's always a little confusion in the community because we issue a combined bill, which is very typical in our industry, it's not something unique to Portland. People call the whole thing the water bill. It's really not the water bill. It's three or four big things. It's the water bill, it's the bill for the sewer system, it's the bill for the stormwater system, the small contribution to the Portland Harbor Superfund, and something called the base charge, which is basically provides customer service, billing and meter reading and that actually serves both the bureau of environmental services and the Portland water bureau. If you're looking at that big colored coin and imagined it was a dollar the water system itself is someplace between 25 and 30% of the bill depending upon how much of the base charge you want to attribute to it. So we always like to clarify that. Now I'm going to turn this over to Cecilia who will go through more detail.

**Cecelia Huynh, Finance Director Water Bureau:** Thank you, Mike. I'm Cecilia, finance director for the Portland water bureau. Next slide, please. This ordinance authorizes the rates, fees and charges for the revenues that are illustrated on this slide. Total about \$215 million for fiscal year 20-21. Majority of the revenues about 200 million of it is from water sales revenue. We have about 6.5 million in revenues from capital charges that we are expecting from the fiscal year which are work we do for developments, putting in the services and mains, system development charges are expected to generate about 3.3

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million. We had anticipated 2.8 million revenues from late fees and about 2 million from miscellaneous charges and fees including permits. The one thing to note about these revenue projections is that we made them earlier this calendar year, in January. That's definitely before the whole situation with the COVID-19 that we're now experiencing. We will experience revenue shortfall as a result of COVID-19. We don't know exactly the extent of that revenue shortfall. At a minimum we will have less revenue from the late fees. That's mainly because we're not assessing them. We're not assessing late fees on our accounts at this point. We'll not do so for some time. Our plan is to offset as much of the revenue losses from reducing costs next year, so our work next year will be to look at how we can reduce our cost to offset the revenue losses. Our whole -- fall bump we'll have a clearer picture of the revenue shortfall for next year.

**Wheeler:** This is great. Fascinating question. How has this changed? What do you want to us take away from this chart?

**Huynh:** Water sales that is heavily dependent on our water demand and so as our businesses are using less that's going to impact the revenue coming in from that.

**Wheeler:** Has the percentage shifted as a result of the economic crisis and if so how?

**Huynh:** At this point we have not looked at that. Again, not knowing how much less customers will be using, not knowing the duration of what we're working with, we don't know. So --

**Wheeler:** This is just a static diagram of a typical distribution of revenues coming into the bureau?

**Huynh:** Yes. That's our --

**Wheeler:** About water sales. That's the key.

**Huynh:** Yes.

**Wheeler:** Got it.

**Huynh:** Biggest piece. Next slide. So the request for the water rate increase is an increase of 6.5% next fiscal year, a reduction from the 8.6% we submitted in January. We adjusted the budget to achieve this lower rate increase through a variety of things. First, we removed 11 in the next fiscal year, and those were savings from the nonrepresented employees' personnel costs, we did not do inflation on services and the lower interagencies from the mayor's proposed budget. The other thing we did, we adjusted the timing of the revenue bond issue associated with that issue which resulted in lower debt service cost. With all of these, we're able to decrease to 6 1/2%, lowers to the typical customer from \$6.36 to \$2.75 a month, which is a 6 1/2%, so 88 cents less of an increase a month to our residential customer. I want to cover a few reasons for why we still need the rate increase.

**Wheeler:** Before you go on, commissioner Hardesty had a question.

**Hardesty:** My question is about the charges, and you were probably about to go there. That seems like a significant increase. I would like more details on 11.4 versus, you know, 10.8 or something, right? How did that calculation come about?

**Huynh:** So we, as we invest in the water system, there will be an increase to the system development charges because based on the value of our water system. We're doing a lot of work, a lot of capital improvements, we have the reservoir, we're starting to do work on the Willamette and we are investing in the system. As we invest in the system, the system development charges will be increasing. What we do in our conflation, we follow everything by statute regarding charges with the methodology, so that's a calculation that we follow and, again, what's the increase in the value of our system, that does increase our system charge. I do have a graph later at the end of my presentation here that shows us what the water SDC is still among the lowest, when we look at the metropolitan area.



