



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

May 5-6, 2021

Date and time

May 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 1:16 p.m.

Officers in attendance

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

Consent Agenda

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Date and time

May 6, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Ken McGair, Deputy City Attorney

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Keelan McClymont
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, MAY 5, 2021**

Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding;
Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.

Disposition:

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Email the Council Clerk at councilclerk@PortlandOregon.gov with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

295 Request of Anna Wilson to address Council regarding Zenith Energy (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

296 Request of Sarah Taylor to address Council regarding large number of oil trains parked in Linnton (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

297 Request of Kyle Smoot to address Council regarding quiet zone for rail traffic in Central Eastside (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

298 Request of Lori McFarlane to address Council regarding despite Flint, Portland Water betrays the public trust and our health (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

299	Request of Dee White to address Council regarding despite Flint, Portland Water betrays the public trust and our health (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
300	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Proclaim May 5, 2021 to be Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
301	TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Authorize a five-year joint development agreement with Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for a reduced carbon emissions fire apparatus not to exceed \$837,875 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Hardesty) 10 minutes requested	CONTINUED TO MAY 12, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
302	TIME CERTAIN: 10:25 AM – Proclaim May 2021 to be Mental Health Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
303	TIME CERTAIN: 10:55 AM – Proclaim May 2021 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 10 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
City Attorney		
*304	Approve Second Revised Settlement Agreement in the matter of <i>City of Portland v. Monsanto et al.</i> (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190382
Office of Management and Finance		
*305	Pay property damage claim of Vera Norman in the sum of \$8,129 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Office of Management & Finance (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190383
*306	Pay property damage claim of Jeff Reese in the sum of \$5,233 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	190384

<p>307</p>	<p>Authorize hanger and aircraft storage and office leases with Lynx FBO Aurora LLC and Jet Aero LLC through May 31, 2022 for Air Support Unit operations (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 12, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>		
<p>*308</p>	<p>Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District not to exceed \$6 million to develop an organizational structure and a method to fund operations of the district (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190385</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>		
<p>Bureau of Emergency Management</p>		
<p>*309</p>	<p>Authorize the Emergency Coordination Center to provide sponsorships to community-based organizations during City disaster declarations (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190386</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>310</p>	<p>Accept bid of Ballard Marine and Construction, LLC for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Diffuser Improvements Project for \$2,599,975 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00001604) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-3, Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler; N-2, Hardesty, Rubio)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>*311</p>	<p>Amend Hearings Office Code to update and clarify procedures (Ordinance; amend Code Title 22) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190387</p>
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p>		
<p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>*312</p>	<p>Authorize Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain temporary rights necessary for construction of the Safe Routes to School Signalized Crossings and Street Lighting project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p>190388</p>
<p>313</p>	<p>Assess benefited properties for street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the NE 27th Ave & Holland St Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 287; C-10059) (Y-5)</p>	<p>190389</p>

<p>314 (Y-5)</p>	<p>Vacate portions of NE 27th Ave and NE Holland St south of NE Columbia Blvd subject to certain conditions and reservations (Second Reading Agenda 288; VAC-10131)</p>	<p>190390</p>
<p>Fire & Rescue</p>		
<p>*315 (Y-5)</p>	<p>Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University Homelessness and Research Action Collaborative for program evaluation of Portland Street Response in the amount of \$213,426 (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested</p>	<p>190391</p>
<p><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MAY 5, 2021</u></p> <p>DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM MEETING</p>		
<p><u>THURSDAY, 2:30 PM, MAY 6, 2021</u></p> <p>Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.</p>		
<p>316</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM – City Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to receive the Prosper Portland FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and to hold a hearing on the Proposed Budget (Mayor convenes Council as Prosper Portland Budget Committee) 90 minutes requested</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

May 5, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: This is the Wednesday may fifth morning session of the city council. Good morning. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Good morning mayor, and council. (roll call).

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law we're holding this meeting electronically. Several avenues are available for the public to listen to the audio broad cast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the YouTube channel and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony by e-mailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and promote physical distancing. Thank you all for your patience flexibility and understanding as we continue to manage the pandemic. Now we'll hear from legal counsel for rules on order and decorum.

Lory Kraut: You may sign up to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The council agenda 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 are you a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of the testimony. You generally have three minutes to testimony unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the officer will ask you to conclude. If you disrupt deliberations it will not be allowed. A warning will be given and further result on the person being placed on hold. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you. First up is communications. We have five folks signed up today. Can you read item 295, the first individual?

Item 295

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Wheeler: Good morning.

Anna Wilson: Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm here on behalf of Portland council. The February 2021 report states we're in a make or break year to address the climate emergency. This calls for our state to take action now. The land use compatibility statement needed for the title five air permit. Allowing the energy to transport oil through our city and ports and river is going in the opposite direction of our climate goals and puts our future at risk. We can choose from two possible futures. Extreme storms in the winter and droughts for the rest of the year. Devoid of trees, burned forests all around. People walking around wearing gas masks, water shortages, a river polluted, fish dying, sick people. Or rainy springs, snow in the mountains and smoke free air. Healthy trees in every neighborhood. Children plays in parks as electric cars and buses drive through the streets. Healthy salmon in our rivers no long per in danger. New clean jobs. No pollution in our city. Clearly I'm being extreme in my portrayal in these scenarios. Your decisions as city council takes us closer to these two futures. We should not have oil trains coming through our community. Right now, the city has a clear path to stop. Council should follow the plans to follow through on the climate plan and deny Zenith the need for the air permit. I'm 15 years old. I've spent half of my life worried about the climate. City officials made a lot of promises about the sustainable promise. We want to know that the city has our back. If you truly believe in a sustainable future, you must use the power that you currently have to block the air quality permit.

Wheeler: Thank you so much for being here and sharing your testimony with the city council. The entirety is hearing your testimony with great interest including the commissioners in charge of the permitting process. Thank you for being here today.

Hardesty: Mayor if I may.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: You stopped me when you said you're 15 and you've spent half your life fearful of what's happening to our climate. That stopped me in my tracks. I want you to know that I hear you and I'm so grateful that the generation that's going to have these seats in the future are really clear about where their priorities are and how we can collectively create a better planet for everybody. I just couldn't imagine being seven, eight years old and worrying about whether or not the planet is going to survive until I'm 21. Thank you. Appreciate you being here.

Wilson: Thank you. That means a lot to here.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual. Item 296, please.

Item 296

Wheeler: Welcome. Sarah.

Sarah Taylor: I'm actually here from the river campaign. The braided river campaign believes that the city council can have it all. We know you're working hard. We believe that the lower river can actually have good jobs and clean rivers and air. What I know about the area because I live in Linton is zenith and other companies are putting the park in danger. You have great assets in the city. You have the park, river, and your children. What's going on from the Broadway bridge, I feel is dangerous to the forest to the river and to children. I would encourage you to look zoning and in particular the eoa. Separate out fossil fuels. Decide how much you need and zone them separately. I would zone next to forest park to prevent forest fires. Those are my zoning suggestions. Also, I want to talk briefly, kind of a history nut. I have driven up and down fifth avenue trying to study what is going on there. What I've coming to understand is industrial zoning in Portland was a form of red lining. What happened was is people's homes were made industrial. They lost value, forced to move and faced extreme danger. Right across the street from zenith was a large African American community that was displaced. There were houses, schools, all of that was removed. We have a business not from Portland and other businesses not from Portland. I've read the state land use laws there's nothing that tom said that said goal number nine supersedes the health of the city or the river. I would encourage you to stop sacrificial zoning. I live in north Portland. In north Portland there are the sewer, there is our garbage. There isle oil trains. There is the oil storage. You have put everything in one part of the city. I would just give a strong message to the planning board to say that this is not necessary. Zenith is one more thing along with the garbage and trains. I would encourage you to stop sacrificial zoning and red lining and people living in industrial areas and have a bold new vision. That's probably enough.

Wheeler: Thank you very much for your sharing your perspective with us today.

Taylor: Thank you very much.

Wheeler: We'll look forward to seeing you again.

Taylor: Thank you. Bye.

Wheeler: Next individual please 297.

Item 297

Kyle Smoot: Good morning. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. Sorry. Are you getting a lot of feedback?

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Wheeler: We are getting a little bit. Is there a second microphone?

Smoot: Is that better.

Wheeler: Much. Thank you.

Smoot: Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony and serving our great city of Portland. Recently we moved back into the city of Portland from Milwaukee. We're awoken at night from the train. I would like the city to work with the federal rail way association and establishing a quiet zone within the central east side. This would help minimize the noise within Portland and improve the sleep of many Portlanders as trains go through this area of time multiple times at night. By establishing a quiet zone this will help foster the central east side and help improve the housing crisis we're currently experiencing. These zones have shown to be safe and effective. A quiet zone was established right outside the building I lived in and significantly reduced the train noise. The quiet zone was also established which also had a similar impact. I realize many issues that the city council is addressing currently given the changes that have occurred in the last year in this city. However, as you know these processes take time to implement and starting this process now will be beneficial for many Portlanders in the future. I moved from Ohio over twenty years ago and I love this city. I'm saddened by what has occurred in this city and as citizens of this great city hoping that we can see some positive change occur. Unfortunately I think if change is not going to occur many people will continue to leave that love this city and pay taxes and unfortunately I may not be far behind them. Again, I would like to thank you for your time today.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Next individual 298.

Item 298

Clerk: Request for public flint water destroys the public and our health. It looks like she is not available at the moment.

Wheeler: Move onto 299.

Item 299

Dee White: My name dee white. Portland water has exceeded the level for lead. More by far than any water in the US. Our water is still unsafe from lead. Lead is a dangerous neuro toxin. Just relax. Because of research that the doctor did the state was finally forced to reverse course and start to act. Flint is not some sort of anomaly. It's a wakeup call for the rest of America. We're going to pay enormously for this crisis if we don't fix the problems now. It's not going to come in the form of dollars and cent that's we will lose. The doctor said lead is a poison with no safe level.

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The only cure is prevention. Flint's crisis was in the first the last or the worst. The story of flint is not an isolated story. It's a story that continues throughout this nation. Lead literally drops iq levels, causes cognitive and developmental problems. Kids exposed to lead as adults get things like early dementia. It's compelling that the only cure is prevention. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate your being here today. Do you want to try Laurie again and see if she was able to log on.

Lorie McFarlane: President Biden says -- water lead crisis. It's well established at even at low levels lead is a neuro toxin to developing brains. Pregnant women, children under six are most vulnerable. Ground breaking study found a causal relationship between lead and hdhd. Cardiovascular adult deaths. The Portland water bureau created an alternate to the lead production program. It allows higher lead in water. It corrodes public and private infrastructure in our drinking water. The Portland water bureau still follows their home spun data substitute with no consideration for our schools, parks and homes. Seattle got to work decades ago to significantly reduce water lead. Why does this matter to you? While a water funded program, the home investigator tested drinking water focusing mainly on pain. Without this critical data they have disingenuously claimed they never found lead water. Drinking water can be an important if not primary exposure source. Lead poisoned children are not being protected here. Prevention is key water filter certified should be the first response. We shouldn't be using our children as environmental detectors to begin with. Please right this 24 year wrong through the budget. Reallocate non water funds to water filters to these children and all pregnant and lactating mothers, children under six. Especially disproportionately impacted communities of color and income. Lead uses taps filters must become practice and policy. Finally a friend of mine, a pediatrician wanted me to tell you this. I was previously unaware of the high lead. I think it's crucial our community should be protected. The bureau should be at least providing free filters. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your being here today.

Clerk: We've had no requests.

Wheeler: Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The consent agenda is approved. Time certain item 300.

Item 300

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Wheeler: Colleagues today we recognize the ongoing crisis that continues to plague our community and many communities. Missing and murdered indigenous women. I'm grateful for the office of tribal relations of bringing this issue to light today as well as previously. I'm pleased to introduce the tribal associate and invited guest. Welcome. Please take it away.

Stone Hudson: Good morning mayor Wheeler and good morning commissioners. Thank you for providing time this morning for this very important proclamation. The city's annual missing and murdered awareness day. I'm a member of the three affiliated tribes. I have recently joined the office of government relations as the new tribal associate. I would like to support you for creating the funding for my position. Dr. John asked me to step in for her today. For too long native and first nations women have been victimized by crime at an inequitable and alarming rate. We have garnered support from the community it's important to recognize those who never had the opportunity to return home. Having the opportunity to connect with the indigenous community to hear their stories has been a powerful experience for me. In sharing these perspectives I hope a greater understanding can be fostered and we can all work to eradicating this crisis. We have two guest speakers to assist in accepting this proclamations. A member of the confederated tribes. And an -- to provide testimonials.

