



CITY OF  
Portland, Oregon

Official  
Minutes

December 16-17, 2020

**Date and time**

December 16, 2020 at 9:31 a.m.

Council recessed at 3:26 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:38 p.m.

Council recessed at 3:53 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney

**Consent Agenda**

Item No. 994 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

**Date and time**

December 16, 2020 at 3:59 p.m.

Council recessed at 4:58 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney

**Date and time**

December 17, 2020 at 2:03 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney

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

*Keelan McClymont*

By Keelan McClymont  
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue  
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**Disposition:**

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty and Ryan, 5. Commissioner Eudaly left at 2:15 p.m., 4.

**Please note, City Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

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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.

**Provide Public Testimony:** City Council will hear public testimony on resolutions and ordinances (first readings only). Testimony is not taken on communications, reports, second readings, proclamations or presentations in accordance with Code 3.02.040 F. and G. Public testimony will be heard by electronic communication (internet connection or telephone). Please identify the agenda item(s) you want to testify on, and then visit the Council Clerk's agenda webpage to register, [www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/councilagenda](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/councilagenda). Provide your name, agenda item number(s), zip code, phone number and email address. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

**The deadline to sign up for the December 16-17, 2020 Council meetings is Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Email the Council Clerk at [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov) with any questions.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**983** Request of Rick North to address Council regarding water fluoridation (Communication )

**PLACED ON FILE**

**TIMES CERTAIN**

<p><b>*984 TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Approve small grants funding recommendations made by Children’s Levy Allocation Committee for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Ryan) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept amended Exhibit A, which correctly lists the legal name of each organization and includes the fiscal agent for Brown Girl Rise:</b> Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)</p> <p><b>Motion to add an emergency clause because it is in the public interest that the grant recommendations become effective immediately so the funds can be made available as soon as possible:</b> Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190237</b> <b>As Amended</b></p>
<p><b>985 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>986 TIME CERTAIN: 10:45 AM</b> – Adopt the River Plan / South Reach, amend the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Plan Map, the Willamette Greenway Plan, Title 33, and the Zoning Map; repeal the Macadam Corridor Design Guidelines; and adopt the Willamette River Greenway Inventory and the Central City Natural and Scenic inventories as supporting documents (Second Reading Agenda 982; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Hardesty; amend Code Title 33, amend the Portland Comprehensive Plan and zoning maps, amend Ordinance Nos. 160237 and 163957, and repeal Ordinance Nos. 157795 and 186858) 15 minutes requested (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<p><b>190241</b> <b>As Amended</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p>	
<p><b>City Budget Office</b></p>	
<p><b>987</b> Adopt the Budget Calendar for FY 2021-22 (Resolution) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>37521</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>988</b> Assess property for system development charge contracts, private plumbing loan contracts and safety net loan deferral contracts (Second Reading Agenda 957; Z0844, K0186, T0203, W0072, Z1209, K0187, T0204, Z0845, W0073, P0165, P0166) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190233</b></p>
<p><b>989</b> Update salary grade for Environmental Supervisor classification (Second Reading Agenda 958) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190234</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b></p>	

<b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>990</b>	Adopt updated bylaws for the City's Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Freight Advisory Committees and the Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee (Resolution) (Y-5)	<b>37522</b>
<b>*991</b>	Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the O'Bryant Square SmartPark Repair Project (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>190235</b>
<b>992</b>	Amend Title 17 Public Improvements Code to align with changes to commercial zone names, creation of the Campus Institution zone, and application of new Transportation and Parking Demand Management Plan requirements (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 17.88.010 and 17.107.030)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</b>		
<b>Portland Bureau of Emergency Management</b>		
<b>*993</b>	Accept a grant from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management Emergency Management Performance Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental, Grant No. 20-542, in the amount of \$86,794 for emergency management activities related to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>190236</b>
<b>Portland Fire &amp; Rescue</b>		
<b>994</b>	Provide an exception to Human Resources Administrative Rule 6.0 Vacation to allow for members of Portland Fire Fighters' Association to carryover all vacation accruals earned by the end of the first pay period in January 2021 to the end of the first pay period in January 2022 (Ordinance)	<b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
<b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>		
<b>995</b>	Proclaim December 16, 2020 to be Karla Moore-Love Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 10 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>996</b>	Proclaim December 31, 2020 to be Pink Martini Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly) 10 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>997</b>	Proclaim September 21, 2021 to be Anne Hughes Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly) 10 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>

<p><b>998</b> Appoint Laura Benedict and Dean Lukowicz to the Electrical Code Board of Appeal for terms to expire December 15, 2023 (Report) 15 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<p><b>999</b> Appoint Zeenab A. Fowlk to the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing for a term to expire December 16, 2022 (Report) 10 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<p><b>1000</b> Appoint Robin Castro, Julia DeGraw, Theresa Huang and Tom Liptan as voting members of the Portland Utility Board for terms to expire June 30, 2023 (Report) 15 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>	
<p><b>1001</b> Authorize contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Design Services for the Bull Run Pipeline Project for \$29 million (Second Reading Agenda 963; Contract No. 30007505) (Y-3 Fritz, Ryan, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>190242</b>
<b>Portland Housing Bureau</b>	
<p><b>1002</b> Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>37523</b>
<p><b>1003</b> Establish 2021 sale price cap for the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>37524</b>
<b>Portland Police Bureau</b>	
<p><b>1004</b> Accept the 2019 Annual Report of the Portland Police Bureau (Report) 25 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
<b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b>	
<p><b>1005</b> Establish a language pay differential for multilingual City employees and authorize the Bureau of Human Resources and the Office of Equity and Human Rights to establish processes and procedures necessary for implementation (Resolution) 25 minutes requested (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<b>37525</b>

<p><b>1006</b> Amend the Open and Accountable Elections Program to eliminate the election matching periods and maintain the program’s oversight with the Commissioner of Public Utilities through 2022 (Second Reading Agenda 967; amend Code Chapter 2.16) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<p><b>190243</b></p>
<p><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1007</b> Authorize a competitive solicitation and Price Agreements for Furnishing Sewer Improvements for Nonconforming Sewer Conversions, Project No. E08748, for a total amount of \$15 million (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1008</b> Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of Construction Manager/General Contractor for the NW 9th Avenue/NW Hoyt Street System Improvements Project No. E11252 (Second Reading Agenda 968) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<p><b>190244</b></p>
<p><b>Water Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>1009</b> Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of Construction Manager/General Contractor in connection with the Bull Run Pipeline Project for an estimated amount of \$162,900,000 (Second Reading Agenda 976) (Y-3 Fritz, Ryan, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty; Eudaly absent)</p>	<p><b>190245</b></p>
<p><b>FOUR FIFTHS AGENDA</b></p>	
<p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p>	
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*1009-1</b> Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to create a one-year change to the requirements for qualification for Family and Medical Leave Act and Oregon Family Leave Act under Human Resources Administration Rule 6.05, and to enter into Letters of Agreement with all City unions that allow City union employees to receive the benefit of this one-year change (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190238</b></p>
<p><b>*1009-2</b> Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter into Letters of Agreement with all City Unions to extend the duration of benefits covered under the Families First Coronavirus Act (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190239</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b></p>	
<p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*1009-3</b> Create the 2020 Parks Local Option Levy Fund (Ordinance; add Code Section 5.04.600) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190240</b></p>

<b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, DECEMBER 16, 2020</u></b>	
THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Fritz, Hardesty and Ryan, 4.	
<p><b>1010 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Adopt an internal cost of carbon policy to ensure major City decisions formally consider the social and environmental costs of carbon emissions in evaluation processes (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty) 2 hours requested (Y-4)</p>	<b>37526</b>
<p><b>1011 TIME CERTAIN: 4:00 PM</b> – Establish selection criteria for a Commission to craft the new police oversight system authorized by voters at the November 3, 2020 general election (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Hardesty) 1 hour requested <b>Motion to accept the amended Resolution:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4) <b>Motion to accept the substitute Exhibit A:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4) <b>Motion to amend Exhibit A, no. 5 to include “immigrants and refugees”:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<b>37527 As Amended</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, DECEMBER 17, 2020</u></b>	
THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Fritz and Ryan, 3.	
<p><b>1012 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Adopt actions identified through the Regional Collaborative Land Acknowledgement Project that promote consistent awareness and inclusion of Native people in all City business and more equitable outcomes for Native people (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 30 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the amended Resolution:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3) (Y-3)</p>	<b>37528 As Amended</b>
<p><b>1013 TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter an initial three-year period to provide benefit eligible employees access to fertility and family planning benefits for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 over the life of the initial contract (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fritz) 15 minutes requested</p>	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b>

<p><b>1014</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM</b> – Accept the Year Five Bond Oversight Committee Report on the \$68 million 2014 Parks General Obligation Bond (Report introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Ryan. (Y-3)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>1015</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM</b> – Recognize City progress toward core values over the past decade (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 1 hour requested (Y-3)</p>	<p><b>37529</b></p>



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Key: \*\*\*\*\* means unidentified speaker.

December 16, 2020 9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

**Wheeler:** This is the wednesday, december 16, morning session of the city council. Keelan, good morning. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Good morning, mayor. Eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Here.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Here.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Here.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Here.

**Clerk:** Wheeler? Here.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, as it has come to my attention that commissioner eudaly will not be joining us beyond this morning's session. We should give her a proper farewell. I would like to take just a few minutes to acknowledge that this is her last meeting. She has been not only a colleague, she has been a friend. And i want to thank commissioner eudaly for her service both to this council as well as to the community at large. Commissioner, there is no question in my mind that you have been one of the most persistent and focused individuals who ever sit on the portland city council. In terms of your advocacy and your compassion and your concern for renters. You have established new and important policies to create a more level playing field for tenants who have been on the wrong side of a power imbalance for many generations. You brought fun as well. Parties, music. Great art. Interesting conversation. Deep conversations and convictions. And an immovable commitment to the vulnerable at portland city hall. I have enjoyed working with you. I have learned a lot from you. And i'm grateful for your leadership.

And i want to acknowledge your work around protectors of renters but acknowledge that you have done outstanding job being the commissioner of pbob. I have told you that many occasions privately but the work you have done around central city in motion and the work you have done around the rose lanes, those are legacy issues that i think will benefit the community for many years to come. I want to tell you how much i appreciate it and i want thank you for your leadership in this community. I know you intend to stay engaged beyond your time at city hall. That could mean a good thing. You could get your evenings and your weekends back, and more time with your son. I can certainly see those opportunities being something to look forward to. So thank you for your service and thank you for all you've done and thank you for your friendship. Commissioner hardesty, and then commissioner fritz.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I also want to really appreciate commissioner eudaly. A fearless advocate for those with no voice inside city hall. It has been remarkable watching your commitment and your steadfastness, knowing where the end was that you wanted to go. Sometimes we got there, sometimes we didn't. But we always knew why you were going where you were trying to go. Your heart you wear on your sleeve. It is absolutely critical. We all know that you feel passionately about people with disabilities and not just because your own lived experience but because you care about those people whose voices are rarely heard in city hall. We know your commitment to renters. Making sure that renters are treated fairly. And i just am excited about what is next. I know you are going to continue to do incredible things for our city, for our county and probably for the nation. You have a lot more to give this city. And i just can't wait to see how you flourish in whatever you do next. Just know that you always have an open door at city hall. And i know you will be putting pressure on us to continue to do the right thing as it relates to tenants because we all know that we have an eviction moratorium -- a tsunami coming. You will be one of the first people testifying demanding we do more and do better and that we are more inclusive for the voices that don't show up at city hall. It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with you. I want to tell a story about when you and i first met. You and i first met when you decided you were going to run for the city council. We scheduled a meeting for a half hour. I think three and a half hours later, i was your biggest champion and supporter. And i wanted to do whatever i could to see you in this seat. I just want to say thank you. Thank you for being a friend, an ally, and someone who is really clear about where their values are. I just can't wait. You are going to do fabulous things wherever you go. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner fritz?

**Fritz:** I agree with all that. I also note that commissioner eudaly was supported by the person that she defeated to get in to council. That is an accomplishment which shows that you are able to build bridges and to win unlikely supporter, shall we say. That was good to see. I also particularly echo the mayor's comments regarding transportation. Lowering the speed limit. Your absolute dedication to vision zero. We shared the tragedy of having lost a loved one in a traffic crash. So it has been truly meaningful to me your work in that regard. And although we still have far too many crashes because of the poor decisions that drivers make, i know that what you have done has made a difference. And we'll never know how many lives were saved. Even though i appreciate your dedication made sure that when lives were lost, there was due attention to that and there were markers on the road. I loved your deployment of pbot signs when we had the unwelcome visitors at delta park. It was stroke of genius. Thank you very much, as has been said, being steadfast and clear in your values and your leadership in the city. I look forward to seeing what you do next.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor. Chloe, sorry, commissioner eudaly, and i know what i did that slip. It's because on an interpersonal level, i want to thank you so much for how kind and inclusive you were in my first very strange days of being locked in, trying to be on boarded in what was clearly unprecedented times. You were just really solid in a very personal way. I'll never forget that. I've told many people about how kind and helpful you were. And that is when you showed me who you really are. And so, i agree with everything that was said about your work, your policy work, opening up city hall to so many more people that needed to be heard. I just wanted to really put an exclamation point on the personal level. You are really a good person to work with. And i know that your son is really fortunate to have you as a mom. And i know that is what really feeds your heart. So anyway, thank you for your service, commissioner eudaly.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner ryan. Commissioner eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Well, thank you, everyone. This was unexpected. So i don't have remarks prepared. But i appreciate the kind words. My team and i got a lot done in four years but we are leaving a lot undone. And i'm really hoping that you will continue that work. I want to thank my team. I just got all these accolades and one of the weirdest parts about this job is that the lion's share of the work is really done by our staff. We are the public face. We take the beatings. We do the nights and weekends. But our staff is right there along with us. So i want to thank marshall, jamie duhamel, andreas, hanna holloway, claire. I'm blanking. Oh, claire. You can shame me later. I

can't remember your last name in this moment. She is new. Ocean, Margot and a handful of staff that were with us for a long time and made significant contributions to the team. Robin Mullens, Polly Anne Burge, Josiah Barber and Winta Johannes. Something that nobody mentioned is the work that I have gotten to do with the immigrant and refugee communities. And similar to the transportation, that is an arena that I wasn't involved in before I came to City Hall but has ended up being one of my, some of my proudest accomplishments and most gratifying work have been with the immigrant and the refugee community. I have always been a generalist. I was hoping when I left City Hall that I would have been able to finally hone in on my single issue. You might think it's housing, but it's not. It's transportation. It's civic engagement. It's environment. It's racial injustice. The list goes on and on. So I open a bookstore because I couldn't pick one thing to focus on. City Hall gave me my next opportunity to continue my kind of expansive style of thinking, I guess. And I'm looking for something similar. Work that I can do that is not a single issue but is an intersection of many of the issues that I have had the pleasure of working on at City Hall. Finally, I want to thank my colleagues for all the times that we were able to come together and make real change for the benefit of our city. The public may think that there is a lot of discord on Council, but the fact is I think 95% of the time we are all in agreement. If we never disagreed, that would be really problematic. That would be a Council that wasn't advancing real change. And I want to encourage my colleagues to not shy away from the hard conversations. And to have dialogue and discourse and deliberation in public. I think it means a lot to the public to see the process. It helps them understand issues better. And I think it's increasing faith and trust in us as a body. So, I'm excited about today. We've got a couple of fun things on the agenda. Thank you so much. Like I said, I wasn't expecting this. I hope you all have champagne in your fridges. I will be popping a cork after this session is over.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Eudaly. You all heard her. She said the party is at her house. [laughter] Thank you.

**Hardesty:** We're all physically distancing we'll have to do it virtually, right?

**Eudaly:** Yeah.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, sad but true. Sad but true. Thank you, Commissioner Eudaly. Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the Council are attending remotely by video teleconference. The City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available for the public on the City's YouTube channel, [egov.pdx.portlandoregon.gov/video](http://egov.pdx.portlandoregon.gov/video) and channel

30. The public can also provide written testimony to council by e-mailing 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. The need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health safety and welfare. Which requires us to meet emotely by electronic communications. Thank you as always for your patience, your flexibility and your understanding as we work together and manage what is a challenging circumstance. We'll now hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

**Linly Rees, Chief Deputy Attorney:** Good morning. 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 at [portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://portlandoregon.gov/auditor) contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city 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 or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruptions may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meetings. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for that. Keelan, first up is communications. Today we only have one individual signed up.

### **Item 983**

**Clerk:** Correct. 983, request of rick north to address council regarding water fluoridation.

**Wheeler:** Hi, rick. Rick, you may be muted.

**Rick North:** Can you hear me now?

**Wheeler:** Now we hear you. Thank you.

**North:** Great.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**North:** Let me start the screen share here. Keelan and i worked on this. There we go. Ready to

roll. First to introduce myself. I worked for the American Cancer Society for 21 years. The last five as director of the Oregon Division. And the Oregon PSR for seven years before I retired. I always favored fluoridation because I was told it was safe and effective. When I researched it, I discovered it wasn't either. With the new information I changed my mind. I only have three minutes so I'll concentrate on just one harm. Brain damage. Specifically, lowering I.Q.s in children. No one questions that fluoride is neurotoxic and it will doubt of the levels in the fluoridated water. I'll let you read the comments of the nation's most prominent scientists. Go ahead. These are three of the most highly regarded experts in the country. And there are many more that I don't have time to quote. But the evidence is so strong that it's the focus of a lawsuit against the E.P.A. for allowing fluoridation. As you can see by the judge's quotes he is acknowledging the strong sign, too. He is expected to rule soon on whether fluoridation is an unreasonable risk to human health. One of the most disturbing aspects of fluoridation is its harm to low-income families who can't afford bottled water or expensive filters to avoid the health risks of fluoridated water. They have no choice. Does it prevent cavities? There is studies that it's topical. Studies vary showing no significant effect at all up to the 25% reduction. But even a 25%, that is less than one cavity per child per permanent teeth. This is a graph showing cavity rate decline in numerous developed countries. The solid lines are non-fluoridated and the dotted are fluoridated. You can see there is no significant difference. Respect the science. Every year more and more studies find evidence of the fluoridation's harm to our health. Respect the history. So many substances declared safe were found to be harmful. Like the time the government acted -- excuse me. By the time the government acted, millions had suffered. The same suffering and the same delays are happening with fluoridation. Finally, please respect the will of the people. Four times Portland voters defeated fluoridation. The last time in 2013 by a landslide. It would be a denial of science, history, democracy itself if you brought this up again. Portland has been on the right side of history all along. Finally, everything I have presented is a matter of public record. I would be happy to provide you with any references you would like. Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. We appreciate it. Commissioner Eudaly has her hand up. It may be from last time.

**Eudaly:** That is left over. I had to do it one more time.

**Wheeler:** No worries. Thank you, Rick. I appreciate your testimony this morning.

**North:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** On the consent agenda items has anything been pulled?

**Clerk:** Yes, we had a request for 994 to be pulled.

**Wheeler:** 994 has been pulled.

**Clerk:** I believe commissioner hardesty wants it referred to her office rather than for discussion.

**Wheeler:** Is that correct?

**Hardesty:** That is correct.

**Wheeler:** Call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda. Eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Consent agenda is adopted. The first time certain item is 984.

**Item 984**

**Clerk:** Approve small grants funding recommendations made by children's levy allocation committee for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Keelan. Commissioner Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Good morning. Thank you colleagues. On behalf of the allocation committee and the Portland Children's Levy staff we appreciate your consideration on the item. Before we dive in the presentation, I would like to make a motion to accept an amended exhibit "a" which correctly lists the legal name of each organization. And it includes the fiscal agent for Brown Girl Rise. The correction was sent out with Tuesday memo, yesterday.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** Motion. We have a second from Commissioner Hardesty. Discussion? Call the roll.

**Clerk:** Eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Amendment is adopted. Commissioner ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. This item from the portland children's levy is asking us to approve \$1 million in small grants over a three-year period beginning january 1. If approved, this funding for eight programs would reach city youth who identify as black, indigenous, people of color, immigrant, refugee, lgbtq2sia+. The youth with disabilities and support organizations, this is probably the most important, support organizations that have not accessed the children's levy in the past. With that, i'm going to hand the presentation over to director lisa pelligrina and the small grants fund manager arika bridgeman-bunyoli to provide overview of the small grants fund process that brings us to our decisions today. I ask that you please hold your questions until after the presentation. Take it away, lisa.

**Lisa Pellegrino:** Thank you, commissioner ryan. Good morning, everyone. I'm going to ask arika to share the slides for the presentation and i'll get started. She is the controller today. Great. Thank you, arika. So i'm going to say a few words about the creation of the small grants fund and what led to this point and arika will take it away. So the levy was last renewed in 2018. After the renewal, the staff began planning the process for a large competitive granted funding round. In the planning process, we hired equity consulting to assist us with the community engagement and ensure we were consulting with a large range of community members and not just talking to service organizations. We hired the psu center of improvement of child and family services to do review of the grant-making process and make recommendations for improvement. They talked specifically to a range of the stakeholders, to people successful in the past funding processes to organizations who have not been successful, to other funders in town and the allocation committee members. They made a series of the 30 recommendations to really center on improving transparency and equity. So, one of the key recommendations was to create a small grants fund to allow better equity of access to pcl funds by the smaller organizations because it was clear that the small organization had encountered barriers to successful applications at the children's levy funding routes. The allocation committee created the small grants fund in 2019. With a few basic parameters. It was meant to be open to the organizations that had annual revenues of \$1 million or less. It was meant to give grants between \$10,000 and



\$60,000 annually to organizations. So smaller grants than what we typically give. Also, to assure that organizations applying had some diversity of the funding they were applying for no more than 30% of the total revenue from the children's levy. So with those kind of basic parameters in mind, we hired arika bridgeman-bunyoli who is going to make the rest of the presentation as the small grants fund manager. She created and run the small grants fund process which she will now describe to you that has led up to the point of asking you to accept the eight grants. Arika, i'll turn it over to you. Thank you.

**Arika Bridgman-Bunyoli:** Thank you, lisa. Okay. So, the purpose of the small grants fund is to increase the equity of access to the p.c.l. Funds investing in the programs of small organizations that haven't had access to the p.c.l. Funds before. And that arise from marginalized communities including people who identify as black, indigenous, people of color, immigrant and refugee, lgbtq2sia+. The two "s" stand for "two spirit" and the people with disabilities. Funding small organizations will increase the capacity to reach the children unserved or underserved in the past or improve the quality of the services currently offered. Okay. So in order to begin to create a process that centers community and equity, p.c.l. Staff created a design team to spearhead the community-driven process and application materials. Our design team was composed of six volunteer members whose collective experience represents both private and public foundations -- public foundations who have lived experience themselves from a variety of the cultural communities that you see here. And who have expertise in one or more p.c.l. Program area. Together they shaped agenda for the community conversations and met six times to plan the small grants process. As well as participating in reviewing meetings and trainings. Then they also participated in reviewing and scoring application for step one and step two. The p.c.l. Community engagement processes that lisa mentioned reveal smaller organizations have barriers to access the portland children's levy funds. It also demonstrated children with disabilities, especially children with disabilities who are also from bipoc communities were underserved. So the first step to create a new fund and process needed to be going back to the same communities and listening to people in the communities who are from the small organizations who are themselves marginalized, underserved, and to get their feedback on how to create a strength-based process. We convened eight community conversations to do this. The first one was held in person pre-pandemic. The second one was scheduled for the middle of march and it happened to be scheduled for the day the city shut down. So in order to reach as many people as possible in these unforeseen circumstances we pivoted and we had seven

virtual community conversations. In those community conversations, we had representatives of over 30 organizations representing multiple cultural communities. Including immigrant communities, variety of language groups, multicultural children and youth, youth-led organizations, and children with disabilities. In those community conversations, we discussed the different types of technical assistance that small organizations would need. We discussed equity-based ways of facilitating a two-step process. And we got additional feedback on how to make the whole grant-making process strength-based. The design team took the findings of the community conversations and created both the step one and step two processes. These were the findings -- and the first step of this step one process happens between may and august. One of the findings we heard from the community conversations was that they wanted us to limit the opportunity costs for small organizations who often only have a limited amount of staff who are also applying for the grants. So, the first step was a short, written application with only six essay questions. But they included questions on the steps that organizations would take to be more inclusive. Disability focused organizations were asked how they would be more inclusive of black, indigenous and people of color participants in their programs. Who have disabilities. And bipoc-focused organizations were asked how they would be more inclusive of the participants from the communities who had disabilities. Step two, we got more detailed information. So this included what kind of covid adjustments that the organizations had made over the years. As well as adjustments to other events of 2020 that disproportionately impacted marginalized communities. We also received their organizational budgets and program budgets and narratives at this time. And then applicants participated in zoom interviews. The interviews were designed by the design team to have an interactive way that the organizations could present the strength of the organization when many do not have experience grant-writing staff or may come from the oral traditions in which speaking and explaining would help them highlight their programs. Then the reviewers were composed of six design team members that i mentioned. Then we also recruited six additional members from the community. Those community reviewers were recruited to have the qualifications that were brought out in the community conversations. So, those qualifications that community members told us they wanted to see in reviewers included experience working or volunteering in small organizations. Or being participant. Having been a participant in the past of small organizations. Having a growth mindset for small organizations. Having knowledge of disability issues and especially including cognitive disabilities. As well as experience in one or more p.c.l. Program area. And a

commitment to five months of reviewer responsibilities. Together, the review team reviewed applications for step one. And then determined which applicants would move from step one to step two. And then in step two, they reviewed those applications and discussed it as a group and made recommendations to the portland children's levy allocation committee. So let's look at this step by step. In step one, we had 31 applications. They were requesting \$4.4 million. In the community review process, which i have mentioned here, we convened a 12-person review team. We had reviewing training. We divided the reviewers in four teams and they each scored 11 to 12 applications. Then met virtually for the selection process. The reviewers selected applicants based on score. And the additional criteria of organizational type staff and volunteer demographics. Grant size. And program area. Out of the step one, 12 of 31 applications moved forward to step two. Requesting \$1.7 million over three years. And i'm going to get in to the applicant pool by program area a little bit more but you can see some highlights from that here. In step two, all reviewers met on november 10 to develop recommendations for the council. We had moved from 12 applicants to 11. One withdrew the application. And so, that left us with a request of \$1.5 million. Applications were prioritized for funding based on score and interview. And although the interview was worth less points, we actually -- the review team weighted it a little bit more to account for that equity piece that we mentioned before that some smaller organizations may do better in the interviews. Okay. So, we have that. So then out of step two, 8 of 11 applications were recommended for funding, representing a request in \$1 million which is what the levy had available for the small grants fund. And as i said here, the priorities for the reviewer recommendations were the highest scoring applications and interviews. And also, another priority was hunger relief. The review team felt it was very important to prioritize hunger relief as a program area due to the amount of hunger being experienced in the community during the pandemic. This is an overview of the applications from step one to step two. So what you can see here is that the majority of the applications for the small grants were in after-school and mentoring. With 13 originally an after-school. Of the three have been recommended today for funding. 11 originally in mentoring. And of those, four have been recommended for funding. Three originally and hunger relief, one recommended for funding. And none of the other program areas have an application recommended for funding. The focus of the application, so we had some organizations who focused their work generally in the area of disability. And some who focused their work generally on communities that are black, indigenous, people of color. Of those, there were three disability focused applications originally. One has been recommended.

And there were originally 28 bipoc-focused applications of which seven have now been recommended. So on november 30, the allocation committee unanimously adopted the reviewer recommendations that were put forth by the community review team. And today we are seeking council approval to accept allocation committee recommendations. And that p.c.l. Be able to fund these eight small organizations with three-year grants from january 1, 2021, to december 30, 2023. These organizations do represent black, latinx, indigenous, east african refugee, other immigrant and refugee groups, non-bynary and bipoc fem youth two-spirit youth, low-income children youth and family and bipoc youth with disabilities. They have concentrated the services in north portland and east portland. And i'm asking today for your approval. Thank you.

**Ryan:** Thank you. Thank you, lisa and arika. Much appreciation to everyone who worked to get us to this point. I'm sure you notice the extensive use of community voice and community volunteers. So, colleagues, the floor is open for questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions for the good folks from the children's levy? That was a very thorough presentation. While we are thinking of questions -- it looks like commissioner hardesty has one. I want to thank you, commissioner ryan, for stepping to the breach and being willing to represent the city council on this. This is obviously very, very important board. I have had the privilege of serving on the children's levy allocation committee twice during my political career. It's a great group of people. Lisa, as always, thank you to your team for your leadership and everybody on the team. You are doing a top-flight job. Commissioner hardesty with a question or comment. Commissioner?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, arika and lisa for excellent presentation. What did you say, two-spirit youth? What is that? Maybe i'm just old and i didn't understand. [laughter]

**Bridgman-Bunyoli:** No. Two-spirit youth is an indigenous term. The native wellness institute which is one of the funded ones has a support group for two-spirit people. I have asked multiple indijs you people for definitions and i -- indigenous people for different definitions and i got different definitions. So it can refer to sexual orientation but it can also refer to a gender and it is really seen differently from each indigenous group how they perceive that. It's, it fits in the gender and the spectral orientation sector.

**Hardesty:** It is hard to teach old dogs new tricks and it's hysterical how often i'm stopped by something that i am like, you know, i don't know anything about this. [laughter] thank you for that. You says you can't learn something new every day? My other question is about that you

mentioned you were prioritizing hunger. In fact, hunger is growing at rapid rates. Even through the work we are doing in the e.c.c. It's clear we are not meeting all the need. But then it looks like what was funded was only three organizations that had anything to do with hunger. So, could you talk a bit about the priority and why we only ended up with three organizations to address hunger?

**Bridgman-Bunyoli:** Well, so we didn't say in the original application materials hey, we especially want applications from hunger-relief organizations. So only three hunger relief organizations, only three organizations applied in that category. That category is also broad. It can include things like nutrition education, as well as it can include food banks. In addition to that, the small grants fund had a special focus on bipoc communities and disabilities communities and wanting to make sure that each program area really focused on being able to meet the needs of those specific communities. So, of that, of the original three, the review committee felt that two did that well. Of meeting that need within those communities. And it was a hard choice but our funds are very limited so of the remaining two, the one who was most able to get food out in the largest amounts despite the situations of covid was the one that ended up being prioritized.

**Hardesty:** Arika, i want to say that i am so thrilled that you are on staff with the children's levy. And it's clear that having you there has made an impact in how we are reaching out and engaging community -- engaging communities of color. This is a great first step. I look forward to the children's levy being more intentional again in the future. So thank you very much for the work you do.