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**Sperry:** Fundamentally, commissioner, we're required to do the calculations this way by law and we can't escape it. As far as the value of the system increases, we're obligated to calculate it this way.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Huynh:** So I just -- for the interests of time, let me just mention, commissioner Fritz alluded to this earlier about the program, we have submitted a program to epa for the innovation act, also known as wepa, and we talked to them every two weeks, so we're starting to work on the terms of the loan, and we hope to close by fall so we are talking about updating the forecast for '21-22, so the rate year subsequent to the one we're talking about. After we close the loan, after we have final terms and after we have the terms, we'll be able to update the forecast, and we hope that forecast will be coming down when we have that loan secured. And lastly, due to covid-19, we are suspending all other fees and charges, including fees to help with development. Next slide. This is a breakdown of the increase of just the water portion of the bill. The base charge is increasing \$3.10 per month. The majorities of our customers, are billed quarterly, so they'll see a dollar or three increase a month for the base charge. The commodity charge up. A unit is about 748 gallons, so you get 15 bathtubs' worth of water. As far as an increase in the residential customer, the 6 1/2 equals \$2.75 a month to the typical residential customer. Next slide. The increases to the bills, to those customers that are in the bureau's financial assistance program, and i'll speak in a little bit more about what financial assistance program that the bureau offers, it has a low-income available to families, the tier 2 is a \$50 discount on the typical monthly use, \$1.37 a month. In the last two years, we added two discounts. That's an 80% discount on the typical monthly usage, so the increase for those qualifying customer is 55 cents a month. Next slide. Please. So our affordability or financial assistance program for our customer, with partnership with bes and the leadership of commissioners Fritz and Fish, the financial system -- in addition to the bill discounts, so that's reducing the amount of -- that the customer has to pay for water and storm sewer services, we offer once a year emergency rental assistance of up to \$500. We have plans for temporary change in income. We have a leak repair assistance to help customers fix their leaky pipes. We offer flexible plans and up to \$500 of emergency rental assistance to renters. I wanted to stress what's important right now during the covid-19 crisis, we're keeping water on for everyone. We know that many of our customers have been financially impacted by covid-19, so we offer all of our customers, and that's residential, family, we already -- also offer it to our businesses. No interest, flexible payment schedule. We're not charging late fees on private accounts, and we are not charging interest on past-due accounts. We will not be shutting off water on anyone at this time. The other thing I wanted to mention is, we are working with a department to provide programs to small businesses, and that's something that we'll be rolling out in the next week. Before we move on to the next slide, I want to thank our customers, especially those paying the storm sewer and water bills. Even if you can't pay in full, pay what you can. You're helping us keep the water -- by paying the water and sewer bill, you're helping us keeping the water system going and please call the customer service staff if you have a need to set up payment arrangements. They're standing by and here to assist our customers. Next slide. Value of a penny, you get more than a gallon of water delivered to your faucet for less than a penny. Next slide. The water bill, the bar in green, represents about 7% of the utility services for residential customers, a little more than garbage service and telephone. The one thing to note here, the salt waste bill and the storm water bill are proposed bills announced for next year. Next slide. This slide compares where Portland sits with other utilities, the typical residential compares to our cities as reflected here. We use the bsus so we have a combined bill at request, you can see that program is much less than some other west coast counterparts and about even with our neighbors to the north, seattle and

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tacoma. Next slide, please. Here's the water sewer bill for the typical residential customer, what they're paying now versus what is proposed and those qualifying for those financial assistance to one and two customers. I kind of want to show the change that's going to be expected that's coming up next year. Next slide. Here's the slide that I promised earlier, commissioner hardesty, the development of the system development charge. You can see the green there is Portland's sec, and we are low compared to our neighbor and jurisdiction.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that chart, because that's not what I hear from developers constantly. They say our sdc's are extremely high. Now I have proof. Thank you.

**Huynh:** Thank you. With that, questions? That's the end of the presentation that I have.

**Wheeler:** All right. Any more questions from anybody? That was a great presentation. Very thorough. Thank you. Do you have invited testimony?

**Sperry:** We have one more piece of legislation.

**Wheeler:** We do. I wanted to see if there are any invited testimonies as a part of this?

**Sperry:** I do not.

**Wheeler:** I got a text that I believe is related to this sum, and if not, since we read all of these in the record, janis thompson from the city utility board is unable to attend this afternoon. It is said that she has spoken with the utility board yesterday. They are comfortable with the utility bills but adjustments due to covid-19, for what that is worth. Great. We'll now hear from revised sewer and storm water rates.