Necalli Jimenez: Good morning, everyone. I'm a citizen of the confederated tribes of war streams. I'm 11 years old and thankful to be here today in honor of our relatives in memory of our missing and murdered women. (speaking foreign language) today I want to share a few words with you as we are on indigenous lands on what we call Portland. The culture and ceremony for each other. We are still here. Today I want to share a poem that I wrote that talks about a magic stick. I believe the magic stick is one that we can all carry in our actions and words from experiences that our indigenous community face. The magic stick is brown. In the forest it charges in the sun. It's ready to go. It flies around the forest searching for sadness. It sees a fox on the ground and pulls the thorn out of his foot. It sees trash on the land and puts it away in the can. It sees a dying tree and uses its life to connect it. A new magic stick is born. Thank you all for gathering here today to hear these words. I want you to know that as a youth as I grow, that we all continue to work together for our future. For our indigenous communities. Thank you.

Hudson: Thank you. Next I would like to introduce sky young.

Sky Youngs: Good morning. My name is Sky Youngs. I'm the college coordinator. I'm calling on behalf of the indigenous native American missing and murdered women day. We make up more than 10% of the homeless population nationally. Human trafficking murder are among the

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highest in homeless population. Native American have highest exploitation rates than any other. 40% of victims of sexual trafficking. Over a third of those being youth. With this year's catastrophic pandemic, the tragic fires from last fall, we have yet to recover. We've been forced into homelessness and are at more risk than ever before. My experience in this world has been that as a female. I've spent some of my life homeless. It's one of the hardest lives to live. Many of us, especially youth have no choice in the matter. We are the most influenced in the matter. The condition of our earth mother is reflected in the condition of our human mothers and children, relatives. With mother's day approaching I want you to keep this in mind. What if it was your mother who was missing or worse, found murdered. What if it was your sister or brother or significant other. What would you do? What kind of change would you want to see in the systems that should be helping to serve and protect your people, your loved ones? Protecting their rights will help protect the world. Empowering them will help heal our planet. Thank you.

Hudson: Thank you. This concludes the testimonials for the missing and murdered indigenous women's day. We thank you for providing this platform for us to share.

Wheeler: Thank you for providing this testimony. That is so appreciated. Before I read the proclamation. I would like to give space for my colleague it speak.

Mapps: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Thank you colleagues, I really want to recognize our invited speakers today. Very powerful testimony. I also want to express my appreciation to council for pausing to recognize today, may fifth as a national day of awareness for missing and murdered native women, girls, and their relatives. The rates are alarming. Four out of five women experience violence in their lives. Native American women are murdered at a rate of ten times the national average. In addition to declaring today a national day after weariness we must also take a comprehensive approach to protecting the lives of women. Include law enforcement agencies and expand access to culturally appropriate support services. If you share that hope, please join this council today in honoring the native American women, girls, and their relatives who have disappeared or been murdered. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you. Stone Hudson you did an excellent job in representing your office today. Thank you for putting together these speakers. Nikali is the future of the community. And sky is the experience of what native American women have been telling us over and over again. What I'd like to see us do next year is to be able to say these are the policy an protocol changes of how to respond when a native American woman calls 911 because of domestic violence. That's what I want to see next year. I want to see what are the state policy changes that will be part of the city

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council's legislative agenda that will really make sure that the state is held accountable for creating partnerships and agreements with native governments that are cooperative around ensuring that native American murdered and missing women are not just a reality but rear vigorously investigating those as we do some other things. I just want to say thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to actually do something rather than acknowledge. I'm going to commit to next year -- I'm going to be able to come back with some of those answers because I don't think it's fair that you come and tell us this is what your lived experience is and we don't have a plan to address it. I look forward to continuing to work with Laura John and Stone Hudson and my native sisters who really are suffering and they continue to tell us so. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you. I want to also thank you for bringing this important proclamation forward and raising awareness about this ongoing issue and the crisis that it is. I also want to sincerely thank sky for coming with that important testimony. I want to acknowledge Nakali for that important poem. We all need a magic stick to remind us about the magic and love and healing that we can bring to the world. Thank you for reminding us of that important lesson today. The high rate of violence are shocking. The inaction is simply indefensible. Our values and conscious demand that we cannot be violent or continue to be inactive about it. This crisis is happening in our own backyard. We have a responsibility to be informed and care about this and a responsibility to take some action. I've also just learned that just recently there have finally been some steps forward in improving some data collection and cross jurisdictional partnerships but it's not nearly enough and we need to do more. I know my council colleagues are all aligned and I'm aligned with them to actions that will put an end to this crisis. I want to thank everyone again to giving a strong voice and call to action for this important reform.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you. Thank you director for organizing this day. Welcome aboard Stone. Great to you have here. I want to acknowledge the guests. The magic stick will hopefully be in my heart the rest of the day. Sky your testimony was incredibly powerful and no words I can add except to say it went directly where it need today land for me. My heart is full and my thought rz with the families and those who have lost a daughter, mother, sister, or friend. It's great to have this honest testimony this morning. I stand in solidarity with indigenous families. I urge safety bureaus to work with partners and engage with government to government tribal government to address this crisis. I'm grateful to be aligned with council to take action. Thank you.

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Wheeler: With that I will now read the proclamation on behalf of the city council. Whereas the city of Portland joins a growing course of local state, tribal, and national governments supporting the national day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women. Whereas these acts of violence and corresponding oversight and neglective government law enforcement is a continued form of genocide and direct threat to tribal sovereignty compromising Indian government self-governance. The city of Portland recognizes that the issues of missing, and murdered indigenous women are not isolated to urban communities but impact regions like the metropolitan areas. Now I the mayor do here by proclaim today to be indigenous missing and murdered women's day. Thank you to my colleagues for your comments as well. We cannot quite move to the next item. Let's go to the regular agenda item please.

Item 308

Mapps: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Thank you colleagues. Let me start by saying this. Large parts of north Portland including the Portland international airport, park and many other areas, businesses and infrastructure are protected by a levy system along the Columbia river. The legislature acting on the recommendations to reduce the risk of major flooding. It will support the lands along the river. Environmental services to provide a 6 million-dollar loan to help the district during its establishment phase. This money will be paid back by 2031 and here today with a presentation is Michael Jordan. I'll kick it over to staff.

Michael Jordan: The commissioner covered most of the big points. Since 2012, the region including a number of cities, the port and the four drainage districts that manage the levy system have been working together to try and continue the levies as an operating piece of infrastructure that can be certified by fema so that fema can provide low cost flood insurance to the properties that lie behind the levy. Without that certification that insurance is not available and would virtually stop development within the managed flood plain, would present all kinds of complications to businesses which employ 48,000 folks in the county and region. The recertification, it's been known since 2012 is essential for the continue vitality of the area and city and the region. Those entities as commissioner maps noted came together and asked the legislature to form the current -- the newly formed urban flood safety and water quality district that happened in the legislature. The legislature also granted five hundred thousand dollars to that new district to begin operations. That will carry the district through this fiscal year but as of July first of this year fund willing for that new district is uncertain. The district has asked the

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legislature for one million dollars per year in the coming biennium. We know that the 21 session will be different than the 19 session. The fiscal situation of the state is significantly different. We're hopeful that grant will come through but we probably won't know until late June if that money actually is adopted by the legislature. We turn into a pumpkin, if will you, on July first. Working with mat and a number of the cfo and city treasurer and city budget office, we've developed an iga that will allow the district if necessary to draw on a line of credit over the next five years. If they don't get the grant from the legislature or don't get the full grant, they would be able to draw on this line up to one point two million dollars per year for the next five years. We believe that the district will be able to put a permanent adequate funding structure in place during that time which will then allow the district to begin in 2027 to begin paying that money back to the city. Fully paying it back by 2031. As commissioner maps noted. That's why we're here today as commissioner maps noted to enter into that agreement. These dollars are envisioned to come from the city sewer fund. We've checked with city attorney also about being able to do this. It is fine as long as that money gets paid back. However, there is uncertainty that this new district does not currently have an adequate permanent funding source. That's the whole idea of the interim board to put that in place right now. However, if under the worst of circumstances that district should default on this loan, the general fund would be the ultimate back up for this money and the sewer fund would need to be repaid from the general fun. I invite mat to add any comments he wish it that but I wanted the council to be clear about dynamics of the risks if you will. We're very confident that this district will be successful but there's always that ultimate down side that you need to be aware of. With that, I'll stop and answer any questions you might have. Or invite mat to add anything he wishes.

Matt Gierach: Nothing it add.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Thank you director Jordan for that very thorough information. I actually remember you and I went out on a boat and looked at this up close and personal. And so I know how important putting this district is not just for the businesses and house boat owners but there's a large low income community that's impacted by this levy. This is a -- if I remember correctly it was a very inclusive process that was including the entire community in this effort. I just want for my newer colleagues to understand at some point if the district is successful the people will be elected to serve on had this board. Those will be folks that

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represent this particular district. Ultimately a democratic process will ensure that it works the way it's supposed to. My only question is why do we have to wait to 27 to get money back.

Jordan: That's a good question, commissioner. The bottom line question. The current schedule that we have is that the district is going through a process of a mission vision values process, engaging with the community. You're aware, commissioner. Thank you for mentioning the mission of this district is broader than the mission of the old drainage district. It includes an environmental assessment of the area. A water quality planning process. It includes a cultural and recreational component to the mission. There will be a broad engagement process with the community to both develop the mission and vision values and also then to develop that funding structure. I believe you and I did talk about the possibility of a utility type structure in the area. You are absolutely right to note that there are eight thousand residences within the managed flood plain. Many of them low income. It will be critical that we consider things like progressivity and equity and those issues as we develop that permanent source. That will take some time. We're hopeful to put that in place in calendar 24. Hopefully having it become operational on the 21. That would allow the drainage assessments to not be assessed until November. That would allow us to call for that election that you noted. It's a special district, their elections happen in the spring of odd numbered years. The permanent board will get elected in the spring of 25 and absorb the districts and ultimately begin payment in the spring of 27. There would be annual payments to be completed by 2031.

Hardesty: Thank you. I love this project. I love the process. I understand the time and due diligence that's necessary to really do it right. We don't get to do these things over when we do them not so well. I am very supportive. Just for -- if they get the grant from the state, assume that your contract will not allow for these dollars to be released unless there is a need specifically for these funds.

Jordan: That's correct, commissioner. The iga limits to the degree that the district gets other sources of revenue. If then limited the amount with the total being up to one point two million.

Hardesty: Excellent. My last question. You can see how geeked out I am on this. My last question is I hope you're also keeping your eye on recovery dollars as they come in. Because I suspect there's going to be an opportunity to tap into relief dollars and recovery dollars to make it unnecessary for too much of these dollars to be utilized.

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Jordan: You're absolutely right. There are multiple sources not only for the district but the capital improvements necessary on the levies. We're working on a core for the plan. Hopefully some kind of an infrastructure bill coming out soon. We'll be looking at multiple federal.

Hardesty: Thank you so many. I appreciate you answering all my questions.

Jordan: Thank you.

Ryan: Thank you director Jordan. I'm learning a lot. We're not far from the anniversary that took out van port. It's great to have this timely conversation. You also really educated me. I'm blown away that this wasn't already established now that you are hearing the significance of it. Thank you for bringing me through what the process is like. Will there be intergovernmental agreements? I just want to hear a little about that.

Jordan: The new districts boundary is larger than the old four districts. They were the managed flood plain. That was the boundary of their district. The new district has all of the county inside. The idea of stretching the base of support for the levies was the idea behind that larger landscape which of course, includes the cities in the eastern part of the urban growth boundary. They have been at the table the entire time through the whole five or six years. I fully expect that the current funding mechanism will have some contribution. One of the determinations that we'll have to make is that's a fee for service model and need to provide a nexus and the benefit of who is paying. That was one of the details that we would be working our way through in the next few years. The drainage from those cities much of the area of many of those smaller cities. The drainage from the up land area has to be conveyed to the Columbia river. One of the district roles is also to convey surface water. They would participate in that way also.