**Bridgman-Bunyoli:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Commissioner fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. Obviously we are going to hear public testimony. I'm wondering is there a reason we can't have an emergency clause to get the money out the doors as quickly as possible?

**Ryan:** That is coming soon, commissioner fritz. It will be an emergency clause.

**Fritz:** Okay. Sorry.

**Ryan:** That --

**Fritz:** Good.

**Wheeler:** Further committees? Director, does that complete the formal presentation?

**Pellegrino:** Yes, thank you, mayor.

**Wheeler:** All right. Excellent. Public testimony. How many folks do we have sign up?

**Clerk:** No one signed up for this item.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Commissioner Ryan, did you have an amendment?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you, colleagues. I appreciate the dialogue. Commissioner Hardesty, I appreciated your direct question. As another, let's just say I've been around a while type person, it was one of those acronyms. It's always humbling when I have the privilege of adding the acronyms and know what they mean. I appreciate that. [laughter] I appreciate the honesty. And also the recognition of the inclusiveness of the process. And your comments about hunger are something that Director Pelligrino and I will talk about as we look at the regular process that is coming up in 2021. So, that was appreciated. Yes. I want to move to add an emergency clause to this item because it is in the public's immediate interest that the grant recommendations become effective immediately. So the funds can be made available as soon as possible.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan moves. Commissioner Hardesty seconds. Any further discussion on the amendment? Please call the roll on the amendment.

**Clerk:** Eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. To the main motion as amended, any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Thank you for the presentation. And the great work. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** The allocation in the children's levy have often been fairly contentious with a lot of testimony and acrimony. So I appreciate the staff's engagement and especially the explanation that you gave us. The careful steps. Good public engagement doesn't just happen and good grant writing doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of thought. I appreciate the dedication of the

staff on this. Congratulations, commissioner ryan, for bringing it in at the end of the year. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you. I just want to acknowledge the wall that really came down between the funder and the fundee. Often in that system if you will, there is a big wall. And what i witnessed was a lot of not just engagement but real inclusion and helpfulness. I know that is the spirit of practice that we need to bring forward while we expend these funds and why we then can in two years from now celebrate keyword "results" from the impact of the investments. So i really want to acknowledge that. Again, good work with including so many with lived experience, coupled with expertise in the area. It was really awesome to experience that. So we are building both capacity and more importantly capabilities of our resilience of those in the community that are directly in front of our needs. We are quite distance from it in comparison. I'm thrilled to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I just want to say this is the third time since i have been on the council that we have talked about the portland children's levy. The first two times, i had critical comments that i made. And i want to appreciate the fact that lisa took the comments to heart, went back, reflected and made some changes in the process. And i just want to put that on the public record, lisa. It is always wonderful when you provide unsolicited advice. And it's actually taken. And actually incorporated in the day-to-day work you do. Arika, you are a breath of fresh air from the day you showed up. You have been really intentional about how you do your work, how you engage communities that are unaccustomed to interacting with government. I look forward to seeing the incredible work that you do in the future. I am very thrilled to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** There are three areas where i have seen the portland children's levy evolve in important ways. First, as commissioner hardesty pointed out, the team, itself, has become more diverse and more reflective of the community that we collectively serve. Particularly, the children's levy serves. Second of all, the team has done a much better job of reaching out and really finding those great investment opportunities in the community with organizations that may be historically haven't had the opportunities to be beneficiary of the children levy. And in turn be able to support their clients in their communities in meaningful ways. The third area is the really hard work that the entire children's levy team has done around the small grants program. Lisa, i want to thank you and your small grants program members on your team. You

have really done an outstanding job. It's fun for me to watch how this evolves and how the children's levy which was a good idea in its concept, which was overwhelmingly supported by the community is just getting smarter and sharper and better and more effective by the day. This report i think continues to show really important progress in that regard. So congratulations to all of you. And colleagues, as long as all of us of a certain age are fessing up, i too, had to move to the google machine to look up "sia-plus." but i'm not a kid. I'm glad that my colleagues were willing to cop they, too, had some homework to do. I come out of this having learned something important. And something new. With just a real sense of confidence in the future of the children's levy. Thank you, all, for the great work you do. Lest i forget, i want to thank the other members of the allocation committee. Dan represents our interests, the city's interest on the city. The county is represented there. The business community. The community at large has specific representative slots on that board. They spent hours and hours and hours poring through the applications. An experience we are not all that used to in city hall is allocating dollars out in the community. It sounds like that would be a lot easier and a lot more fun than cutting budgets. But i know lisa and commissioner ryan and all of you who work on that allocation effort, it's just as hard to give the money out. Because at the end of the day, the pot of money is always much smaller than the really good proposals that are out there in the community. It's really hard to tell those organizational leaders and the members and the employees of the organizations that there just isn't enough money to go around. You do that with grace and you maintain those connections and those relationships. I was really impressed, lisa, when i was on the allocation committee to watch how effectively you and your team did that. I really want to congratulate you and thank you for an excellent report. I vote aye. After all that, i vote aye. I almost forgot. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you to all. Thank you, commissioner ryan, for bringing it forward.

**Pellegrino:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** So, the next item our agenda is time certain 985.

#### **Item 985**

**Clerk:** Approve the amended and restated interstate corridor urban renewal plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. I'm pleased to introduce the next item the first reading of amendment to the interstate corridor urban renewal plan. Before i address the item, i would like to start by acknowledging an historical truth. The painful, unjust, and the racist history of the



city's and other public actors' actions over many decades in northeast portland. From memorial coliseum to i-5, the blanchard development to emmanuel, the city used the planning and development tools in the name of progress. And in the process ripped a community apart. The lasting impact for the individual families continues to reverberate to this day. The proposal before city council today is not restorative justice. It will not and cannot address the harm that the city's action over many decades in north and northeast portland and the impact, the very real impact to portland's black community. But i believe the action before us today shows that the city can learn from the past and can make a positive difference in the lives of people who have been unjustly harmed. This action will make approximately \$67 million in tax increment finance resources available to increase affordable housing and deliver on the community economic development projects that are specifically designed to support portlanders whose families have been impacted by the city's past actions. Especially black portlanders. I recognize that this proposal has an impact on the city's budget. But i believe the benefits significantly outweigh the foregone revenue. These resources will allow us to continue the critical work in portland housing bureau. And the north/northeast housing oversight community to invest in projects that address the legacy of displacement in north/northeast portland. They will enable supportive small businesses and anchor non-profit organizations to provide not only culturally-relevant goods and services but opportunities to create multigenerational wealth. Over the last five years, thousands of portlanders and people with historic ties to north/northeast portland have told us that it is important for us to intentionally help people avoid being displaced and to have a chance to come back to the neighborhoods they were displaced from. These additional resources would allow us to continue to make opportunities available for hundreds more families and many more small businesses. I want to express my appreciation for everyone who helped shape our work in north/northeast in the last five years. In the north/northeast housing and community development oversight committees. In particular for your help in honoring the original intent of the interstate plan to support long term residents and property owners and help them stay and flourish in north/northeast portland. Today, we have the portland housing bureau's director shannon callahan, prosper portland executive director kimberly branam and dr. Stephen holt, chair of the north/northeast housing community to present this item. But before we get to the staff presentation, i would like to ask if kimberly melton would like to share a few words. She is here for invited testimony. But staff says that she needs to leave before 10:30, which is coming up in four minutes. So we can break with protocol before the staff

presentation, since kimberly was kind enough to join us with the county's perspective, i would like to move her up to the front of the line if we could. Kimberly, thank you for being here. Good morning.

**Kimberly Melton:** Good morning. Thank you, mayor wheeler. Good morning to city commissioners and everyone present. Thank you for being willing to hear my comments a little bit early as i jump over to another meeting with the county board of commissioners. So i'm kimberly melton, for the record. I'm the chief of staff for the multnomah county chair and we are here to offer support today for the amendment. And i want to first appreciate the portland housing bureau and prosper portland. And the other community leaders. Dr. Stephen holt for taking time to come and meet with us at the county to confer and chat with the county board of commissioners about this issue and to ensure we were engaged and informed on what this amendment would mean for our community and would mean for northeast portland. I think we share at the county and the chair does the goals of the interstate district. And to create wealth and opportunity to reduce housing disparity. And to increase homeownership. To do that specifically in a way that benefits black families. That brings repair to historically black neighborhood. Even as the county was doing and building our economic forecast looking out, we recognize that there will be financial impact to extending and maximizing the indebtedness. We believe it's important that additional time and money is dedicated and needed. We believe to meet the goals that we have shared and that we have set out to do as a community. The work to address the deep harm in a community takes time. It takes intentionality. It takes trust. It doesn't happen overnight. We have been really encouraged to see the efforts that have taken place to date and the ways they have centered the voice of the community and what the community has asked for. We look forward to see what will be accomplished in the future. We want to acknowledge the impact that has happened thus far but also that we have a ways to go and we are committed to being partners with you in that. In supporting that, recognizing that the long-term impact will be so much greater for our community than even some of what would be a bit of foregone revenue in the next two or three years. So i wanted to take this opportunity just to convey that on behalf of the county commission and on behalf of the chair. If you have any questions for me, i am happy to answer them. Thank you for allowing me the time to share the thoughts with you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, kimberly. We appreciate it. I don't know if anybody has a quick question for kimberly. It doesn't look like it. We will get you to your meeting 30 seconds early, kimberly.

Thank you for being here today.

**Melton:** Thank you very much. I appreciate you all.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. With that, we move to the staff presentation. Good morning, Shannon. I believe you are kicking us off. Is that correct?

**Shannon Callahan:** Yes. Yes, I am. Good morning, Mayor. Commissioners and community. I'm Shannon Callahan, the director of the Portland Housing Bureau. As the Mayor stated this morning and what you heard from Kimberly Melton we are here to present you with a proposal to increase available funding in the Interstate Corridor for affordable housing and community development. Before going into the presentation today, I wanted to make sure that we establish some key facts about the actions that we are asking Council to take. Justin, could you please put up the power point for us if it isn't already up? Wonderful. Thank you very much. So, Justin, if you go quickly to the next slide. Thank you. Part of the action we are taking involves mailing to each of the property owners in the city a card about the work that we are doing and what this action is. In looking at some of the testimony that we have been receiving, we thought we'd establish quickly what we are asking to be, what we are asking Council to do and what this generally means. So, the proposal today built off the work off the North/Northeast Neighborhood Strategy, cocreated by the community in 2014. To adjust the legacy of displacement in North/Northeast Portland. And in particular, the actions that the city took which led to the displacement of thousands of Black families from this neighborhood. This proposal emanates from the recommendation of the North/Northeast Neighborhood Strategy Oversight Committee. It would make available \$67 million of resources for affordable housing and community development. 70% of which are devoted to the development of affordable homeownership and rental housing in the district. This proposal does not add any additional land to the district, nor does it cause an increase for property owners within the district. And Kimberly Branam, the executive director of Prosper Portland will go into more detail about the specifics later on. Thank you, Justin. If you wouldn't mind going forward with the slides. So, in 2014, the city -- sorry, the community called upon, or I will say actually the community demanded that city leaders address the need for more affordable housing in the Interstate Corridor to address the legacy of displacement. And in particular, the systemic displacement of the Black community. Mayor Hales and then Commissioner Salzman dedicated \$20 million for the initial strategy in the Housing Bureau then undertook community engagement and the planning process to create key strategies that guided our work since then. Next slide, please, Justin. The Housing Bureau convened a series of

forums in north/northeast, east and gresham to reach out to the households that had been displaced to help craft the strategy. The strategy that was developed is four-fold. To prevent the displacement of long-time homeowners through home repair resources, to create new homeowners through down payment assistance and the development of new affordable homes. To provide new rental homes. To land bank for future affordable housing development. The community also asked to us create a preference policy to address the harmful impact of past urban renewal actions. To give priority placement to applicants for rental housing or homeownership opportunities who were displaced, are at risk of displacement or descendants of the households that were displaced due to urban renewal in north/northeast portland. Under the preference policy, priority status given to the household who own or families owned properties taken by past city government actions through eminent domain. Another part of the work in the corridor is the community oversight. The north/northeast housing strategy committee is comprised of up to 13 members from the community. It is chaired by dr. Stephen holt. The committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and monitoring the development and the implementation of the programs associated with the north/northeast strategy. The committee has both oversight for the actions of the portland housing bureau as well as our implementation partners. Next slide, please, justin. Since officially launching the strategy, together with the community partners, we have been able to provide almost 900 low-income homeowners with critical repairs to remain in their homes through both loans and grants. We have created 57 new homeowners and have 26 new homes under development by the habitat, reserved for buyers right now. So 26 families have reserved units at new projects under development in the corridor. We have created more than 500 new rental units of housing in the district. All of which are open and/or are presently leasing up. The units together are housing approximately 1,254 portlanders. We have purchased three sites in the district for future affordable housing development. While tax increment financing can only be used for capital construction, related cost, the community expressed interest for programming to help the families retain their homes and pass their homes to future generations. Last year at the urging of the north/northeast oversight committee, the housing bureau undertook a pilot program with african-american alliance for homeownership and common law project to help black families with estate planning or other legal services they need to retain and keep their home for future generations. Last year, we were also honored that p.s.u. Undertook a research project to determine what the effects of the preference policy are. And if the goals that we intended with

the policy are being met. I'd now like to introduce ms. Leslie goodlow the lead for this work and the operations equity manager to provide an overview of the findings from p.s.u. Leslie?

**Leslie Goodlow:** Good morning, all. I'm masked because i'm in the office today. And following city guidelines. So next slide, justin. So as shannon stated, portland state university with dr. Lisa bates who is also a member of the oversight committee undertook an evaluation of the preference policy to ensure that we were meeting the goal of this particular policy. So we found that 43 is the average age of people that have moved in. But at that point, it was the age range was folks from 19 to 71. That folks had lived in the neighborhood, approximately 32 years. Most people had lived there 65% -- 65% of the people had lived in the neighborhood all of their life. 84% of the participants were black. 68% were women. 54% had no children living with them at the time. And this is likely, this number and percentage will likely change as the first three buildings that opened had fewer family size units. One of the buildings was primarily studios and one-bedrooms. So as the evaluation continues, we will see that number with children increase as 52% of the units are family-size. Two or three bedrooms. So next slide. So the next thing that they looked at was whether or not place matters. They asked about why people, what their motivation was for applying through the preference policy. And 80% reported that their primary motivation was to be back in the neighborhood. 80% also believed that this was their best chance of being moved off of a waiting list in to an affordable unit. 91% said that the history of the neighborhood mattered to them. 87% said they felt like they belonged in the neighborhood. And 83% said they had friends and family in the neighborhood. And the last percentage point must have dropped off the slide but 50% of those interviewed said that convenience to school or work was not a primary motivation for them moving in to one of these units. Next slide. So the third piece they looked at was well-being of the residents. 78% said they were participating in arts and cultural events. And about 25% of those said they had increased their participation since moving back in to the neighborhood. I'm sorry. That is 53%. I'm sorry. 56% said they were spending time volunteering. And 24% said they were increasing their civic engagement since moving in. I had the numbers jumbled in my notes. 50% reported getting to work or school was more convenient since they moved in. And the great thing about this evaluation is that portland state university was recently awarded a robert wood johnson grant to continue the evaluation of the preference policy. Which will be amazing since we are now open, we have opened three more buildings. So we will be able to get respondents from all six of the buildings. And we'll have additional information probably next year. So thank you. Back to you, shannon.

**Callahan:** Thank you. Next slide, please, justin. So the development homes and the rental housing both homeownership and rental are listed on this map. Including the sites that we have acquired since 2015. Two sites in particular i'd like to note are the sites that are indicated with a blue dot. Those are the carry boulevard property and the strong family property. Next slide, please, justin. So in 2017, as the housing bureau made the final commitments of resources available in the district for affordable housing. We began having discussions with the north/northeast neighborhood housing strategy oversight committee about the possibility of dedicating more resources to the strategy. Although \$20 million was the original amount allocated by the mayor and commissioner salzman in 2014, that amount had grown to over \$70 million. But we had reached the end of our program commitments. While we still do have funds available in the corridor for home repair, and to reach our current commitments to create more homeowners, we don't have dedicated funding for the development of these particular sites. So the bureau brought the committee a specific proposal to develop our two land bank sites by maximizing indebtedness, which is the proposal before you today. To create 350 new affordable homes in a mix of rental and homeownership. The two sites that are highlighted in orange are sites that are owned by the portland housing bureau. The first site carey boulevard above. We will be dedicating to affordable homeownership development, likely in a townhouse style development. To the second property, which is located on the corner of alberta and williams. And we were able to gratefully reach a deal to acquire from the strong family a year and a half ago. We will be working on plans with the oversight committee and the community about how to move forward on that development. We have committed to making funds available for affordable housing on the williams & russell site. My understanding is the committee is interested in developing affordable housing on the site. We have made a commitment to resources. We also would be looking if there are available resources after developing the three sites to look at another community site in the district. If you wouldn't mind go ahead to the next slide, justin. After the series of meetings that we held over a period of two years, in september of last year our oversight committee unanimously voted to start the process to maximize indebtedness in the district to continue our work. Primarily to benefit the black and african-american community in portland. And we are pleased that dr. Holt, the chair of our committee and members of the oversight committee are here to talk with you specifically about this proposal this morning. And i'd like to now turn it over to executive director kimberly branam to review prosper portland's community development work. Kimberly?

**Kimberly Branam:** Good morning. Thank you, Shannon. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler, commissioners and partners. As Shannon mentioned and for the record I'm Kimberly Branam, executive director of Prosper Portland. So following the decision to significantly increase investments in affordable housing that Shannon mentioned, Prosper Portland engaged in conversation with community partners to identify key priorities with the remaining \$32 million that was available for economic development. With the community we took a close look at the past actions. And we acknowledged that while many investments were made to improve transportation, revitalize neighborhoods or create vibrant corridors in the Interstate district, the benefits of the investments had been enjoyed disproportionately by property owners, businesses and residents that were white or who had higher incomes. The North/Northeast community development initiative action plan thus established the focus for distributing the remaining T.I.F. Resources must be given to those who have not benefited from economic growth in the district, especially Black Portlanders. Next slide, please. Through the year-long community engagement process the advisory committee and hundreds of people identified the goal of fostering multigenerational wealth and community assets through partnerships that would promote ownership and -- redevelopment, support business ownership and growth and invest in new and existing homeowners, advance community livability products and catalyze member hubs. North/Northeast initiative development oversight committee established to ensure accountability by advising and monitoring on the plan's implementation. The next slide, please. The 2017 action plan established desired outcomes and investment allocation priorities for the remaining \$32 million. At the three-year mark of the five-year plan, you will see we are on track to meet the targets over the five-year time frame of the plan. For our first goal, we have served 56 property owners, long-time property owners including businesses that own their own spaces. With the goal of helping them maintain ownership or developing their assets. This exceeds our goal of 44. 90% of the property owners identify as people of color and 50% identify as Black. One example is a project led by Andrew Clark with Hugh Development who recently completed a project at the former gas station on North Killingsworth and Denver Avenue. For the second goal of supporting business ownership and growth, we provided 30 business tenants with grants and loans. 90% of the funds have gone to BIPOC-owned businesses. We are on target to achieve our goal of 55. Through these grants and loans, businesses like Champions Barbershop, Mercado Ethiopian food store and the Jamaican Homestyle restaurant have been able to make critical improvement to the spaces and remain or expand in Northeast Portland. Next slide, please.

Recognizing the powerful role that homeownership plays to create assets passed down from one generation to the next, the action plan dedicated resources to support homeowner whose income were just above the 80% affordability requirements. So through the partnership with the portland housing bureau and alignment with the preference policy we supported 27 homeowners. We are on track to reach our goal of helping 60 homeowners with home repairs or to become first-time home buyers. With significant input from the oversight committee, we exceeded our goals in supporting the community serving non-profit organizations like willie webb's elk lodge and the blazers boys and girls club. We'll have a request for proposal for one or two culturally-specific business hub to create supportive space for entrepreneurs in 2021. Next slide, please. Through the community engagement processes, and from the organizations like urban league and imagine black, we frequently heard a desire for the long vacant flock at williams and russells to be returned to the community. In august of 2017, the city of portland legacy, health and prosper portland announced an agreement to work together to facilitate community-driven process to do just that. The community nominating committee established the project working group from the diversity of organizations and community groups as well as the community at large. The project working group has been working to identify priorities through idog -- through dialogue and community engagement. The project working group planning to release a request for proposal in the coming months to incorporate feedback that prioritized housing, community gathering space, workforce development and entrepreneurship. There is confusion about this point so i want to remind everyone that this property was brought in to the interstate district in march through a minor amendment approved by the prosper portland board at that point. Next slide, please. We learned a lot over the last few years and we recognize we have much work to do to improve the experience of the community partners and ensure that the resources are most impactful. So as we look ahead we will continue to prioritize support for the bipoc-owned businesses, property owners and community opportunities with long ties to district increasing awareness and the utilization for grant with enterprise services of oregon and sole business district. Support with the loan products to better meet their needs. Create additional affordable commercial space to retain the legacy businesses. Establishing one or more cultural business open and support the williams and russell project working group with the request for proposal and development objectives. Next slide, please. Before we hear from dr. Holt and the other key partners i want to close with some clarity on the proposed amendment, potential impact and the next step. As a reminder every t.i.f. District has a city council adopted



plan to govern priority for investment in the area. The plan establishes the geographic boundaries to the district and defines the maximum indebtedness for total amount of borrowing allowed to facilitate investment in a district. You can think of this as similar to a credit card limit. Once the district reaches the maximum indebtedness and the debt is paid off, the taxes return to the overlapping taxing jurisdictions. Next slide, please. The proposed amendment as shared would increase maximum indebtedness by \$67 million. Net administration, 70% would go to the housing bureau and 30% would go to prospect for investments in line with the plans we just discussed. But state law a district maximum indebtedness can be increased by up to 20% with approval from city council. The inner state t.i.f. District had the maximum indebtedness of \$335 million since its creation in 2000. And so, the \$67 million represents that full 20% that would be allowed by law with your approval. The proposed amendment would not make any changes to the district's boundaries. Next slide, please. With the amendment overlapping taxing jurisdictions would forgo \$8 million of the incremental assessed value per year for two additional years and the resources would return to the general fund, multnomah county and state school fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 instead of 202-2023. With the amendment, the taxpayers would pay the same level of tax to cover the fire and the police disability and retirement fund levy for two years with the rate decreasing by approximately 3% in the fiscal year to 24-2025. Instead of fiscal year 2022-2023. For the medium portland household that represents approximately \$16 per year. Next slide, please. Finally as you will hear from dr. Holt and heard from shannon the amendment process began a year ago with the request from the north/northeast housing oversight committee. This fall, our teams worked to engage with the key partners and advisory bodies as noted here. I'd like to recognize justin douglas and leslie goodlow for the leadership in this effort. And to the community bodies who provided input. You have a letter from the planning and sustainability commission recommending adoption and noting conformance with the comprehensive plan as well. After today's public hearing we anticipate coming back to council in the next year for a vote. With that, i will pass it over to dr. Holt. Thank you.

**Dr. Steven Holt:** Thank you. Good morning, council. Good to be present and good to see you. For those who i haven't had an opportunity to meet, i look forward to meeting you. Let me express my appreciation to commissioner fritz for her continued support around housing and housing issues. We will miss you and your voice. Thank you, commissioner eudaly. The work we have been able to accomplish and being engaged in has also been beneficial. Thank you also for being a partner to help advance this work. To commissioner hardesty, i appreciate your

thoughtful critique that has been associated with this major lift as we step in to this space to take on such a challenging dynamic. And the fact that none of us understood how deep the historic impact of gentrification and displacement had been on families and the time it took to make the adjustments and bring the turn in to the space to be able to see numbers we have seen today, to move forward with homeownership opportunities and the future in front of us. Of course, to the mayor. Thank you for continued support and investment around this work for the community. I have come before the council in many capacities as a consultant and the chair of the oversight committee today i want to contextualize two things. I want to contextualize my commitment and why i'm so passionately involved as the chair of the oversight committee. And in order to do that, i want to contextualize my experience here in portland briefly. I'm native to the city. And i have lived in and or worked in portland all my life. My mother lived at 408 north monroe. Monroe street is still there. It's now legacy emmanuel abides. She was one of the families that have been removed. I grew up at 4810 north williams. Which also no longer exists. There is a, kind of a townhouse development there now. My commitment and investment is because i understand very personally the direct impact that happens when families are moved, relocated, displaced. And the economic disparity that happens. We as i got married and started a family of my own, we could not afford to live in portland and we ended up across the river. So for the last two decades, i have been commuting in from vancouver in to portland. But have continued my work in north/northeast portland. And when the opportunity came to get involved in this, to bring a difference, i saw it as a commitment to my family directly, but a commitment to the legacy and the opportunity to do something different. And in six years, i have missed one committee meeting. Volunteer position, passionately invested in making sure that the promises that have been made are promises that are kept. Housing stability cannot be over emphasized. The significance of what it means for family to have security, and safety. We know that all the community health and benefits and welfare that are associated with stable housing. Everything is driven from housing. It cannot be overemphasized. When the oversight committee came to the space of the committed funds, being exhausted and the need continuing to be so great, we saw the capacity with the amendment to add to the possibility not only for, you know, helping to keep people in space but for ownership and to land bank. We without hesitation voted 100% to advance this. This whole amendment comes out of the passion of the oversight committee. We have got significant leaders and community individuals who are part of it. And the desire is as stated already to benefit generationally people who have

been kept from this community. Lastly, i want to close with this thought. Really kind of a personal testimony. I mentioned that we could not, myself, my wife could not afford to purchase in portland. So we have been renting for years. In 1999, may of 1999, we were able to secure a space. I had no idea the significance of home security in my family. It altered how my kids felt. It altered how they saw themselves. It gave them a different experience of security and stability and belonging in place. I bring that in to this space with this mentality. If we can do this for families and create opportunity for others to be involved, we are only doing what is appropriate, especially in light of our history in this city and in this state. So we strongly recommend the amendment and the adoption. And are committed to seeing finish those things that we started. We also understand this is not by any means reparations. This is a good beginning. Only a beginning. There is much more than needs to be done. Housing is one portion. I sit in that seat of housing. But it's economic development, it is workforce development. There are a host over elements to go with it. Thank you -- host of elements to go with it. Thank you. I look forward to questions and the conversation as we go forward.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, everybody. Before we move in to invited testimony, does anybody have any questions at this particular point? Commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, everyone who has provided testimony up until this point. I have a question for shannon. We always talk about affordable housing. And we have a new goal of how many affordable housing units will be built in a state urban renewal arizona. Would you tell me what the median family income require will be for the housing you anticipate will be built with this extension?

**Callahan:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty, for the committee. All of the rental housing that the portland housing bureau supports with direct financing must be affordable at 60% area median income. Or below. Our homeownership financing is typically around 80% area median income. Occasionally prosper portland and their oversight committee and in particular in this district has committed additional funds from their allocation to support families who make above that median income. So that, you know, someone who is able to afford in the district has been able to purchase a home. But resources of the portland housing bureau are dedicated specifically at lower area median incomes. We strive to create more deeply affordable housing, which for us is around 30% of median family income or below. Which really translates to families who are, you know, single parents on a minimum wage income or seniors who are surviving awful of social security or individuals who are living off of disability. Just to kind of give an

example of what the median incomes mean to people in the community. Did it answer your question, commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** It did. Thank you. We throw the term around a lot "affordable housing" and for most of us when we say "affordable housing" especially if it's at 80%, it's not affordable for most people who are working in lower-income wage jobs that -- lower-income wage jobs that are not family wage. I want to have on the record we are investing the dollars because we are able to actually make it more affordable for people who are working and struggling to pay rent. So, thank you. I wanted to make sure we had that there. That is my only question, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. We have invited testimony now. Some of the folks are not here yet is my understanding. So I'm being fed the names as people are here. We'll start with Bryson Davis, the Williams and Russell Project Working Group cochair. Welcome.

**Bryson Davis:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, City Council, for having us and listening to our testimony today. The Mayor just mentioned I am one of the two cochairs of the Williams and Russell Project Working Group. We are a full volunteer group assembled to turn that vacant lot that you saw on Shannon's slide between Russells, Williams, Vancouver to a development to support the Black community and support the people whose families were displaced by the original construction of Emmanuel Hospital. The main goal of the project is to while it will not be a full, a full reparations for the problems that arose from the development of the hospital initially or from the gentrification issues that the neighborhood is facing, it will hopefully be a good step in the right direction and potentially a good model for future projects seeking to have the same goal. Our project working group is composed of members that represent the community non-profits. Groups in the community at large. We have been working with Prosper, Legacy Health, Mayor Wheeler's office, the Housing Bureau and my Memorial Trust to take in information from the community. What people want to see, what can best support the needs of the community. And shape those in to the project's priorities. And then eventually turn that in to a physical development. There has been a good diversity of the voices in the project working group since the beginning. Our original members included representatives from our community non-profit organizations; such as, SCI and Urban League, community business support organizations; such as, Sole District, Business Association and BICEP. And also importantly, the various members of the group have from the beginning represented families of displaced people, Edpa2 was an original member and many of the project working group voting and nonvoting members. As well as Dr. Holt just mentioned the facilitator are either people who were displaced or

descendants of people who were displaced by the hospital. We have several groups of representatives who have had to step off the group over the three years. But one of the things that i found with this group is that there is a continued desire to keep the voices of community organizations, displaced families and black-owned businesses at the table for the duration of the project and through the management of what gets put on the property. Among other items that may be part of the project, the project working group has already determined that some type of housing will be a component of the project. And the expansion of maximum indebtedness as shannon described earlier is a large component of the funding that will support the housing component and potentially some of the other components of the project. And make the vision of the group become a reality. I'm proud of the work that we have been able to do. I'm proud of our ability to include and consider the community voices in this process. And we have a meeting later today where we'll be discussing and taking some of the final steps on determining the final structure of the project going forward. You know, as i mentioned before, our project isn't going to fix all the negative effects of gentrification. It won't fully repair all the harm caused by the original construction of emmanuel hospital, but hopefully it will be a step in the right direction and my personal hope is it will serve as a template for the future projects and serve as a catalyst for increased cooperation between portland's black community and the resources provided by the local government and the large, large area non-profits.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I appreciate your testimony. Commissioner hardesty has a question or a comment.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. So, thank you for your testimony. I think i just been a little confused. So is the emmanuel -- sorry. The north williams project that you are cochairing, is that included in the urban renewal district area?