**Mike Jordan, Bureau of Environmental Services Director:** Thank you, mr. Mayor, and commissioners. For the record, my name is mike jordan. I'm the director of the bureau of environmental services, and with me today, somewhere in the ether is jonas berry, the service manager, and he will do some of the heavy lifting on this presentation. Also with us on the call and available for questions is angela henderson and shavonne who have been involved in the construction of the budget. So our presentation comes in three parts. I'll take a short minute to talk about the presentation of our budget back in january. Where we had anticipated being for this budget year, and then jonas will talk about the changes that we've made in the budget because of the covid-19 process, in reaction to that, and we'll go over the rate proposal that's before you today. I want to go to the next slide. You've seen this slide before. It's the qualitative basis for everything we do. As with water bureau, we completed strategic plan. These values are embedded in that plan and are the driving force behind our operational decisions and our investment priorities that have been identified in the proposed budget. The rates and fees that you will consider today provide the revenues that support these values. Next slide. As to this particular budget year, these were the objectives that we were trying to get out as we proposed the budget. I won't read them all. I just want to draw your attention to the third bullet, which we are an asset-based operation. We operate and maintain assets valued at \$15 billion is the highest-valued asset system in the city, and continued maintenance of that is one of our highest priorities. And I also -- the last bullet, i'll draw your attention to. Our goal for a number of years has been to get the utility to replace where it is both physically and fiscally sustainable over the long term, doing that with rate increases that are, you know, predictable range of around 3%, while continuing to support all of the programs that you heard from for the water bureau for our low-income customers. I also want to mention before we move on that we were able to work with the former utility board and the citizens utility board on the construction of the original budget back in january. Next slide. So this will be familiar, at least as a graphic. The really take-home story here is consistent with our history and that is that our budget, the total back in january that we're looking at was about \$617 million. It is, again, about two-thirds capital and about one-third operating. And that is consistent with the history of the bureau, and, again, a sign of the asset-oriented focus of our work. Next slide. Excuse me. And because we are so capital-focused, I thought we ought to talk just

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briefly about how that gets allocated. It varies over time. This is a snapshot of our next five-year capital program. The bars represent the size of the total capital program. As you can see, it's going to be in the upper 100s. Most of the five-year program. That's a target that we've been looking for for a while. Five years ago we were at about \$100 million a year in investment and capital, and we've been working to increase that investment to try to get to that sustainable level of investment every year. Inside those bars you can see the colors, and you can see that the brown color is the predominant color over the next five years. That represents the working done at the columbia plant and the creek plant, most of that as columbia, what you've heard referred to, and we hope to complete that program around 2024. If you were to look at the next five years of this slide, the fifth year, '24-25, is more indicative of the future than this five years, as we lower the amount of expenditure for treatment, we will expand expenditure and increase our investments in surface water management. So that's a little preview of the next five years. Next slide. The budget, as proposed back in january, had an operating increase of about \$8.5 million. 3.6 million of that was nondiscretionary in the sense that it was cost of living adjustments for contracts, benefit increases, particularly pers, pob are pension obligation bonds that we have on obligation to pay. Again, you'll recall the priorities that I mentioned earlier. We also cross-referenced our budget to the mayor's earlier in fiscal year, and we found, certainly, some crossovers between what we have funded in ours and the mayor's priorities. We have impacts from homeless crisis on the properties that we manage and the natural areas. We have a crossover with parks, on management and -- natural areas also, and we're in a close piece of work to try to optimize both of our programs and make them as efficient as possible. We try to be the leaders on climate change. We have a number of programs for resource recovery out at the plant, and a number of green infrastructure programs which add to the climate change along with our tree program to get that effects, predominantly east of the river. You've heard about the rate affordability programs that we collaborate with the water bureau on. And then, of course, the long-term liabilities that have a lot to do with the infrastructure that i've spoken about, but also other things, like department harbor cleanup, we're managing that for the city, and a newer, but not new, issue, the columbia river levee -- levee and jonas is going to talk about covid and the rate.

**Jonas Biery, Business Services Manger Bureau of Environmental Services:** For the record, jonas biery, bes, business services manager. So what we see here on the left, the left bar chart was our forecast in january, which was used to create the requested budget, about \$430 million in total revenue, and the vast -- vast majority of that, coming from rate revenues, sewer and storm water revenues, from commercial residential customers. On the right-hand side, this is our best guess of what we're projecting, a reduction of \$43 million in total revenue, so as a result of the covid-19 situation, now expecting something significantly less in fiscal '20-21. Highlighted here a little bit the two key elements, one is system development charges, we're anticipating to declare about 50%, and that has an impact of \$14 million reduction in '20-21. Like water, heavily dependent on rate, we're anticipating about a 10% decline due to the volume, customers being unable to pay, situations that impact the water bureau, and inclement reservoir recovery, about to be about \$26 million reduction. I'm happy to say, so far, we haven't quite seen that 10%, the data is not showing that yet, although it's still a little early to see if that may come true. So we responded to those declines, that 40 plus million decline in a handful of ways, the produced about \$2 million in savings, we did choose to reduce our spending targets in the capital program by around 2 to 5% annually, not just this year but over the next five years. That has an impact of about \$8 million of offsets to that revenue reduction. Some discretionary reductions, like the water did as well. We took a few of those out that were not critically urgent in time of covid. So that saved about \$1 million. Merely identified a handful of our programs that we felt increased weren't as bad as proposed but likely not