Ryan: Thank you. We're very fortunate to have your lived experience. Thank you commissioner maps for being on top of this. It it it was an agenda item I was curious about. Thank you for the storytelling. I appreciate it.

Wheeler: Director Jordan, I have a basic question. This is -- this is an interim funding mechanism. It assumes certain things about revenue generation and self-sufficiency repayment and then at the time that we breach that financial stability. It's my understanding the district assumes the responsibility for the Columbia river levy system as well as the four drainage districts. In effect they would be dissolved. We're making certain assumptions about revenues and potential resources coming in. What if they don't materialize. What is the escape route or plan b?

Jordan: There are a couple of different options, Mr. Mayor. If the new district cannot form a permanent funding source, the current interim board cannot call for the elections and the

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absorption of the drainage districts. The four drainage districts will remain what are known as the local sponsors of the levy. They would in the take on the obligation of this debt but they would still have the obligation of the local sponsors and I have to stay Mr. Mayor one of the motivations of this discussion in the first place is about 80% of the property value and the economic loss from a flood would accrue to property in the city of Portland. The city cannot allow this to fail. This is another step forward for city to be a contributor for the success of the region. Specifically to your question, as I explain. The sewer fund is putting up the money for the loan initially. If for some reason the district fails and cannot pay the loan back, ultimately the general fund would be obliged to pay the funds for the sewer system.

Wheeler: Not to make light of the amount, it's obviously the amount that the general fund could easily absorb. Is the timeframe flexible? I heard five years. At least the goal was to pay back the fees in five years. If there's obstacles or something is going on. Is that timeframe flexible or require you to come back to council for a second bite at the apple.

Jordan: I believe we would have to come back to council. I believe the time schedule is in the agenda. However, from a practical perspective and given what I said before about Portland's interest in success, I think the agenda would be highly renegotiable if we were well on our way. Maybe the payment needs to be six or seven years rather than five..

Wheeler: Thank you it sounds like we're negotiating with willing parties. Any public testimony.

Clerk: No one is on the line.

Wheeler: All right. This is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

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Hardesty: This has been in the works for a long time. I'm really happy to see the city stepping up in a way that supports the community controlling their destiny. I'm happy to vote aye.

(roll call).

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. Thank you.

Hardesty: I'm really excited to having this on the agenda. I'm looking forward to receiving the information for this item. Jay, will you please take it away.

Bill Goforth: Good morning. Thank you commissioner Hardesty. Good morning mayor and commissioners. Thank you for taking the time today to listen to us. I'm the logistics deputy chief of fire and rescue. With me today is business operations manager Jay. We're here today to enter into a five year joint development agreement for a reduced carbon commission fire apparatus. A newly designed apparatus that fits within the climate action plan. This project is in mind with the

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mayor's 2020, 2021 budget guidance to provide actions to reduce carbon emissions. Funding from this project is covered by fire and rescues ongoing fire and budget and Portland fire and rescue apparatus reserve fund. Fire and rescue is actively researching potential grant funding to assist with the purchase. The cost includes six hundred ninety thousand dollars for the fire apparatus. And 148,000 for a apparatus support system at the station. We're requesting the support and authorization to enter into a joint authorization agreement. Thank you for your support and consideration. We're happy to answer any questions at this time.

Wheeler: Very good. I've got a couple. I want to make it very clear that I support the electrification of our vehicles and I support us taking a lead role in being innovators in doing what we can to reduce our carbon emissions. I have some questions about this. First of all, this is a joint agreement I assume you mean with pierce manufacturing. They have been manufacturing these vehicles and how many are deployed?

Goforth: I'm not sure for how long but we have our first line in the city.

Wheeler: This is electric is that correct or is this electric assist. Tell me about this.

Hardesty: We are happy to answer very specific questions that you have but I -- you may remember I told you that there was a --

Wheeler: You did. Will let me do this. Do we have somebody from legal counsel who can tell me this is a question I can ask. I shouldn't put you in that position commissioner Hardesty. There should be somebody else running interference. Who wants to play that role?

Hardesty: May I make a recommendation?

Wheeler: Yes.

Hardesty: How about we table this until this afternoon. We're not meeting this afternoon, are we? Wheel we are not.

Hardesty: We could table this and take a short break. I don't want to do anything to violate the nda. Can we move this to later in the agenda and get somebody from legal to review the nda to run interference, if I can't ask that in public, I won't. My suspicious is the questions I'm asking are not proprietary.

Hardesty: I believe they are.

Wheeler: You condition tell me if it's an electric vehicle.

Hardesty: I believe that's something you can't say.

Wheeler: Let's move this to the end of the agenda. Wheel move on from that time certain. The good news is we can go to the next one.

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Clerk: Claim May 2021 to be mental health month.

Wheeler: Today we have a proclamation to be mental health month. 137,000 adults and 39,000 children live with severe mental health conditions. Mental illness is twice as likely in children and adults under 25. Now more than ever it's critical to encourage individuals to seek help. There are practical tools to seek resiliency regardless of the situations they are dealing with. It's important to accept the situations in life that we can't change. Work to process the struggles associated with big changes. Manage anger and frustration, challenge negative thinking patterns and make time to care for one's self. Knowing when to turn to friends, family, and coworkers when struggling with life's challenges can improve one's mental health. Seeking help when struggling is a sign of strength not weakness.

Cathy Bless: Thank you. Good morning mayor and commissioners. I'm Cathy, the hr director. I'm proud to be here to join my colleagues in recognizing May 2021 as mental health month. I would like to thank our staff for their continual support of wellness, wellbeing and balance they offer to employees. You will be hearing from each of these individuals this morning. Within this proclamation our commitments we all need to live into including vhr about prioritizing trauma informed approaches within our practices, policies, procedures, processes, lived experiences and lived behavior. There much work to be done. The ability for employee it show up at work whether in person or virtually over the past pandemic year has been complex. As we continue to acknowledge our employees who are caregivers of small children or other dependents balance enormous burdens paid for by themselves. This impacts recruitment, hiring, retention, and productivity. Continued support and learning is needed to be inclusive while ensuring safety and balance to provide the important services the city offers to its community. Ensuring employees understand they can take care of their wellbeing will be highlighted in the administrative rules and will continue to be messages within the hr communication. Mental health and wellbeing start with leadership to set the tone within bureaus and within us commissioners your portfolios. I encourage us all to lead by examples and create a safe and supportive environment for our workers. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on this. I would like to introduce Joel Michaels.

Joel Michaels: Good morning. I'm Joel Michaels, nurse practitioner and the health and wellbeing manager. I'm happy to be here to talk about integrating mental health through the city strong wellbeing program. My experience as a health care provider has shown me the importance of taking a holistic approach. By normalizing and addressing challenges by allowing

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people to make their own needs. It's been my goal to bring health and wellness opportunity to help employees to take a holistic approach. One that is not prescriptive but empowering for all. Employees are empowered to set their own goals and when ready to engage with whatever campaign they identify with. Our experienced coordinator we're providing wellbeing opportunity it all employees that I'm proud to highlight today. Our primary focus has been on mental health these last two years. We have provided support with physical fitness as well. One simple objective, destigmatize challenges to employees will seek mental health. We do this through education and events. One in five adults experience mental health illness each year. Work is a source of stress. Only a small number tell their employer or seek treatment. Our own experience with Kaiser confirm that mental health services are underutilized. We suggest removing the copays including substance abuse treatment and renewing this change the labor management benefit committee stood firmly behind our goal to remove barrier it treatment an help convey the message that the city is committed to supporting mental health treatment. Help with messaging and raise mental health awareness. An encourage the use of mental health services. Emotional wellness survey that helps the employee identify opportunities and set personalized goals while providing resources or to a licensed therapist when needed. We recognize that an employee's direct supervisor or manager is one of the most important an influential people when it comes to the employees work life balance, stress level, and support in the workplace. We ask cascade centers to provide a training webinar series. These were delivered by live webinar and remain archived on the city strong website along with other videos that any employee can access at any time. Time management, coping strategies for caregivers, wellness at work. And healthy sleep to name a few. We tapped other vendor partners who provided webinars that are available on the city strong website. City strong facilitates movement through the walker tracker platform. Where employees can log, mood, sleep, and steps by wearing a smart phone wearable device. We'll begin a new challenge next month to see whose employees can consistently reach mental health goals with a fun engaging event. Mindfulness and breathing exercises at meetings and morning yoga and stretching sessions available daily. City strong has a menu of options that any work group or manager can experience including physical and mental health topics including, sleep, eating, conflict resolution and more. Open forums where employees can gather and share their experience around stressful events including the November election. We've sent out messaging on suicide prevention, quitting nicotine and mental health awareness which just started may first. I'm

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proud of our program and the city of Portland to help our employees. I'm happy to say that thanks to city strong those that do hear our message and recognize their mental health needs will find easily recognizable resources through the bureau of human resources and benefits team. This proclamation will also help with that mission. Thank you.

Tyesha McCool-Riley: Good afternoon all. I'm going to pull up my notes here. I would like to start off by saying good morning and thank you for those who work and live and serve in the city of Portland. We thank you for joining us today. Good morning mayor, and commissioners. Thank you all for joining us as we acknowledge may as mental health awareness month. I'm a Portland native and one and only mental health specialist. Working to implement systemic change work that examines the city's systemic policies and practices for adaptive change practical tools related to mental health and building support and training to destigmatize and increase proactivity. I would like to start off by -- yesterday I was -- I had the pleasure of being a part of a conversation that dr. Webster conducted. She started off with discussing her why. As she did that I thought about that for today. I just want to give you a brief about my why. I grew up in north Portland a little black girl before gentrification. I grew up with people who looked like me between two rival gangs. I was exposed to different things and environments. Society had another story written for me. Pushing passed that through the love and care of parents and grandparents saying you can be more than what is around you and what you can see. In doing that I endured and continue to endure the effect of generational trauma in my family and community at large in that I grew a desire to be a change agent to heal the heart and mind. I pushed passed by barriers to show up unapologetically. When I say my people, I mean the human race. People in general. Now I am -- I have a background as a mental health clinician. I say all this to really illustrate my drive, motivation, and my passion to really elevate the importance of wellness and healing. This work is very personal for me. When I show up in places and spaces in the city and pushing to elevate the prevalence, this is not something I'm doing because I'm in the role at the city. This lives deep within my soul and spirit. I know that's something I'm called and charged to do. With that, I thought it was -- I think it's important for us to be able to see the people behind the work that's being done. In that as we gather today in solidarity and promoting the significance of mental health education and awareness and stigma against mental health disabilities. This month is a time we can all play a part in. We have a chance to ask ourselves what do I need? Or what does the person I care about need to be well? Mental care awareness month reminds us to recognize our reality. Reflect on the changes we would like in

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our lives and implement new ways of being in the world. In doing this we must understand maintaining our mental wellness. We have to understand that mental health is the underpinning for our emotions and perception and tolerance and communication, judgment, resilience, and self-worth. It involves effective functioning in daily activities resulting in productive activities. Adapting with change and coping with adversity. Effectively regulate your emotions. Make sound decisions to effectively communicate and to be rational in our thinking and judgment. As we increase our knowledge around mental health we build our capacity to build safe equitable and supportive spaces policies, practices and procedures. We must first see one another. Right now what I would encourage you to do in our virtual setting. Pop onto your camera that feels safe, comfortable, and able to do so. Turn on your camera for the next couple of seconds. Look at our screen. Take a moment to look at the screen and glance at the people that you work among and serve with or alongside and provide a service to. Take in the faces that you're seeing. We are all people. People who don't look like what we may be dealing with or what we have gone through. I want us to continue to ponder on that as I proceed. As a city we must swiftly move from the robot mentality where there's no room for people to be people but trained machines that good and go and go some more. Acknowledging our humanness acknowledges people to be made up of many identities deserving of dignity and respect. If we're to think of people in that way, we think through a lens that we as a city need to create a balance of personal and professional and create spaces for people to bring forth how they are impacted by many adverse circumstances. Covid, trauma, loss, racism and all other types of trauma. Many of us are worried, stressed, overwhelmed experiencing anxiety, experiencing trauma responses and events among other tragedies. Leaders included. If we were to reflect, life as we knew it as changed. Covid 19 has created circumstances beyond our known control. At a time when people are experiencing thoughts and feelings they must step up and validate people in the work force. We see each and every person who experiences any form of mental health. I'm working on your behalf to ensure information continues to be had and systems continue to be challenged. Every day is a chance for the city of Portland to rise above disabilities and cultivating a culture of informed practices. Today we declare that are you not alone and the city sees you, hears you, and values you. We empower and we strengthen and realize what we have within us and allow people to embrace their truths. I encourage us to refill our cups, right? I encourage us to take the time the care for ourselves, to take time to examine what our needs are and ways in which we can meet our own needs. Water our seeds and create sprouting throughout the people we

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encounter. As humans, refueling ourselves enables us to share our best selves in our communities. What mental health needs is more sunlight, more candor and more unashamed conversations. So as we go forth in our day today expect days to come, I encourage us to really center what does it look like to be well, what does it look like to be inclusive, what does it look like to be empathetic and to see others for the things that we can't see visually, how do we see people as people who have experiences that come from different places and different spaces and our impacted and show up in different ways. I thank you, and I appreciate all of you being present today. And I will pass it to Courtney Gilmore.