**Davis:** Yeah. As was mentioned earlier by kimberly, it was added to the urban renewal area back in march, i believe.

**Hardesty:** Okay. Yeah. I have been getting a lot of conflicting e-mails and i'm just trying to get a handle on of -- there seems to be a mishmash of what people think will happen with the extension. Thank you for clarifying that.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Next up justice, the cochair.

**Justice Rajee:** Thank you for having me out. I'll be brief. Echoing the sentiments of my cochair bryson. This is a volunteer effort. I have worked on most of the community engagement efforts. Extensive surveying. We had a public event early in the year, which under the circumstances and

the realities of the year have made that seem like a distant and a challenging time. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss the matters again in person when public health matters allow us to. I think the only thing i want to raise to add to what bryson has already shared is that something a community member said to me, personally, ignoring the community engagement that in order to make something of this land and this property and to point to the future that we want for the city, for the community that have been harmed in the past, we need the best people. We need the greatest access to resources and tools to do better where harm has been done in the past. I believe within the confines of the working group itself. We have a lot of talented, as i would say, the sons and daughters to this city, of this community contributing the expertise and talents. We have had a proactive effort to bring in ideas. We have been very diligent and use a high level of discernment in the decisions that have been made to ensure that nothing is changed, nothing is decided upon. Nothing is written or put down as a plan that one can't be executed, and also is not, you know, responsive to what the community has asked for, you know, very specifically in the work that we have done. That is our intention. That will be our plan going forward. As it pertains to the indebtedness, it just adds the ability to access the resources if they, you know, if we need them to do what we are trying to do on this very significant but in the larger scheme of things one piece of the property and one piece of a larger puzzle to change and improve the city. That is what i would have to share in terms of the testimony. You have hope that, you know, if there is any other questions or concerns as always and i extended to anyone in the community, our meetings are public. We welcome comment and input. Because we can't do this without the community. So there. That is what i have to say. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate it. Next up will be kimberly horner, pcrn. Welcome.

**Kimberly Horner:** Good morning, mayor. And portland housing bureau staff and members of the public. My name is kymberly horner and i'm the executive director for the pcri, portland community investment. Our organization is affordable housing non-profit where we serve the north/northeast section of portland. And our organization was really born out of a lot of the things that have been mentioned earlier with the displacement of the black families in portland. As well as gentrification, redlining and some of the other atrocities that have occurred in this particular area. I do want to thank the city staff and the mayor for actually recognizing that these are some shortcomings of the city that have specifically impacted the black community. I think that it is rare to hear a city actually acknowledge that it used its tools of eminent domain and

other policies to actually hurt people in its community. And in this case, particularly, the black community. So it's refreshing to hear that today's agenda item, which i am in support of, the organization pcri is also in support of this agenda item. In that we are now going to see that the tools that were used to negatively impact people can now be used to positively do something to benefit those who have been harmed the most. By using \$67 million to infuse that potential cash in to this particular area can really make a significant positive impact to the community. And place people in to a situation where they have home stability and homeownership opportunities. So thank you. Thank you for doing that. Additionally, we can't turn our back on looking at the fact that this is a strong economic development opportunity for people as well. When we talk about keeping people in their homes, we also need to talk about the creation of jobs and economic opportunities for people. So by supporting this amendment, by supporting this ordinance i should say is going to effectuate some of the goals and objectives of the portland housing bureau and the mayor and commissioners in that regard. So, i encourage all of those who are voting on this particular item to support it largely, as it is a way to help correct some of the ills that have happened in this community and really bring it back to strengthening the black community as well as bringing the community together at large. So thank you for allowing me the time to speak. I hope to connect with the group that is also working on bringing the williams russells project together. Also, thank you to the north/northeast oversight community for its work in this regard. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you so much, and we appreciate your testimony very much this morning. Thank you. Next up we will hear from sam miller from the sole business district and the last of our invited testimony will be tony hopson after that. Sam, you are up. Welcome. Thank you for being here today.

**Sam Miller:** Good morning. How are you doing, mayor wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Well, thank you.

**Miller:** Your father and i were close friends, actually, mayor wheeler. He and i used to work at the multnomah athletic club every morning at 6: 00.

**Wheeler:** He was determined.

**Miller:** Yes. He was great. I learned a lot.

**Wheeler:** Obviously, you are, too.

**Miller:** I learned a lot of things for him. He was a wise man. He was amazing. His humility, when i see you i think about your dad a lot. His humility was amazing. You are fortunate to have had

that example in your life.

**Wheeler:** Thank you so much for that, sir.

**Miller:** I work in the soul district business association. With navigation specifically. We are not trying -- not trying to. We are working to create opportunities for people of color in business. I spent 40 years in corporate america and that is what i bring to the table when i meet with the people in north/northeast portland who often times feel left out of everything. I am one of the people in the pandemic i go to people's businesses and we strategically set ourselves up from each other to have real conversations about what is going on in their businesses. I tend to be emotional when i think about this so i apologize in advance. I have gone to so many businesses in ten months since the pandemic began. People look at you much like a child looks at you when there is no food on the table when they get home there school. These are the people who worked the entire district to build something for themselves and for the families. I have been blessed in my life. My children and i get to sit down at the table and talk about resources. We talk about the things that most of the people in the black community don't have the opportunity for conversation. And unlike dr. Holt, i didn't grow up here. I grew up in the segregated south in the '60s. I had a different kind of oppression. It was a lot more literal than strategical. So, when i look at what is going on now in our city around business ownership, and the ability to create something that could be generational for your family, and i have the conversations with black people who own businesses and have owned them for many, many years. And have often times been left out of the narrative when it comes to resources available to them so not only can they grow their business but can they sustain their business. They are afraid on every corner. They are afraid of what it looks like to try and be successful in business. Because of the road blocks. Now i feel fortunate in that i'm creating this great relationship, i feel, with the prosper portland. Nancy wilson specifically and i have done great work toward this end. We are going to continue to do great work. Kymbely made herself available to me as well as lisa. I think there is a possibility with the additional revenue we can begin to create something that isn't just rhetoric. That isn't just a sound bite for the news. That isn't just a sound bite for television stations. This could be something sustainable. Our community needs this. It isn't an idea. It's important. Someone mentioned earlier in this conversation this morning about trauma, addressing black people in trauma. And this is real. When i look at someone in their face, and they have been in business for seven years and they don't know what a financial statement is, they don't know what r.o.i. is. They don't have the conversations because no one sat at the table with them. Then six and eight



months later the same person who didn't know they would survive in the business for another week not only are they not surviving but they are beginning to flourish because we spend the time. We make an investment with them so they can begin to see that they can have a conversation with their families that doesn't include "well, i don't know if i've got enough money to pay the respect this month." or "turn the lights off because the light bill is three months behind." i think we have an opportunity here, this is a perfect storm for us in the community right now to do something that could be sustainable. James brown wrote a song a long time ago. "i don't want nobody to give me nothing. Just open the door and i'll get it myself." i have conversations with folks that say that to me every day. I want to thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Sam, thank you so much for your time. Appreciate it. Thank you for remembering my dad. I appreciate that also on a personal note. So, last but certainly not least is mr. Tony hobson. We know him from s.e.i. But speaking capacity as member of the williams and russell project working group. Good morning, tom.

**Tony Hopson Sr.:** Good morning, mayor. Thank you. Good morning to all of the council members. As you said, i'm tony hopson senior. I am wearing the hat of being a part of the project working group on the wing of the russell project -- on the williams and russell project. I will be brief. I think in my mind after decades of pressure, identifying the egregious actions but the legacy emmanuel and the city to displace hundreds of black families out of the lower albina area we have an effort to begin to right some of the wrongs from the racist past. I believe this is a great opportunity. The russell williams project to me is just the start. It provides in my mind some jobs and opportunities and hopefully affordable housing for black people to take advantage of. I think especially for those who have been pushed out to the numbers and the other places, hopefully it will provide an opportunity for some of them to return. But i'm sure that legacy emmanuel sees the effort as their way to basically say, you know, i'm sorry for some of the past wrong. But again to me this is just the start. But it will not make up for the millions of dollars of the lost wealth that would have been accumulated by black families ownership. So the city should do all that it can to move this project forward. Obviously, move this amendment forward. But the city should also recognize that this effort alone does not replace the losses felt by the many descendants who were pushed out. So, again, i say, yes, we need to move this project forward and move this amendment forward. But i think also we need to consider what else the city can do that would directly impact those families directly impacted by the city's past decision. I believe when i think about the community, that we have a need to satisfy the black community

and hopefully this project that we are working on in williams at russell will begin to do that from a community perspective. I also think we have a need to satisfy specific victims from the past. I still believe that there is a lot of work to be done on that. Hopefully the city council is ready to move forward on this and we can get some movement on the projects. But still, there are quite a few victims out there that are still feeling left out. I still think there is work to be done on that.

Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate your testimony and your patience this morning. Colleagues, just a quick note here. Obviously we are running a bit overschedule. Commissioner eudaly has some folks waiting for items 996 and 997. So after we complete this item, i would like to go to those items so we don't keep people waiting and then go back to the agenda. How many folks do we have for public testimony? Two minutes each. Sorry, commissioner eudaly. I didn't see your hand there.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm sorry. I'm unclear will there be a vote on this item today?

**Wheeler:** No. This will be moved to second.

**Eudaly:** Okay. Since i won't be here for the vote i want to thank everyone today for the presentation, for your testimony, and especially for your, for sharing your personal stories. It's, i think, meaning, deeply meaningful to me and i hope others. I was hearing a lot of grumbling about this item and i'm relieved to, i was relieved to be informed that some of the major issues were resolved. I want to agree with mr. Hopson that an apology is simply not enough. This is not any kind of conclusion or reparation. This is just one step in what will be a lengthy process. And i would also like to add that i strongly believe that the city, aqua-dots, the state, banks -- odot, the state, the banks, private industry, community members who were harmed or helped by the social engineering through racist public policy that took place in north/northeast portland need to have a conversation. And reckoning. And make real investments in repairing the harm. Just wanted to leave you with some parting words and strong feelings about this issue. And thank you, everyone for continuing to hang in there on what i know is a really challenging conversation. For a lot of people who have very justifiable skepticism forward the government for what has happened in the black community and trauma. So thank you. I look forward to watching this evolve.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Commissioner fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly, for the eloquent thoughts. I also want to thank everybody who has testified. I know we have others to come. Thank you not only for your work

on this but for all of your investment in making our communities better. And addressing the wrongs that were done in the past. And thank you for your kindness and wisdom that has been shared with me over the past 12 years. I've greatly appreciated it.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Keelan, how many folks do we have signed up for public testimony today on this item?

**Clerk:** We have about 30 people signed up.

**Wheeler:** All right. Two minutes each, please. Name for the record.

**Clerk:** First up we have Louise Oender.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Louise Oender:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. We can hear you.

**Oender:** Great. Great. I got on this, signed up to speak at this meeting because I was not aware that it was not covering an issue in northeast Portland concerning Housley Street and a green zone. However, I do have a general concern. I have been listening to the testimony. In an ideal world it's wonderful. The thing that I trip on is that I see that the ordinance says that this involves property taxes. And I am one of those people, for example, quote, this is from Miss Callahan. "A senior living off social security." The bank owns my house but my property taxes keep going up and up. I can't pay my mortgage. I haven't paid my mortgage for six months. And with all of these projects, they because Portland or Oregon doesn't have, of course, a sales tax. So this is all coming out of property taxes. Or whatever. Property taxes are being impacted. This plan impacts property taxes. And Portland relative to other urban areas has a very low percentage of the residences who own houses. It's about 50%. So, as the projects keep coming up, and keep impacting property taxes, what that means is that 50% of the people are supporting the rest of the city. We are breaking. Low-income property owners are breaking. I can't pay property tax and pay my mortgage. Right now I can't pay either of them because I lost my job due to COVID. But given my age, then I was due to not have a job soon anyway. I do make a final note, so in other words this plan is great. But not if it impacts property taxes. There has to be a line. There has to be a stop where we are getting smothered with the city's projects. Okay?

**Clerk:** That is two minutes.

**Oender:** Okay. On the supporting documents, the city council ordinance number 262728 refer to this meeting. Public testimony and the city council's decision as having already occurred. In other words the decision on this amendment according to the supporting documents has been

made. Which makes me question the credibility. Thank you very much. Please do not raise the property taxes. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. I see commissioner hardesty has her hand raised. Commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Yes, thank you, mayor. I want to explain to miss louise that this will not, in fact, raise your property tax. The reason your property tax continue to go up is because of all the ballot measures that are supported by the public. And so there is a difference, i think between what the city requires you to pay in property tax and what your fellow community members think are good things to invest in property tax dollars in. But i do hear your frustration. And the city council is committed to working with our federal partners to try to create some type of amnesty program. You are not the only one that won't be able to pay all of their back mortgage or rent. We are very mindful of that. I just wanted to appreciate you and just acknowledge that we understand the situation that you are in. In this particular time, this is not the city that you can blame for the rising of your property tax. It's your fellow community members who bleed the projects that are being paid for -- believe the projects that are being paid for are worth putting on the property tax bill. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate your perspective. Next, keelan.

**Clerk:** Next up we have laurel priest.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Laurel Priest:** Public speaker: Hi. Thank you, city council members. I want to speak in support of the emmanuel displaced persons association to and the long-time work recognized by prosper portland and the mayor's office for appropriation compensation for displacement by emmanuel hospital and the portland development commission in the 1960s and 1970s. I am concerned about the use of the same economic tools to partially repair past harms as were used to harm the black community in the 1960s and 1970s. In the research i have done on urban renewal areas and tax increment financing, they have mixed results even when they are used with the best of intentions. For the public on the line who may not know, the williams and russell block south of dawson park are valued at nearly \$10 million. Some of the home and business owners who live and worked there were only paid \$2,000 if at all. That was one-tenth of the average home sale price in 1971-1973 in portland. Many of the community members were never provided with appropriate replacement housing or relocation services. I want to ask what evaluation tools will be deployed by p.d.c., what oversight will be there? How will the displacement be implemented?

How does the inclusion of the area and expanded funded address the past wrongs? I know these questions are too big to answer today but i hope they will considered going forward. Thank you for giving me the floor and for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Clerk:** Next up, we have beth stebbons.

**Beth Stebbins:** Public speaker: Hi. I'm beth and resident of portland and an employee of emmanuel hospital. I walk by the history exhibit every day. And i see the apology and the promise to never do it again. I hear the urban renewal proposals that are promising things when i look back at the old urban renewal proposals and they didn't fulfill the promises. So, as much as i appreciate all the work that people are doing to make something good on williams and russell, i question, i question whether it is enough. There is poison, there is poison left from the past. And new promises don't erase the poison. You have to go directly. You have to say one to one how are we going to replace the housing that we promised to replace in 1971? I feel very strongly that there needs to be concessions demanded from emmanuel hospital, including that it has no right to own that land. I don't think it should have ceded that land a long time ago because it didn't develop it. So that is all i have to say. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for being here.

**Clerk:** Next up we have crystal bell.

**Krystal Bell:** Public speaker: Good morning, everyone. Thank you. I'm a new res sent to portland -- resident to portland but have been an active ally in bipoc community especially with the protest recently. Regarding the interstate plan. Can everyone hear me? I'm sorry. Okay. Thank you. The verbiage sounds good. But generally the outcome is gentrification. Regarding specifically a recent example, the red house incident. There are already existing long-standing families that need support to thrive. Not further gentrification. But rather to make the food, health and education better. I agree with the concerns that all of this sounds good but it generally leads to the same thing. I have heard people talk about building up versus out. Environmentally it makes sense. But not at the risk of eviction. Perhaps considering continue to return land that is not our own. In essence looking at the empty plots and the parcels long abandoned. Recycling what we have neglected in ways that won't harm the community. There is talk in the plan of a cultural center. The center already exists here. Focus on the cultural that is already existing. Preserving it and supporting it in prospering now. The supposed community council making the decisions are the voices not just government voices or voices of the people

in power. Does it ask are the particular loans that are supposed to be helping predatory in any way? Does it ask the community directly what it needs to invest in itself? And does it put more focus on those needs of the community and less on the essential goal of the interstate plan objectives. I urge to remember the words in the plan. You can only succeed if the community supports you. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. [captioner switch]

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**Diane Miesenhelter:** I'm getting there. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** We can hear you. Welcome.

**Miesenhelter:** Thank you. So when I moved to inner northeast portland near alberta street in the 1980s coming from more diverse cities such, having familiar racist policies that i witnessed in Chicago and Detroit. I was still stunned as I learned from black neighbors of the blatant history of racism surrounding portland and pbc that had and was continuing to roll out in inner northeast. As I began to witness firsthand unconscionable situation in our northeast neighborhood and with pbc., we could see the writing on the wall and try the best we could to organize through local cdcs to preserve affordable housing in the face of rampant gentrification and displacement of black families and businesses. Later through the albina plan process I continued to experience the trauma and stories of black families that have lost so much through the urban renewal processes of the 60s and 70s that resulted in the destruction of the heart of the black community from emmanual, the freeways, the coloseum and other developments. Lives torn asunder from destruction of the heart of the black community homes and business lost, being forced away from churches and neighborhoods and neighbors, stymied from creating multigenerational wealth. It's as current city leaders, you have a choice in how to try in a small way to make right on so many wrongs the city continuing to uphold situation that continue racism and expanding and to look at this parcel of land and its development without compensating the descendents who have organized for years not only opens old wounds but flies in the face of justice. These families should receive restitution...resolution 1330 the separate federal uniform relocation act and restitution agreement, and if they have desire, have input in development plans for this parcel. The city and prosper portland, formally pdc responsible for the original wrong displacement should slow down and take time to negotiate and acceptable solution, compensating the families for this is the right thing to do.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Destiny Houston

Wheeler: Welcome

Destiny Houston: Thank you. Sorry I was having trouble unmuting. Can you hear me okay?

Wheeler: you sound good, thanks you.

Houston: Good morning commissioners. My name is destiny Houston. I was born and raised in northeast portland and I did have written testimony, but after listening to everybody, I'm not going to read it verbatim. So, I am testifying today on behalf of edpa2, the Emmanuel displaced persons association 2. What is a displaced person? What is a demolished house? What is an empty lot that was once a place someone called home? I imagine a house to be like living inside my own savings account. Every portion of the payment that isn't interest collecting around me for the future. Now my home is where I sleep, rest, recuperate, break down, make plans, dream, raise my family, decorate, cook and celebrate my life. My home is filled with memories, but what is a house filled with? Shouldn't it be up to me how that house, that savings account, is used. Pass it on to my children still in house form to shelter them. Sell it and turn it into 3 college educations. Take out a loan and buy a rental property. When the city of portland determined this thriving albina area blighted, when the city of portland demolished those homes and displaced the families, they also stole the house. I was struggling with how to express myself today, how to persuade you, when I came across when I came across a beautiful session. Each of you commissioners that were present shared something beautiful but mayor wheeler you captured the message of the day, and I'm so grateful to come across to this testimony. To the way of your family was treated. It was wrong. It was an injustice. I appreciate that did you the net present value of the lost opportunity to your family. I think you said it was about two point five million dollars. That's a story that's repeated over and over and over again. In addition to the injustice and that was sanctioned by our city's leaders both in the public and private sectors. That's the important lesson for me that we have to remember. This isn't something we can say it's 2019. The reality is from an economic perspective. It impacts opportunities around job development, education, it all comes back full circle. You have my apology, it's not much. Through our leadership and commitment we can move in a different direction. I just want to say that you were talking to mr. Davis. At the end of that quote, you said that you were sending him home to speak to his mother with his faith having been restored. I want to say having listened to that, a bit of my own faith have been restored. There's no amount of money that can right the wrong. The least that the city of portland can do is make monetary rest tuition now. Please vote no on

this until there is a plan in place to make restitution to the families. The members of the communities that are effected are alive and well and can be greatly impacted by receiving that rest tuition. I wonder when that area is developed how much, first i wonder how much those houses would be worth today. How much they would generate from building on that land. Whose savings accounts will grow. Who grand children will enjoy the development that land provides. I'm asking you to do right by the black community members by the hospital expansion and vote no until there's a plan in place to provide them restitution. I heard some wonderful presentations this morning. I want to say building affordable housing in that place, unless it is homes that are going to be owned to create multi generational wealth. Replacing homes with affordable housing where i personally am not going to benefit, i feel is one of those devastating and sad ideals that make some people feel better does provide somebody a temporary place to live but does nothing to their future. When we lose our house the ability to lose our own wealth. All of our money in the form of rent goes to security other families and not our own. It does not create multi general wealth. Please support the descendants and the survivors and listen to their voices and vote no until they are considered and until there is a plan in place to provide them the restitution they deserve. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have Kelly Caldwell.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, kelly.

**Caldwell:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** You sound good. Thank you for being here.

**Caldwell:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Caldwell:** All right. My name is kelly. I have previously served as a public coordinator and been active on works with environmental justice. I wanted to say that i'm very much in support in making sure that the displaced families in the williams and rustle area receive adequate and fair compensation. My review so far has indicated there's been a takings as we would call it in legal terms in that the previous minor efforts at restitution were woefully inadequate that has been made clear. I wanted to talk about the housing in general. The city has already agreed to a one to one replacement. I'm excited to hear that. I won't be alone in watching the process further to make sure that's the case. I've been involved in portland community land trust that became proud ground. When we're investing public dollars. Especially through the finance methods. We should be looking at permanent affordability and not just temporary measures where



something might be in place for one owner whether that be owner occupied or rental. It's key that we look at that investment being permanent. I'm not aware whether the land trust model is on the table. I would encourage folks to look at that in detail. I also think that the land trust model needs to be in place for a black business district because we know that with the economic forces at play that success leads to people being pushed out. There's opportunities to ensure permanent ability for small businesses. I hope that's on the table and would love to see those details spelled out. In terms of restitution as well as the types of housing. I'll be participating further as we go into the working groups. I'm learning a lot and excited by the opportunity that this represents for more community members to learn and be involved with this important process. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, kelly.

**Clerk:** Next up we have sarah Gilbert.

**Gilbert:** Hi there. I'm talking today on behalf of the manual displaced person's association as well. I want to echo a lot of the comments that have been raised by some other members of the community. About growing up in a city that was greatly impacted by the continual fact that this land from black community members and other community members of color, that kind of generational wealth that has been robbed over and over again from the community is a lasting stain on our city. We continue to see those impacts everyday. We see those impacts in the actions of systems that are being benefited by these-the development that is being considered here. We see developers profiting off of the displacement of black families. We've all seen that with the city with the historic eviction defense of the red house. We are trying to as all of your comments eloquently said reverse some of these impacts and providing further support for systems that have historically profited off them and oppressed the black residents of this neighborhood is not a useful step in the right direction. I urge that we create a solid and committed system to make good with the federal restitution agreement. And provide compensation for all these families that have been historically impacted by the taking of the land that was enabled by your fore bearers on the city council. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Before we get to the next person, i just want to mention that dr. Holt is definitely encouraging people who would like to hear more to join the next housing oversight committee. Can you just tell us where people can get that information if they have an interest.

**Goodlow:** Mayor, i think he had to go to another meeting. But the information about our

oversight committee meetings-this is leslie from the housing bureau. On our website there's all the information about with the agendas and all of the documents as well as links to the videos from all of our previous meetings. They can watch the development of this process from 2016 forward. All of the meetings are there. Or they can contact me.

**Wheeler:** I'm just aware that some people are not able to get into the chat.

**Clerk:** Next up we have Diane Linn.

**Diane Linn:** Good morning Mayor and City Council. I just want to thank Commissioner for her service. I want to introduce myself. I'm executive director of Proud Ground. The Community Land Trust, we appreciate that. We provide home ownership opportunities that are permanently affordable that families are targeted at 60% of median income. Home ownership and collaboration. And really habitat for humanity. You may have heard that we sadly had to suspend the 50/20 condo project. I think this measure today is really important to pass. I'm here to support that as the Housing Bureau Advisory Commission. On behalf of our board and very diverse board of directors and staff, we support this. We're going to be looking to come up with very creative ideas for how to provide home ownership opportunities. They've done a great job on rental and do more of that that's critically important. For reasons people have discussed really eloquently especially I would say to Dr. Holt's description on home ownership. Abilities for families to thrive. Especially children. We'll need to work in partnership to create-to really apply a gap between what people can afford and what the market is forcing out there. There's very low inventory right now. We're going to need persistence creativity and we're going to keep talking as hard and long as we can what it means to the Black community. I grew up here too. Have you very much for your hard work. We look forward to the next steps of this process.

**Clerk:** Next up we have Beth Woodward.

**Beth Woodward:** Thank you. Mayor and Commissioners, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** You sound good.

**Woodward:** I'm a Portland resident. I've heard a lot of good things here this morning. What sounds like really genuine promises, further promises for future restoration. What I have not heard today was that the ownership of that Williams Rustle block has been transferred away from Emanuel. From the limited research I was able to do since there's really not a lot on line about all of this. I did find in the memorandum of understanding with the what was then called the Hell Block Project Working Group. There was a promise to transfer ownership from no consideration from hospital to a Black led community group. That wasn't really well defined. I noticed there

was a letter there that where this must have been the march agreement that's referenced today. It said the agreement from at least one of the committees was contingent on that transfer. I don't know why, no one has explained that today. Why that transfer has not been accomplished. I urge you to take care of that oversight before you go ahead with this increase. I want to echo, i really sup or the comments that money other people who have already testified especially destiny houston. I'm happy to pay for taxes to right some of the huge wrongs that have been done.

Clerk: Next up we have Debi Stromberg

**Stromberg:** Our historically white lutheran church are starting to look how we have participated in the oppression of others through systems that are growned in white supremacy. We passed a resolution to pay reparations to communities that we have oppressed. Before moving into relationship and reconciliation to repair. There's a lot of learning we're trying to catch up. The history of this current amenment. Causing the confusion that commissioner hardesty mentioned. We're just trying to do some quick learning. Many of us lifelong lutherans have been connected to is the hospital. It's a lutheran hospital. My dad work as a chaplain. I only knew it as a thing that was perfect for portland. Most of us lutheran have close tie it the hospital. We've learned so much since about damage that was done by many different generations by hospital iterations. Now that many of us are learning about displaced associated about the 1972 displace but was never fulfilled. It gives us pause for supporting this new plan that involves land near williams and rustle. Before addressing this injustice. I have a lean to ask you to prioritize commitment to fulfilling the home owners before taking any other action on the blocks mere the hospital. I have been encouraged by the deep and hard and courageous work that you are all doing and appreciate it deeply. It seems to us that there is an important step that being left out. Regarding the effected home owners. Thank you for your consideration on this missing piece. And the ordinance in it's current form.

**Sarah Stevenson:** We are a non-profit affordable housing company that operates rental homes throughout the city. I'm testifying today in support of maximizing the indebtedness to increase funds that will be available of the benefits we've been discussing today. At the magnolia apartments in 2014. We used anti displacement goals. Our commercial tenant is a black owned business. We currently have more than one hundred people on our wait list. We completed phase two of the magnolia apartments in december of last year with fifty new families have apartments coming on line. The northeast preference policy, 734 households applied. All the

apartments were filled and 90% of our new residents are black. It makes clear that many of the households who need this housing are people of color with historic ties to these neighborhoods. We have more work to do. Innovative housing and other affordable developers we stand ready and willing to develop more housing but we are constrained by limited resources. The more funds available the more housing we can build. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up, we have natalie tracy.

**Natalie Tracy:** Thank you for listening to our testimony. A local realtor-i'm hear giving testimony on behalf of the emanual displacements person's too. I really appreciate all the statements that have been made, in particular Destiny Houston.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me. You are fading in and out. Is there a better place for you to stand.

**Tracy:** I'm in my home. Can you hear me?

**Hardesty:** We have not heard a complete sentence yet. You keep cutting in and out.

**Wheeler:** Go ahead and try it and see if we can get through it.

**Tracy:** If you can give me a thumbs up if you can hear me now.

**Tracy:** Local realtor with living realty, recovered-

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry. This isn't working. It's not working.

**Tracy:** Am i going out again.

**Wheeler:** I'm really sorry.

**Tracy:** If you can hear this portion. I want to emphasize what destiny said in particular. The damage to the-

**Wheeler:** Thank you so much, we heard that piece loud and clear. Thank you for bearing with us.

**Clerk:** Next up Celestina Teva.

**Celestina Teva:** Thank you staff, i'm also a local realtor in the portland area. I've been here about eight years now. I want to thank all of the public testimony as well because so much of it agree with. I want to invite tony in the section because what i'm hearing a lot of and what i want to echo is a question of prioritization. I heard at the beginning of is this session and this item the common acknowledgement that this particular item is not reparations and it's seemed to me while well intentioned but the acknowledgement was somehow to justify that we're prioritizing a project that is not reparations based or restitution based. I appreciate the intention, i echo the strong urgency to prioritize what does it mean to enforce a federal restitution agreement and what does it mean to actually get the outcomes that we say we want. It seems that in portland in particular and perhaps elsewhere we have what i would borderline call an obsession in

development and creating new units and new housing and controlling and managing the distribution of those resources in that unit as a means to beget outcomes of increased home ownership and home ownership stability. What it would mean for example, the two and a half million dollar equity loss. That was suggested for that particular family. I don't think that we would need to be managing howsessing projects in the same way that we do. That family would be able to comeet in the free marketplace that currently exists in the north and northeast portland area. That's the real value that's lost and needs to be returned to their families and their descendants that experiences strong equity and displacement.

Clerk: next up we have Marlene Howell

**Marlene Howell:** I appreciate council and mayor. I support the emmanual displaced persons association and their demand that restitution happen before anything else moves forward. I ask that the oversight committee meet with the emmanual displaced persons association and have a real converstiaon about their differences in terms of what it means to move forward. I also ask that all of you on this call especially those of you who are decision makers consider that if you own your home, that if you were told next week that your home had been taken from the government but that you would be allowed the opportunity to have affordable housing, how would you feel? If youw ere going to lose your home next week, the government has the right to do that. How would you feel? How would you feel about generational wealth? How would you feel about where you are right now? Would that be okay with you? Because if it isn't, I encourage you to back off this vote until we make right the federal restitution agreement that we agreed to so many years ago otherwise I believe that even with the best of intentions and I hear a lot of very good intentions today. Very well meaning people really trying to get it right, but I think until we make some restitution, we are really allowing ourselves to be duped by the deeper levels of how white supremacy operates, and maybe those of us who are white are just trying to make ourselves feel good in the face of what we know is ugly and wrong. So I really support emmanual displaced persons association 2 and that the oversight committee meet with them and hear one another before anything gets decided. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** thank you appreciate you being here.