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due to use those due to the current circumstances, so that was \$1.2 million of reduction, all of those in the mayor's proposed. And I want to mention this middle bullet here, assumptions, we rely heavily on borrowing for our capital program. Anticipated in '20-21, around \$375 million to fund the next two years of capital. We reduced to that around \$140 million, intending to cover a 10 to 12-month window and have to come back for the rest again. That decreases '20-21 debt by almost \$6 million, and I might as well mention, we will be coming back to council for recommendation for that likely in the next month or two as we look at debt management. We may look to authorize the full amount so we have flexibility, but we'll address that here in a little bit when we come back with debt management on that following ordinance. To get to the meat of where we are today, the 2.85 in the middle of the screen, that's the proposed fiscal rate increase for '20-21, we were targeting a rate increase of 3% with an increase in the future to 3.15, numbers, with all of those adjustments in order to keep the 315 increasing, that got this down to 2.85, so that's a great thing in this circumstances. Also, I like to flag this slide, but if you look farther back in history into the early 2000s and the 2010 era, you would have seen increases around 5, 6, and even 7%, so we've been able to bring those down. '20-21 is the fourth consecutive year we've had an increase of less than 4%. What does this mean for the typical bill? Typical residential customer, increase is about \$2 a month or \$6.50 per quarter. You can see the split between what's allocated to sanitary, storm water, and the harbor. Similar slide for the water bureau, this is our comparison on the sewer storm water side to that group of tiers. We're about in the middle. One thing I appreciate about this slide, a few years ago we would have been slotted in a much higher slot, but as we have rate increases at 3% or below, increasing at a higher rate of increase. So we're continuing to compare more favorably as time goes on. Another thing I think that is important to call out about this slide, which it looks like in the data, this also doesn't reflect the long-term assisting ability that Mike mentioned earlier. It doesn't mention or reflect the quality of service. So while we compare in the middle, we will continue to compare more favorably if you compare similar of service and long-term fiscal condition, we would compare extremely valuably, this rate is very strong. We do, obviously, participate in and support all of the assistance programs that water bureau mentioned earlier. We also have our own clean river waters program that has a reduction of about \$9 for a typical household for customers who manage storm water on their water, about 34,000 accounts, both commercial and residential. I also note that over the past year or so, staff at bes have done a really great job in crosswalking areas that have high participation in low-income program and low participation in clean river awards and doing some direct outreach in those neighborhoods and successfully elevating clean river awards in areas that have higher low-income participation, so that's great work and will continue going forward as well. You've seen this slide for water, so this is a repeat slide of the combined bill reflecting the combined 4.2% increase between both bes and water. And lastly, last couple of slides, we have sdc charges and connection charges for bes, our programs are a range of a typical development, 2 to 5% range, going to vary widely based on the specific conditions of the development. Not that that range is a little lower than we thought we were last year when we projected where we thought we would come in in sdc charges, and other charges that align with our peers and suspending any increases for July 1, 2020, and holding all those fees flat with zero increase. That is the end of the presentation. Mike, I don't know if you have anything to wrap up or we could go straight to questions.

**Jordan:** No, I think all of us want to go to questions, so thanks, Jonas.

**Wheeler:** Excellent presentation. Thank you. Colleagues, any questions? Great. Michael, does that complete your presentation or do you have any invited testimony?

**Jordan:** No, we have none commissioner. I don't think pub or cub are able to make it.

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**Wheeler:** I read a comment from twitter. No, it wasn't twitter. Someone texted it up to me. Karla, how many people do we have signed up for public testimony on 393, 394, or 395?