Hardesty: We can't hear you, Courtney. No sound. You're not on mute. Yep, you're not muted. She's looking like she's looking for a youngster to come and help her. [laughter] that's what I would be doing.

Ryan: Smile and take deep breaths.

Wheeler: Why don't we do this, while Courtney is getting her technology sorted out, why don't we go to comments from my colleagues. I'll read the proclamation last, but let's give Courtney a little space to sort that, and I'll take comments from my colleagues at this point if anybody would like to chime in.

Hardesty: I'm trying to get my hand up, mayor, but it won't go.

Wheeler: Go for it, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Tyesha, I could listen to you all day. Thank you so, so, so much for both just bringing all of who you are and telling us your why at the beginning. I've always loved that, that process. Thank you also, Joel. I mean, I learned a lot today. I had no idea that the city of Portland had all these programs that were online that were accessible, and so I'm just going to be honest and say as a commissioner, I feel like I have -- I need all the things you talked about -- [laughter] and I don't know why I didn't know it wasn't there. So I'm going to certainly make sure to take advantage of it myself and make sure that the bureaus that I'm responsible for now, like I now know, that these resources are available. And I also want to acknowledge that you're absolutely right when you say that we've been through, I stopped counting at four crises last year, and what we know is that city employees have shown up, whether they were sharing space with partners who were also trying to do business from home, and they just did it with a smile and with the same dedication. And I just want to acknowledge the four crises that have hit all of us starting with the pandemic, the economic collapse, the forest fires, the justice reckoning hit all of us just like they hit every other person on the planet. And we need to take more time to

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acknowledge the incredible work the city employees have done in spite of living through most of all the other crises. So I just want to take a moment and just say thank you. Thank you for being a resource for city employees, thank you for raising the awareness. I always say that we're all temporarily mentally stable, and I know at any given day I could go from one end of the spectrum to the other just because of the reality of what we do every single day in this city. And because of the crises that we're all in. So I look forward to learning ways to relax and be mindful in the midst of 14, 16-hour days. I know my other colleagues will be excited about that as well. But we need to continue to, I think, remind the public that all of us are living through all these crises together, and we have some of the most dedicated public servants that work for the city of Portland. And we have to make sure that we take care of our people, because if we don't take care of our people, then our people are just as devastated as many other folks are. So thank you, thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to say that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, colleagues, and especially thank you for staff for their presentation this morning. You reminded me that mental health is essential to overall health and attending to mental health has become even more important during the covid pandemic which not only has negatively impacted many people's mental health, but it's also created barriers to treatment. And I think that's why today's proclamation is so important. This month we must review our commitment to ridding our society of the stigma associated with mental illness. We'd encourage those living with mental health issues to get the help that they need. We reaffirm and pledge to help those find the resources that they deserve, and we plan solidarity with the families who need our support as well. At the same time, we must acknowledge that Oregon's mental health system is amongst the weakest in the nation. And as the commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications, today I have the sad duty to report that the number of 911 calls that we get related to suicide are up 8% compared to this same time last year. That's why Portland needs to commit to insuring people living with mental health issues are treated with compassion and respect and understanding. This council and our partners in the state of Oregon and the federal government must work together to do a better job of addressing our communities' unmet mental health needs. Of that's why i'd like to call on all of us to assure that people living with mental health conditions know that they are not alone, there is hope, there is help, and there's a possibility of healing and thriving again. And finally, i'd like to close by saying that we must also remember to address the barriers that underserved

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communities, especially communities of color, face when they try to access affordable, high quality and evidence-based mental health care. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you. Thank you, mayor, for bringing this proclamation forward, and I also want to thank Joel, Tyesha and Courtney also for the presentation, also for the proclamation. It's an important time and it's an important space to remind us that amid all the policy discussions and funding discussions that we engage on, I want to talk about mental health and well-being at the core of it, it's truly about seeing people. And valuing people and the experience of people with mental health disabilities. And that everyone a part of this community is deserving of dignity, respect and the ability to live their life. And like commissioner Hardesty, I was struck by Tyesha's words and moving towards a well-being-centered culture here where we create this space and actually create some value in filling our cups and not, not feeling that it's taking away from our work. It is part of our work to renourish ourselves, and I could not agree more with that. And having worked in community-based organizations for so many years, I also want to underscore the importance of implementing practices and centering the voice of people living with mental health disabilities across our bureaus to assure that we are abiding by our values and providing the care and consideration that our employees deserve. And especially as covid has tested so many of us over, for over a year -- and this is on top of the trauma of racism experienced by black, indigenous, people of color in our community daily and generationally, and we're still learning about the longer-term effects of isolation through this quarantine. And that's still unfolding. So it's really up to all of us here at the city to acknowledge its reality and also the very real impact on our very dedicated employees who are pouring their energy and time into this work plus to make it what it is to serve the broader community. I'm very, very excited to hear about the well-being opportunities that are happening and are in progress and are scheduled -- and are in progress and scheduled and bringing communities together as part of our safe reemergence into this community. If there's one thing that we all know, it's being in community and being seen and valued in whatever form that means to you that really heals and nurtures the spirit. So I just want to thank everyone again involved for reminding us to do our part as a city to take active and conscious steps in support of people with all kinds of invisible disabilities. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan.

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Ryan: Yes. Thank you, mayor, and thank you, Cathy. That was a wonderful opening. And, Joel, I learned so much from your presentation. And, Tyesha, thank you for showing your humanity and staying in the why. That was awesome. And, Courtney, I look forward to hearing from you soon. I hope the technical difficulties have been lifted. This is so important, I think everyone's spoken to the relevance of mental health today, and I'm going to just briefly touch on my own why. It was basically my big motivation to serve the city that I love. Like a lot of people, I've lost really close, close family and friends to suicide. And it really wasn't until that lived experience of having a cousin that I was close with, a mother who I helped, helped her have children in life. No one saw it coming. No one, no one saw it coming. And especially with one of them. And I learned that you just really never know what's going on with somebody, even when you're close with them. And that is why we have to keep building the agency for all of us to have access to services and why I know I'm committed in my authority role within my own team to really take some time to do balance. Yesterday was a great example. I started reading. At 7:30 I didn't go on my morning walk. I wasn't okay by the end of the afternoon. Just was not okay. This morning I did my morning walk, I should be better. It's like those daily disciplines. No one's going to do it for you, you have to do it for yourself, but how you need to be supported. So thank you for bringing it home in such an honest, real way. And I also choose to serve on a board that focuses on children with mental health. The stigma is so real, and the more of us who have come out about our own commitment to our own mental health, the better. Again, in my family, there's eight children, five of us are still alive. And I would say that's because we have our own daily reprieve of services that we do to take care of ourselves. It's a one day at a time commitment to our own serenity so that we could serve and be decent and also just sleep at night. I'm glad someone mentioned getting a good night's sleep. I'll have to work on that one. Anyway, this is such an important stage of life that we're in right now, and I hope that in this year of so much reckoning that mental health, which is at root of so much of our issues, continues to get the attention that it deserves. So many of our bigger issues that we talk about, really the root cause is mental health. And that's, again, why it's so important that we take a breath today and really make space for this. I appreciate you all for being here, for giving space for this important topic. I strongly encourage all city employees -- talking to myself right now -- to look into that app that was mentioned and really formalize the routine of our own mental health. And for everybody to provide space for one another so we can continue to take care. And thanks for having us put our screens on. I'm a little bit of a stickler for that in meetings I'm in. I ask for people to turn their

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cameras on if possible because it's important to see one another. Anyway, it was mentioned earlier, but it's not that Oregon suffers, we're the 51st state -- that's last place -- in a list from best to worst when it comes to mental health systems in the country. We're behind all a states including Washington, D.C. And so we have a higher prevail lens of mental health and lower, much lower access. That's the key part, to care. So as a city and a state we must do better. I urge Portlanders who need help to apply to the ohp services, the county, and contact community-based practitioners for services on a sliding scale. And for all of us to support people that we care for to do the same. Anyway, thank you so much for centering us this morning on such an important and relevant topic all the time but especially today. Thanks.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan. Courtney, were we able to get you situated?

Courtney Gilmore: Can you hear me now?

Wheeler: Now we can.

Courtney Gilmore: Okay.. [laughter] very good. Thank you for your patience. Good morning, everyone. And thank you, mayor and commissioners, for having us this morning. I also want to thank you, thank Cathy, Joel and Tyesha for all agreeing to speak this morning on behalf of mental health and well-being for the city and for city employees which is important. The in-house well-being program for all city employees, it's a relatively new program, but we have a mission to bring workplace opportunities and resources and supports to all city of Portland employees inspiring a passion for their health, their workplace and their life. Having that balance when it comes to workplace balance is key. As a part of city strong, we focus on the physical and mental and emotional health as well. So a part of our programming we provide classes like Joel mentioned, we have them twice a week. We also have stretching and yoga classes as well. And then we also have webinars throughout the month as well. So this month we will have a webinar on resiliency as well as fitness, and then we'll have a panel discussion on grief and loss later on this month as well for all city employees. And I also want to thank Tyesha again for that wonderful speech, which is hard to follow. She's very passionate and also, you know, determined to have a more human and person-centered workplace as well. So thank you for having us and have a wonderful day.

Wheeler: Thank you, Courtney. Thank you, Joel, Tyesha and Courtney, all of you for participating. Thanks to my colleagues for your thoughtful statements. It's now my pleasure on behalf of the Portland city council to read a proclamation. Whereas the city of Portland takes pride in joining Americans throughout the country in recognizing May 2021 as mental health

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month and whereas the city of Portland affirms that taking care of one's mental health is equally important as taking care of one's physical health, mental health month reminds us of the importance of our mental health, reflecting on the positive changes we would like in our lives and implementing new ways of being in the world. And whereas the city of Portland uplifts the necessity for operating from person-centered lens that acknowledges the humanness of each individual whether on staff or in the community as beings made up of many different identities to include gender, ethnicity, mentality, spirituality, professionally, culturally, emotionally who are deserving of dignity and respect, and whereas the city of Portland should empower star through creating a balance between personal and professional life, promoting the centering of mental wellness while also cultivating the creation of safe, supporter, destigmatized and inclusive spaces for people who experience mental health disabilities, and whereas the city of Portland recognizes the prevalence of individuals experiencing mental health disabilities and how those experiences impact a person's thinking, feelings, relationships, perceptions and behaviors and/or mood and whereas the city of Portland commits to prioritizing the need for implementing trauma-informed approaches into our practices, policies, procedures and processes to acknowledge the experience of trauma others have endured while also seeking to operate in a way that does not retraumatize individuals. And whereas the city of Portland encourages staff and community to refuel ourselves for utilizing tools, education and resources offered to end enable us to practice self-care and to center mental wellness, and whereas the city of Portland recognizes mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being and commits to promoting mental health awareness, and whereas the city of Portland acknowledges that all Americans face challenges in life that can impact their mental health regardless of whether those challenges are evident especially during a global pandemic, and whereas the city of Portland offers prevention alternatives, effective ways to limit the burden of mental health disabilities. And whereas the city of Portland provides technical tools and resources that all people can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency and whereas the city of Portland understands mental health disabilities are real and prevalent in our nation and our city and is committed to continued learning and support, and whereas the city of Portland regards effective treatment and support as critical for those experiencing mental health disabilities or conditions so that they can recover and lead full and productive lives, and whereas the city of Portland accepts responsibility to promote mental well-being, support prevention now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, city of roses, do hereby

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proclaim may 2021 to be mental health month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you all. Okay, let's see. Last proclamation, 303. Time certain, item 303.