Clerk: next up we have Hyung Nam

**Hyung Nam:** today I'm speaking as a community member in support of Emmanuel displaced persons association 2. I think there is some good elements in this plan, but for now until not only the restitution is fully addressed buy also two other important things are addressed, I don't think

we should move forward on this or any other extension of past improvement financing. As you build, we have this past compression, because of measure 5, 47 and 50. That means that displaced people, bipoc people, that live in northeast portland are paying higher property taxes, or passed down to them by landlords as rent then people that have bought gentrified properties have massively increased their wealth. We need to fix that. We also need better rent control because we know these properties have systems because tff depends on taking future revenues and increase in property tax revenues will impact renters that we need stricter and better rent control to protect renters from increases. Just recently in our election, we had seven bond or tax levy that's are an regressive form of taxation. From libraries to all kinds of things sm we need to make sure we fix those kind of problemsk because we should be questioning who is going to be paying for this. We know the record of even the rebranded pv c has been problematic. The recent audit that came out showed that despite all the things that they said bipoc home ownership actually fell while it grew in neighboring month villa. Three fifths of the people are there burdened poverty rates grew.

**Clerk:** That's two minutes.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Clerk:** next up we have Jennifer lundstrom

**Wheeler:** can we get a time check, how many more people do we have signed up to testify on this item?

**Clerk:** I'm showing about 10

**Wheeler:** welcome jennifer

**Jennifer Lundstrom:** it's really encouraging being on this call and hearing everyone's comments. I'm a portland realtor as well. I'm a fifth generation portlander who has benefited off building equity in my home and for many generations has benefited off my fifth great-grandfather who came here through the Oregon trail in the 1850s and stole native land through the donation land claeim and my family has benefited off generational wealth ever since 1855. I went to Lincoln high school, but a lot of my friends and extended family lived in the albina neighborhood, so I was pretty involved in that neighborhood in the 1990s. I'm also a board member of the vanport mosaic, and I do a lot of the albina walking tours with kent ford from the black panthers, and what I'm hearing, I'm going to reiterate what I've heard others say, which is that the people I've talked to in the community, this is a great thing going in the right direction, but they don't feel like they are going to personally benefit from these changes. The people who

live there and have been displaced, I think this is a little too late to help those specific people. I really also want to support the edpa2, and really hope that is something we can consider before we jump into making these changes because the compensation for these families need to be a major consideration here and reparations.

**Wheeler:** thank you Jennifer

**Clerk:** next up we have Benjamin Barnett

**Benjamin Barnett:** I'm the rabbi of havurah shalom in northwest portland. Mayor wheeler and city commissioners, as you consider whether to approve this current plan for the interstate corridor urban renewal area, I urge you to more clearly heed the voices of the survivors that forced displacement by emmanual hospital expansion represented by edpa2, and to vote no until restitution is included for those families. While this plan will provide benefit and some very important work is being done, a gaping hole remains that it doesn't restore past harms, harms that must be repaired. The homes and business demolished cannot be returned, but there can be financial restitution, acutal material resources paid, that can begin to restore to those families what is rightfully theirs. I'm not here to speak to the legal questions, I'm here to speak to the ethical ones. Beyond the legal complexities, there are straightforward moral realities, those families had accruing generational wealth stolen from them. In this moment of rising awareness of structural racial injustice, we cannot ignore this opportunity to repair that damage. These are wounds in city history and we cannot move forward until we begin to cure them. I'm here to say that we the people will be with you as you use power you have to take bold steps toward righting the wrongs of the past. Mr mayor and commissioners, you have the opportunity to do something transformative. We must provide restitution to those individuals an families who homes and businesses were taken from them. If we don't do it now, when will it happen. We have the capability to do this, we can find the resources to advance this plan, and provide direct restitution to survivors and descendents. I urge you to vote no until and unless that restitution is included.

Wheeler: thank you rabbi

**Clerk:** next up we have seemab Hussaini

**Wheeler:** we can hear you now. Welcome

**Seemab Hussaini:** thank you. Greetings to mayor, police commissioner wheeler, and respected commissioners hardesty, commissioner Eudaly , we will miss you greatly, commissioner dan ryan and commissioner fritz. My name is seemab Hussaini and I'm a muslim community organizer.

Today I'm here to speak in honor and solidarity of Miss Byrd and the rest of the descendants of Emmanuel displaced persons. On December 8, you, mayor wheeler, stated against the kinney family, and I quote, through a lengthy and thorough judicial proceeding that resulted in a lawful judges order to evict people illegally occupying a home end quote. You stated this after saying and I quote many of our nations systems and structures are fundamentally and racist and require significant reform. Politicians best cliches are platitudes. The picture of productivity over stagnant issue, and what could be more stagnant, that statements like these trivialize repair of systems that ultimately enrich developers. Edpa2 highlights these stagnant waters and empty promise of one to one replacement forced to relocate. The agreement demands that all parties work together to replace every home that was demolished. I would like to quote part of this statement of support from edpa2, emmanuel hospital and pdc utilize the fair housing act from 1949 to forcefully remove thriving and predominantly black community from central albina. Being that the mayor had to apologize for himself and on behalf of police chief chuck lovell for disparaging comments made toward the kinney family that threatened their lives and safety that kicked off the barricading of the red house on Mississippi. I'm hoping that this sense of humility would extend toward the nearly five decades long promise to the descendants, a promise that can be fulfilled by a privileged white man whose surname extends to a city in Oregon with 197 households and 97 families, all white, as of 2010. I close by saying no to urban renewal expansion until the families are paid. Talking about anything else is an injustice. Thank you.

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

**Clerk:** Next up we have ben Sturtz.

**Wheeler:** Welcome. Hi ben.

**Ben Sturtz:** Good morning mayor, and commissioners. I'm a developer-i support the amended and restated inner state corridor before you. The gap financing for new affordable housing to come from such a plan to increase affordable support of housing we truly need in the community. We would like to thank the city for your partnership in this latest development. It was funded in increment findings available in the district. In partnership we completed the 61 new homes at song bird this year. It will scen the reach into an area without an extensive supply of permanent affordable housing. We stand ready to be with the city. Thank you for your time, for the collaboration with the northeast oversight committee and the consideration of this ordinance.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for being here.



**Clerk:** Next up we have Quinton Blanton

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Quinton Blanton:** Hi. Can you guys hear me?

**Blanton:** I'm going to jump right in. I'm a thirty year old portland native. I serve for the development initiatives cd i oversight committee charged with overseeing projects and proposals within the district. As a disclaimer the views i'm going to express here are solely to me and do not express the cd i board at large. We can no longer continue to do things remain a permanent under class. I fear that's exactly what we're doing by adding the williams and increasing the maximum indebtedness without any accountability and transparency. To say yes is to be complicity-i urge you to vote no.

**Hardesty:** We were being really generous because you were almost two minutes over your two minutes. I'm happy if you would send in your testimony the rest of it. We have about nine more people behind you and this is only the third agenda item today.

**Blanton:** Okay. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have annierose Shapero.

**Wheeler:** Welcome annie.

**Annierose Shapero:** Hello. My name is annie rose. I'm a realtor and i live in the alberta arts neighborhood. I'm asking that you all look-not move forward without looking at restitution to those families effected by the emanual hospital expansion. This has not only has this taken wealth from our community but it's taken culture and no amount of money can replace what was destroyed. The community and the net works and the decision making. I would like to see money returned to the families who had this opportunity stolen from them so that they can make decisions about their community and how they want to live. I want to see them be the decision makers. That is one thing that was taken from them. That's all for now. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate you being here.

**Clerk:** Next up we have Cleo davis.

**Cleo Davis:** Good morning council. I'm one of the family members of the davis family that the city has done a tremendous damage and harm to us. With more than two point five million worth of damage that has not been returned and it is impossible at the rate of the way the economy is going to catch up to what was lost. So, you know, so much of this happens in our community. And it's not right to not address the one to one agreement when so much damage

and harm has been done financially. I would really say that we must consider-if we're going to make the changes that we claim to be making today, that you must talk with edpa2 and the descendants and folks that were harmed to come up with an agreement with those specific families to right this wrong. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, appreciate your being here.

**Clerk:** Next up we have ben carr.

**Ben Carr:** Can you hear me okay?

**Wheeler:** Welcome, ben.

**Carr:** I've been a portland resident for 20 years. I appreciate the thought that has been put into the renewal. Highlighting that this is not enough. In line with destiny houston who has joined this. I insist that city council vote no on the urban renewal area until restitution is made to the survivors of forced displacement by the emanual hospital expansion. It provides for one to one replacement for every home that was demolished. The survivors and descentends are entitled to this money. No one should be getting money until the families are compensated. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it, ben.

**Clerk:** next up we have Georgia Wier.

**Georgia Wier:** is support the demands of edpa2, and I oppose this urban renewal plan until those families whose homes were demolished in the 60s and 70s receive the compensation for their losses that they were promised in 1971. I think we can all agree that if that compensation hasn't occurred thus far, we can't really believe it's going to occur until it occurs. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Miss Byrd:** Next up we have miss bird.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Donovan Smith:** I was unmuted but this is donovan. I think we need to switch over the unmute. Is bird here?

**Clerk:** No. It looks like you've use a log in and it's miss bird's log in maybe.

**Smith:** One second. I want to make sure miss bird's testimony is heard.

**Wheeler:** Is she one of the call in numbers on the attendee lists.

**Clerk:** We don't have names associated with the numbers.

**Smith:** Yeah, she forwarded me the zoom link but i had registered as well. I'm on the list. I can give my testimony drop off this call and then give the keys to miss bird if that works.

**Wheeler:** That's a great solution. Thank you for problem solving with this.

**Smith:** All right. My name is Mr. Smith. On a technical piece I want to note through Zoom it's weird that we're doing this where we can't see each other. I feel like this just creates a distance what will happen in real life. With that being said, for a while I've been working with Edpa to identify if my late grandmother was forced out. According to my mom my great great grandmother was forced out by the preceding corridor now the motor center. The Williams Rustle site is a disappearing opportunity to make new futures for Black people here. To Williams and Rustle and I've seen the Fire House Cultural Center. I sat for a committee member for two years need to more deeply consider if we're doing all that we can to repair the on going destruction of our communities. Especially in a city where our entire Black population would only fill the stadium not even twice. Or are we fracturing communities. They spend one hundred thousand dollars on munitions alone. To terrorize citizens as they turn out in historic numbers for Black liberation. It seems ironic. My name came up with a unit for P.H.C. preference policy. I had to take a two bedroom as a single person than a single bedroom which is what I wanted. Do I take something where I can't afford to live. Of course we need more affordable options and ownership in our city. What we also need to do is pay the families. Vote now on this expansion until the families of this restitution is paid.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. You'll drop off and we'll wait for Miss Bird. Thank you for helping us to overcome some of the shortcomings of Zoom.

**Clerk:** While we're waiting for Miss Byrd to connect, next up we have Ellen Mickle

**Ellen Mickle:** Hi. Thank you. Can you hear we're all right?

**Wheeler:** You sound good. Thank you.

**Mickle:** Thank you City Council for the opportunity to testify today. I'm skeptical of the benefits of TIF. Spending forty four million in TIF funds. On top of this City Council prioritization helped drive byes placement from this area. I know no single solution will solve the problems. Require careful implementation to avoid repeating past harms. I support the greater transparency in the use of these funds.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Do we have Miss Bird on?

**Clerk:** Mayor, I don't see Miss Bird on yet.

**Wheeler:** All right. We'll move to the next person then, please.

**Wheeler:** Ellen was last person on the list.

**\*\*\*\*:** Okay. Let me see here. Yeah, I don't see her on the list. That's disappointing. I know she wanted to testify. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I know we're not voting on this today. I do have a couple of questions I want to have answer on the record just so we're all operating under the same understanding of what's possible. I'd like to ask Kimberly to explain to us urban renewal with tip dollars. What are the restrictions on how tip dollars are allocated.

**Brannam:** Thanks for the question. As I think has been discussed, tip can be must be used for capital improvements and the related planning and administration. Resources can be made as grants or loans building housing creating affordable housing commercial development. Those are the allowable uses.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that. As I reviewed the letter of agreement that so many people have referenced today, there are different parts that people have been highlighting of this letter of agreement, one was about providing moderately priced rentals in the area have we ever done that I've lost the spot where it says how many it was supposed to be. Do you remember that?

**Brannam:** Commissioner, you're talking about the 1971 emanual rehousing replacement. The agreement was one hundred fifty low to moderate income housing. While the federal funds were not forthcoming through the housing authority prosper portland, part lond housing bureau and others there have been more than two hundred units of affordable housing that have been created. Within the inner state urban reknewal area. It calls for within the environments of the plan. It includes areas that are just out side the district that are in the urban renewal area.

**Hardesty:** It was model cities at that time. Is that accurate?

**Brannam:** It was a slightly different program than it is today.

**Hardesty:** My last question was can you respond to the one to one housing replacement that was in the agreement that has been referred to so often today. Are you a good person or should shannon do that one.

**Brannam:** I think that the 180 to 300 comes from that number. It was calling for-there were two parts to the agreement. One was the absolute commitment and legal obligation to comply with the 1970 relocation act. That was giving people voices. It was committed to and focused on making sure that people were fairly compensated when eminent domain was used. The others promised cooperation, committed cooperation to build these new units of one hundred eighty to three hundred federally assisted houses. I will look back at it again for that language. That's my understanding of the agreement.

**Hardesty:** I'm trying very fast to go through all those documents now to get back to the area.

What i'm hearing from folks is about this particular agreement, it's amazing that in the city of portland we still can find the original document. I'm pretty impressed that we were able to find that. As i read through this, and i have to acknowledge mr. Charles jordan was actually one of the signatures on this particular document. It's been interesting to go back through history, right? And see he was there. What i see clearly in this agreement that there was an aspiration to replace housing one by one. There was no money set aside to actually make that happen. In the document that they signed, i also see that there was a moral obligation but as the letter says so well, a moral obligation, you can't buy a house with a moral obligation. I am curious as to and i think many of the people who testified today are curious as to-it may be unfair because i can say i wasn't here in 71, i can't remember what happened back then. I was young back then. It's clear in this agree that there was a desire to create a pool of resources. I want to ask you straight out. Can these urban renewal dollars compensate people for reparations for harm done.

**Brannam:** My attorneys have advised me that we cannot use these monies for restitution payments.

**Hardesty:** I will stop there. We had ninety plus people and had their voice heard today. I will make a closing statement when we're ready for that.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues any questions. All right. Commissioner.

**Eudaly:** Thank you mayor. I just want to once again thank everyone for their testimony. This was pretty incredible to hear this outpouring of support. I was heartened to hear from the handful of realtors today. This is not a conversation that i've heard happen in this industry. Imagine it's a controversial topic. I just want to thank those individuals for coming forward and offering their perspective because we do need you at the table as well as anyone else that was either harmed or helped by these policies. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I want to also thank all the people who made time to testify today, to come and talk about their lived experience. The fact that promises governmental promises were not kept. It was fascinating to me to have people from the real estate industry here advocating for reparations. I want to challenge the real estate industry to do their own reparations process. They created red lining and created okay where it was okay for black people to live and areas where it wasn't okay for black people to live. We're still living under that legacy as well. Do we need to address the historic racial discriminatory practices of the city, state, federal government, absolutely, no question. The question you put before us today is where do

we do that? Someone who lived in maryland and live in large urban areas. I can tell you black folks i've heard my whole life urban renewal is urban removal. Projects have displaced black and brown people and made it so white people can move into. I understand the desire for not to keep doing this and this tool has been a removal for generations. I want to acknowledge that is real. My family and every black family i know has experienced both the discriminatory practices of realtors as well as we're going to make it better and pretty but you're not going to be able to afford to live here after that. We need to create a place of people's lived experiences. This is not that. I want to be really clear. Because of the on going work of the north, northeast oversight committee. Because of the work of the north williams rustle project, these-both of those projects are community led and focused and the community are the decision makers about moving stuff forward. That is why we are here today. Those two community boards have decided it is appropriate for us to invest more dollars to create more opportunities in the inner state urban area. We need new tools and better tools. We also need to have a conversation about reparations and i will be supporting this when it comes back on the council agenda. This is an individual that is being led by people who have long histories in north and northeast portland and who are driving the development activity. We will continue to talk about what reparations looks like and how we can do it. I just wanted to put the real estate industry on notice. Don't place it all on government. You have played a major role.

**Wheeler:** I understand that miss bird is now connected with out of objection if council will allow it i would like to reopen public testimony so we can hear from miss bird.

**Wheeler:** Miss bird are you with us?

**Miss Byrd:** Yes, i'm here.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you for your patience as we manage technology.

**Byrd:** I find it sort of unnerving that resolution 1330 is not known and that the federal restitution before there's four stipulations that people in position it make decisions about this are unfamiliar with the legal document. I think time is demanding that we do things differently. One thing doesn't have to supplant the other. We can move forward with plan it develop and we can also give rest tuition to the families who are named in the emanual hospital expansion. We do not have the names of everyone that was removed. There's so many going through my head. I want to thank everybody who showed up for support. I'm not speaking to ask for anything. My purpose here today is to just share our experience. The community was told for more than three years only one point seven acres would be considered in addition to the iura. The board of

directors actually voted for more than three acres to be included. It has to be because that property is divided into two tax lots. One of which jets beyond all the way to grand. Edpa2 has known this. We have raised this issue. So what happens to that expended property. Who owns that. She said that property was not despite being included in the expansion receive any tip funding. That's counter productive to the nature of urban renewal. If a property is included in a urban renewal area it's so it can have access to funding. An insult to all of this a property was declared under the legal definition of blight no matter how ambiguous those definitions are. It qualify during that time to the tune of \$18 million. The story of how that money dpot paid is so interesting i don't have time to explain it.

**Clerk:** That's two minutes.

**Byrd:** For the city of emanual to come around again because they did not develop that property. We need sixty seven million dollars. Ignore resolution 1330 and don't have any consideration for the families who are impacted and i would be remiss to mention the recent massive exodus. Tony threatened to resign. I bring all of this up to say this, those actions highlight a demand to do things differently. Let me say this, can i be adventurous and say everybody is right. Everybody is right. If you want to develop the land, develop it. Generate money. If you want to pay restitution to the families that were impacted pay restitutions. Why is it when it comes to the black community there's only one narrow thin solution. Times are demanding that we to things differently. It seem it me in this particular situation we have two options. We can rise to the demand of now to do things differently or continue the pattern that got us here. I'm scared. Because testimony earlier said this is not restore active. This is not restorative. The fact that this property is being-is considered blight twice because of people in control did not develop it. If that is not an abuse of power on the back of those who have already suffered. I don't know what is i'm not saying don't develop the land. Edpa2 has never put forth that message. They are saying very clearly, my grandmother's house was demolished. During that time there was a net worth of wealth creation among white community members. The keller family, the olsen family, the wheeler family. Families get to benefit in perpetuity. Family that's were harmed get to remain in a position of harm in to perpetuity. We can do this differently. Everybody can walk away saying okay, i got my piece of the pie. It does not have to be this contentious. I will end my statements-

**Hardesty:** Sorry.

**Byrd:** I will end my statement with this everybody's talking about reimagining but i'm longing for we have a practice of repetitive racism in the community. It perplexes me because i don't

understand what the conversation is about. There's a federal cooperative agreement. Let's add to that history. Former representatives actually drafted a bill in response to the hospital expansion and egregious abuse of eminent domain. He never wanted what happened to our families to happen again. He got together with mc coy and some other folks and they drafted a bill. That bill got lost in committee but the significance is the destruction and the abuse was so egregious he said this should never happen again. This should never happen again. If this goes forward without any real consideration without any inclusion carved out-if it were not for the forceful removal and the demolition we wouldn't be having this conversation. However, we're disrespectful. Restitution now.

**Wheeler:** Thank you miss bird. Appreciate it. Thank you for your thoughtful testimony.

**Wheeler:** Eudaly, I see you have your hand raised or is that legacy. Anybody else anything. I would like to thank everybody for your incredibly thoughtful testimony this morning. Colleagues i'm going to change the order of items in first. I'm going to be the bearer of bad news. We're going to work through the lunch hour. Obviously people need to take breaks as necessary. We have not even entered the regular agenda yet. I'd like to move item 997 next. We have two four fifths item before commissioner Eudaly is excused. Can we please start with item 997.

#### **Item 997**

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. It feels a little abrupt and jarring to leave-i want to thank everyone who took time out to give testimony. It felt like old times. It's been very rare this year to have this kinds of turn out. I'd like to make some brief personal remarks to anne hues who hope is listening today. As a woman i want to thank you for your trail blazing. I want to thank you for not just marching in the streets but for your recognition that changing society is the way we change our everyday lives. As a former business owner i want to acknowledge that we don't do a great job honoring entrepreneurs that add so much to our civic and cultural life. I'm pleased we can honor you in that way. As someone who grew up in portland and became a beneficiary of your efforts. I want to thank you for your paces you created in this community. I want to officially recognize our many contributions to our city. With that i'm going to turn it over to anne's son joe.

**Joe Hughes:** I'd like really like to thank you and the rest of portland city council. I want to also mention, i know that mom is thrilled about the other subsequent proclamation which i will not name. I really-i know that this means a great deal to her personally even though she is not able to testify. I want to just say really the reason that i'm here is that my mother is also still here. She



is still that same person that with her galleries, nurtured countless artists. All levels of portland at her salons. She served coffee. That nurtured and sustained members of the community. She is still here. She is no longer able to host any events. She isn't able to help people grow in the same way that she was. It's really important we not forget that she is still in our community. You know, i want to mention her motto or creed which was in the ballot of the sad cafe. That passage goes like this. I believe-for the atmosphere for a proper cafe employs these qualities. As a young man, i completely understood the first two. Fellowship is a group of hobbies. Satisfaction of the belly is self explanatory. When i came to a certain grace of behavior, that wasn't as clear to me what that meant. In fact, i really had no idea what that meant. I learned it-i learned what it represents, what it means through my mother. Through watching her and growing up with her. She had really all three of those pieces-the satisfaction of the belly. Every time she endeavored to provide food to people, to provide something to people, it was never designed to win a culinary award. She had the scone-i believe that those places represent the spirit of this city. The spirit of portland and it's neighborhoods and neighbors and new comers. You know that was what those places represented to them. That is what they found there. I don't think that sort of thing, you can't quantify it. It's priceless in a sense. It was critical to new comers to portland. There have been so many over the years. She was so welcoming that it made it very easy for them-excuse me. It made it very easy for them to fit in to find a new place here. Again, i just want to repeat, she is here with us now. She is in a wonderful loving place that takes very good care of her. They have to keep them safe. That's a need that she has now and the other people there have. She may have lost the fellowship in the sense that she can't remember necessarily everyone. She may have lost the ability to satisfy someone's belly because she can't really navigate a recipe anymore. She certainly has very much to this day. I guess i had one sort of house keeping matter, i've submitted-we've submitted several statements in support of this proclamation which i believe are going to be made part of the permanent record. I've had at least one that came in late. I would ask for leave to submit that. I thank you so much for entertaining this proclamation.

**Eudaly:** Thank you joe. I'm sure we can arrange that. Okay can everybody hear me.

**Wheeler:** You're good. Is there a point of order from commissioner ryan.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. I want to thank my staff as well as anne's son's joe and mike for crafting this proclamation. Thank you as well to the honorable elizabeth first congresswoman for being here today. I'm so sorry that we ran over. You were not able to join us but i know that anne will appreciate that you are here today. Now it is my honor and pleasure to read this proclamation.

Whereas-one of the founding board members of the port lan saturday market. She was a pioneering woman stockbrokers in the state of oregon. She helped the bookstore and today's iconic landmark. The sign of portland and hosted weekly salons. Countless conversations between friends, neighbors, literary and political communities during the 1980's while representing our city's spirit and finest community that it has to offer. For empowerment and inclusion began when she was a student work withing a migrant league. She joined protesters she was illegally detained. I mentioned this event self times because i was at that protest and witnessed her detainment. Won a settlement by the city who she gave to photographers whose equipment was damaged by the. She advocated for labor rights. She spent time in jordan as a peace corp. Volunteer. Her two galleries brought portland such talents. Her salons drew icons. In her later years she operated her own book mobile distributing books for free and accepting book requests. There were other important contributions. The bed and breakfast. She mapped the bricks with portland names. She marketed an art work in king kong by her brother on post cards and posters. It was which she was more famous or perhaps notorious. Covered with a little less and a quote by anne's hero. When you are not rich you buy clothes or you buy art. She bought art. And whereas she is best known and greatest undertaking was born on burn side street. After reading an entire book in one afternoon she was inspired to write to michael powl. She put her cafe on wheels to avoid the costs of a traditional restaurant. She dpaif as much as she could to her employees. Whereas alzheimer's has taken from her what she would have never given up willingly. Her favorite quote as carson-i was determined not to cry today. For the atmosphere of a proper calf implies these qualities. Fellowship, satisfaction of the belly. She is the embodiment of the fellowship. Nothing gives her more satisfaction. She won culinary awards. It is the last quality that remains, she draws others toward her orbit not for her own devices but because she relevants in the happiness of others. Care works light up when she appears. She seems just as defendant as the days long past. They are not writers but no matter they are friends, neighbors and to anne they have always been and always will be the most important part of their life. On behalf of ted wheeler mayor of the city portland oregon. I encourage all residents to observe this day. Feel free to unmute and clap. This is just such a strange way to gather and celebrate. Thank you anne.

**Wheeler:** That was really beautifully done.

**Eudaly:** I'll be right back as you announce the next item.

**Wheeler:** The next item is 996.

## Item 996

**Eudaly:** I think the cat is out of the bag. It was silly for me to think i could actually surprise thomas. Hopefully it did surprise at some point this week. Let's see, where are we now? Just want want to make sure i get everything right. Okay. First some opening remarks. Over the past four years my office has hosted a number of organizations an opening our doors wide to thousands of portlanders as a welcoming space for them. I want to thank those who worked in my office and most of the magic happen behind the scenes. We elevated and celebrated many known heros. They are so essential to identify as a city especially our holiday traditions and given so much to our community i was surprised to discover they have never been formally recognized by the city. Today we're going to change that. We found ourselves in such challenging circumstances. Experiencing anxiety by the future. Arts are vulnerable in these times. They are essential to our soul, spirit and recovery and resiliencies. I'm really missing pink martini this december. The tree lighting ceremony, the parties and new year's eve concerts. You can catch a handful of concerts online. Hope any someone will share that with you a little bit later. It feels so wrong to deliver this proclamation in a zoom meeting at a time when we cannot gather and especially when we cannot have music. A sing along is definitely in order. So i'm going to ask my colleagues request, i hope we can agree to gather again next year for a proper celebration. I just didn't want to let this moment past. This is my last official act on city council is to declare december 31 pink martini day. I want to thank everyone for making this proclamation happen. They wrote it. Thank you to our speakers today who are thank you to the entire band, crew and office staff past and present for sharing your talents, generosity and civic spirit and making portland more fabulous for the past twenty six years. We're going to hear some very brief remarks. My poor colleagues are going to be working through the lunch hour to the evening if we don't speed this along.

**Margie Boule:** I am ready. Thank you. Thank you for putting this together and thanks it all those involved in nominating pink martini. It's just a lot of fun to be here today and be invited to talk about. I thought i would at least tell you how i met thomas originally. He was a freshman in high school. I was invited to speak to the is assembly. He was playing this piano. I was so impressed i talked to him afterwards. I invited him to the talk show. He was our in house band. He was only 14. It was remarkable. That's important. He returned to portland. I was at a fund raidser one evening and went up and reintroduced myself and ask him to play. He did. Maybe a month or so after that he called me and said they were doing a wonderful evening called the ramba night. I

agreed to sing with the band. I sang as a guest singer if china was unavailable. Those were exciting times for me. I'm not so sure about the band or the audience. I want to talk about the fact that pink martini. Thomas i have loved you since you were a child an i will love you until i die. That's it.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. That first performance for the band was certainly memorable for me. I was there. My hands were holding the maracas. You were really at the tom-the poster-maybe my hands didn't make the final cut. You were at the top of my list. That was such a memorable fantastic night. Our next honored guest is none other than c athlene. Civil rights leader and jazz vocalist. Welcome.

**Kathleen Saadat:** Thank you mayor and city counsel r council. I'm pleased to be here. I'm honored to be here. I'm honored to be a part of this tribute to the band and to thomas. And all the personnel. These are people who have found a way to use the human voice and have it sing in at least 25 different languages. And playing everything from the piano, violin, all these instruments are used with guest performers to bring happiness and joy to whoever will listen. They have a gift for the presentation of musical joy for encouraging people to feel something greater than just themselves. In my head i call pink martini musical warriors. Thomas is wildly diverse. Jazz, folk, pop, and classical music. The diversity holds true for the songs and the personnel that brings the songs to you. You know i'm really nervous to say that. When she asked me to do this i went yes, yes. This is wonderful. Everything went all over place. My feelings, my thoughts, my memories, sitting in hobos when we played the national anthem. I looked around and said what was that song? You know, in my head this group, they are ambassadorred for living and working together on the planet. That touches me every time i see them or listen to the music. They've also been supportive of the change that's we need to have made in our world. I said world not just portland or our city but our world. If we're going to help that world become more peaceful and more enjoyable, more joyful. I had the honor of performing with pink. I like everything except for when i get on stage. The people are just great. They are wonderful. They are thoughtful. I love being around them. I love being around the band. I want to say thank you for the time and patience you showed me as i was with you. I want to say thank you directly to thomas who would have thought at seventy some years old, i would have been younger except it took some time. I would be releasing an album that showed up on the jazz dhart charts. That's stunning and intimidating and scary. Pink has given the world music for movies and tv programs, concerts are known around the world. The band has been recognized for their

musical contributions especially in france. This is a great time for us to recognize the joy that pink martini brings us. To recognize our need for joy. I'm missing singing in the square. It brings us together. It makes us feel more like community. It makes us feel more like human beings and we need it so much. I think now is a great time to add to the global recognition. I thank you for doing so. Next time we meet, we'll do the conga line.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. I'm connected to thomas and probably a hundred more sm he is responsible for some of the most incredible musical experiences i've ever had. Now i want to give thomas and china a chance to make some brief remarks. Thank you for being here today and accommodating our rushed schedule on this. I'm thrilled to have you.