**Moore-Love:** Three people signed up, two wanted to speak to both 394 and 395.

**Wheeler:** Call them one at a time, three minutes each, please, and state your name for the record.

**Beth Vargas Duncan:** Good afternoon, mayor, members of the city council, I am beth, the regional director for recycling association, and I represent pak. Whose members provide the residential solid waste and collection recycling services in the city and collection service is a member of pha. We hope this message finds you safe and well in the times of covid-19. Early communication with the bureau of planning and sustainment, bps staff, enables members to protect the safety of Portland citizens, residential customers, and pha members and employees. Ph members are providing alternative access for public offices, supporting employees working remotely, staggering the shifts for drivers and enhancing their hygiene practices. All of this is occurring as essential solid waste workers simultaneously face added risk daily while sustaining their usual high level of collection services. Despite the ongoing emergency and implementation of many new actions, pha members and city staff engage in a robust rate review process and work cooperatively with providing detailed financial information. They reviewed the financial information and rates to determine the cost of service. Pha believes that rate review process straight -- to assure reasonable rates into the Portland customers they serve. We support their rate adjustments as the city staff has presented. We actually have a call to action, we invite them to tightly seal their garbage bags so they fit within the garbage containers for automated collection. We also ask Oregonians to continue to lead the nation in recycling, to improve and seek the latest information on how to recycle right. In conclusion, covid-19, essential employees, report to work each day where time, morale, and pride, with protecting the people of Portland, support Oregon's superior recycling system while purposing opportunities for more diversity in the waste management industry. We ask that the city council adopt the rates as presented by staff, and i'm available if you have any questions. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, beth. Appreciate it very much. And as a classic garbage can stomper, I think your admonition is a wise one. Karla, next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Floyd jones.

**Wheeler:** Are you there today?

**Floy Jones:** Good afternoon. I'm not thinking -- reform, but members of both of those organizations on the board of directors of water accountability, and I certainly don't support a 6.5% increase this year. I don't think the customers are getting a 6.5% increase in their salaries, and over the last 15 years or so, we've seen our water bills go up close to 300% and a lot of that was spent on reducing in-town storage by 50 million gallons, which you've done. Then there's the big base charge. Rate makers have problems with increasing the rate charge year after year after year. So even if you don't use any of the utilities, you don't use any water or any sewer, you're going to spend \$50 just to have that service available. That's an excessive amount. And really, you should have -- you should consider that there's really not been any clear, independent, oversight of these bureaus in a very long time. I know that pub sent you an email and glad to see you made a reduction. But on your chart, it shows you reduced it by 2%. But if you look at the water department documents, they have an increase of 7.4% into perpetuity, over the five-year plan, each and every year. So it's only a 1% reduction. And, you know, pub, sadly, when they first came on board, they received rate payer dollars in order to have an insert in our water and sewer bills, money for themselves. I hope that stopped. I don't know that that's true. So the only independent organizations have been the friends of support and water accountability trust and reform. Even the pub -- and i've participated in a dozen different constitutions of pub,

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and they all have conflicts of interests on those boards, even recipients of rate payer dollars or women whose sole income was based on a good relationship with the water bureau. So you need to have some accountability on that board. And, of course, the big increases with water are related to this, you know, plan to add chemicals to our water through the filtration plant. But again, i'll just remind you that in each and every case, whether it's the \$500 million, the reservoirs, what if you spent money on the lotus cost, i'll give you that example, on the grill work up there and buying the covers. That was an acceptable epa compliance option. So we spend all the money on that. Now, spending over \$200 million to cut the storage there, and the filtration, I know that several council members have expressed an interest in reviewing the plans of filtration over the [indistinguishable], already spent \$3 million on that. Encourage you, again, go back and look at that as a viable option or alternative to the filtration act. And then the other chart that the water bureau presented to you, it compares our rates to other cities, but there are other charts out there that have been published under places, we're at the top of the largest 50 cities in the u.s. I think we're like fifth or sixth. And one of the other charts shows comparing water to electricity. Look at your own bills. I can go back 15 years and look at my electric bill, and i'm not paying any more than I paid 15 years ago. If I reduce the amount of electricity I use, then I pay less. That's not true with water, since the bills have gone up every single year. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, floy. Appreciate your perspective. Thank you for being here today. Next individual.

**Moore-Love:** Floy requested to speak to 395.

**Jones:** I'll pass.

**Moore-Love:** That's all that registered.

**Wheeler:** Anybody else before I move these to second readings? Colleagues, anything further? I'm not seeing anything. Very good. Number 393 is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It goes to second reading. Item 394 is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance, also to second reading. 395, not to be outdone, is also the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. Karla, before I sign off, does that conclude our business for today?

**Moore-Love:** It does, everybody.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, colleagues. Great presentations. We are adjourned. Have a great evening.

**Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**