Clerk: Proclaim May 2021 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage month.

Wheeler: Colleagues, today we're here to honor the history and cruxes of Asian- contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Before we do, I want to recognize that Asian American and Pacific Islander are broad terms. Asian-Americans encompass all of the continent of Asia with. Pacific Islanders encompasses the island regions of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. Both represent a broad array of languages, ethnicities and religious beliefs. One month, let alone one council session, truly isn't enough time to honor the immense cultural, civic and economic contributions that the AAPI community to Portland. We need to keep in mind that our city and, frankly, our entire country continues to benefit off the labor that the AAPI community who helped build this country and continued, continue to guide Portland to new heights. We also need to keep in mind the racism and hatred that the AAPI community faces to this very day and, indeed, just yesterday once again there was an attack on a member of this community here in this country. It's no surprise that this hatred -- particularly in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic -- has led to a spike in hate and bias crimes. We need to be vigilant of this hatred. We also need to make sure when we pass new ordinances or create new policies that along with the various ethnic groups that make up the identity of our city, we center the AAPI community through a racial equity lens in the work that we do. Lastly, I want to recognize the members of my team who are AAPI including Erica, Bobby, Allison, Angela, all valuable and integral parts of my team whose dedication and expertise continue making this city stronger and better. I want to thank you. I will pause before I read the proclamation and ask any of my colleagues if they would like to add anything at this point. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, thank you, colleagues. Let me begin by saying this. Asian people have been here in Oregon since even before we became a state. For example, the first group of Chinese immigrants arrived in the Oregon territory as early as 1850, and our Asian ancestors make Portland the city we love so much today. Despite the contributions Asian Americans have made to our community, our Asian neighbors have endured a long history of discrimination. Of course we all remember the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which banned Chinese immigration to these United States, and we must never forget that during World War II in our own city Portlanders of Japanese descent were rounded up and imprisoned at the Portland Expo Center. Even today Asian American communities endure harassment and violence. I think

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this whole council is united in this statement. The violence against the Asian American community is wrong, and it must end. While racism may have been a part of our city's past, racism must not be part of our community's future. That's why today this council stands with our Asian American and Pacific Islander neighbors in working to condemn these acts of violence. And there are other challenges we must overcome too. The American dream remains out of reach for far too many Asian Americans. That's why I'd like to conclude my comments today by acknowledging our community's AAPI community, especially the Asian Family Center, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolence Association, the Vietnamese Community of Oregon, the Japanese American Society and the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce. Thank you so much for the work that you do. You represent the best of our city. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, thank you, Mayor. And thank you for starting us off by acknowledging, when you say Asian American/Pacific Islander, what a large part of the globe that encompasses. I also want to thank the same employees who brought this proclamation forward. First, my heart and my thoughts are with the Indian and Indian American Portlanders whose families are so impacted by the recent surge of COVID cases in your home country. I also want to acknowledge communities in the city and metro region are critical to the fabric, culture and success of Portland. As noted for generations, Asian/Pacific Islanders have chosen Portland as their home. They've come here for various reasons, many times deep, deep challenges. I know my lived experience was really heightened as a student at Roosevelt High School in the late '70s. That was the Peter School for the refugee community from Vietnam and Laos, and I'll never forget what it was like to welcome up to 3-400 new students, fellow students that were here coming from very difficult, challenging conditions. In spite of all these successes, opportunities remain far out of reach for many AAPI families and many face systemic barriers to justice, health equity and educational attainment, personal safety. There's no single story of the AAPI experience. AAPI Heritage Month is an opportunity to listen and learn from the diversity within the AAPI community and how deepening these community connections are to all facets of US History. This year has been particularly painful for our AAPI community, as has been mentioned, and my heart goes out to the hate crimes that continue to persist during this time of COVID. I want to end by just acknowledging how grateful I am that one of my brothers married a bride who's Hawaiian and Filipino and for the two beautiful children and now their children that continue to enhance my life. And I'm just so grateful that that culture's a part of our family. Anyway, I'm grateful that

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we're here today taking a time to acknowledge that we must look for opportunities to heal together to fought racism and xenophobia that exist in our region. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you to everyone for bringing forward this year's proclamation and for your work and commitment not just this month, but every day to bring port into a more inclusive government. I'm happy that today we're honoring the contributions of the aapi community, but we can't do that without acknowledging as my colleagues have also done -- [audio difficulty] the hard truth that we must face is that this recent violence is built on a history of racism and discrimination or an exploitation of Asian and pacific islanders in this country and -- served by past and current leaders who created conditions for these acts and these racist acts and actors to become emboldened, commit hate crimes across the united states and including right here in Portland. So today I want to honor that our region has developed in significant and critical ways from the infrastructure built by Asian laborers, by the Asian aapi community whose histories are often disregarded and erased by earlier generations of Oregonians. And testing something that we still struggle with today. The heritage a part of -- it is American heritage. And as the daughter and granddaughter of farm workers, I'm tremendously grateful to these communities and grateful for the work of these communities and their vast civic, economic and cultural contributions, their rich histories and tremendous leadership and advocacy that our state entity has benefited and prospered from. I'm inspired by their story of -- and contribution, and they have literally shaped our way of life in Oregon today. And there are many ways we can also support this community and take action every day not just once a year, things like supporting Asian American and pacific islander-owned businesses, giving to aapi organizations and causes and attending educational events by specific organizations that serve these communities in participating and making an effort, a true effort to do our -- [audio difficulty]

Ryan: I think commissioner Rubio froze up. Or is it just me?

Hardesty: No, it's not just you. I was wondering if it was just me.

Rubio: -- every day to insure -- [laughter] to move the city towards justice and inclusion. And I'm grateful to work here. So thank you again to everyone for, for what we are honoring today and for holding our city accountable to its values.

Wheeler: Thanks, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I hope that the recorded version got all your words, commissioner Rubio, because you cut out for a little bit but then you came back at the end. But sometimes

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online you hear it. I just wanted to start by really appreciating the introduction of this resolution and by saying it is really important that we continue the work that we've done since this pandemic began of really centering aapi businesses to insure that they have access to resources so that they aren't continually devastated by covid. We all know that the Asian-pacific islander community was hit first, and they were hit hardest, and I think this is important because what all communities of color and api communities specifically have suffered. I did the last administration for four years was an outright target by the federal government on our right to exist. So it's important to remember how a disconnected government can be lulled into a sense of security as can people who believe that government is always right. It is important that we -- I know that we have been in a struggle together for a long time, and we will continue to be partners in the struggle for equality and equity for all. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. And with that, colleagues, I will read the proclamation on behalf of the city council. Whereas Portland is home to more than 45,000 community members who trace the roots to the pacific islands and Asia and whereas pacific islander, native Hawaiian and southeast, south and east Asian communities are proud of their diversity and draw strength from their rich cultures and traditions and whereas Portland's aapi members come from a diverse mix of languages, ethnicities and faiths including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Islam and Sikhism and whereas the US. Has experienced 150% rise in anti-Asian hate crimes with disproportionate numbers against women in the last year with at least 3800 incidents reported, and whereas anti-Asian hate crimes were spurred on by reference to the covid-19 virus as the, quote, Chinese virus, Wuhan virus and kung flu in place of the scientific name for the virus, and whereas city council declared the city of Portland a welcoming city, a sanctuary city and an inclusive city for all resolution 37277 adopted by the council on march 2nd of 2017 and whereas Portland's city code section 23.01.010 states that it is the policy of the city of Portland to eliminate discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, family status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income, such discrimination poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the is citizens of Portland and menaces institutions and foundations of our community. And whereas Portland city council in 2016 adopted code section 3.131.010 establishing a new Portlander policy commission to advise the city of policies and practices to integrate immigrant and refugee communities' needs into the provision of city services, city decision making and civic engagement in Portland, and whereas city council acknowledges the

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challenges faced by all Portlanders during the covid-19 crisis while specifically people of Asian American and Asian/pacific islander descent have been subject to hate crimes, we acknowledge that black and indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by the highest infection and fatality rate perpetrated by systemic racism. And whereas Portland city council believes that all immigrants and refugees are critical additions to the social and economic well-being of the city and whereas on June 24, 2020, the new Portlanders policy commission, Portland united against hate presented a proclamation condemning anti-Asian crimes to city council and whereas Asian American/pacific islander heritage month is an opportunity for all individuals and organizations to recognize important aapi contributions, development and defense for our country as well as the cultural, civic and economic life of Portland for over 150 years. And whereas Portland through dialogue with representatives from Asian American and pacific islander communities continues to address the needs and concerns of its community members and remains committed to seek solutions to problems such as prejudice, discrimination and violence. And now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Asian American and pacific islander heritage month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you. And, commissioner Hardesty, I see you have your hand raised.

Hardesty: Yes, thank you, mayor. I would like to ask if we could suspend the rules and allow our affinity group that prepared testimony, we may have just skipped that part, if there was any invited testimony?

Wheeler: If I did, I apologize. Yes. Do we have --

Hardesty: We do have representatives here that are all prepared to present to us.

Wheeler: Terrific. I'm sorry I missed that. Thank you.

Hardesty: We all did, mayor, not -- it was not just you.

Wheeler: Welcome. Thank you for being here.

Jeff Selby: Well, good morning, mayor Wheeler, commissioner Rubio, commissioner Hardesty, commissioner Mapps and commissioner Ryan. Greetings to pacific islander and Asian American community members, leaders and city employees who are joining us today. Commissioner Rubio, I remember all those years ago when you and I worked together on a joint Japanese American and Latino community event and also commissioner Mapps and commissioner Hardesty, I want to thank you for mentioning the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans and executive order 9066. If that happened today, my family and I would be forcibly removed

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from our home and shipped off to American concentration camps. For the record, my name is Jeff Selby. My pronouns are he/him. I'm lead public information officer at the city's emergency coordination center, member of hopi, the affinity group and proud son of a scrappy 88-year-old immigrant from Tokyo, Japan. I'd like to, first, acknowledge this national day of awareness for missing and murdered native women and girls. Our unwavering support for black lives and our acknowledgment of mental health awareness month. I would also like to recognize the emergency coordination center's joint volunteer information center headed by Regina for their assistance to so many immigrants, refugees, black and indigenous people and people of color. This month's celebration of Asian American and pacific islander heritage comes at a very difficult time for our communities. Just last night in san Francisco two elderly Asian women were stabbed in broad daylight as they waited for their bus. Despite these daily tragedies, the murders in Atlanta and in Indianapolis and the surge in anti-Asian hate crimes around our country, our communities are mourning and have remained resilient. Targeted hate and racism are nothing new for us. But we are buoyed by the support from our fellow communities of color and allies. On behalf of the hopi affinity group, I thank you for taking time to honor our pacific islander and Asian American communities told. Up next I'd like to introduce Shaina Hobbs from the Filipino American city employees of Portland, or f.a.c.e. Thank you.

Shaina Hobbs: Thank you, jeff, and thank you for having us here today, council. My pronouns are she/her. So I'm chairman of the affinity group, so since I'm last to speak, I'll probably be echoing a lot of the sentiments that were spoken here today. So thank you for setting aside time to honor and celebrate Asian American/pacific islander heritage month. It's an important time to look back and reflect on the important contributions of Asian Americans and pacific islanders, celebrate our heritage and cultures and stand in solidarity with us. As mentioned, there's been sharp increase in violence towards Asians, and I also read about these you don't have to and there are actions we can take to try to curb the hate that is happening all around our country. The Filipino American city employees affinity group has donated part of our annual budget to hola back for their intervention trainings an important tool for interrupting discrimination, hate and violence in our community. We ask you take action to sign up for training. You will come out of the training not only a stranger ally for a.a.p.i. People, but for all black indigenous and people of color who may experience discrimination and harassment. And I will show a link in the chat after this. I also invite you to take time this month to read books or listen to podcasts that bring to light the unique hardships and triumphs that a.a.p.i. People have experienced throughout

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history and also celebrate our creativity and all the positives things we have to offer in addition to learning about the hardships we have experienced. Support a.a.p.i. Artist and creators and continue to support a.a.p.i.-owned businesses we are so fortunate to have in Portland. They have been hit particularly hard by the pandemic and they need your support. To all members of the a.a.p.i. Community who may have ever felt you aren't Asian enough or pacific islander enough, maybe because you don't speak the language of our mother land or you don't look a certain way, I want you to know you are seen and you are enough and there's always a space for you, you know, a happy face. And to everybody else remember the a.a.p.i. Community is not a monolith, we have a broad array of experiences, cultures and identities. Thank you for this time.