**China Forbes:** I have a moment of quiet. Thank you all so much this is incredible honor. I was so surprised when she told us this was her idea. It was a wonderful way for her to go out with a bang. I'm so lucky to know thomas for thirty years. It's like my family and i love portland. I'm glad he brought me to portland from new york. Thank you. Those are my comments.

**Eudaly:** Thank you china.

**Thomas Lauderdale:** I'll try to go through this very fast. Here's the photograph of-

**Hardesty:** It is now part of the public record.

**Wheeler:** That will be submitted and released to the public in triplicate.

**Lauderdale:** Those are photographs of us performing-i'll never forget-i think one of the most scandalous moments probably has to do with where she sang a duet with courtney tailor. They did this version which it's an orgasmic song.

**Boulet:** I did not.

**Hardesty:** This is a public record. It will live forever.

**\*\*\*\*:** Love that.

**Boulet:** She is a very fun actress.

**Lauderdale:** First of all i want to say this format is one of the most dignified city council sessions i've been to in years. Nobody is screaming. In person is always better. I do appreciate the humanity and civility. I there's some people i want to recognize. Robert tailor. Pete, greg our heroic stage manager and tour manager. The office bill tenant. Our first manager. Nick. Today oconner. Let's see, jason mitchell, aaron scott. Anthony and past members anthoany jones. Derek-i'm sorry. Trying to read my of course guests. My parents. My piano teacher. Nate, sarah. Jordan. The bishops. Charles-earnest-michael and also to grant high school and to the oregon symphony. The people that i work for and under city hall and politics through the years. Kneel to

people like gus. Commissioner hartesty. Mayor wheeler and to amanda frits. I just want to say it's important that all of us join our various neighborhood associations. I think the idea of actually neighborhood associations really need to represent the neighborhoods. It's a great idea sometimes they don't represent the neighborhoods. I would encourage joining the neighborhood association. That's what commissioner was trying to do a couple of years ago. Get people involved. Two things. Dan widen i want to thank. The proudest moment for me in addition to having kathleen. There's a lot of work to do in our city. In addition to the neighborhood associations. I think this conversation about reparations important. We're making a lot of sense for the hospital to actually participate in the economics of those reparations. It makes a lot of sense to me because they took the land. That's it. That's all i want to say. Thank you so much. Thank you kathleen, thank you so much. To commissioner ryan and mayor wheeler. I hope we can find projects to work on. Thank you.

**Eudaly:** All right. Thank you for those remarks thomas. We have a rain check on a sing along. Also i'm going to need a rain check on the summer event, the vortex. Whereas in response to a homophobic-long displayed as what he perceived as lack luster music. Christmas special to portland for the first timement founded pink martini to perform for them. In a splash of inspiration he called his friend china forbs his partner to be the singing voice of his new band. Thrr after assembled a motley dpreup of talented roving musicians including but not limited to over the years. In the bands days pink martinis master of ceremonies and minister of fun. The blue blue walz. Meanwhile taxing the capacity of copy machines all over the city to promote the bands events which he would hand deliver in the portland area at times startling people on their porches. Whereas launched onto the dploabal stage writing a hit single in french the little orchestra it's become one of or began most important exports finding common political divides performing during it's twenty six year careers. Twenty five languages and conga lines to well over fifty nations around the world. I think i just decided what i want to do next for my career. Can i be a pink martini rodey. They devoted countless hours performing at fundraisers for civil rights and affordable housing. Helping to raise millions of dollars and performing at community events such as the tree lighting ceremony and whereas pink martini has brought national attention to portland selling three million albums portland based times records. Transcending music. On behalf of ted wheeler mayor of the city of portland or began do here by proclaim all december thirty first from this year on to be pink martini day in part lond and encourage all residents to observe this day. Hooray. Cheers thomas, china, kathleen, thank you for making this

happen for my office. Cheers to my colleagues. Cheers to portland. I was going to make a french exit. Apparently i need to stick around for a few more items. I want to thank my colleagues for allowing me this curtsy on my last day.

**Wheeler:** Well done. Commissioner hartesty.

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry mayor i was going to say something earlier. I go so enthralled with what was taking place. Let me just appreciate thomas being here. I beloved friend kathleen. It's been forever. Thank you all for making time to be here today.

**Wheeler:** I would like to inject a couple of comments as well. I was shocked when you told me that pink martini had never been formally recognized by the city of portland. What an oversight. I really appreciate the fact that you've rectified that here on the final days. The final item. I want to inject a couple of personal thoughts. As many of you know, i actually don't like big crowds. It's ironic because some of the things that i'll be probably be most remembered for happened in front of very large audiences. I'm always impressed by both the poise as well as the selfless-thank you for having a good sense of humor about that. They give and give and give. I always like that holiday concert that we can't do this year. Thomas gets up there and plays that piano and pink martini joins him and they are having the time of their lives. Seeing them and being so supportive and engaging community. It is almost a confidence boost for all of us. You create this light, this flame arp which the rest of us can gather. I've always really appreciated that. The second thing i want to say vowing the selfless-let's be clear that they donate so much of their time to this community, to this city. I'm guessing their careers maybe would have been lucrative had they move today la or new york city or mill an wherever. They is the community they wanted to support. I appreciate that. The last part of my story is this. I don't think portlanders we love pink martini. They are truly ambassadors of portlanders to the word. When we were on our honeymoon half a world away we splurged for this romantic boat ride. We were out there on this boat from the perspective of all us in the middle of nowhere. Here is what we're going to do we're going to listen to some music. He puts the cd in and it's pink martini. He was like did you do that for us? He said this is my favorite group in the entire world. We're from portland and know some of these folks. It was like we were rock stars because we lived in the era of pink martini. How excited i am for you and commissioner kudos to you for bringing this well past due recognition to everybody whose been associated with pink martini over the years. Last but not least, i don't know that many musicians and so i don't want to paint with a broad brush. I don't know many musicians who are as inclusive of their platform and success as pink martini. It seems

like you guys have brought together or played with or sung with or played the maracas with virtually everyone in this community in some way or another. You make it an outward thing. That strikes me as someone in the background who is a fan. Thank you all for being here today. We have one more proclamation and then you can you take around for the two quick four fifths items. Let's call 995 please.

#### **Item 995**

**Wheeler:** We are so grateful for your leadership, partnership and the steady hand that you brought to this chamber. The real one and the virtual one we operate for so many years. This is a complex thing we participated in council meets previously when we can do it in the chamber. There's a lot of logistical work that goes into making sure the council sessions go off without a hitch. You work hard to keep us on track. You exhibited just a level of patience and graciousness that were incredible. You're just a really good person. You're an excellent civic leader and employee. I think what i will remember about you and what my colleagues will remember about you is you're just a really descent human being. I want to thank you for your decades of service to portlanders for onboarding who has done a wonderful job and shepherding us into this new virtual world that was alien to all of us. I want to thank you before i read the proclamation.

**Hardesty:** I have known you for twenty some odd years. I don't want to give either of our ages away. Let me say that regardless of who entered city council chambers. You always had had a sometime, you always were helpful. It is a tribute to your kindness and your sincerity to make sure that city counsel functioned well. Long before i arrived i had that experience with you over and over and over again. I have watched you with people who had never been inside city hall make them feel comfortable. I just want you to know that if anybody at city of the portland has earned retirement, it is you sm we wish you lots of luck and happiness. One day we'll be able to travel with other people. Who knows when that will be hopefully you'll have an opportunity to have a fabulous retirement. Thank you for doing it with good cheer and a smile. Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*:** Thank you.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm so thrilled that this item came today, carla. It just didn't seem right that we couldn't gather together and celebrate you in the way that you deserved. I know you know your retirement was in the planning for a long time. It felt so abrupt. Thank you for being a rock and a constant in that room which can be so stressful and feel so host i'll and especially for me as a new commissioner coming in with very little onboarding. They don't even give you a guide to robert's rules of orders. I really depended on you for guidance. You were



always so gracious. Never made me feel like a bother. Your voice is also very soothing. You might want to consider taking voice overwork. Make you could just make me some guided meditation tapes. It's been a pleasure to work with you.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Carla, you receive the portland award. That pretty much said it all. I will miss seeing you as we run into each other. I thank you for your kindness.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioners. And with that, i would like to read this proclamation on behalf of the portland city council. Whereas carla moore love has been a faithful public servant on behalf of the city of portland for 30 years beginning in the bureau of licenses. Whereas carla has provided patient and gracious support as clerk of the council since 2001 guiding five mayors and eleven commissioners as they conducted the weekly business of the city over almost two decades. Whereas carla worked for city auditors, gary, yvonne and mary caberreo guiding her bosses, auditor's office staff and countless city employees through the countless ordinances and resolution drafting and agenda setting, minute preparation and record retention among other things. Whereas carla consistently modeled the best, seeking to engage their government through communication and comment at city council meetings. Whereas carla persevered through marathon meetings too numerous to count, keeping track of the agenda, public commenters, the votes. Both of which were exemplary. Whereas carla is a mother, native oregonian. Member of the klamath tribe and avid football fan. Whereas a grateful city of portland is better because of her grace, patience, humor and wisdom. Now therefore, i ted wheeler, mayor of the city of portland oregon, city of roses do here by proclaim december 16th, 2020 to be karla moore-love day in portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you, karla.

**Hardesty:** Everyday should be moore-love day. Shouldn't it? [laughter]

**Karla Moore-Love:** Thank you, mayor. That's kind. This is quite an honor and for a small-town girl coming from beatty and klamath falls oregon, grateful to receive this. Employees past and present and the hard-working city employees through the years. Of course all the community members i've had the pleasure of working with these past 30 years, thank you for the very kind emails wishing me the best of retirement x the work could be demanding and hours long but i couldn't have done my job without the help of such dedicated co-workers over the years and i want to thank tony anderson, sue parsons, one of my great, great assistant council clerks. Diane. Colleen phillips, megan davis, gayla jennings. And your new council clerk who helped me get to the finish line. Thank you, key lan. I leave knowing you will be excellent at this job. That's all i got.

Thank you. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, karla and we love you. The fact that you are still looking at the agenda and realizing we are behind schedule and prodding us to move quicker, that is true class. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Thank you.

Items 1009-1 and 1009-2

**Wheeler:** Don't be a stranger. Colleagues we will move to the 4/5 agenda. We need commissioner eudaly's presence. We don't need motions to put them on the table because they are all agreed to without objection. Thank you. [reading]

**Cathy Bless:** while taking care of themselves and their families. 1009-2 provides an extension of the protections under the families-first coronavirus response act. The protections under the f.f.c.r.a. Expire december 31st. Without clear federal or state extension of these benefits or creation of new policy this ordinance provides for the important protections and benefits employees through february 28th. Who may have already accessed but continues eligibility for employees who have not. Should the federal or state government provide new entitlements or protections we would intend to include this exception in that new program or policy. I am happy to answer any additional questions council may have and i sincerely thank you for your continuing support of both of these initiatives and the care you take for our employees. Commissioner eudaly, i want to take a moment to thank you publicly for your work on behalf employees and the city. That's it.

**Wheeler:** I have two hands raised but i think those may be left over. Commissioner hardesty or eudaly, do either have questions? No. Very good. Any further questions from anyone on council? Keelan, do we have any public testimony?

**Clerk:** No.

Wheeler: Please call the roll

**Clerk:** Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you for the kind words. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you for looking out for our employees and how we can be equitable in the way we help them. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Please call the roll. And then we will get to commissioner fritz's 4/5 item.

**Clerk:** Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Create 2020 parks levy fund.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you. I will turn it right over to staff.

**Claudio Campuzaon:** Yeah, hi. My name is claudio comesano. November 3rd voters voted unanimously for park services and recreation, to preserve and restore and center equity and affordable access for all. This ordinance is a technical action that creates the new legal fund to make it for budget and tracking purposes. By passing this now the bureau will be able to budget in the new fund as part of our fiscal year '21-'22. It's as simple as that and i'm happy to take any questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions? Seeing none, do we have any public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** No.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you for your work with the city office and now parks and recreation. I understand your explanation. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. We will go to 986 time certain.

**Item 986**

**Clerk:** Adopt the river plan south reach. Amend the comprehensive plan and comprehensive plan map. Title 33 and the zoning map. Repeal the mcadam corridor design guidelines and adopt the willamette -- inventories as supporting documents.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Today we are back for a final vote. Commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you. After all that partying i didn't have my thing up ready to go.

**Wheeler:** No worries.

**Hardesty:** That's what happens when we go all over the board. Okay. I think i'm just about ready.

**Wheeler:** I've got it in front of me.

**Hardesty:** I have it mayor. Colleagues, i'm just waiting for my thing to download. Thank you, mayor. You all received copies of the inventory, as amended. In the two memo. I also understand these documents are posted on -- 's website. If there is nothing else we are here today for the final vote.

**Wheeler:** All right, thank you, commissioner hardesty. Colleagues, this is the last call for any questions you may have on this before we call the roll. Seeing none, keelan, please call the roll. Keelan, are you muted? You're muted.

**Hardesty:** It's been a long day for us all.

**Wheeler:** Keelan, are you having trouble unmuting?

**Clerk:** Sorry, very sorry about that. Eudaly.

**Eudaly:**

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you for bringing this home. It's really exciting to have it coming on, in the last sessions of the council. And it means i can thank many of the people who have been particularly important over a long process. But the river plan was done really well. When i first came, we were doing the north reach plan which was highly controversial and really great that the few issues that came up in this plan have been addressed and i really appreciate all the neighborhood

associations, the residents, the recreational groups, environmental groups and portlanders. I also appreciate all the government's agencies who contributed their time and expertise including tribal nations, multnomah county and federal and state agencies. Within the city, within planning sustainability, debbie bishoff who retired this summer and i appreciate the work she did. Jeff, sully edmonds has been such a stalwart on this one. Thank you, sally. Director andrea durban. In the city attorney's office, so great on all land use issues. The office of government relations, tribal relations director. Development services, morgan steel. Environmental services, kaitlyn, ethan brown and paul ketchum. All have worked hard on environmental issues for a long time. Parks and recreation. Maya, emily and brett horner. Thank you. Transportation courtney duke. And then finally some other particular recognitions of community members, mike -- both community advocate and planning sustainability commission member. Portland state university professor judy skelton, auto bond conversation director. Josh hetrick. Jeanne gaelic and jim gardner. All these folks contributed to this plan and it's so much stronger because everybody worked together. Thank you. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. You know, i started this job on the 10th of september. I was in my first land use hearing. There's been many meetings since, many amendments we have had to approve. I just want to say how interesting it's been to follow the process. I realize that, for me, and for many portlanders, access, preservation of our source, which is the willamette river and having the tribal nations involved at the foundation level going forward, from the beginning and going forward was heartening. Thank you commissioner fritz for giving me some education on this issue as well. And i vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I just want to say just how thrilled i was to help bring this plan to the finish line. I have been very pleased to work, to make sure we are here today. As we all know, portlanders love their rivers and this plan results in an area that is rich in natural beauty and fish and wildlife habitat. One of portland's most desirable places to live, work and play. I want to be especially grateful and appreciative to the bureau of planning and sustainability for their diligent work on this plan. And their ability to adapt based on the information that they received from community stakeholders. I also want to thank debbie bishkoff who retired this summer. Sally edmonds. Nicholas, mindy brooks. Cassie -- shannon bruno and the many team members that have supported them through the process. Also, our fabulous city attorney team, lindley rees, lauren

king and michael jetta. And i think we cannot thank laura john enough. I will thank laura john again from the city's tribal relations office. I want to thank steven beckmann and morgan steel from the bureau of developmental services. Kaitlyn lavell. Nathan brown. Mr. Ketchum. Maya and brett horner. Courtney duke from the bureau of transportation. Shawn ryland from the fire bureau. Adam barbara from multnomah county. And always have to give love to josender and adrian dur ban for their commitment stewarding this process. I want to thank you all for your hard work in getting us here. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** I want to thank the collaborative effort that obviously this took over a long period of time. B.p.s., the city attorney's office, tribal relations, our bureau of environmental services, parks, fire bureau. Folks at multnomah county. Planning and sustainability commission. Advocates and residents in the community. Thank you, all. Commissioner hardesty, thank you for bringing this across the finish line in a very collaborative way. I appreciate it. I vote aye. That concludes our work on the river plan south reach. It is scheduled for implementation on march 1st, 2021. The ordinance is adopted. And with that, we will move back to the regular agenda. And we were on item 998.

**Item 998**

**Clerk:** [reading] appoint laura benedict and dean lukowicz to the electrical code board of appeal for terms to expire december 15, 2023.

**Terry Whitehill:** Thank you. Laura. I think you need to unmute.

**Laura Benedict:** Hi there.

**Whitehill:** So this is to appoint two new members to the electrical board of appeals. We had both of them here earlier but one of them had to leave. But we still have laura here with us is, who we are looking to appoint to the permanent position. And then dean is to be appointed as a back up for the electrical appeals board. Laura brings lots of experience. U.s. Army veteran. Electrical journeyman, 23 years inside electrician. She has 14 years as an apprenticeship training experience. Dean brings, he is an electrical journeyman, 25 years experience, foreman, general foreman. Currently a project manager with christian electric. So that is who we are bringing forward right now. And appreciate you considering this mayor wheeler and council. And laura, did you want to let us know why you are interested in doing this?

**Benedict:** I don't want to take a lot of time. Thank you for having me today. It's great to see some fellow grantonians here as well. Looking forward to serving the city that i love, doing the

work that i love. Hopefully that's enough. In a few words.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Colleagues, any questions? I'll just say this. First of all, there are committees that anybody can join and there's committees that not everyone can join. This is a committee not everyone can join because it requires a tremendous amount of technical knowledge. I want to really applaud you for being willing to step forward. I want to say you are just taunting us with that background. [laughter] thank you. Colleagues, any further questions? Please call the roll. This is a report. I need a motion and a second.

**Fritz:** Move to accept the report.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Motion from commissioner fritz, second from commissioner hardesty. Thank you. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, laura for being willing to serve and thank you for hanging around so we can see you and thank you in person for giving us your expertise. It's good to meet you. And i wish you the best on this committee. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Doing the work i love for the city i love. That sums it up. Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Ryan, did you vote?

**Ryan:** Did i forget to say aye. Aye.

**Hardesty:** Laura, thank you for your willingness to serve. We appreciate you using your expertise to make the city better. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I'm very happy to support this appointment. Thank you very much, laura, for stepping forward. And dean, i know wanted to be here and was here earlier today. I want to thank dean as well. We appreciate well-informed citizen volunteers who come forward to help us do the city's business. I'm happy to have you on board. I vote aye. To accept the report and the appointments are approved. Thank you. Next, it's 999.

### **Item 999**

**Clerk:** Appoint zeenab a. Fowlk, to the portland committee on community engaged policing for a term to expire december 16,2022.

**Wheeler:** It's a volunteer body that works with the city council, police. And city at large. It helps

assess the current community engagement processes and develops recommendations and strategies to increase meaningful public outreach and input. Today i'm pleased to bring forth the appointment of zeenab a. Fowlk. Thank you for joining us today. I will now pass this along to theo, who is the coordinator. Thank you and both of you thank you for your patience.

**Theo Latta:** I appreciate that. I appreciate you all taking some time to hear us today. Yesterday, i just want to talk briefly, yesterday p.c.c.e.p., truth and reconciliation subcommittee the mayor has charged the p.c.c.e.p. With creating. Our newest member zeenab was raised in this community. Before receiving our undergraduate and graduate degrees she graduated from benson. Unfortunately she isn't able to be here today but her regular attendance at p.c.c.e.p. Meetings. I am happy to answer any questions if folks have any. Otherwise i'm happy to turn it back over.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, theo. Colleagues any questions for theo? Commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, theo. I just want to say it's always fabulous when i hear people say you know we are missing a certain demographic on our committee and they actually go out and find that demographic. I knew you were light on women and looking for a woman to serve on the committee. I just want to say good job. I continue to be impressed with the work that you do. Your intentionality in doing it. So thank you so much for bringing this to us. Once again, i'm happy to say that you did what you said you would do.

**Latta:** I appreciate that.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, can i get a motion?

**Hardesty:** So moved, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Can i get a second?

**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty moves the report, commissioner ryan seconds the report. Any discussion? Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Here, thank you for your continued work and thank you for recruiting this stellar candidate. Aye.

**Clerk:** Rian. -- ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.



**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your work and your thoughtfulness. This is a great appointment. I'm sorry that zeenab fowlk couldn't be here, we are hours over schedule so i understand that. But i also want to thank her as well as every other member of this committee. This is not an easy assignment. It's a very challenging assignment and it's done with a great deal of public scrutiny behind it. I just want to thank you, theo, and all members of the portland community on community engaged policing. Really beyond the call of service efforts on behalf of everyone in the community. I vote aye. The report is accepted, the appointment is approved. Next item is 1,000, please.

#### **Item 1000**

**Clerk:** Appoint robin castro, julia degrow, theresa huang and tom liptan as voting members.

**Wheeler:** It advises city council on a number of topics water bureau and bureau of environmental services with a strong focus on financial plans and rates for water, sewer, storm water and solid waste. It currently has 11 voting members and 3 ex officio members. These members appointed by me in my capacity in mayor in consultation with the commissioner in charge, commissioner fritz. With that i would like to hand this over to commissioner fritz, the commissioner in charge to share more about the process and these appointments.

Commissioner fritz, thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. First, i thank the out going board members, ted, mike and mia. You have done amazing work and we really appreciate your being willing to recruit. It created a subcommittee that includes p.u.b. Members. Utility staff, commissioner staff and a community member. There was particular interest in expanding engagement with diverse communities including black, indigenous, people of color, low income and historically oppressed communities. And skills and experience of the current board members and where there may be gaps that could be addressed with new appointees. We received 11 applications. The 14 board positions will be full including the 11 voting members and 3 ex officio members. And we will be starting a new recruitment cycle in the spring time for additional vacancies expected after june next year. So please contact the next commissioner in charge of the utilities with any suggestions you might have. That conclude miss presentation.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner fritz. Colleagues any questions?

**Fritz:** I move the report.

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry, is that commissioner ryan who moved the report.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner fritz.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty seconds the report. Any discussion? Seeing or hearing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** This is a really intense committee that meets often and does a lot of really brilliant work. So thank you to the four people being willing to served. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Yes, impressed with the four people. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz you are going out having appointed four excellent people. Thank you for your leadership. I vote aye. The report is accepted and the appointments are approved. Next item is second reading, 1001.

**Item 1001**

**Clerk:** Authorize contract with jacobs engineering group for design services for the bull run pipeline project for \$29 million.

**Wheeler:** Any discussion on this second reading? Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Fritz?

**Fritz:** Yikes, could you skip over me an call the rest of the roll while i find my thank you's. This is an important project and i want to make sure i say thank you to everybody.

**Wheeler:** Without objection move commissioner fritz to the back of the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** I think we are all looking for our notes right now. I know we are really behind on time and i will just aye. Thank you, staff for the thorough reports and briefings. Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** This is a really, really, really important project. But i am going to vote no on this project. Because i really am concerned that the people who will be responsible for ensuring its real implementation are not in their seats yet. I like a lot about what i see. But i'm very concerned about us voting this, both of these actual projects without the other people who will have to live with the consequences of either budget run overs or not meeting the objectives we have set for equity. So i will vote no.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted.

**Clerk:** Wait a minute.

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry, i forgot. I got so used to the role. I forgot the most important person in this whole mix. Commissioner fritz, i apologize.

**Fritz:** Thank you, and i can't find the list, which is unfortunate. This is such an important project. Elliott, julian, bonita oswald and the entire crew at the water bureau. Gabriel and mike have been instrumental. Commissioner hardesty you could look on it this is something that needs to be done by the next council. I would say this is a project i have worked on for two years and i'm excited to bring it home after the work that commissioner fish did. Thank you for allowing me to work on this and thank you for your support. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Now the ordinance is adopted. Thank you, all. Next item is 1002.

### **Item 1002**

**Clerk:** Approve and terminate limited tax exemption for properties under the home buyer opportunity limited tax exemption program.

**Wheeler:** Portland housing bureau administers the programs. The home buyer opportunity limited tax exemption provides 10-year property tax exemption to low to moderate income making homeownership more attainable. They apply prior to starting construction on new homes. The housing bureau approves builder applications through filing a resolution with council several times a year. 50 properties are being approved for the program through this particular resolution. When a developer sells a home over the price limit to a buyer who does not income-qualify as a cash sale or does not complete construction within two years from council approval, the exemption is then removed. Additionally, if a home is no longer owner occupied during the exemption period, the exemption is also removed. Before an exemption is terminated owners have an opportunity to appeal the decision made by the city. With this resolution, three properties tax exemptions are being removed. With that, i will turn it over to staff.

**Dory Van Bockel:** Thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm dory van bockle with the development center team of the portland housing bureau. That was a great summary of the item at hand by mayor wheeler. I'm happy to answer any questions, however.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions on this particular item? Seeing none, is there any testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll on the resolution.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The resolution adopted. 1003, please.

### **Item 1003**

**Clerk:** Establish 2001 sale price cap for the home buyer opportunity limited tax exemption program.

**Wheeler:** Blah, blah, blah, same thing as the last one. P.h.b. Is here to make a technical change to the program. Statute requires setting an annual sale price cap by January 1st, 2021. Dory, welcome.

**Van Bockel:** Hello again. Dory von bockle. Statute allows annual sale price cap to be set up to 120% of the portland median sale price for 2020. In setting the sale price for 2021 we looked at the sales price set by multnomah. That was approximately \$128,000. The average income must be at or below 100% median family income for a family of four. Which is just over \$92,000 a year. The outcomes for the last year of the program were that the average income of home buyers actually receiving the holte was around 54,000 or 78% of average median income and average sale price was just under \$328,000. So in setting the sale price for 2021 we are going to keep it down below, well below, the median sale price, in order to maintain the affordability of the units for low- and moderate-income home buyers. We are proposing to set the cap at \$412,000. Which is just a 2% increase from the current 2020 sale price cap of \$405,000.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Does that complete your presentation?

**Van Bockel:** Yes.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, questions? Is there public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** All right. This is a resolution, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Fritz.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** I just want to say i'm grateful for the staff taking numbers into account and for landing on a median sub price. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The resolution is adopted. For those listening in, i think there are a couple people listening for testimony. I am guessing our morning items will take approximately half an hour to 45 minutes for us to complete. So thank you for your patience. Next item is 1004.

#### **Item 1004**

**Clerk:** Accept the 2019 annual report of the portland police bureau.

**Wheeler:** This is the portland police bureau's 2019 annual report. I realize we are weeks away from the start of the 2021 yet much of this material will be deemed as outdated or irrelevant. Yet, there's value in recognizing by the bureau in the 2019 calendar year. The city entered 2020 proud of many accomplishments highlighted in this report. P.p.b. Relies on various agencies to put this together. 2020 obviously has stretched all of us in many ways and the demands on p.p.b.'s time hindered a more timely delivery of this report. My hope is we will have the 2020 report much earlier in 2021 so we can learn from the events of this past year, which were seminal as we continue to reimagine public safety and the role of p.p.b. In serving the city of portland. Chief laval is here with his team to present the report. Chief?

**Chief Chuck Lovell:** Thank you, mayor. City council. Good afternoon, i'm chief chuck laval and i'm here to talk about the bureau's 2019 annual report. The annual report is something we produce each year and bring it to the city council as part of our settlement agreement with the department of justice. This report is a little later than we wanted it to be, as the mayor stated. Our staff was also tasked this year with other duties related to the pandemic as well as the mask gathering we experienced in port l.a.p.d.. I apologize for its delay. I want to give thanks to the many members on community engaged policing who reviewed this report. Thanks to the members for the portland police bureau who provided thoughtful information to include in the report including those who assembled it to its final version. This is still a summary of the work that's been done in 2019. Based on the feedback from p.c.c.e.p. Who reviewed last year's report we asked the managers in the police bureau to provide more detail regarding their division's respective accomplishments and challenges. That's why this report is lengthy. In 2019 overall

reported crimes slightly decreased when compared to the prior year about 2%. Person crime increase for a fourth consecutive year but smaller rate than 2019. We saw an increase in assault offenses which contributed to the overall in person crimes. Property crime decreased slightly in 2019 when compared to 2018. About a 3% decrease. We publish all our crime statistics on our open data on our website and it gives users the opportunity to look at the crime statistics and refine them to their neighborhood or specific geographical area. We expanded in 2019. It now includes crime statistics to officer-involved shootings, traffic statistics and helps increase the transparency of the work we do at the police bureau. We concentrated more last year on data-driven policing. Assist precinct and leadership. Use the data to plan their resource. Each precinct was responsible to work where chronic problems and illegal activity occurred. Illegal street racing, holiday park admissions. Old town and more. In the report we included our significant progress on the settlement agreement and numerous directives we have reviewed. Last year we created an inspector general position. That office includes its policy development team and the inspector and audit team. This was an improvement over the previous year 2018. Internally we are able to hire 16 additional officers last year. Remember it takes upwards of six years for training and probation. We provided additional training to employees. The bureau's equity and inclusion team leading with racial equity approach for structural transformation. We also worked with community group called youth educating police to create a training video for all sworn bureau employees with the goal of improving interactions between police and youth in the community. We also implemented a new wellness position for our employees including establishing a new website and offering information to improve physical, mental and emotional health. I will touch on some of our challenges in the report you will read about them. They include aging -- work spaces. This is an ongoing challenge as we continue to address this. In 2019 we also had a number of unplanned and unpermitted events. Which took a toll on staffing. Several confrontations between groups with opposing ideologies including august 17th which attracted people all over the u. S. To staff was very costly. It was cited by every division and unit was a challenge. Whether answering 9-1-1 calls, investigations or services. I would like to conclude by saying 2019 seems like a very long time ago. I'm sure we feel that way to some degree. The police bureau has seen three chiefs since the end of 2019. Between covid, the racial justice movement and more than 100 days of mass gatherings, significant uptick in violent crime and armed -- the bureau is a much different place than 2019. It's faced a year of challenges. Still its valuable to look at this report as we shape our future, make tough decisions and move

forward with what i hope will be opportunities as well. That's all i have. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, chief. Colleagues, questions for the chief? Seeing none, i will entertain a motion.

**Hardesty:** I move we accept the report as presented.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty moves. Second from commissioner fritz. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** [roll call]

**Fritz:** Thank you for the report and diligent work and thank you to the bureau members still working so hard. I've been going to neighborhood association meetings to say goodbye. There's officers there, even knowing they are so busy they are working from home and giving their time so the community members know what's going on. Please convey my thanks to the staff. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Yes. Good to see you chief. I had some other things to say, but i will go from what you just said. I'm interested in the tablo data and i look forward to hear how you are going to be using that in real-time going forward. I'm struck by the fact we have had three chiefs since 2019. But i appreciate the report. It's quite the rear view mirror at this moment in time. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Ay the report is accepted. And chief i think you have made the commitment, the next year report for 2020 will come in more quickly. If you need help with that, please let me know. Because obviously 2020 was an important year. And there's much to learn from that. There was a lot of good news in this and i want to acknowledge that at a time the police bureau is under tremendous pressure under accountability and scrutiny. I vote aye. The report is accepted. Next up is 1005.

#### **Item 1005**

**Clerk:** Establish a language pay differential for multi-lingual city employees and authorize the bureau of human resources and office of equity and human rights to establish processes and procedures necessary for implementation.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. This is exciting. We launched this at a work session. Although commissioner hardesty wasn't able to be at the work session we have done outreach to your

office and thanks to you and your staff for the inputs on the policy. Today we are here to seek approval. We are proposing it go into effect July 1st of 2021 and a pilot basis for the first year. We need language access more than ever. We are in a crisis and will face future crises and we need to be able to mobilize our wonderful staff to support linguistically diverse community members. The language pay differential policy is something we need to invest in now. It's the fair thing to do. Now turn it over to staff to begin our presentation.

**Tatiana Elejalde:** Thank you. My name is -- pronouns are she/her. I work for the office of equity and human rights. It's a pleasure to be with you today to bring forth this resolution. After a wonderful council work session last week with regard to the language pay differential policy. I'm going to start us off by just talking that the foundation of this policy really rests upon four pillars. With regard to Title VI we have obligations to nondiscrimination protections based on national origin and limited English proficiency. Having a workforce that can provide, that can remove language barriers for community in being able to have meaningful and equitable access to our programs, services, activities and communications shows a proactive effort in the removal of language barriers for the public. The second pillar, community need. Enhanced service delivery. We have data both qualitative and quantitative telling us that community who experiences language barriers do not contact the city program services and communications. Presentation during the work session there is data from 3-1-1 survey that noted many community members cite language barriers as a reason why they do not contact the city. In my experience in the emergency coordination. We have heard from community members saying how valuable it is to them to have staff who can communicate with them in their own language. It's so incredibly important. In regular city operations as well as in providing relief efforts during the emergency response for community members to experience language barriers to feel they have people that they can connect with and speak to in their own language who also identify from their same culturally specific community. And for enhanced service delivery, having a workforce that can speak multiple languages and serve the community in the language of their, in their target language is so incredibly important in our service delivery to remove institutional language barriers for community. I get to work with so many bureaus. Across the bureaus we have employees who provide this extra value to our organization and are important connection and trust-building ambassadors to community in their regular work as in providing services, programs and activities to the public. In providing the service we see that our employees really serve as a language link. This crucial role, as a language link really provides community, a



connection to our city government in a way that they would not have if we didn't have staff who are able to bring this extra value. As language links, our employees can see the community member all the way through the engagement that they were hoping to have with the city, answering their questions and helping them navigate our system. At any point in that interaction, the community member can request a professional interpreter at no cost to them and that's their civil right. In the case of where there are health safety, legal, financial impacts, notices of rights or disciplinary action, our city employees as a language link can help the community member connect to an interpreter who can take over with that specific terminology. But that role of language link and really being that initial connector from community who experiences language barriers to experiencing more meaningful and equitable engagement with our government is incredibly valuable. So many of us are already providing this extra value to the organization. And we will never say no to providing this opportunity to connect with community since we ourselves are part of these linguistic specific communities. And my perspective as equity officer and access lead for the emergency response. In the early months of the pandemic, i saw many bureaus that were quickly putting together programs, relief programs and wanting to really mobilize city staff who spoke other languages to be able to help provide these services. But in absence of a policy like this, it really would be workplace equity issue. So that leads me to the third pillar. Presently we have employees that are bringing this extra value and this extra skill without compensation. So when we look at this being a workplace equity issue we could alleviate, we are really also talking about retention of employees who bring this extra value. And importantly also, the fourth pillar is our commitment to being an employer of choice. Being able to recruit talent, to be able to work for the city and recruit multilingual talent, we have populations of people that would be able to apply for jobs in the city that would be looking for this language differential opportunity. Especially since we have other jurisdictions around us that are already offering this language pay differential. Thank you so much. At this point i'm going to hand off the presentation to my colleague. Yesenia. Thank you.

**Yesenia Carrillo:** Gracias, tatiana. My name is yesenia, a staffer for commissioner fritz and commissioner ryan. I have the privilege of serving portlanders in commissioner ryan's office. As we say a bittersweet goodbye to commissioner fritz this year. I want to add, thank you commissioner fritz for being a champion of this policy. We work so hard and so happy we are here getting across to the finish line together. So on your screen you will see the policy development process. I will walk us through the several milestones that we hit on the

development process throughout the last year and a half. Our process starts late spring 2019 with internal research. We looked for prior or existing policy work at the city related to language pay differential. In doing the internal research phase our office put together a multibureau policy team to help guide the development of this process and inform the recommendations. So upon that phase we entered the external research phase which was looking at models in our local jurisdictions. Our policy team informed the development of 25 yeses questions that helped us guide. We interviewed all local jurisdictions including the state and all these have language pay differential policy in place. We found that business and community need was the rationale for their language pay differential policies. All job types were eligible, if supervisor approval or a testing process requirement. The city of hillsboro is one that really set out two of our policy team for workplace equity and community outreach. Their language pay differential policy is open to all employees regardless of job classification or type. It was most aligned with our equity goals and preferred outcomes. And their positions range from public facing customer service to managers. The second opportunity we had to engage with employees was with the survey. It consisted of ten questions that our policy team put together. The diverse empowered employees of portland. Participants reported using 24 languages in addition to english to perform their responsibilities and better serve community members. Participants to know about the workplace equity that she was able to go into. It's important to note either by the community member themselves or a colleague. Upon gathering all our research and money discussions within our policy team, we crafted our initial representations and engaged with stake holders and partners at the city. Important to note that the bureau of human resources is a big partner in this and has been at the table for the last year with us. Our recommendations are rooted in take aways from the touch points with these. In rethinking the challenges and concerns that were raised to us throughout the process. We relied heavily on the feedback from our stake holders. Also from city employees who have been provided the service to english proficient community members for years. Thank you so much.

**Cynthia Castro:** I'm a senior policy advisor and colleagues for this initiative. The language paid differential. A set dollar amount. The state of oregon offers a 10% and hundred pun went hundred one fifty dollars monthly. Ultimately opted for a set dollar amount. If we were to adopt the percentage of pace wage model. They would receive greater compensation. We are pre posing one dollar per hour be inquired to salary based. Rather than the same amount no matter how many hours worked. We believe it would be a competitive rate. It would be only be paid on

worked time. The differential would be applied. This simplifies time keep eastbound they bring a different perspective due to their lived experiences. As best practice for other jurisdictions in order to qualify employees must pass a verbal proficiency test. Passing a proficiency test to retain the differential. Represented employees the city will fulfill the obligations to the unions and negotiate to the unions should they demand to bargain. We're recommending three pathways for designating that benefit from a language skill. They bring value to the institute. This includes designating positions that at a minimum be paid at the outset. 311, elected officials council staff, police fire, park rangers, emergency coordination center. Bureau equity managers and teams. A pathway that assigns additional positions benefiting from a language skill based on community need. Will be involved in the designation of the positions benefiting from multi lingual employees. Employee initiated. Submit a form to human rights for consideration of the language paid differential. Describe a narrative form removes mayor yers to the community and brings value to the institution. Evaluated through performance review processes with their manager. It would also be-sorry i think that's my ring at my house. The about you-question understand that multi lingual city employee nz a wide variety of positions are using language skills for city employees. Because we currently don't track language capabilities to our staff. The total cost of the policy because it with this limitation drew from different available sources such as language capability surveys and information and referral program and other differential to inform their cost analysis. It includes a broad range of participation and cost. Data from the office of community and life. We're proposing that the language paid differential go into effects on july first 2021 on a pilot basis for the first year. Any costs associated with the program and within the existing fiscal year if necessary bureaus may question resources to pay spring month. Next slide, please. We have invited two guests to provide testimony. Thank you for your flexibility today. We appreciate you so much. First up i would like to invite michelle to testify.

**Michelle Kunec-North:** Hello. Am i coming through okay?

**Hardest:** Yes.

**Kunec-North:** Wonderful. Good afternoon council. I'm the city's 311 program manager. To simply community access to services. A front door for both city and county government. Our staff helped about one hundred thousand community members find information, report issues and request city service on line and over the phone. I'm here to speak in support of the language policy which we see as a step to the equity goals. The bureaus and programs we support. We know primarily speak russian chinese and other languages it prevents them from contacting the

city. Less than 2% of calls to our program. Once implemented the language paid differential policy would make it more likely that they are able to be heard understood and provided with the information and services they need and they receive the same level of customer service they need. The city's 311 program, it calls for hiring staff as well. This policy provides a much needed tool to retain staff that would benefit from language expertise. Long overdue recognition for us to take on this additional role for the added value they provide the city. An important step towards a verified program in the city. I want to thank council for supporting the language access program and commissioner fritz and staff for their leadership on this issue. I want to conclude with words from my colleague doug. John participated in helped the poly proposed here today. If we are an organization that values community involvement and access it is important that we do a better job of assisting city members who don't connect with the city and services we deliver. It shows community values people that engage in other languages. It's a practical tool and symbolic tool to encourage community engagement and access. Thank you for allowing we to speak on this important policy. I appreciate your time.

**Wheeler:** Are there any questions-

**Castro:** Sorry mayor. We have one more speaker.

**Wheeler:** Sorry.

**Castro:** Our last speaker.

**Jonna Papaefthimiou:** It's been a long day. I'll be brief. I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak for the record my name is jona. We build a resilient portland. We spend a lot of time and staff resources on community out reach offering free classes offering a volunteer program. Our bilingual staff help us show up in the community and increase our effectiveness and particularly in communities thoo the city offering not so well. In extraordinary times our deur oh sometimes called on life safety messages and must be issued? A timely way. We rely on translators and late as much as we can. Having a colleague that you can confirm it's go to keep you moving forward makes all the difference. I would also say as a manager of a diverse staff that i recognize my cultural bilingual staff members are participating in extra projects to be on interview panels devoted job fairs and participate in committee work. They do that cheerfully and without any expectation of extra pay. As a manager i would be grateful for the opportunity to recognize the extra value the extra work we do for the public. I'm grateful for leadership on this topic an support of this topic.

**Wheeler:** Now i'll jump in. Great presentation on all of your parts. Thank you. Colleagues any

questions at this point? Excellent. Is there any public testimony-

**Hardesty:** Exude me i do have one question on this. Thank you all for incredible testimony. You know this is an issue that is near and dear to me. I talked to people who were really frustrated. It's taken more than a decade to get something that the city council will be considering. I had a question more about state law. Is it true that we're prohibited from using multi lingual staff without utilizing a state language database? Is that true? I don't know who would like to try to help me understand that?

**Karen Moynahan:** I do not have the answer to that. Perhaps someone who is a presenter might.

**Hardesty:** I remember being told by revenue they were required to use a language bank for translation. I don't want to wait a lot of time on that today, it would be important to make sure that we where are in fact, what we're putting in place not in opposition to state law. Thank you.

**Fritz:** She did state that there are four particular areas where certified language translator is required. This is for a language link. It's anytime stake holders does say that the constituent may request a professional interpreter at no cost to them.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Excellent presentation. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions for our awesome panel here? Seeing none. Public testimony.

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheler:** Very good. This is a resolution. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Fritz:** Thank you for our team and your leadership after bringing this across the finish line. I also thank the many stake holders who are engaged especially human resources and all of her staff. The city attorney's office. City budget director. And financial analyst and city equity managers. Thank you to our guest speakers. To our multi lingual employees. We value you and your language skill and helping our core values. This is long overdue. Thank you. You are center of our decision. As well thank you colleagues for your support. Aye.

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you for the first reading. For the work session we had. I've been able to ask a lot of questions and track this. I want to thank commissioner fritz and your team and for your diligent work that got us here today. My hope is that our employees will feel seen and appreciated by their unique skill sets they bring to our work force. I also hope this initiative sets up on the right path as we continue to reimagine what access looks like to our community members. It also influences others in the marketplace that more organizations can look to this policy and you provide a blue print for all of them. Thank you so much. Aye.

**Hardesty:** When i first got here i was amazed to find out that there were people trying to move this policy for over a decade. It is about time that we actually acknowledge the addition skill sets that the people bring to the city of portland and we should value those. If we hope to be a employer of first choice this is the right direction for us to move really impressed with stap. I'm very happy to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I want too much thank the office of equity and how many an rights and their work to develop this policy and many other bureaus an employees who provided data and input to put toward this process. How we serve our public helping to increase access to government for portlanders. Core services that most effectively serve those who need the most. Including those-this policy will have a budgetary impact on bureaus it meets those goals to improve equity. The coming year, it's a smart move. It will allow us to better have a specific understanding to the cost to bureaus and budgets that will be required in future years. Thank you for this important step. Great leadership. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Next item. 1006.

#### **Item 1006**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz.

**Fritz:** This is a second reading. I'll make the comments on her behalf.

**Wheeler:** This is a second reading on a non emergency ordinance. Seeing none please call the roll.

**Fritz:** We are so grateful to everybody who is developing the program. It was supported i think four years ago today by commissioner novi c and narrowly squeaked through. They supported the funding for the subsequent four years. Thank you colleagues for doing this. It's program that is transforming the way the government is and is going to be. Thanks to susan and the amazing staff that have gotten it through this year. Thanks for their volunteers for getting it done. With a regard low budget for technology. Tim any staff for the comiltment to this process. It's been a joy to see it work. I look forward to the colleagues who use the program and be able to work with you with a new found freedom to support portland. Aye.

**Ryan:** I want to acknowledge commissioner fritz. She has a lot of legganceys as she colludes 12 years of service. I'm very proud to vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** The aye. The ordinance is adopted. I propose we take a ten minute recess. We are recessed until 3: 38 p.m.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

## Item 1007

**Wheeler:** Thank you Keelan, that would have been tragic to forget the actual financial impact. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you Mayor. The Bureau of Environmental Services needs to construct sanitary sewer extensions and sewer branches to properties that do not have direct connections to the city sewer system these are called non-conforming sewer connections. The use of price agreements will increase the efficiency and flexibility to deliver the required sanitary sewer extensions and sewer branches, and spoiler alert this presentation also talks about how the equity of how we are able to help out customers with bills that would otherwise be quite expensive. Here today with a brief presentation are Joe Dvorak, Division manager, and Melanie Gualotunia, will say Melanie's name properly I'm sure, senior engineer, both with environmental services.

**Joe Dvorak:** Great. Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes, you sound loud and clear

**Dvorak:** good afternoon mayor and council. For the record, Joe Dvorak, with the bureau of environmental services. I appreciate you all willing to hear us at the very end of the day. We are still in the morning session, so we will keep this brief. Keelan if you wouldn't mind putting up the presentation, and then I'm going to turn it over to Melanie who will go through the slides.

**Melanie Gualotunia:** Thank you. Good afternoon. Thank you for having us. I'm the manager of the program. We're here today to talk to you about renewing some on call contracts to continue to do the work we do in our program. I'd like to give a very brief background and what we do. The initiative is to ensure that properties have conforming sewer connections. They may not have a sewer in front of their property. Our capital improvement is providing the opportunity to residents however there are occasionally opportunities emergencies that arrive with existing sewer connections and they can potentially put residents at risk of losing their existing service. They allow residents to continue to occupy their homes and minimize the cost of fixing their sewers. I'm just going to give two quick examples of the times of projects we've done recently. In this case we had a guest property who was at risk of losing their service by being capped by the host property. The host property sent a six month capping notice notifying the guest property that they would be capping their sewer service and preventing them from having sewer to their house. We were able to extend the sewer to their property so they could make a conforming connection and not lose the sewer. With all non conforming service. The current fee is seven thousand one hundred dollars. This was more in the range of sixty thousand. It's a huge savings

to the home owner. If they had to do this that would be a significant cost for that. We had a property owner on a system. This person would have had to extend the sewer at their own cost. We were able to use our concall service to bring it to our property. The charges are a bit higher you have to pay a sue system development charge and branch fee and the cost was twenty three thousand dollars. The range of seventy thousand dollars fee so still a significant savings. Our current oncall contracts are set to expire this year. We previously had three on call with three companies this year. They were through the prime contractors program. We've issued up to 35 task orders sm the three companies are all white owned firms. With that in mind as we move forward we've been working with procurement how we can reach out to the bipoc owned to encourage them to participate in our next process. Next slide, please. I want to note that we've had similar contracts over the last nine years. We plan to use the contractor program development again and hope to get them up and running by the spring. Thank you for having utsz here today and please let us know if you have any questions.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it very much. Colleagues any questions?

**Hardesty:** I have one question. Thank you Melanie for your presentation. I'm curious, doesn't the prime contractor program allow you to target specific contractors that are in the program?

**Gualotunia:** I think we have to send it out to everyone on the list, and what we are planning to do is reach out to provide additional outreach saying, we want to make sure you're aware of this program and we want to encourage you to apply. I'll be honest, I'm not completely familiar with the rules of the procurement process, so I would have to follow up on that.

**Hardesty:** I would highly recommend that we think strategically. It's sad to think we've done this program for so long and don't have a diverse pool of participants. I would rather hear from you that the next time you come in front of us you ensure it's going to be a more diverse pool as you start this work in january. That would be my preference if you aren't in a position to say that, i will understand.

**Gualotunia:** Yeah. I think i'd like to follow-up with procurement to make sure i understand the rules they have in place for that program before i can make any promises.

**Hardesty:** That's fair. I appreciate your honesty in that. I've seen this too often. We want to but we just don't quite get to the finish line. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Any further questions at this point. I'll ask if there's public testimony.

**Clerk:** No one has signed up.



**Wheeler:** Going once. Going twice. Thank you everybody this is a first real estating of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to a second readings. We have two more second readings and get to the afternoon agenda. First is 1008.

**Item 1008**

**Clerk:** Authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of the general contractor for the north west system improvements project one one two five two.

**Wheeler:** This is a second reading of a non emergency orderrance. Is there any further business on 1008? Seeing none. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** The ordinance is adopted. Also a second reading.

**Item 1009**

**Clerk:** Approve findings to authorize exception to the bidding requirements and authorize the use of alternate of contract manager in connection with the bull run pipeline project of an estimated amount of one million sixty two thousand dollars.

**Wheeler:** Any further business on this item? Seeing none this is also a second reading, please call the roll.

**Fritz:** (i really love it when we vz two votes on a similar item so i can get thank you pulled pup properly. Thank you colleagues for your consideration of this item i recognize that there's disagreements on it. We wouldn't be doing our jobs if we didn't sometimes have disagreements. Thank you. Just the the whole team including my staff who have been fantastic staff. I'm very happy to vote aye.

**Ryan:** I really appreciate the dialogue we had last week and the work force equity commitments and capacity building. We'll be watching to make sure we follow through on that process and i am proud to vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, yes. We had a robust conversation last week on this project and there were many reasons to take this out of the regular procurement process. I'm very concerned that we're voting on this item when the people who will be responsible for watching it and maintaining the public oversight, i unfortunately will be a no vote.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Question for you. I'm showing in my calendar. A different link for the 2: 00 p.m. Session.

**Clerk:** We actually do need to recess this meeting and reconvene at the new link. There are people in the 2: 00 p.m. Meeting waiting for it to start. Ideally we can jump into the next

meeting.

**Wheeler:** We will adjourn this meeting and readjourn or continue into the next session.

**Clerk:** I will shut this meeting down and we'll reconvene.

**Wheeler:** For legal council do we need to read all the preliminary language around covid 19 rules of conduct or continue in that session.

**Moynahan:** We can continue without doing that.

**Wheeler:** I love it when the attorney tells me what i want to hear. We will recess this meeting and reconvene in a minute or two on the new link. Thank you everybody. .

**Wheeler:** We are two hours-we'll jump right in. Can we please call 1010.

### **Item 1010**

**Clerk:** Adopt an internal cost to ensure major city decisions formally consider the social and environmental costs in emissions. .

**Wheeler:** I are make some introductory remarks but i will let commissioner hardesty go first. This resolution i made last december for how the city would make sure we're walking our talk on climate by addressing the city impacts on climate initiations. Transitioning more of our city to electric vehicles of i made a commitment to reduce the price on carbon from youth climate activists to establish a climate test to ensure we're taking climate impacts into account on all climate decisions. Youth activists are correct to urge the city and other public agencies an institutions to prioritize meaningful and bold climate action. Climate science tells us that globally we need to reach net zero globally if we are going to get the-by requiring bureaus to incorporate this internal cost of carbon policy will lead to lower carbon outcomes. With that, commission herb hardesty i'll turn it over to you or if you'd like to turn it over to staff and make you're comments later that would be fine. .

**Hardesty:** My apologiys. I had it all up.

**Andrea Durbin:** First of all i'm andrea. City to adopt a climate test came to us by youth climate activists the mayor's commitment to implement a climate test was included in the emergency deck declaration of june of this year. The internal cost of carbon is one step among money that we need to manage across our community. Bps views this internal cost of carbon in one step in a larger strategy community wide sm we need to make huge strides in the. Passed sounded that alarm and cut our emissions in half in 2030. We have to cut emissions by 30% we need to work on decarbonization across the community. Much of this will depend on policy action on the local and state level with anticipated support from the next year. Council to adopt a new internal city

policy for internal cost of carbon. This proposed internal policy is a first step to prioritizing our internal process by a social cost of carbon as you will hear about those opportunities from our bureau partners today. We agree with youth carbon activists who place larger carbon based projects. This is a future step towards expansion over time. Another policy under development and out for public comment right now is a proposed healthy climate fee. It does not adopt a price of carbon. It's the human and economic cost in our community. The action plan said it could support a carbon tax. It has not adopted a carbon price. It calls for the city to consider local adoption of now is the time for portland to show true innovation. Create good family wage jobs and ensure those most at risk of climate change especially bipoc communities. We adapt to a changing climate. Evaluating the internal cost of carbon is an important place to start. We're walking our own talk. I want to extend our appreciation to our bureau colleagues and partners we'll have colleagues from office of management and finance and water bureau. I'll turn things over who is a senior specialist. He will go over the specifics of the policy.

**Danny Grady:** Thank you director. Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. I serve as the senior energy specialist for the bureau of specialist and sustainability. We will cover the policy intent scope of project types covered by the policy the mechanics of the policy and how we plan to measure success. The internal cost of carbon policy originally presented by city council in June of this year the directive was adopted in terms of actual emissions the supply chain is responsible for four times more carbon than the production based inventory on the left. To be accurate which we apply an internal cost of carbon pie. We can make the most impacts on this policy. City staff will apply the approved cost of carbon into the approved process that collectively cost for current carbon emissions. New buildings and road construction. How the city's vehicle will go to a lower carbon fleet. It will guide strategic investments. Resource development planning. These investments require a life cycle cost assessment to operation and maintenance and energy and fuel costs when comparing options. This would add a carbon cost to that decision making framework. The way we'll apply a cost of carbon is by using a carbon shadow price. It's an evaluation. They influence with all of the other actual project costs for each project option. The basis for having shadow priced carbon it's a well known wide best known practice for carbon emissions. The estimates do vary because of future emissions how the climate will respond to those emissions. The impacts that will arise and the way we evaluate future damages. We aligned with leading economic research in north american cities. We're choosing to start at a high level in order to give us the best chance of decision making. Bureau staff will be tasked with

calculating the carbon emissions. What emissions count. Scope one are those coming correctly from the source. Like a tail pipe or a smoke stack. Scope two is something uses like energy or natural gas. Scope three are manufacturing of materials. Like asphalt and steel. I raise this point because there were a number of public comments about if choosing between vehicle types scope one and two matter. The type of fuel used and what's coming out of the tail pipe is what is coming out of emissions. In contrast a construction project like repaving a road, the asphalt is the primary emission source. The focus would be on scope three emissions. They will be required include justifications when it's colluded from their analysis. We can take a look at this policy in action. The project, the water bureau needs to replace seven hybrid stands in their fleet and nine gasoline trucks. Do they stick with the status quo or go electric. Maintaining and fueling these 26 vehicles was calculated to cost two point nine million dollars without the carbon cost calculated into it. The carbon associated in electricity fuel types. That's over three point one million dollars. The alternative cost to address this process is to replace all of the vehicles with fully electric options. When the cost of carbon is applied the charging stations and all of the associated emissions was two point nine million dollars. The result of applying the cost of carbon in this example. The life cycle increase from twenty seven thousand dollars without a carbon cost to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in savings when carbon costs apply. The breaking point is reduced by almost a third. It becomes far more attractive with the application of internal cost of carbon for pursuing this low cost carbon alternative. For the policy to be successful we must build staff and give them the resources they need. The goal is to streamline a lot of time and effort in the development of staff. Bps staff will model policy applications and train staff on specific tools and resources to use. Bps will create city learner trainings to familiarize themselves with the policy. This training models with the green building policy with great success. It will host a page on the website. Calculators will be input like energy and materials. It will also be made available. We will share information and assumptions to stakeholders and invite when their emission factors change to reflect decarbonizations. Bps will bring a progress report to council no later than 2022. That will include annual reporting-in summary we are eager to implement this policy and get started on city operations and new and meaningful ways with it's challenging us to change the way to do business when there's no real alternative to inaction with that I thank you for your time and attention and will put it up for discussion. .

**Wheeler:** Very good. Any questions at this particular moment. Thank you for that presentation.

**Hardesty:** I'm happy to do my opening statement now-

**Moynahan:** We do have to take a roll call. I'm sorry. .

**Hardesty:** No worries. .

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** Wouldn't that have been embarrassing and got through the presentation and realized the city council wasn't here. That would be so us and so between twenty. Glad we took care of that. .

**Hardesty:** If you after six hours of non stop city council meetings i'm grateful to the public who hung around waiting for us to get here. The climate emergency declaration that we passed in june directed the city to involve youth and other stakeholders in a climate test to ensure city bureaus are making informed decisions based on the best available climate science particularly from investments and high climate areas. Already directs the bureau to maintain infrastructure at the lowest life cycle cost that meets objectives. This puts a finer point on this requirement. It provides the framework on how bureaus can be made accountable for the cost of carbon emissions and operational decision making sm the resolution before us assigns a non cash cost to carbon in some specific incidents in bureau decision making. Some spoke folks have different ideas. This is a necessary but insufficient step to promote lower carbon outcomes. It's impossible to manage what we don't measure. We have to start somewhere. Over the long term staff will continue to work together with our youth and stakeholders to broaden the applicability of a climate test beyond just the initial scope. We are grateful for the leadership of our communities youth on this subject and we must do more to remain accountable to them and to the black indigenous and other people of color communities who are bearing the brunt of climate change. We have made a minor change how we're going to have public testimony. We're go to go start with mr. Warner.

**Chris Warner:** Good afternoon. I'm happy to be here. For the record director of the property land bureau of transportation. We're here support the transportation resolution for you today. Because we're so dependent on cars transportation is by far the largest contributor to our carbon foot print across the globe. Make tg easier and safer for portlanders to get out of their cars and walk and bike and take trandzity from place to place. Shifting more our project which wases spear head haded by commissioner, it's just the latest example of our efforts along those lines. We'll provide portlanders with safe-there is another way that the trandz portation sector contributes to the climate crisis. We're so support of the approach of this policy. It puts cost of

the climate how we build our infrastructure front and center. We see this as an important tool to help us build on the steps we've taken to decrease the carbon impact. Rock and dirt we use for fill. All of our asphalt goes back into plants for recycling. 30% recycled materials. We started to factor in the cost of emissions when we identify quality of alternative. We did this on four projects. This new technique allowed us to generate by the project and adjusted our project rankings accordingly. With the support of this new policy we're confident we can develop climate friendly practices in the future in our construction and maintenance practices. Moving to our future has taken a boulder step. We made—we're going to advance equity and support racial equity. This is where we want to go as a transportation bureau. I want to thank you for your leadership on one of the most important challenges of our time. We think we can make forward progress and make confronting our climate crisis a battle that we can win. Thank you for your time. .

**Hardesty:** Thank you next we're going to hear from—

**Kavita Heyn:** I'll help you out. I'm the climate change program manager with the water bureau. I'm in strong support of the resolution you have before you. Meeting our mission and delivering an essential service to our customers. For over twenty years they use science to plan for climate change. We've taken many measures over the years to increase the energy capacity and move towards a greener fleet. The water bureau is the first to have an infrastructure project. The goal of this project is to scale up the electric vehicles within our fleet. This was the first time we used a quantifiable shadow price on carbon developed to conduct this analysis. I want to comment and thank the water bureau and staff for testing this climate resilient approach. We used the price that was mentioned along with two other high energy future prices to see how the long term value would increase when we account for the social cost of carbon. This showed us it increases the benefit cost ratio and the breaking providing a greater return on investment than the high per the social cost we considered the better return on investment. What our business case experience demonstrated to us is integrating really helps to draw a clearer picture of a benefit of carbon project. Greatly towards more sustainable action. It provides an important path to systematically create a plan in decision making. Other opportunities with the sustainability and staff within our bureau. This approach will take time to scale up and institutionalize. We need to consider the equity components. It will be an example to other bureaus who want to use the carbon cost in their decision making. We believe to be widely utilized and accessed across all bureau sites. It's critical to receive. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify. .

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. Next testifier is mattie.

**Maty Sauter:** This it danny. I'm going to be sharing my screen.

**Maty Sauter:** I thought we were bringing slides to this. I run the division of asset management for the city of portland. I was in front of you a couple of weeks ago talking about some of the fleet work we were doing. I was more than happy to talk about some of the work we're doing in how we will use shadow price. I have an infrastructure background. I can't think of some that doesn't do business case in investment. You're making a lot of- you can understand the long term impacts of decision making and risk and cost streams of the choices that you're making carbon or otherwise. You can understand where in your business model you need to bring down carbon costs so it really helped to set strategy and policy. Shadow pricing is something that should be employed when making investment decisions. That should be for fleet procurements. That's a little bit different from where we'd like to go which is ultimately to a dashon fleet. I think this the future once we get shadow pricing up and running . It's really a penalty for bad behavior. We need affordable pricing before we believe it's appropriate the carbon fee assumes that you have a viable market substitute for whatever it is you are trying to do poorly . Because of that, it charges you a tax. That tax is the money that you would have used to build infrastructure. Once they get up and running we will be trying to apply a carbon tax and fleet. To help fund infrastructure for other things we wanted to offer testimony where we could illustrate where we thought thing it go. Danny if you could go to the other side. As noted most infrastructure bureaus are running cases in r of some kind. What is required of any kind or shadow pricing is some kind of extent methodology. The infrastructure bureaus have been working together very well and other types of costs that would be in a business case. An asset management group. We need to have common methodology values. It takes staff resources tracking along with reporting for this work. And as- this is organizational development, we don't have the staff in place to do this kind of work. That matters when you decide on should i be investing in a new ev dump truck or investing in urban forestry or water pollution control activities. Whatever it might be. We are heavily in support of this. We think this is a very good step in the business case development process overall for city infrastructure but also ensuring that carbon costing is part of that risk stream and part of that cost stream to society. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Maty. Is there public testimony?