Wheeler: Thank you, Shaina. Thank you very much. And jeff, thank you. Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Thank you, mayor. Before we move on from this topic, I would like to plug an upcoming event which might be of interest to many Portlanders. Tomorrow the Japanese American museum of Oregon celebrates its grand opening. It will be a virtual event at 5: 00 that's Thursday May 6th at 5: 00. If you google Japanese American museum of Oregon you can find the link. It should be fascinating and it will give us a real opportunity to view the celebration that we are gathered here today for. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Appreciate it. Thank you. That was a great presentation. We will go back to the regular agenda. The next item is 309 please.

Clerk: Authorize the emergency coordination center to provide sponsorships to community-based organizations during city disaster declarations.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this city's emergency coordination center has been activated for over a year now for the covid response. Much effort has been focused on supporting the Portland communities hit hardest by the pandemic. Which are the black, indigenous, and other communities of color. Immigrants and refugee communities and people with disabilities. The joint volunteer information center, j.v.i.c. Has led much of this community work in the partnership with community-based organizations. The work is expected to continue well into the recovery phase. Staff from the j.v.i.c. And community leaders are here to talk briefly about that work and ask council to create grant rules specific to emergencies. These rules will expedite assistance to communities during declared states of emergency. This is an opportunity for us to improve our response to covid. And also, future disasters by working in partnership with local community-based organizations. Regina Ingabire of the Portland bureau of emergency management is here to present on this item. Welcome.

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Regina Ingabire: Thank you, thank you, mayor, thank you commissioners for having us today. My name is Regina, I'm community outreach manager at the Portland bureau of emergency management and colleague of j.v.i.c. Before I start I would like to give you a brief introduction or back ground about the program. The joint volunteer information center was created in March 2020 in partnership between the e.c.c. And Multnomah county. We began distributing cleaning resources to those experiencing difficulties due to the pandemic. Small and medium based organizations, c.b.o.'s with city staff. Referred to as j.v.i.c. Advocates. The c.b.o.'s didn't need to apply to participate in the program and didn't complete any form to receive resources from us. The model was intended to be a zero barrier program to assist the communities. As a city we can be proud just knowing we have assisted so many business organizations who otherwise didn't have a chance to work with the city. Over 75 community organizations who serve primarily immigrants, refugees, black, indigenous or other communities of color or people with disabilities. Since the inception of j.v.i.c. We have supplied thousands of household cleaning resources to so many community members. When they needed help. I would also like to kind of give and every view how the j.v.i.c. Model works. Currently we have nine advocates from different bureaus. It's a very diverse team with shared lived experiences with the communities we serve and we are able to provide capture appropriate timely response to our community. And this is very much for the communities we serve when they see the team serving them also that also looks like them. And they wanted to share, give credit for having diverse team. I also want to share that our staff connect with the community on a weekly basis to check in. Take their orders and also offer information about city resources and programs. Or sometimes c.b.o.'s provide funding opportunities whenever they become available. I would also like to highlight that through this model, we have been able to build relationships and earn trust in the community we serve. And also increase serious presence in the commitment to the community's needs. Especially those served by small grassroots organizations that otherwise wouldn't have had a chance to work with the city or never worked with the city before. So we have made this program more accessible to the communities who need it most. Why are we asking for sponsorship grants? Sponsorship grants coming from nine competitive grants will help the city to move quickly during disasters to support communities in need. Will help to build or strengthen c.b.o.'s capacity to provide emergency services to the communities during emergencies. I also want to highlight that through the program, we have almost, we do conduct focus groups to gather feedback about the program and how we can improve our services.

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During those focus groups, some of the c.b.o.'s highlight the need for specific products which our program could not provide. Providing direct sponsorship grants will allow c.b.o.'s not only to capture specific and local products within their communities but also these dollars will be reinvested in locally-owned bipo community businesses. Also through the c.b.o.'s be able to work with us directly. It will increase their visibility. Existing dedicated c.b.o.'s in tier 1 or grassroots organizations. Our j.v.i.c. Team will support the c.b.o.'s with any help they need to navigate the process. Will be providing technical assistance to the c.b.o.'s and to help them be on their feet going forward. And we have invited two community leaders to give their testimony after working with our program since last year. I would like to invite Sabrina Wilson, executive director of -- [indiscernible]

Sabrina Wilson: Hello, mayor Wheeler, commissioner Hardesty, commissioner Rubio, commissioner Mapps and commissioner Ryan. My name is Sabrina Wilson, executive director of the rosewood initiative. Rosewood is a non-profit organization outer east Portland that works toward community driven solutions for a healthier neighborhood where our neighbors can thrive together. Our community center sits at the intersection of 162 and stark and within zip code of 97233. This zip code has been the hardest hit by the coronavirus in the metropolitan area. The impact of the coronavirus on our community has been multifaceted. As an organization whose always adapted to the needs of our community we have had to be increasingly flexible to respond to the many ways which ur our community has been impacted. We are hosting weekly vaccine clinics at our center to ensure the people of east county have lower barriers to get vaccinated and provide weekly food boxes and household rental assistance. We have provided small business grants and over 500 digital devices and over 1,000 internet assistance cards. This is just a snapshot of our work. But much of it could not have been done without the city of Portland. J.v.i.c. Has been a dynamic partner in our rapid response. They have actively listened and engaged and listened. As rosewood continues to discern what the community's needs are, support that allows us to adapt to those needs is critical. It will be a long road but we value and rely on j.v.i.c. As a partner in this work. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thanks, Sabrina. I would like to invite matt, executive director of [indiscernible] mark?

Mark Jackson: Yes, good morning, mayor Wheeler and members of the council. My name is Mark Jackson, co-founder, executive director for the reap organization, non-profit in the city of Portland. I want to publicly acknowledge the great work of the j.v.i.c. For their proposed sponsorship programs for c.b.o.'s, it's a culturally responsive approach for assisting the

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community in times of crises. The city advocates have played a critical roll over the past year in list -listening to c.b.o.'s as we administer household assistance to families impacted by covid-19. The city of Portland has been opportunity to further humanize the process of emergency management by empowering c.b.o.'s who have the established trust and respect of the community. To respond in a more efficient and culturally responsive way. Having the autonomy and discretion to act in real-time is a potential game-changer that will provide the necessary assistance to families with exceptional need during this persistent and unapologetic pandemic. Much of the process up to this point is limited by the supply order and delivery process that are not aligned with the immediate and unique needs of our vulnerable families. The sponsorship grant program would change these outcomes. It is my sincere hope that this council will support this funding model and continue providing unparalleled leadership that is both collaborative and culturally responsive to the bipoc community. Hints, sending a clear message, we serve our citizens with empathy and, more importantly, with dignity. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty? I want to make sure -- does that complete the presentation before I call on anybody? I want to make sure.

Hardesty: Yes.

Wheeler: Thank you so much, I appreciate it. Thank you for being here. And I apologize I didn't call on you earlier. I'm sorry, under all my papers I lost my run of show. So please accept my sincere apology. We are really, really glad you could make the time to be here and share your perspective. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I just want to publicly thank Regina for her incredible leadership with the j.v.i.c. It has been a real game-changer when we see the city adapting to the needs of its people, as compared to the expectation that the people will adapt to the needs of the government. I am so proud of the work that you have done. You have served over 70 community-based organizations. And I would say that many of them have never ever, ever worked with the city of Portland before. And if they wanted to, wouldn't have known how to. And what you have done is actually build community. During a time when people are stressed out, tapped out, and looking for any source of support. I really applaud the work. I am 100% behind this grant proposal. One of the things we hear over and over again is how darn long it takes us to get money out the door after we have made a decision. And so, I appreciate the creativity that you have used to develop this grant program. And I look forward to seeing some of the organizations who never saw the city as a partner actually be able to be in line to get

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additional resources as we come out of this pandemic and start looking at rebuilding a more just, equitable and transparent city. So I thank all of you for your work. What you have done so far. And what you will continue to do with this support. Thank you.

Ryan: Hello, Regina thank you for being here. I look forward to supporting this. Just a question. I think the crisis is, multiple has reminded everybody there's two major jurisdictions serving our constituents. I just wanted to ask this. Is the county's emergency operation center proposed a similar practice? If so, is their proposal not to exceed a certain grant amount? I just want to know if there are parallel systems operating with the county at this time.

Ingabire: Thank you, commissioner. That's a great question. Actually, we started, we created the joint volunteer information center together when it came to funding the city of Portland has been the sole funder. We aren't talking about parallel projects. We are asking, this will be our unique program going forward.

Ryan: Thank you for answering that question. I appreciate it.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan. Keelan, do we have public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one is on the line for this item.

Wheeler: All right, very good. Colleagues this is an emergency ordinance. Thank you all for a fantastic presentation. Unless there's any other business, Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Hardesty: Unmute. You are on mute.

Ryan: I was launching away, right. Too many screens.

Wheeler: You got a chance to practice. This will be a lot better.

Ryan: Thank you so much Sabrina, Regina, and it's good to see you, mark. It's great to have all of you here today. I'm really happy to support this item. Thank you e.c.c. And j.v.i.c. City employees for your incredible work and energy you have been putting into this emergency response this past year. I just really hope we are learning so much for what it's like to be truly forced to collaborate. Thank you to all the community-based organizations who have helped us in reaching our most vulnerable community members. Your testimony today, Sabrina, and mark, really brought that home. Our partnerships with these c.b.o.'s during these times of crisis is an excellent example of government service. I trust to get resources out the door fast in times of crisis. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

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Hardesty: I also want to say it's a pleasure to meet you virtually, Sabrina Wilson. I look forward to getting to know you, because rosewood initiative is one of my favorite community-based programs in east Portland. I appreciate your leadership in stepping in. Regina, I already said how much I really applaud the incredible work you have done over the last year. The vision, the compassion, the empathy that the entire team shows over and over and over again. Really makes the city proud. When you step up in this role, we send the best that the city of Portland has to offer. And I am very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I would like to thank staff and the community for that informative presentation and this very important work. I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Thank you, Regina for your leadership and your great work. Sabrina and mark, thank you for your very important comments. People turn to those they trust most in emergency situations. And to the organizations of people who know them and include them and are from the same community. And also treat them with respect and dignity. Many community-based organizations hold the trust of these communities in these ways they know these communities very well. And for too long community-based organizations have been filling the gaps in equitable services for government. And in this case, are already doing some of the work without being compensated. These organizations deserve our respect and our gratitude. And deserve to be compensated in the form of formal partnership and expertise. I'm very much passionate about this kind of work. So thank you to mayor Wheeler and the u.c.c. And j.v.i.c. Staff for recognizing the value of these important partnerships. And for putting resources to those values. And for bringing these grants forward. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Well this is fantastic. Obviously, I support it or I wouldn't bring it. Thank you all for your hard work. Thank you for your commitment to making this work. This is solid, thanks. I vote aye. And the ordinance is adopted. Well done. Next up, 310, please.

Clerk: The bid of Ballard marine and construction wastewater treatment plant out fall diffuser improvement project \$

Wheeler: This is for bureau of environmental services construction project. I'm going to turn it over to commissioner Mapps.

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Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm not sure if we have any staff here to discuss this project. And I didn't want to bring up -- if something else is going on. But in my time being a commissioner in charge of a couple of infrastructure bureaus, this is one of the most remarkable projects I have ever seen. I just wanted to invite staff to remind us about some of the details and some of the skills and some of the technology we need in order to get this thing done. And I'm not sure who from staff. Is that you, Darren?

Wheeler: Kathleen.

Kathleen Brenes-Morua: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I'm Kathleen, interim chief procurement officer. With me Philip McCormick, project manager with the bureau of environmental services as well as a representative from the contractor, Darren Hutton. We are here for Ballard marine and construction. As commissioner Mapps said phil is here and has a brief presentation about the project's scope. So let him give his presentation and then I will follow with a summary of the procurement process. Phil?

Philip McCormick: Yeah, thanks, Kathleen. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and members of the council. My name is Philip McCormick. I work with the bureau of environment services, project manager for this project. As Kathleen stated, she asked me to present a few slides to refamiliarize members of council with the project. So bear with me if any of this is repetitive, as most of this was presented to council back in January this year. Do we have any slides? I think that was going to be council clerk was going to put those up. We can go to the next slide. Here is a location map of the project. Area highlighted in green is where the Columbia boulevard plant, north Portland. The two areas highlighted in red represent the project location. After wastewater is treated at the plant, affluent travels to the large pipe to the two main out fall structures in the Columbia river. They diffuse the affluent in the river and back in the environment. The plant has the capacity to discharge up to 450 million gallons per day treated. Next slide. Here, this is an aerial of the project site looking north and west along the Columbia river. Hayden island on the left and railroad bridge is the river between the two outfalls. Outfalls one and two circled in yellow and separated by about 1,000 feet. The green is overlay of the bio metric survey completed in 2018. So these surveys help us to map the underwater features of the water body. Here you can see the river bed form sound waves in and around the outfalls. Lighter colors represent shallower depths of water. Next slide. So this is a slide that shows outfall three. I did not include outfall one. I think I presented that in January. But conditions are similar. Top is the profile, the outfall buried under the river bed. Highlighted in pink for clarity. Outfall it 255 feet long. Each

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riser has its own diffuser port highlighted in green. These are the ports that discharge the affluent from the plant back into the river. The image on the lower half of the slide is the same bio metric survey from 2018 but this time looking directly over the outfall. You can see dimples in the sand indicating flow from the ports. The orange line in the top figure shows you where the river bed elevation was at the time the survey was complete. So you can see that in the area I circled, the six diffuser pipes are buried and there's no indication those ports are discharged. The river bed is constantly shifting on the Columbia river. We are sked autoed to do another survey prior to construction. But the trend over time has shown gradual buildup of sediment around the outfalls. And the risks to the plan we have the flow is reduced through the outfalls that could lead to increased risk of sediment buildup within the 84-inch pipes. The efficiencies do not allow the plant outfall pipes to function at full capacity. So our primary objective is restore full discharge capacity for the outfalls by raising diffuser ports and replacing with new ports that meet certain performance requirements that will take us into the future. The new diffuser ports are in black, you can see how they are raised up. This will allow the outfall to operate full discharge capacity. And this will improve dilution performance, ensuring the city is able to meet regulatory requirements for the water quality standards. Next slide. So this project is subject to the city's subcontractor equity program. It's monthly compliance reporting requirements. Due to the specialty nature of this work and the fact most is under water and requires divers, we have concerns early about meeting the city's aspirational goals. We strategized internally with procurement services for ways to improve outreach on the project. I even reached out to support Portland to get some input on their approach to participation. They have a lot of experience with marine and port-type projects. We decided targeted approach would be the best approach for this project. So for the project was advertised we contacted as many certified contractors. Any who had experience working in and around water to make sure they are aware of the project and to talk to them and let them know what opportunities existed. And these contractors were all emailed the advertisement when it became available. Contractor associations also contacted about the project to ask for their assistance in distributing the advertisement member contractors we know they understand their member contractors and who may be, this work may apply to. The project is subject to training and hiring program administered by procurement services and monitored monthly by project staff. Obviously, this is to maximize apprenticeship and employment opportunities for minorities women and economically disadvantaged workers [off mic] next slide. So our schedule bids open March 16th.

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Notice of intent to award was issued on March 25th. And construction is scheduled to take place during the project permitted work window. The permitted window starts October 1, we have to be finished with construction by the end of February 2022. That's all I have. So I will turn it over to Kathleen, unless there are any questions.

Mapps: I have a quick question, if I may. Philip, there's so many specialized skills involved here. Do you have any sense how many African Americans or what percentage of the commercial dive industry is made up of African Americans?

McCormick: I don't know that personally. I did chat with Ballard marine a little bit about their approach to the project. How they staff these. It's a pretty limited crew. So they have a 7-member dive team that pretty much does all the work and one journeyman operator will have a crane to deal with moving material to and from the divers. But it's a 7-man crew. They basically rotate through diving. Part of the issue with the diving and the rules around diving is they all have to be certified divers in order to, not only work down below as a diver. But also manage the air that the divers that are down below the surface will need. So yeah. That's really going to be the crew for the entire project. So it's a pretty limited scope of work and highly specialized. I can ask, because the participation is so low, I asked so what about women divers and apprentice opportunities? And you know, there were only 40-50 divers in the pacific northwest union. So obviously, they are covering every job up and down the pacific northwest. That's even pretty limited. Four of those are women.

Mapps: Thank you, Phillip. That's consistent with my research too. I'm deeply concerned about our equity goals here. I did a little bit of research to see what percentage of the commercial diving industry is made up of African Americans. The number I found was less than 1%. Which is frustrating and I hope that projects like this create an opportunity to bring that number up. Thank you.

McCormick: Okay.

Wheeler: Thanks, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan, and then commissioner Hardesty and then commissioner Rubio.

Ryan: Yes, thank you Philip for being here today. And thank you, Kathleen. My question is actually about the estimate range for this project was \$5.5 million and the confidence level was high. And I see that we are looking toward this basically \$2.6 million, a 47% over estimation. I'm just curious, how do you explain that gap?

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McCormick: You know, we did debrief with the consulting engineer once this came in. I think it was a surprise to everybody. So they put the estimate together for d.e.s. There were a few things that, you know, we found as we compared the estimates to bids. One was admittedly they feel they might have been a little too conservative, not understanding the technical difficulty of the work. So there were estimates for escalation and contingency in the contract that were probably a lot higher than they should have been. And then also there were some double up contingency. They had contingency within the direct construction, typically you won't have that. So that was another thing that added to some of the costs. The other was right before the project bid, we got word that the valve manufacturer, we specified in the contract was having some manufacturing and shipping delays due to covid. And they were expecting a 7-month lead time for valves. So we had to pull that portion of the contract last minute. Just before this advertised. And that was \$590,000 worth of just material that came out of the contract right at the start. The other was schedule. You know, we did have some discussions with Ballard. Part of it was to gauge their comfort level with their estimate or their bid. And what they are seeing was different than what the engineer saw in terms of being able to complete the project early. They have a five-month window to complete the work. And Ballard marine thinks they can complete the work two months early. So a big savings in labor and equipment which is a big expense on the project. And the estimate also had some subcontract, more subcontract work than what we are seeing. The reality is, there's mark-up on that subcontracted work that would account for some of that additional money.

Ryan: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio, I'm sorry, commissioner Hardesty and then commissioner Rubio.

Hardesty: No worries. Thank you, commissioner Ryan for that question. That was one of my questions as well. But the answer really confused me. Based on the document that I have the estimate that went out for bid, we thought this would cost -- your bid is 47.27% under the estimate, so your bid is less than what we anticipated we would pay for this service, is that correct?

McCormick: Correct.

Hardesty: It didn't sound like the answer you gave to commissioner Ryan.

McCormick: I guess I was trying to explain the differences between when we debrief after bids came in, the differences between what we had in our estimate versus what came in the bids.

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Hardesty: Thank you. So my other question does really have to do with the really poor aspirational goals that we achieved in this contract. And as I looked at some of the subcontracts, you know, I'm not a diver, I used to be married to one. I don't know if that counts. I'm not a diver. As I look at some of the work being subcontracted out, I am curious as to why somebody would have to be a diver in order to say remove -- hauling contaminated soil or many of the other specific pieces of work that's been put out for subcontract. The city is committed to actually not just aspiring but achieving our goals. And as I look at the break down of work, I see opportunities where there are people of color contractors that could do work that would not require them to be in the water. So I am very concerned that we say one thing and we actually contract with people who don't actually meet our goals.

McCormick: Yeah, and again, I can't comment as to how many subcontract bids any of the prime contractors received. And whether they received other bids from minority contractors for these portions of the work. Talking to Ballard, these were great conversations but sounds like they searched through the covid database for certified subcontractors under every trade of work they could locate. And put a request out. These were the subcontractors that reached back to them to provide a price. So yeah, as far as the hauling, I know there's, maybe there's an opportunity for us to pick that up. If testing comes back that we don't have contaminated material. Maybe there's an opportunity to get certified contractor to do the hauling. One of the concerns is that we don't know if the material is going to come back hazardous. There are special requirements with the haulers with hazardous materials.

Hardesty: So I appreciate that. And of course, we all know that that only 20% of minority and women-owned businesses are certified with the state. So even if they are not going to get extra points by using the co-bid process, there are other opportunities that don't require co-bid certification. In my mind, if someone was very intentional there are many ways to achieve our aspirational goals. If we continue to allow companies to skirt what we say our values are, then we will continue to get contracts that look like this. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio?

Rubio: I share commissioner Hardesty's desire how we reach more diverse contractors. I also want to recognize, I know this is really specialized work and I try to carefully evaluate the contracts as unique and important work in the bureaus but also, you know, they are economic opportunities that also move us toward a more inclusive economy in the city. And at this time it will be hard for me to support this bid as-is. Because this particular gap seems significant and

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larger than the others I have seen come through since being on council. But a question I have is, and I'm learning too. Is Ballard willing to -- is there room for Ballard to revisit their plans for subcontracting to work with minority contractors or partnering with minority contractor organizations to meet the goal or get closer to the goal?

McCormick: I think I want Kathleen to weigh in on that. Obviously we have some procurement rules we have to work within. They have to work within. But maybe Kathleen can chime in on that.

Brenes-Morua: Yes. Thank you, and I apologize for having my camera off. I've been kicked out of the meeting twice. There's an opportunity and procurement services can work with Ballard to see what additional subcontracting opportunities there are. Any contractor, you know, at any time can increase the utilization that they have presented. I can tell you that, you know, procurement did a thorough review of Ballard's good-faith efforts and we confirmed Ballard conducted significant outreach and found that they subcontracted to all the certified firms in the areas of work where there were certified firms that submitted bids. And in those areas, work that have been subcontracted to non-certified firms, they also did reach out to those firms that were available and they did not receive any bids despite their efforts. But it is an area that procurement can continue to work with Ballard to see what is possible, you know, before the contract gets started and while the work is being performed.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, you had a question?

Hardesty: Yes, I had another question. Thank you for that information. I'm actually curious if procurement has a standard good-faith effort process? Is it a phone call? Is it an email? Is it a pre-bid conversation? What does an aspirational effort look like that we check off on?

Brenes-Morua: So our subcontractor equity program requires that contractors be able to demonstrate to us that they contacted firms. Whether that is through a phone call, or written email. They need to demonstrate to us that, in fact, contact was made. If they don't receive a bid to explain, provide for us an explanation of any feedback that was received. And also to continue to search certified firms until they get at least three written bids from certified firms. Where there are, you know, the certified firms available in those areas of work.

Hardesty: And my last question, does procurement follow-up with the firms that have been "reached out to" to find out the reasons behind their lack of applying to be a subcontractor?

Brenes-Morua: We do follow up. And many times the reasoning being that they have too much, you know, they are at capacity. And are unable to perform the work within the schedule that's

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required. And then, you know, there are, for this particular contract, I don't have the specific reasonings that were provided.

McCormick: I can add something to that. During my outreach, I had contacted a covid-certified contractor that had the qualifications to bid this as a prime contractor. Unfortunately, the only, in the area, or not in the area, the only I could find is out of Ventura, California. Harbor off shore. They did attend the pre-bid. They seemed pretty interested in the job. But obviously, they did not submit a qualification statement to get qualified to bid at the time. And the follow-up with them is, they were contractors local. They are coming from out-of-state. So they just didn't feel they had that advantage.

Hardesty: Thank you. Of course this continues to be an ongoing conversation with procurement. A big picture, but also a conversation with, especially, bureaus that provide infrastructure improvement. We spent a lot of money in contracts. And we have lofty goals that I expect us to meet. And I expect us to be creative. And I expect us to not continue to say, well there are laws we have to follow. Yes, there are laws we have to follow but that doesn't mean we can't find creative solutions. We need to be developing a pipeline and have a sense of urgency. Because there are many communities' contractors of color and women contractors who have been devastated by covid. And if we continue to move at the base the city has for the last 30 years, we will 30 years from now have the same outcomes. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. If there are no further questions on this. This is a procurement report. I will entertain a motion if that's the will of the council.