**Clerk:** it looks like we have one person on the line to testify

**Hardesty:** this is probably a good time to call public testimony

**Ella Shriner:** I'm a member of the Portland Youth Climate Council and we at PHYCC appreciate the incredible amount of work that has gone into this policy and the efforts that were made by Danny Grady and Amanda Watson to engage youth throughout the process. I'm excited to be here testifying in full support of the policy. I think this is a step in the right direction.

**Ryan:** I also think the system change does begin with the systemic driven evaluation. I think that i know i push back a little bit in our meeting about the consequences of non cashe trying to understand that. I look forward to looking at the data and seeing how we're doing and knowing when we can implement some additional consequence and i'm really in sup or of the step we're taking today. Aye. .

**Hardesty:** I'm looking forward to being transparent and accountable. Understanding these carbon analysis. I look forward to youth and stake holders as we broaden and improve upon the scope of the climate test. I want to say how proud i am to have the climate change in my portfolio . I want to applaud the work that you did before i inherited bps. We would not be here today without the increateddible leadership and commitment to getting us on this path. I'm very happy to vote aye. .

**Wheeler:** I want to thank you for your partnership on this. We each carries the baton part of the way here. I certainly want to thank the youth leaders for their advocacy leaders and my office on this policy. And i also acknowledge that we've heard the carbon shadow price is not everything. Youth we're calling for to adopt a climate test. This is as several people have noted an important first step that will start to institutionalize how the city takes climate impact into account in our overall decision making and we are committed to expanding on this policy to explore the ideas for what climate tests should look like. I also want to thank danny and andrea for the bureau of planning sus stainability for your hard work on this policy. Believe it or not it's our last item for the day. Let's relish it. It's item 1011.

#### **Item 1011**

**Hardesty:** This resolution is the next step in what will be a long and engaged process in setting up this new oversight board. With the passage of this resolution we will authorize city bureaus to formally develop and public an application for the commission that will work op the details for the new oversight board. My office has coordinated with bureaus in this process. I'm happy that today we are here at this process. To get this process under way before the new year starts. While the application process is under way. We'll be working with all of you and our community partners to finalize a second resolution that will provide guidance that the commission will have



to complete during it's tenure. We have hidy brown from the city attorney's office here if there are any additional questions. I have two motions thatly need to make to substitute the resolution. I propose that we substitute the resolution for one that was in your tuesday package. If i could get a second on that.

**Ryan:** Second..

**Wheeler:** Any further discussions on the substitute. Please call the roll on the substitute.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** Substitute is on the table. .

**Hardesty:** I also have another amendment i would like to substitute the exhibit a that you received in your tuesday packet. Can i get a second?

**Fritz:** Second

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty moves, commissioner fritz seconds. Any further decision on the substitution amendment? Hearing none please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** The amendment is adopted and back to the substitute as amended. Back to the original. .

**Hardesty:** I'm happy to layout what the time line will be i think that's probably good for the record. The-as you may know, we have been having meetings and will continue to have meetings to schedule civic life. They were here earlier but could not stay until the end. We'll be finalizing until the fifth. Mayor, i know you had some questions we'll get your questions answer prior to completing that process. On january 11th the applications will be formally open. The application process will end on the eighth. We anticipate that shortly there after the committee will convene and start their 18 month process to put together the community police oversight board. Are there any questions? I'm happy to say that Heidi is here to answer any questions if you have them. I see no questions.

**\*\*\*\*:** Civic life is here, i just got on.

**Hardesty:** We have two question answerers. .

**Wheeler:** This is modeled on the charter review commission process. Could somebody elaborate on that. .

**Hardesty:** I have been so impressed with the way civic life does community engagement around our oversight boards. I believe this will be my third experience working with them. We did it first with psef. We were very intentional to reaching out to communities who don't really sign up for

government processes. We have an oversight board that is working hard to get those first grants out the door. We recently completed our process with the charter review commission. It is one of the most diverse intentional committees i've seen us put together at the city of portland. I'm sure that this board or community oversight board for policing will be just as reflective of the broad community that needs to be engaged in this conversation. They have a track record of doing it well which is why we go to them a lot. .

**Wheeler:** Great. .

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. It's been a long day for all of us. Thank you for being here. Mayor, i'll turn it back over to you. .

**Wheeler:** All right. Any public testimony on this resolution.

**Clerk:** Yes we have one person signed up.

**Vadim Mozyrsky:** Can you all hear me? I would like to suggest the following amendment to exhibit a. Exhibit a notes that the membership of the commission will entail 20 people, five people from communities that have been historically overpoliced. Provide support to those communities and five people from justice organizations as well as small businesses the communities that are overpoliced are black and people of color. People experiencing mental health issues. I would like to point out there's one major constituency that has not been mentioned as overpoliced. Thirteen percent of the portland population is foreign born. Equal number are children of immigrants. This data doesn't fully encompass undocumented immigrants. This is a very large portion of the portland population . The need to share that voice is noted in both city policies and state policies. Ordinance eight seventy five. Policies and best practices to fully integrate refugee members. Executive order renews oregon's resolution to sanctuary city and inclusive city. To protect and support immigrants and refugee communities. They shall not cooperate with ice as required by federal law. There's been many studies out there. I point to one with the time constraints here. The department of urban planning and policy at chicago pointed out that 40% of immigrants surveyed. They fear the police. 70% of undocumented immigrants are less likely to contact police. 40% percent felt that same way. When asked how many they were stopped without reason or cause 67 said that very often or somewhat often they were stopped without good cause. On behalf of the eighty five thousand immigrants living in portland i urge you to support. .

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I just want you to know that we will absolutely make that amendment and it will certainly in my mind they were included as well. Thank you so much-that was something

that should have been in there. My apologies. I any we can amend it on the spot today. Around just the issues that you discussed and so i hope the record that we've talked about with the other two committees also are very reflective of our immigrant and refugee communities. .

**Wheeler:** With regard to the comment, i assumed that the immigrant refugee community was included in the description. I certainly have no objection to that being called out explicitly if that's something you would like to do and if there's no objection from legal council.

**Moynahan:** No objection, mayor. .

**Hardesty:** Do we need to second that. .

**Wheeler:** I'll assume that's a second to your motion to include that language. If you can just restate it in general terms just so we have it on the record. .

**Hardesty:** The segment that states that we will have representatives-let me pull up the document heaven forbid i do it from memory. It doesn't work well for me most of the time. Number five says the final commission must consist of five community members that have historically been overpolices. Five people from organizations that provide support. These can include communities representing black indigenous and or people of color. Low income. Persons experiencing mental health issues. .

**Wheeler:** That is amended language. I will second that. Any further discussion on the amendment. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** Thank you for sticking around and making sure that we included that language explicitly. Thank you commissioner harresty for including that language. I'm happy to vote aye. The amendment is adopted.

**Wheeler:** This is a resolution so we will take vote. Colleagues this is a vote on the substitute on amended any further discussion. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Fritz:** Commissioner hardesty thank you for your continued engagement on the hard work on this.

**Ryan:** I did drop a few things during the campaign to help get those numbers up. I'm very proud to be on the city council that's united on this issue. I look forward to more dialogue on making sure we lan the composite like we have on some commissions of late. I vote aye .

**Hardesty:** I want to thank each and every one that supported this. We were unanimous in sending this to the voters. We will end up with an excellent process with the intentionality that

we're taking. I'm happy to vote aye .

**Wheeler:** I'd like to thank Commissioner Hardesty and her policy director Derek Bradley for bringing this resolution before us today for our consideration. There have been quite a few questions around the next steps for this oversight body following the passage of Measure 26-217, overwhelmingly by portland voters. I'm heartened to see concrete steps being taken toward the body's formation. That is a very good thing, and commissioner hardesty, thank you for acknowledging the importance of this item and the need for coordination and collaboration amongst our offices. My only ask at this time is that we continue to coordinate and that would include not only staff from my office but staff from all of the offices of commissioners , though this is clearly your brainchild, and I want to make that clear. I do believe it's the prerogative and in fact the duty of the entire council to ensure this item is successful and fulfills portland voters wishes. We collectively need to make sure that your team is supported and we are working toward full implementation. I applaud your leadership on this and thank you for your continued efforts. I vote aye. The substitute resolution is adopted as amended.

**Wheeler:** Everybody have a great rest of your afternoon. Thank you for sticking with it for many hours on end. Have a fantastic evening. We're adjourned. [adjourned at 4: 58pm]

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December 17, 2020 2:00 pm

**Fritz:** All of the items on the agenda are mine. By special request by open single . Thanks for all the work you've done over the years.

**Wheeler:** The cat looks thoroughly bored.

**Fritz:** Usually he would get me to feed him.

**Wheeler:** He is longingly looking out the window. I suppose there's a bird or something that's got his attention. That's awesome. The city council is holding this meeting electronically. We're attending remotely by tele conference. With that we'll hear from legal council on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

**Lory Kraut:** I had to unmute myself.

**Wheeler:** No worries. Thank you.

**Kraut:** Mayor, before i go into the statement of conduct, could i just make certain. I only heard that you and commissioner fritz are present.

**Wheeler:** No commissioner ryan is also present.

**Kraut:** Thank you so much. I didn't hear you respond.

**Ryan:** I was one minute tardy. I'm grateful that the mayor starts meetings on time.

**Kraut:** To participate in council meetings, you must sign up in advance with the council communications to briefly speak about any subject. You can speak about the readings or ordinances. It contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. 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. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to kn collude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your

testimony or interrupting will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given and further disruption will be placed on hold. Be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. We have four items on our agenda today. The first item is 1012.

**Item 1012**

**Clerk:** Adopt actions through the regional project that promotes inclusion and more equitable outcomes for native people p.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz.

**Fritz:** A perfect pose, i appreciate that nomination. Many of us have the opportunity to hear when we went for the governing for racial equity conference. I think it was last year. It felt like a million years ago. To start off, i'm not proposing the amendment that was circulated in the tuesday memo. I move to substitute the resolution with the one that we shared with your offices this morning. It reflects feedback from native community leaders as well as from your offices. .

**Wheeler:** I second the motion. Any further discussion on the motion? Please call the roll on the substitute.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Fritz:** There are several substitutes on this. Submissioner ryan suggested that when we have an indigenous person what we do on that holiday. Substitute a different holiday. It seems particularly appropriate to me that we explore presidents day. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. It's now on the table. .

**Fritz:** I wanted the city to follow other non tribal organizations around the world who are adopting land acknowledgements to honor first nations. I was interested in the city having a consistent acknowledgement before council meetings or work sessions. I had hoped that the land acknowledgement would be ready before i left office. We're giving the due diligence it requires in engaging tribal representative in that project as you will hear. It's grown much larger in have good ways. We also experienced some unforeseen delays due to covid. In some ways, this is also good. We're coming forward with actions. We want to walk the walk. The actions that were identified through the land development process. Now i will turn it over to staff.

**Cynthia Castro:** Thank you commissioner fritz. Mayor and commissioners. I'm a senior policy advisor and coleads for the land acknowledgement project. We began the process by seeing the city offices. One approach we could take to do local research for agreed upon land acknowledgement. We learned through local institutions how they came upon land

acknowledgements. We are fortunate to be joined by an incredible team. The number of participating bureaus has grown over the past two years. We have completed a considerable amount of work. Learned a lot along the way and are dedicated to the work that remains. Next slide, please. The city has taken the important steps in partnership with several organizations who represent the government professional sports and philanthropy sections. They have donated eighty five thousand dollars to the project. Thank you to the regional arts and culture center for serving as our financial sponsors an metro who has been leading the procurement processes to hire researchers. The regional collaborative land acknowledgement includes mull m components. The actions in this policy were based on identified areas of need, recruitment and retention of alaskan city employees. They shared the importance of city employees it have a consistent importance and tribal importance and our city work group is also in the process of drafting content for our guide book. It's available to city staff our regional partners and any members of the public who are interested in best practices for land acknowledgements. The significance behind land acknowledgements and other things. As i mentioned earlier our development process requires fact finding research to better understand the political historic research and rights and reports that people have. The confederated tribes. She has published poetry, fiction and artists. She received the american book award. And the discretionary award for poetry for book sellers association. She served as the poet laureate. Diane who is associate professionor and department of the indian studies and professor holds a ph.d. In ethnic studies from uc berkeley. Informed by two generations she seeks to eliminate the ways in which indigenous life of trauma and integral peoples and places . We're excited to begin working with this experienced and talented team. For our team and partners the land acknowledgements are our first step but they must be coupled with actions.

**Laura John:** Hello. My name is laura . I'm a descent and serve as your government relations. We are not alone in this work. As commissioner fritz mentioned joe biden announced his intention to announce the tribal nation to become secretary of the interior. She will be the first native american to hold this position. For the past few years i've received countless requests to perform a land acknowledgement by governments community groups. I've heard by my native colleagues and share in their frustration that this is an empty gesture. Today i will be reviewing the different actions that are included in this resolution. In 2015 the city of portland formally recognized this as a holiday. This would be a paid holiday and exchanged with presidents day. Particularly considering the harm that have been done to the native people throughout the

country. June 15 was made a paid holiday it is our intent that same would be given to city employees for indigenous people's day they spend the day learning more and celebrating indigenous people. The next directive is with regards to exploring the possibility of providing a park fee waiver for events and ceremonies. An example would be for the bow and arrow culture clubs which will celebrate 51 year this summer. It's a way for the native community to be in touch with the broader pored land community and does bring numerous visitors to attend this particular event. We look forward to that being explored as a possibility. The the next directive is to deur oh of human resources. Currently the city of employees-lower now. It's eighty six sex identify american indian alaskan native people. It's unclear what their tribal affiliations are we don't collect that piece of the data. The number of native people working for the city was at one hundred two. Careerly the numbers are lowering. This directive is intending to change the trajectory the hiring preference for native people who are recognized with tribes. Veterans with their unique political status with the federal government. If they meet the minimum qualifications for a job. It's our hope that will also happen for native people. Mandatory training. The intent of this action is to ensure that all city employees are importance the city protecting treaty rights and ensuring that the city works for native people to be able to practice their cultural life ways today and for future generations. I've been working for the last year with the office of equity and human rights to develop a curriculum that is the mandate requiring the history governance and sovereignty. We are taking steps to supplement education that the majority of us did not have the privilege of receiving in our k12 curriculums. It's a way to get people up to speed as well as getting people coming to portland from other states to work. Next is a directive with regards to bureau work plans and records. Currently i meet with representatives from each of the cities bureaus and offices as well as elected offices regularly to talk about the work that they are doing. Individually i provide technical assistance guidance net working and policy advising. That work has grown exponentially since i've been here for three years. With each summit that's held bureaus are understanding more and more that their work that they do everyday is related to the interest of tribes. An our very enthusiastic in how to better that work and better meet the needs of the native portlanders in the indian community. They would have work plan that's they would collaborate with me on and have very clear outcomes that they are striving towards. It would also allow for them to measure and collect metrics on their work that could be put on an annual report that i would receive from bureaus and assemble into a final report to council that will be submitted to our tribal summit.



**David Grandfield:** Hello, can you hear me?

**Ryan:** Yes, we can.

**Grandfield:** Awesome. Thank you. Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioner fritz, and commissioner ryan. My first time being in a virtual room with you . My name is david, i work with the bureau of parks and recreation. Is my audio coming through okay? Basically i started working with laura john a couple years ago working on community engagement and access to natural areas. Pretty quickly fown a lot of overlap with the community and the work that we're doing. She brought me in to work on this land acknowledgement city work group. What i'm going to share with you today briefly is how that work so far has impacted my bureau and some of the work that i do with bureaus and the city. I was pulled in to work with the city work groups. We gather people throughout all the bureaus to have conversations about what questions people had about land acknowledgement and what their bureau thinks they can do beyond land acknowledgement including this work and indigenous in their work force. In doing that facilitation, i worked with the three groups. They all brought forward really different questions and comments around this land-how it can effect the stake holders and influencing their work. It was really cool for me to see that each bureau was just so different. It was one of my first times facilitating work out side of my own bureau . The bureau that i work with at parks i'm focused on land access and management. It was really valuable for me to hear from all these other bureaus an be involved in this work. I don't want to take up too much time here. I want to talk about since working with and partnering with laura john and working on this how this has impacked our work. I really appreciate the opportunity to share my experience here. Thank you again commissioner fritz. It's really nice to see you here. That's all.

**John:** Thank you david i appreciate your words. Next i have the honor and privilege of introducing elizabeth woody.

**Elizabeth Woody:** Good day. Thank you for having me here. It's an honor to be here and present to the commissioners an mayor. I'm born for the bitter water clan. My grandfathers clan. My born in people. Those are all people who live here in oregon and washington. People of the hut springs. People of the falls of the echoing waters. I'm also-i have a masters in public administration from the portland state leadership institute. I went to school at the american of indian arts. I've worked with people all across the lands. When we meet one another we speak where we're born in the land we come from and we always ask permission when entering the

territory of the people we respectfully ask their permission. This sometimes can take all day and hours . I'm sure that wouldn't fit into a meeting here. It's certainly something we all learn from when we meet one another. The original title to these lands were innate. They were here before the united states came here. Before the crown came here. Before spain came here. And before the russians came here. We have basically been here for tens of thousands of years. Some say fifty of thousands of years. There's evidence of even a greater tenure on the land. The treaty that the british people innerred with the united states government. By law no man could pass title without a treaty . Laws in place in england and laws from the united states that ensure the indigenous people have that negotiation. The only way they can take lands is commit genocide which has been done in places like california. In 1855, a certain color of blue which refer to the falls. We seeded these home lans to the united states and established policies for the tribes to be moved to select reservations. Much smaller ground reservation which was established in 1857. It was further reduced when these tribes were terminated by congress. Most of the people under these treaties went to the ground reservation. Some of the peoples that were here moved to the confederated tribes. At this site and where you are now many many trades happened and there were actually a large net work of trading sites that wen all across the united states and many major highways from trading site to trading site. That illustrates that they were established as a center of commerce. I think that's important for us to recognize that there's a prehistory here. A commerce history here. There's also an exchange that happened historically that enabled people to own title. It had to be negotiated. The majority of the life on this lan was managed by and thrived under the management of the tribal peoples. It was opened up by burning so there could be more oak and acorn trees. It wasn't just a farm land ready to be tilled. It was actually made that way by the people here so they could have the primary fruit of those nut trees. Those are just the beginning of the understanding that i have. You'll be provided with a full document that describes all of these things through scholarship and the peoples who have made oregon their home a long time ago and continue to make or began their home today. The peoples you need to think of are european american and people that have come here as refugees. I want to make that special note. I worked memorial trust and peoples of trust and coalition. I want to make sure they aren't forgotten in this process as well. They have a chance to recognize their home lands here too thank you. Is there any questions? .

**Wheeler:** Any questions.

**John:** I'm not quite done yet, mayor. I was a little late on pressing the unmute button. Lastly i've been asked to read a statement from terry cross. Fowner and senior advisor at national well fare association. Who is also a member of the city. Each of you have recently heard from him and his great contributions that he made during the fall. I'll read his e-mail now. He was unable to make it today. This is a comprehensive and well crafted resolution. As i opened it i was expecting the usual token nod but was pleased to find a resolution that has real merit. I didn't think i would see such a document that is a front in policy. Specific nuts and bolts action. It seems unusually detailed for a resolution but i like the specificity. Many will resist some will criticize. It's the right thing to do and there's no time like the present. The language that reads that it's to parter with parks and recreation. I understand that there are likely legal barriers to specific language in this document. I understand that there are barriers to accomplish this. At one time it was illegal for native people to enter the city of portland . The penalty for an american indian male was public castration. I think this language gives broad flexibility while being more decisive about actually doing rather than just exploring. It might not be a waiver. It might be a sponsorship funds. These are just some of the possible solutions. The important part is that the resolution empower a solution to an immediate problem that has confronted the portland native community for decades. Thank you for this opportunity to give my feedback. Once again i want to commend your work and the work of your staff for making this possible. That concludes our presentation. Thank you to our guest speakers. Mayor, i'd like to hand it back to you. .

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Director john. Colleagues any questions. That was a great presentation. I appreciated it. .

**Fritz:** Do we need to amend the resolution to accomplish what terry cross recommended or can we take that as legislative intent.

**John:** I believe it has been updated.

**Castro:** The resolution does have that language. There was one minor addition that was recommended. That is currently in the resolution. .

**Fritz:** Great thank you. .

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

**Clerk:** A couple people signed up but i'm not showing they are on call right now. Crystal bell, Markisha smith, edward fritz signed up for this item. .

**Wheeler:** I do not see any of those individuals either. Please call the roll. .

**Fritz:** There are so many people to thank. There are so many people-i'm a recent immigrant from England. My ancestors took this land by force. I'm so sorry how that worked out. It's been an honor to work with the tribal leaders when we establish the recognition program the tribal government leaders have been so open to trusting a white woman to finally want to do the right thing. I really appreciate their willingness to do that because it would be very understandable if they never wanted to talk or look like I do ever again. They were so gracious. Thank you to the people today. It's an example for all of us that we can move on from terrible things and work to do better things. Thank you for your thoughtful respectful approach to leading this process. We didn't just tokenize figure out some names to put in a resolution. You're really doing it carefully and paying indigenous people to make sure we are being respectful not only of the tribes and the bands that are in some acknowledgements that are being used today. There are federal treaties that it is my responsibility to and everybody member of the council's responsibility to make sure that those treaties are honored. We need to be respectful to the tribes that we have treaties with and learn how to do better. We did a land exchange with the water bureau and although we did at the time what we thought was better for the consultation. We didn't do it very well. We're working with the tribe to make sure when the filtration plant is built we do it better. Thank you for the grace to learn from our mistakes and learn from them. Thank you to the regional parks. Thank you for your words. They were so beautiful. I'm so thankful that you and the partners on your team are going to write our land acknowledgement. It will be beautiful as well as accurate and beautiful. Thank you for agreeing to do that. Thank you David for sharing your land acknowledgements. The leaders who wrote the resolution. Our government institutions have been responsible for the unjust and pain loss of land, and income disparity that we see today. It's our responsibility to make amends for them. This shows we're serious about that. We've made a bit of progress and we have centuries of abuse to make up for. Our colleagues we better do it quick. They can't wait for us to do that. I send that to the future council knowing you will do that. I'm very pleased to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you commissioner Fritz, this is the beginning of a special afternoon session. Following you and your heart felt comments have me a little off script here. I also want to acknowledge director Laura John. It's always a pleasure to have you. Really good work. And special guest speakers. I've been involved in knowing that we were doing a land acknowledgement and was guilty in feeling like it was too transactional in the speed of doing

one thing right and really wanting depth of the ritual and importance of that. Knowing that we're building a system for capacity is really needed. I'm glad that it took off the last few years you've experienced it. It needs this type of-it needed to be level. I appreciate the dialogue that we have today specifically on that point. It's not-it's something that i've talked about more than i like to admit. Worrying if people were listening if there was a process that was sincere. I just want to say i really appreciate this resolution. I look forward to continuing to engage and support and be humbled by what i will continue to gain in my engagement and collusion in this process. I vote aye. .

**Wheeler:** First of all i've been looking forward to supporting this resolution for a long time. I want to thank you commissioner fritz, you've been passionate about it and highly engaged and i obviously want to thank laura john. Director john. I'm really pleased with the work that's been coming out of your office over the last four years. I feel like we've made a good faith effort who have been asking us for years and years to see them and understand them and respect them. If you've been watching for the last two days in a row, it should become painfully clear to everyone that the work of the city council isn't just about the future. That where we keep our eyes. We look to the future. But if the last two days have taught us anything it's that we cannot be ignorant of the past. We have to make intentional efforts to explore the past and hear record as it was from those who personal or whose families personally experiences that past. For some of us that can be painful and a jarring experience . But it's absolutely essential that we do it. At the end of the day what this resolution will do with it's specific actions around training, around work plans, around commitments, around engagement with the efforts to respect the history of our tribal nations. What it also does is brings us together through knowledge. If there's anything the world needs right now it's knowledge. Have the frank dialogue and explore with honesty and transparency both with city government and the p public at large. Our history has these undeniable threads to the present. Commissioner fritz you mentioned it the best when you noted that a lot of the disparities and the inequities that exist today those are legacy results of the past. I want to say the same thing today that i said yesterday in a different context when we were talking about the destruction of the land in portland. We cannot expensate or make up fully for that action. This can't do this . But this is a firm commitment to partership, to respect, to honestly hear and understand our history to we can move forward to go. That's what we're doing here with this resolution. It's very powerful. I know you spent a ton of time working on this. I really appreciate our highly experienced and knowledgeable group of people that are

going to help us craft the land acknowledgement. We picked exactly the right individuals to help us with that. Terry. I'm sorry you couldn't be here today. I know at some point you'll watch this on youtube or whatever. I love the fact that you are one of those renaissance men. You are on the bottom line helping us understand our budget and these broader and important issues that bring us together as a community. That's super cool. I respect you for that. I'm happy to vote aye. I look forward to 2021. Let's make 2021 extra special. Thank you all for your support. Thank you commissioner fritz awesome send off to you. This is a resolution and it is adopted by the portland city council today. An our next item is 1013.

### **Item 1013**

**Wheeler:** On this one i get to partner with commissioner fritz. We're cosponsoring this. This family benefits. Irs tax codes restrict benefits same sex couples single parents an others seeking adoption or surrogate. .

**Fritz:** I asked the bureau of human resources it explore the option to expand pathways to parenting . We want strive to be an employer of choice. We strive to attract a fully engaged work force for excellent public services . We wanted to add to our package. Paid sick leave and parental leave. Cognitive therapy for autism and transgender health care. All things that have happened over the past 12 years. We've worked with the diverse powers of portland. Bureau of human resources who took this project away. I'll turn it over to chief human resources kathy.

**Cathy Bless:** Actually michelle tailor is going to give the presentation today.

**Michelle Taylor:** Thank you. Good afternoon. I reached out to the employees of portland who were willing to share their personal journeys to becoming a parent. One employee shares. They are paying out of pocket. These choices are heart breaking. It is my hope that many receiving the treatment will be removed. When we were asked about fertility treatment we were denied. Not eligible to be covered by insurance. Trying to get pregnant and failing. This did not correctly describe our situation. We were immediately told to work with a fertility clinic. We did not realize this would begin prior to conception. Finally an employee shared. I always knew that i waned a family. I also wanted a graduate degree a stable job and able to pay down my student debt first. At 32 when i was ready to bring a child into the world. I didn't know the sadness that would come. I have felt a sadness an helplessness greater than i have ever felt in my life. It's a weight on my heart i felt all day. There are so many way it have a child. It ignores two funmental things. The ability to give birth to a genetic child is something worth grieving. All of us so called options are expensive and none of them are guarantees. These are struggles that city employees carry with them privately or painfully. People don't ask or talk about fertility challenges, pregnancy loss, or

postpartum depression. I treully hope that the next iteration of this plan in better equal nmic times the city consider joining employers like nike. This is certainly a great start. It's precedent setting. Thank you for your commitment to pursuing an equity centered approach. Thank you for your steadfast support. Finally thank you to the employees who shared your stories to help inform and improve this work. Today is my son's fourth birthday and he came into the world after a long and winding path to get him here. It's my deepest hope that through this benefit the path will be more affirming for fought you're city of portland parents. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*: Okay. We're going to turn it over.

**Seraphie Allen:** Thank you for hearing my testimony today. My name-i work in mayor wheeler's office. I'm also here personally as a city employee who dreams of having a family one day. City council has supported a lgbtq analyst direction. Strike gender language from the city code. Celebrated pride and visibility. A desire to be a employer of choice. As claire mentioned this is as much about lbgtq communities. It's not just these facts that we see. We also see seemingly smaller things. As mentioned previously the i've rs tax code restricts benefits hike this. The city is utilizing a third party vendor to provide more inclusive options for family planning. Recognizing the need to support our diverse population an family planning it's necessary and a step for the stronger employee work force. We should also strive to ensure they plan for a family and provide an inclusive environment for all gender and expressions when the city seeks to increase access for the lbgtq employees. As a city employee myself this policy gives me confidence to help meet my needs holistically. I'm grateful to work for the city of portland for the last four years. I also want to thank commissioner fritz and michelle tailor for your support and engagement for your support in our affinity group. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

**Taylor:** Thank you for providing the video. On behalf of human resources i would just like to express our appreciation to you commissioner fritz and mayor and commissioner ryan for continued support as we forth a path towards equity fertility benefits. The mental health and well being to all portlanders. This concludes my remarks. .

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much colleagues do we have any further questions? This was a great presentation. Would you like to say something before i move this one on. .

**Fritz:** I'll say my thank yous now. I'm so grateful to everybody who participated in this process. I got to attend the labor management benefits committee in 2009 when i was assigned by mayor adams. I was so impressed by the leadership of hr. Thank you for your coordination. It's such a great fact that you're doing so many great things. Thank you to claire and all my staff and

employees who were very courageous in pursuing this. You just never know whether it's going to be embraced. I'm glad to see our city government is embracing all of our needs. Thank you for encouraging folks to vote for this in January.

**Ryan:** Thank you Mayor. Thank you for waking me up to the fact that this is a first reading. I thought I would say something briefly when we vote. It was such a great presentation I just wanted to give voice to how important this is. As an open queer up here on the dias. I don't talk about this a lot. In the mid nineties my ex and I were donors. I basically offered my spouses-any way I set it up. I have two children that I'm more like the uncle. They have two awesome moms. I don't get to tell that story a lot. I think it's because we didn't have things like this in motion. I'm just so grateful to be right here right now experiencing such good government for all people. I'm not surprised Commissioner Fritz that you are a champion of this. This meeting is getting quite emotional. I'm grateful that we'll be moving this forward to a second reading so it becomes a part of our budget and becomes real. Thank you so much for your work all of you I stand on your shoulders. .

**Wheeler:** We don't want to spoil the suspense. This is a first reading on a non emergency ordinance. Next up is 1014.

#### **Item 1014**

**Fritz:** I'm really proud and proud for passing it and staff for implementing it. I'll turn it over to staff for this presentation.

**Robin Laughlin:** take it away

**Janice Mason:** I'm here today to present our annual report to council. In your packet is a bond oversight committee oversight report. I will not go over it in entirety. I'll share a summary of this report. Committee was established by the city council with a core mission to ensure that Portland Parks delivers the bond funded projects as promised to the voters. Individual appointed members to represent the broader Portland community in overseeing delivery of the bond work. The committee members besides myself are Jonas. The committee meets regularly with Parks Bureau staff to discuss and review progress on the work. We were able to meet in person on January 7th. We have not met in person but have moved entirely to digital and virtual communications and e-mails-the program is operating in a fiscally responsible manner the documentation systems are transparent in place and functioning well. By the close of the fifth fiscal year all projects are under way or complete. A total of forty six projects are complete. Three will be completed shortly and three are under construction. More than forty nine million dollars have been spent through this fifth fiscal year. Number two. Maintain fiscal accountability.



The committee believes the bond dollars have been clearly and separately traced. The integrity of financial statements were met. The parks bureau remains fiscally responsible accessible to all staff and administrative overhead is within 10% total budget goal. We want to share the bond construction projects have been awarded to-for the professional services related to these services contracts were awarded to disadvantaged businesses. With a total of 31 percent of professional service contracts to certified companies. The committee believes that the parks bureau acted in a way that shows accountability. A survey to measure the bonds openness and transparency. The outreach activities and included increasing social media posts. The bond committee feels that the Portland Parks had completed the objectives and promises made to the voters. We recommend a final performance audit occur after all the projects have completed. My term ends at this report for this committee, I'd like to thank the council but particularly commissioner Fritz for your support in these important community projects which we hope we'll all be able to enjoy more fully and after the final projects are completed and hopefully all the public will be able to enjoy our city parks. I'm happy to take any questions. .

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And thank you for your service. Thank you for your work and everything you've done. All right. This is a report. .

**Fritz:** I move to accept the report.

**Ryan:** Second. .

**Wheeler:** Moved and seconded. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Fritz:** I've been very honored that you were represented on my bond committee. The next council the next commissioner will be able to bring forward some nominations to replace. There's no replacing you just succeeding from you. Thank you for your team and others. That would be Gary, Jill.

**Markisha Smith:** Okay. I think it's turned over to me. Super proud of that video. The late great laureate. Given the firm foundation that has been planted. Grow and newt you're the work of equity so the project is something we never imagined in our wildest dreams. Equity requires that we not dance around the edges of reality but position ourselves in the middle of the dance floor even if we fear we haven't learned all the steps. It's a removal of fear for communities that historically have no trust in our system. The past actions with commissioner Amanda Fritz providing voice and leadership have what it takes if we stay the course. Equity manifesting itself in the way we manifest our practices. The truth of who we are as a country as a city is painful. It

ain't pretty. And present 2020 has been the year of racial reckoning. The ways in which we're living in our core city values. An ante racial organization it's not short or quick. It's arduous and messy. I hope it motivates us to keep going even in the face of obstacles. And to remember to celebrate the shifts along the way small or big.

**Tom Rinehart:** Thanks dr. Smith. Good afternoon. I'm proud to be the city's chief administrative officer. Thank you for the invitation to be here today thank you for your years of dedicated service to portland. While we need to adhere to the core values described in the video. I'm proud of the city's results in these values over the last several years. The focus on these values and the questions asked of me and many others it's instrumental. I want to use my couple minutes to lift up several notable ways it's guided us over the last couple of years. It's made a big difference and will continue to make a big difference. One of our collective goals is to reflect the demographics of the community. Nineteen point seven percent of our employees identified as people of color. This still doesn't reflect the demographics. We're improving. Some bureaus have made more progress. Parks and rec increases to twenty nine percent in 2019. If we look at the demographics we're going to have to continue to do much better as an organization. We're on the way and these core values have been a big part of that. From 2011 to 2020 capital projects have increases from 20% to twenty nine percent. Hours work by women of color from 2% to three percent. Progress but a long way to go. Our two year total percentage of subcontracts firms owned by women nine point two to 22%. This is just when an organization as large as ours makes that commitment clear that it does make a difference. Actualize the value that's were beautifully iltraited in the video. I want to make a few before i pass on the presentation . The work to develop and implement our 311 program. It should be easily accessible to all portlanders is a tremendous example. The build portland initiative is not only about fiscal responsibility but targeting area that's have not had infrastructure investment. The arts program focused on anti racist and industry the dollars that we are partners across the city is a good example of our core values. Our team and the office of management and finance. I think it's a wonderful example of how the city it's evolved in this area. If you look at the composition of this position. We've made tremendous strides in this area. The cares act local relief funs. The \$14 million we're finishing up distributing throughout the community again were guided by the core value that's the city council has directed us in all our work. Commissioner fritz this paying off. I'm happy to turn over the presentation to chief human resource officer kathy.

**Cathy Bless:** Thank you tom. Thank you commissioner fritz for this opportunity to further recognize city progress core values over the past decades. My comments will be primarily related to wellness. Implement comprehensive coverage that cared for children diagnosed within the autism spectrum. Other coverage supported through benefits during your time commissioner fritz was to include and support transgender coverage marriage equality and the newly adopted path to parenthood made today. The healthy foundations program. Supporting employees and their health conditions and improving quality of life and health. We implemented the care initiative and ensuring employees catch conditions early through testing. We created free and easy access to mental health benefits through our eap program and made in patient mental health and dependency treatments affordable. We supported the most vulnerable employees through paid sick leave even before the state required it. We ensured employees had paid time to spend with their new child. We implemented a short term disability program helping to stabilize income for employees experiencing acute health events. We established a disability resource and specialist to manage and grow our program . Which includes equitable work force systems and work force culture data collection and analysis. We also now have a fund to help support bureaus provide accommodations to new and existing employees. I am so proud to continue this advocacy and proud to work alongside you. I will now introduce elizabeth edwards.

**Elizabeth Edwards:** Good afternoon. Thank you for the introduction. My name is elizabeth edwards. It's my great privilege to do a quick look at what government relations look like towards the core values off the last ten years. I have my lucky mug in your honor today. North west tribes here in oregon. I would be remiss if i didn't touch on some of our advocacy efforts as well because we continue to have a strong lobbying presence too. Thank you to kathy for mentioning some of the items we partnered on in the past. We worked on increasing affordable housing opportunities of a constitutional amendment that authorized the city with other bonds. Police accountability with standards for police accountability and the disciplinary actions assigned to the police. Transportation safety, commissioner worked with one of them and with you. We've had a number that are especially looking at traditionally under served communities. A hundred an ten million dollar to improve critical safety improvements that have been long loafer due . We partnered with the neighborhood involvement and commissioner's input sessions our advocacy 101 event. Racial and disability equity and share our commitment to past

harms. The partnerships we have partnered with the equity of human rights to advance equity work in human service bureaus.

**Jessica Kinard:** Thank you. Good afternoon mayor and council. Thank you also to commissioner fritz to inviting me to contrib out to this conversation. Thank you for your leadership. I'm the city's budget director. In 2012 direct access to analysis. The city has made publicly available over one thousand council decision points each year. To foster responsibility. Chief among these was the creation of the set aside policy which has led to over sixty five million dollars top critical major maintenance projects. Essential traffic signal and upgrades. Power supply at the 911 center and justice center. All corners are compliant. Among many other projects. The city compliance with our policy is a reason we have a triple a bond rating. We get lower rates on borrowing. Answering questions from the public and media. The city's move towards program budgeting also provides budget information in a much more accessible way. The portland utility board. Supporting the performance management function. .

**Fritz:** Thank you to everybody who participated. Give me a moment please. I want to go back to the beginning with the video, the tribute to commissioner fish, i want to thank them for all they achieved. We were the flee constant members and we were led by three strong mayors in mayor adams and mayor wheeler. It takes all of us working together and coordinating to be able to do this. I appreciate all the bureau directors that i've had the privilege to work with. With that just thank you all. I do encourage those watching to look up the resolution online. It's been so fun over past couple of weeks to get bureaus contributing factual data. There's a lot of objective statistics about what progress we have made and what things we have done. I did invite rebeck awe to present. They certainly have a decade and made much progress and the city as a whole has made progress with the emergency communications through getting the permitting system online and multiple other including the technology that was developed largely by volunteers. I do believe that the open and accountable elections program sets up the city and the council to be much more open an trans important and fiscally responsible. Including commissioner ryan which it's been such a privilege to work with . I'm so pleased to be able to do this . It's a resolution right? We have public testimony? .

**Wheeler:** Indeed we do. Should we do that next?

**Clerk:** We have four people signed up.

**Maryhelen Kincaid:** My adventure began in getting to know amanda . I wanted to add a couple of thing that's i thought were phenomenal. I believe near northeast columbia drive . She became

involved the biggest event is with our-i'm a nurse. He just thought that was the greatest thing that a city council person was paying attention to him. That led to a connection with her marching in veterans parades. She marched in high heels. I was dead after marching in my nikes. She championed an ada path in the childrens-it had a dirt path. People with mobility devices or strollers could not access the park. It's been seven long years but they're going to build the path. I noticed someone had a zebra mug. I'm not on a picture but i have my zebra statue since i was a kid-that spirit has led many neighborhoods to praise her. Somewhere on this call is a long time supporter, she had a neighbor go and help her. She is eighty eight years old . She doesn't like e-mail. I think she is on the call. I want to recognize her attendance. Amanda had special connection with her and her husband over the parks. It was instrumental and encouraged her to take over her work. One of two western-am i done. One of two western cedar trees. One of the first things she said is i want a tree for me planted next to him. One last story. It took forever to get through parks bureaucracy. We're going to plant those trees we have 24 hour it say okay. I'm going to plant them. If you don't want them there. You dig them up and you tell amanda. He said, i'll never do that. The little zebra is still in the tree after four or five years. A zebra is a really unique connotation or comparison to amanda's personality. Steadfast, doesn't care what gets in their way, wants to get those things done an accomplished. Her relentless work schedule amazed me. I heard somebody the other day say oh, my god, i got e-mails at two or three in the morning. I want to thank you honor you, tell you what i wonder friend to the neighborhoods you've been. To me and many people who wouldn't normally believe that a city council person would take the time to honor them. Gym is out in the rose tending the gardens. They share a connection to roses. Thank you i appreciate the ability and you've been a star in my life. I hope to be able to keep in contact in your next adventures.

**Debbie Caselton:** Hello . I don't know if you can hear me or see me.

**Wheeler:** We can hear you.

**Caselton:** I work for environmental services. I'm the chair for the empowerment of portland. I want to give a sincere heart felt thank you to commissioner fritz. Your support, presence. I mean presence in the sense that you were the one person at city hall that always attends everything in the community that you've always been there. You bring your zebra car to parades. I love that. You were always-even contacting me before i would have to contact everyone at city hall to attend the portland gay pride parade and have a presence there. I sincerely appreciate that. Your open door policy with me an everyone. It's a volunteer group. Recognizing that. I will miss you

sincerely. I didn't get to tell you this personally but i want to thank you for being one of our wonder women this year. You will be missed. I'm really proud of the video that dr. Smith presented and everything that was said in there. All of the work that you've done over the years. I look forward to work withing commissioner ryan in the future an meeting you. Amanda. Thank you. I just sincerely appreciate you all of these years.

**Fritz:** Thank you, the city council i know understands that it's the city employees who do the good work and get things done for the people of portland. Thank you for your leadership of our employees.

**Caselton:** Thank you.

**Jeff Selby:** I'm the communications manager-i want folks to snow that the captioned version shown is available in the office of equity facebook page. Our apologiys for not-sure what happened. It's important to know that the accessible version is on our facebook page. I just want to say commissioner fritz thank you so much for helping so much to create the office. We are forever grateful for your support. We have been in your portfolio in a short amount of time over the years. You've always been there to support us and we really appreciate that

**Clerk:** Next, we have tatina.

**Tatiana Elejalde:** Hello. Thank you so much for the oppportunity to speak. I just wanted to give a sincere thank you to commissioner fritz for her support, especially in years of work that have culminating, being excited to pass this resolution number 12. And yesterday passing the language page of policy. Thank you to council for passing the resolution. I want to let you know, commissioner fritz, you will be greatly missed. And thank you so much for your support, for the equity work for our office. It's very important work and thank you for your support. Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you for your expertise too.

**Clerk:** Finally today we have Dante James

**Dante James:** Mr. Mayor, commissioners, commissioner ryan, good to see you. And commissioner fritz, i don't really know how i can offer enough thanks and celebratory words. And continue to challenge me to do the right things the right way. And to really also maintain the consciousness of the idea of disability needed to be front and center as much of race. I appreciate your leadership and all the effort and all of the risks that you took to do what you did. And the arrows you took to continue to do the work you did. There is not enough words to really celebrate how much and how hard you work to do this work. I count you as a friend and

colleague and a mentor in this. I truly wanted to say thank you on the record. Glad i had a chance to do so.

**Fritz:** Thank you. You gave it the foundation and got it start. I'm grateful. You were the one who speared the racial equity goals through council. That's the end of our presentation. And we can i think move do the vote.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. Everyone. Dante, it's good to hear your voice. This is a resolution. Keelan, call the roll. [roll call vote]

**Fritz:** I'm going to say thank you to my council colleagues and community members who made me a better commissioner and to the city employees particularly who do the work, particularly the staff who in my office over the past 12 years, including two i have to mention, my chief of staff, thomas over the first six years and tim crail for the second six years. Thanks to everybody. I'm glad to see we got stuff done. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you commissioner fritz for bringing the resolution forth. And bringing the opportunity to reflect on the last decade and the progress that we've made for more equitable inclusive, transparent and just city hall. I want to commented from the video, i enjoyed hearing we look beyond compliance and look at outcomes and results. Oppositionalized equity. And i like when c.j. Robbins of black male initiative said it's not about being good, fabulous, horrible, it's about letting people be. That is a value i really witness from you, commissioner fritz. And it's why you are so well respected by all of the staff. Because you see everybody. And you let them allow themselves to be. So, i had other prepared remarks. I just want to end with the fact that you know, you don't drop balls. There was a thread line throughout the last decade. I know we stand on shoulders. You are the commissioner who was the thread line through there last decade. I appreciate you. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I've seen in my time, we're good at spotting problems and coming together to respond to those problems and hopefully solving them. But we don't have what i call a strong practice around pausing the mark and celebrate and learn from a job well done. Communities need change over time, as we worth -- work together to continue to meet those needs, there is a lot we can learn from strategies, approaches and structures here. Commissioner fritz, thank you for giving us this moment what is achieved over the last years and a newly constituted portland city council. I'm encouraged what i think we can accomplish over the next

10 years. That is building on the good work and foundation you've put down for all of us. So thank you. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Keelan, that completes the formal part of our meeting, does it not?

**Clerk:** Yes, that's correct.

**Wheeler:** We're adjourning the formal part of our meeting. But i encourage people to stick around. As commissioner fritz often said and now for something completely different. [ laughter ]

**Wheeler:** I'm paraphrasing. I may not have gotten that completely right. So, colleagues i'm very pleased we're ending the last council meeting of the year with this celebration of our friend and our colleague, commissioner fritz. We're deeply grateful for 12 years of service to the community. And i think we can agree we're going to miss her presence in these meetings. I'll read a special proclamation in the agenda on this celebration. First it's my understanding we have a video.

**Gabe Solmer:** Hi, commissioner fritz. We're so excited to welcome you to a husband and wife owned shop off the psu campus close to city hall. If this was were not the pandemic, we were be sitting here enjoying a delicious meal. Commissioner fritz, you were our guiding light how to achieve something we've never done before. Our spur credits went to businesses like fat cart, that are minority and women owned, childcare, black and indigenous and people of color. It was your vision, congratulations, commissioner fritz, and thank you for all you've done. When this is over i look forward to a meeting for great food and conversation up here they have a beautiful patio.

**Erich Pacheco:** Dear commissioner fritz, congratulations on your retirement. I'm exciting for you and your family. Congratulations on an amazing 12 years as a city elected official. While i'm excited that you are going to enjoy more time with family, i'm satined to lose true equity champion and accom accomplice at the city of portland. Over the past year and a half, i've had the great privilege of working with you and counting with your mentorship and advice. I feel like we've been able to really move the work of equity, diversity and including at the water bureau forward.

**Markisha Smith:** Commissioner fritz, markeisha here. I'm saying this with bittersweetness as i think about the transition into your retirement. I remember when we first met. I automatically knew we were going to be connected in amazing ways. I couldn't have asked for or prayed for a better supervisor, a better mentor. Really a better friend. Because that's what we've become.



**Dawn Uchiyama:** Hi, commissioner fritz. Congratulations. And thank you for everything that you've done. I wish i was there to give you a head in person. Instead of a poem. By roger keys. He says pay attention, notice, he says keep looking, stay curious, he says there is no end to seeing, he says look forward to getting old. He says keep changing you get more who you really are. Get stuck, accept it. Repeat yourself as long as it was interesting. Keep doing what you love. Keep praying, everyone is a child. Every one of us is ancient. Everyone of us has a body. Everything is alive. Shells, building, fish, mountains trees, wood, water. Everything has its own life. Everything lives inside us. It doesn't matter if you draw or write books, it doesn't matter if you saw wood or catch fish, it doesn't matter if you sit at home and stair at the ants on the veranda or shadows and grass. It matters you care and feel and notice. It matters that life lives through you. Content. Is life living through you. Satisfaction and strength is life living through you. He says don't be afraid. Don't be afraid. Love, feel, let life take you by the hand. Let life live through you. Thank you for everything that you've done, amanda, take good care.

**Adena Long:** Thank you, commissioner fritz. With over five years as our commissioner, you are leaving a lasting legacy for portland's parks and recreation for the future generations. You help pass the 68 million to fix our parks, pools, maintenance facilities and city's pioneer courthouse square. System development charges to help park service, especially in east portland. The bureau got to celebrate a lot. The most memorable, serving thousands of new households at gateway discovery and view. With our community parner, underarmor to lens and done away parks, a cycling and hiking destination. We've been a champion for our city's urban forest because you understood the value of trees to people's health, to nature and mitigate climate charge. Thank you for working to strengthen, protection for trees and expand the canopy. More equity and inclusive. We hired our first equity manager and created of first five-year equity plan. We established the portland plan, the park ranger team is effective and more personnel. And worked with labor partners to increase wages and benefits for our employees. As we've seen this year, our parks and services matter more than ever to portlanders. They are important spaces for the community to exercise their bodies, their minds, and their choices. And because of you, more portlands have access to these paces. On behalf of all of us at portland parks and recreation and the community, thank you so very, very much.

**Laura John:** Really, can't put into words how much your leadership, your vision, and your support has allowed for me to do the amazing work that we've been able to accomplish so far at the city to support not only tribal people here in the city. But to deals... [captioned video]

**Wheeler:** I think that's the end of the video. I hope, right? Yes, good. What a great video. Terrific. It is my pleasure to introduce jeff curtis, the ceo of the rose festival. Welcome, jeff.

**Jeff Curtis:** Thank you, distinguished mayor, commissioners. My pleasure to join you this afternoon in honoring commissioner fritz on behalf of the foundation. I wanted to tell a story how i met amanda and the role she played end the festival. I go back 13 years ago. The duck tape controversy of 2007. At the time, randy leonard, the centennial parade, months of planning, that week on a monday, commissioner leonard made a decision to publicly say he was going to introduce emergency ordinance to council to say the parade, the community could not mark their spaces along the route in advance. Known as the duck tail controversy. Got more emails on that topic than ever before that. When the dust settled from that and council gave direction how to move forward, we created the famous parade accessibility task force. I remember the first meetings in july after the parade. He had the list of name and i had mine n. First name out of his mouth was amanda fritz. And i recall her role. From the outside my role as a public advocate, someone at county -- council a lot in the interest of the community. And clearly very active on a number of topics. My reaction was wow. Okay, amanda. I didn't know her but i knew she was a force. She joined his group. It was a great group. We got a lot of work done. I learned quickly what her passion is and passion for the community life and character and the community, a lot of which the rose festival exemplifies. A year later, on council, and the council liaison twice in her tenure, maybe three times separately. And tireless and passionate advocate for portland and its values. And at the end of the daycare deeply about the rose city and the brand of roses itself and the whole concept how celebration matters and bringing people together in the community. And the rose festival and the spirit of that has taken place. It's my honor to say, thank you, amanda to your service to the community, not just the rose festival but for the city over the last 12 years. I wanted to officially let you know since you didn't get a last chance to ride in the parade because the it could not take place, you have a ride next year wait when we get it up again. Be ready for that. That's my official invitation to you. On behalf of my organization, i want to give you something else. I'll share this. Hopefully, i can share my screen here real quick. Hold on a sec. Here we go. It's just a little plaque that commemorates your service to organization with key people including myself. Thank you, amanda, for the service to the city of roses. You are forever be known as the createdder and founder of the festival designation in a quick side note to that, it is that a lot of the council was proud of that distinction in 2010. You were a champion of that. Several councilmembers say they created the designation, ultimately, it was your idea,

your concept to bring it forward to be portland's festival. After working with different actions we never had a formal acknowledgment of the official status. You deserve that. And history will say that. And behalf of my organization personally, thank you for your service.

**Fritz:** Thank you for your service, as well as, jeff. It's been fun working with you.

**Yesenia Carrillo:** Thanks, jeff. Good afternoon. My name is yesenia carrillo. I had the honor of working alongside of commissioner fritz for a little over two years as help constituent relation specialists and policy advisers. Here to offer words of gratitude and share the impact on the lives she's had on her employees. 28 people from all walks of life and backgrounds, half identify as bipoc, and 26 identifies as women have worked with commissioner fritz during her 12 years in office. Each one embracing her commitment to public service and finding their own voice for it along the way. And each one leaving for greater heights in public service, higher education, and well-earned retirement. These employees thank her for the personal and professional support she has offered them throughout the years. In a lot of ways today is a sad day for all of us. But especially for her staff and her work family. We are losing an amazing colleague who has become our mentor and friend. Commissioner fritz, we will miss you and your good work. We will miss drinking tea with you during our weekly one-on-ones. We'll miss walking with you in parades and attending community events with you. We'll miss cheering on the thorns with you. We'll miss your morning greeting and evening goodbye. We will miss your good humor, leadership, and willingness to listen to us, especially when we were facing some real obstacles. We find comfort in knowing you are only a phone call away and you will have more time for yourself, your cat chasta, your granddaughter leia rose and your children. We will miss your, commissioner. But we know you will not forget us. Commissioner fritz, we wish you well and thank you for your many years of service. Thank you from me, austre. Claire, cynthia, meson and tim.

**Fritz:** Thank you, yesenia. Appreciate that.

**Wheeler:** At this point, i am about to read a proclamation. Before i do that, commissioner ryan, any comments you would like to make?

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor, sure. I had something formally written so i'm going to look at this little blue dot and speak from my heart. I just want to say the first time as taking some notes down, the first time i witnessed you perhaps in 2004 or '05, you were at a school board meeting because one of your sons, whether it was luke or maxwell, i don't know, was one of wilson high school's valedictorians. You were starting to run for city council so i knew your name. I remember

how enthusiastic i joyful you were. Trust me, you remember those type of parents. I recall a couple of meetings in your office, in my former role, you would always cut to the chase, now i realize why because there is only so much time. You always got right to the bottom line. You didn't want to have a lot of soft talk. You wanted to get right to the bottom line. I was like, okay. This is commissioner fritz is tough. And then, i sat next to you at a football game as roosevelt high school, they were dedicated their field. That's when i decided i'm all in for amanda fritz. It was cold and windy and the other dignitaries left after the -- and we were in into the game. It was fun to know i had a sports friend. I've seen you from a far at a duck game. I look forward to the day we run into each other, have a planned game at the stadium some day or sit with you at a thorn's game. I appreciate you have that joyful side. I want to end with, i wasn't surprised when i started and i started just three months ago. It was an awful week for everybody, the week where the fires were devastating our great state. We were basically all locked in. I was -- my first meetings and there were technical difficulties. It was a really memorable week. We had our first check in at the end of the week and you were so helpful and gave me really good advice. And i'm going to say, one, don't let other's emergencies be your urgency. I repeat that to myself a lot. You walk your talk. You are all about integrity. It's all about the people. And i just want to say thank you so much for making my first three months doable. And it's so great to finally see your face. [chuckling]

**Ryan:** Because we've been working together intensely the last three month and i've seen only the still shot or talked to you on the phone. I feel like i'm hugging you right now commissioner fritz. Anyway, thank you staff for setting that up or one of the sons. I'm thrilled i know you and i feel close to you. And i look forward to getting advice from you and having you as a volunteer to help me navigate the many details of this job.

**Fritz:** Thank you so much. It's been an absolute joy to work with you. The lights on -- the really fast please, no, otherwise i'm going to be blacked out by the end of it.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz,ing one thing you missed by having the screen shot of you other than your face, is you never invested in the lights that are required. [laughter]

**Fritz:** If i switched them on, that would seem a bit rude.

**Wheeler:** That's part of zoom. As the sun goes down at 3: 30 or whatever time it goes down here, that is the protocol. [chuckling]

**Wheeler:** Commissioner fritz, i'll give you the last word but i'll take this opportunity to read the proclamation. This is on behalf of all of us, not just the city council but all of us at city hall. It's on

behalf of a grateful city. Whereas commissioner amanda fritz was first elected to the portland city council in 2008 with 72% of the vote, promising to spend taxpayers' money wisely to provide services in all 95 neighborhoods and reelected to serve second and third terms and 2016 with 69% of the vote and worked with three mayors and 10 different council colleagues. Whereas her core principle in city hall as an elected official the commissioner makes decisions based on facts and broad public input seeking the long-term public good for the whole city with shared benefit and responsibilities for all portlanders present and future end quote. And whereas during your 12 years in office, she's been the commissioner in charge of the office of neighborhood involvement, the office of human relations, the bureau of emergency communications, the office of healthy working rivers, the office of cable communications franchise management, the bureau of development services, portland parks and recreation, the office of equity and human rights, the portland water bureau, and the bureau of environmental services and served as the city's representative on the visitors development fund board for 12 years, the metro policy advisory for 8 years, the league of oregon oregon city's board for. Commissioner fritz has been a champion for equity, transparency, justice and community involvement in the city of portland. She cofounded the office of equity and human rights in 2011. Passed the paid sick leave policy in the city in 2011-13 that 2013 that led to -- she created the open elections program in 2016. And she led the campaigns to pass five ballot measures benefiting the people in portland with a high of 88% voting approval. And whereas, in 2012 council unanimously voted to formalize the city's commitment leading to the establishment of the relations director position in the office of government relations. And commissioner fritz and mayor charlie hails created and mayor wheeler expanded a tribal relations program to provide structure for maintaining relationships with improving the city services of sovereign relationships for establishing respect for indigenous people's rights. Whereas commissioner fritz, a champion for fiscal responsibility, established structures and programs that make sure taxpayer's money is spend wisely in partnership with commissioner nick fish, she established the independent city office in 2013, providing objective financial national of bureau spending to the city council and to the whole community. She passed the rule that 50% of any one-time budget surplus must be spent on infrastructure maintenance resulting in over \$65 million being invested on urgent repair needs in parks, transportation and emergency preparedness. And whereas, parks commissioner for over five years, commissioner fritz directed the construction of five new parks in some of the most underserved neighborhoods in portland, as well as the

greatest expansion of the restrooms in history, including the first gender neutral multi-stall restroom. The establishment of the parks for new portlanders program to engage immigrant and refugee in parks and recreation system passed the 2014 parks replacement bond investing \$68 million in vital maintenance and repairs. And she worked to pass the 2020 parks levy. And whereas, commissioner fritz in partnership with community partners passed amendments in city healthcare policy that led the state in requiring insurance coverage for cognitive behavioral therapy for people on the autism spectrum that led to state law changes. And whereas, at commissioner fritz' guidance 2020, policies pursuing racial and disability including the citywide equity goals and policy and program and the language pay differential bonus for multilingual employees. Thus increasing meaningful equitable access to city communities who experience institutional barriers. Whereas in 2020, commissioner fritz its partnership with the bureau of human resources began adding the pathways to parenting family planning fertility benefits city insurance for same sex couples, single parents and employees, seeking surrogacy services. Which passed at the state legislature at the request of commissioner fritz with the support from the office of government relations all interstate highways throughout oregon are safer because of the installation of median crash barriers. An action that saved countless lives. Whereas commissioner fritz has been a longstanding advocate and worked to lead plan policy to protect manufactured mobile home parks, protect open space, leverage the city's development rights and assets, oppose coal and oil. And whereas, commissioner fritz has personally responded to over 70,000 constituent messages. Walked in almost every community parade accompanied for 14 years by volunteers robert wilson and mark. And attended hundreds of community meetings and events, connecting portlanders with elected leaders. Whereas over 12 years, commissioner fritz has supported 28 staff, including 26 identifying as women and almost half as people of color working in her office each one embracing her commitment to public service, helping her with the things she couldn't do alone and supporting her on personal and professional levels. Each one has gone onto higher education or sabbatical retirement. Whereas commissioner fritz has been supported in her public service and volunteer roles and city leadership by her family, including spouse, dr. Steven fritz, children, luke, maxwell and alisandra. Alecia and brianna, daughters in law. Parents in law, colonel edward and fritz. Parents max and pamela joans and siblings peter and sue. Whereas december 17th is a special day because in 2001, commissioner fritz in this day, she and the registered nurses at ohsu walked out on strike in protest of hospital policies and practices and stayed out picketing until the conclusion of the strike 56 days later.

December 17, 2020 marks the last council session of commissioner fritz' service. Now therefore, i  
ted wheeler, mayor of the city of portland, oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim  
december 17, 2020, as team amanda fritz day in honor and celebration of her 12 years of service  
to our community on the portland city council and ask all residents to observe this day. [  
applause ]

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor, colleagues and staff. Just thank you. It's been an honor and privilege to  
serve you and the people of portland. And look forward to seeing what commissioner ryan,  
mayor wheeler, your staff and everyone on the call are going to do even more things. Thank you.  
I love you portland. It's been great serving you.

**Wheeler:** We'll look forward to more. Thank you, all, thank you all for being here. Ordinarily we  
would be celebrating in the atrium right now. Thank you all, appreciate it. And we'll see you.

**Fritz:** Happy new year.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Happy new year.