Mapps: I move that we vote on this.

Wheeler: I will second the report. We have a motion from commissioner Mapps. I'm seconding. Further discussion? Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: That was left over, mayor.

Wheeler: Okay. Please call the roll, Keelan.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: No.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: No.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The report is accepted. Next item 311. Amend hearings office code to update and clarify procedures.

Wheeler: The hearings office is central to solve disputes as quasi-judicial governmental proceedings. Title 22 is what is used to of go earn. Various provisions in title 22 need to be updated or clarified to address changes and improvements to the procedures and policies of the code here in this office. The chief hearings officer is present today to provide council with a summary of the changes and to answer any questions about the intention behind the proposed amendments. Welcome.

William Guzman: Thank you so much, mayor. Good afternoon, everyone. Mayor, thank you for introducing this ordinance on behalf of the hearing's office. Commissioners thank you for considering our request to update sections of title 22. As the mayor indicated I'm William Guzman, I serve as the city's chief hearings officer. I have a few brief comments to make. And we will reserve most of the time for any questions you may have about the updates we are requesting. As mentioned by the mayor, title 22 establishes the Portland code hearings office as a central location within the city for the resolution of disputes between a bureau taking enforcement action and members of the public. Under title 22, the hearings office is charged with providing a fast, fair and impartial adjudication of alleged city code violations. To this end, the hearings office is committed to transparency, rule of law, procedural legitimacy and removing barriers to accessing our services. We really want the rules to be easy to understand. And use simple language to follow. Because you really shouldn't need an attorney when attending one of our hearings. Specifically, the proposed amendments seek to address the hearing's office new electronic case management system. Delete reference to filing fee requirements. Explicitly authorize the hearings officer to postpone hearings due to city closures or emergencies that impact our ability to carry on our services. To remove gender-specific language. To correct typographical errors. And make minor style edits to promote consistency throughout title 22. Notably the city invested in a new case management system. To update the one that has been in use since 2006. This new system allows members of the public and city enforcement officers to request a hearing 24/7 with just a computer and internet access. And real-time access to the file contents as that evidence is uploaded by the parties. We anticipate that in a couple weeks we will go live with title 22 code enforcement cases. And we have begun

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using the system for title 22 appeals. I think it's important to note that although we are moving into an electronic format we are continuing to accept hard copies of evidence and hearing requests for anyone who doesn't have access to a computer and internet. That's all I have. Thank you for your time. And of course, I'm available to answer any questions or concerns about the proposed updates.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues, any questions? Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: All right, thank you, William. That was very clear and straight forward on this largely technical matter. Please call the roll, this is an emergency ordinance.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Thank you, William, great report. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, William, aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, William. 312, please.

Clerk: Authorize bureau of transportation to acquire certain temporary rights necessary for construction of the safe routes to school signalized crossings and straight lighting project through exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. We have an ordinance that will allow Portland bureau of transportation to temporarily use certain pieces of private property as they construct important crossings and safety improvements for multiple safe routes to school projects this construction season. These are highly supported improvements to the community. And the vast majority of projects this season are underserved parts of the city, most east of 82nd. Property owners have been notified of these needs and council action today. Marty Maloney is here from p-dot to quickly explain what's needed and answer any questions the council may have. Marty?

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Marty Maloney: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. I will have David, the project manager give a brief overview of the project and I will follow-up on the right of way specific needs for the project.

David Backes: All right, thank you, mayor and commissioners. Is my screen share working over here?

Hardesty: Yes.

Backes: Okay, I've been kicked out of the zoom a couple times already. Hopefully I will stay around. If not you will be in great hands with Marty. I'm the p-bot project manager for the safe routes to school signals and streetlighting project. I will keep this quick. Starting here with a map showing where the improvements are. So we have five traffic signals for pedestrians to cross streets. M.I.k., 16th and burn side, 86th and Washington. 113th and Gleeson. 148th and main. And also part of this project is streetlighting in-fill. Gleeson from 82nd to 162nd. So big stretch of Gleeson there. And some quick background. It's kind of a bundle of six capital projects all with own construction funding streams. We are paying through this fixing our streets, cannabis tax, a couple other smaller pots of money. And the five traffic signals included in this project bundle. And the streetlighting in-fill were identified as priority safe routes to school project during the big outreach effort in 2017. We are kind of checking projects off the list the community has wanted for some years now. A couple other notes on the streetlighting specifically. So our high-crash network streets are in some of our most diverse neighborhoods in Portland. And they lack adequate street lighting. And further public engagement work and surveys with the community found that Portlanders of color, especially feel less safe walking on poorly-lit streets. These are really important projects for our diverse community in Portland. Goals and scope. Like I said, these are five traffic signals. I did a quick count. They are actually benefitting at least 11 schools, the way the signals are placed. There are multiple schools in some areas. It's great to serve multiple locations with a single traffic signal that the pedestrian can go up, hit the button, traffic stops, cross the street. Instead of today, you have to do a little bit more of a risky cross against some of the areas. And then on Gleeson, we are adding 115 new streetlights. Many of them are replacing older dimmer lights. But we are also adding a net increase overall of traffic lights. What we are doing is providing more uniform lighting to illuminate both sides of the street. And to reduce the kind of bright spots and dark spots along the corridors so that pedestrians, people biking and driving, everybody is going to be better illuminated with the new lighting. And we are doing extra lighting also at the crossings. Mid-block and intersection crossing. So people

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waiting to cross the street will be better lit also. And I will turn that over to Marty for right of way here. Marty, you are muted.

Marty Maloney: Sorry about that. Mayor and commissioners. My name is Marty Maloney, p-dot right of way. Gives authority to compensate for property owners for temporary easements and if necessary condemn property rights with association of safe routes to school signals and streetlighting project. Four have been identified and necessary to support construction of project improvements. These temporary easements will allow certain a.d.a. And sidewalk facilities to be constructed within the project corridor. All affected property owners have been informed of the project need for these property rights and we are invited to attend the reading. That really concludes the presentation. If council has any questions we will be more than happy to answer them. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, colleagues. Any questions? Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Thank you. Thank you, David and Marty. That was a great presentation. I was tracking the p-dot vision zero campaign. And I'm wondering if that inspired some of this action looking at that data to get better results.

Backes: I can speak to that a little bit. Our vision zero work is striving in our capital projects. It's a good example on Gleeson that streetlighting in-fill where we have a higher proportion of pedestrian industries on that type of street, I don't believe all of the signals are on high-crash streets as part of this bundle. But we do have some -- [indiscernible]

Ryan: Thank you, my lived experience especially in the winter, it's so needed for the school children to are better crossings. It seems like it's targeted very well to improve the metrics on the vision zero campaign. So I just wanted to amplify that at this time for the record. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Seeing no questions, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: Very good. This is an emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I want to take a moment to really appreciate p-dot staff and prioritizing these areas where people are dying on our streets due to a lack of lighting, transportation infrastructure and automobiles going too darn fast. We are taking a multi-pronged approach. And this, what we are

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voting on today actually helps us continue to live up to the promises made by vision zero. And I just want to say thank you, thank you, I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you very much for a good presentation. Item 313, a second reading, please.

Clerk: Assess benefited properties for street, sidewalk and storm water improvements in the northeast 27th Ave and holland street local improvement district.

Wheeler: Colleagues this is a second reading. We have had presentation and there's been an opportunity for public testimony. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Sorry, aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, Andrew. 314 please, also a second reading.

Clerk: Vacate portions of northeast 27th and ne holland street south of ne Columbia boulevard subject to certain conditions and reservations.

Wheeler: Further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Thank you, p-dot and assessments for working together to have this be a reciprocal agreement. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 315.

Clerk: Authorize intergovernmental agreement with Portland state university homelessness and research action collaborative for program evaluation of Portland street response in the amount of \$213,426.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I will turn it over to my totally able staff person, Kristin Johnson to lead this agenda item. Kristin?

Kristin Johnson: Thank you, commissioner. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is Kristin Johnson. I'm commissioner Hardesty's financial policy advisor and working on Portland street response since 2019. Today I come before you to present an intergovernmental agreement between Portland fire and rescue and Portland university homeless research action collaborative, amount of \$213,426. The street response started taking 911 calls and the second team will be starting this august. Program evaluation will be integral to ensuring that the program is both successful and transparent to our community. P.s.u.'s homelessness and research action collaborative was one instrumental group in our process in 2019. At that time they participated in the community engagement work group to conduct in-person surveys with individuals from our house's community. Collectively this work culminated in a report created by p.s.u. Called believe our stories and listen. And helped ensure the houseless community was centered in the creation of the Portland street response pilot. Now Portland fire and rescue would like to establish a partnership with the homelessness and research action collaborative. The work plan of this agreement before you today is robust and includes the following. Finalizing metrics and markers of program success. Creating data collection tools and gathering protocols. Collaboration between p.s.u. And street routes ambassador program. Conduct 2-4 surveys of unhoused individuals. Ongoing collection of information from Portland street response staff about how the program is operating, including lessons learned from their experiences in the field. And additional resources or support they may need to do their jobs effectively. Participation and weekly street response check-in meetings. Quarterly focus groups and or individual interviews with staff. Quarterly administration of the professional quality of life

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scale to gauge job satisfaction, support and compassion fatigue within the Portland street response staff. Interview with fire staff at station 11 and police staff at east precinct to assess their experiences with the program. Surveys, interviews and or focus groups with several organizations such as businesses, neighborhood associations and service providers to gain feedback about their experiences with the program. Tracking and analysis of social media and web content to better understand the community members experiences with internal attitudes towards the program. Targeted surveys, and interviews with areas with the highest volume of calls responded to Portland street response. And provision of regular updates to partners of the homelessness research and action collaborative data analysis is applied through an equity lens and with performance reports. So this agreement also includes two reports that will come to council. The first will come after six months later this fall. And a second report will come after 12 months next spring. The agreement total of \$213,426 is for both the base funding of this agreement to cover the scope of work I just mentioned at \$170,741. Also includes 25% project contingency, \$46,682 in case there's a need to add to the current scope of work. So that's what I have today to present about the agreement. And dr. Greg Townley, the lead researcher on this project from the homelessness research collaborative is with us today should there be any questions you would like us to answer. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues any questions? Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Yes, I have a couple questions for professor Townley, if I may. So you are kind of the lead investigator on this, I take it? Is that how I should think about this?

Greg Townley: That's correct. Yeah, I will be leading the evaluation and record of research associate profession or of community psychology.

Mapps: Great, I appreciated Kristin's overview. But I would also like to hear from you a little bit what your research design for this evaluation is going to be.

Greg Townley: Sure. If I can just say. Kristin thanks for the introduction. Excellent overview of the scope of work. I want to say to mayor Wheeler and commissioners, really appreciate the opportunity. The homelessness research and action collaborative is honored to be involved in this work. Such an innovative program our community critically needs and wants. We, as the Portland street response team have been meeting nationally with other cities developing these programs. Two common themes. First, we have to lead with community when designing the programs. As Kristin reviewed we did this with commissioner Hardesty's listening sessions to really inform the pilot program, to make sure it was designed in a way the community wants and

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needs. The other area that we really hear from cities that we don't know how these work. We need more data. Our evaluation is the largest and most comprehensive community-centered evaluation of this type of program that's been conducted. Not only can we lead the way with Portland street response other cities will want to adopt and implement. We can lead the way how we are analyzing and documenting the effects of the program. With that in mind, it leads to how this work came about. Which is really closely connected to community needs and interests. We did extensive outreach to a wide variety of stakeholders in designing. We thought carefully and critically how the evaluation should best be conducted. Given this is a new innovative program it requires a case study model of evaluation. I want to make sure that commissioner Mapps, and commissioner Mapps I'm happy to repeat any of this you may have missed. Going over this type of work, given the innovative model requires a case study style of evaluation. We are focusing on the links neighborhood and surrounding areas to do a deep dive. Understanding how it's serving that community, unhoused, people with behavioral health crisis utilizing the program. And a wide scope. This will allow us to know an area like this, if we can closely examine using the case study model we know intimately how it's working there. We have high confidence when we scale up citywide it will also work in other areas. But we also want to do ongoing evaluation as well. Let me pause there. That's a general overview behind the inspiration and how it will operate.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: What questions are you trying to answer?

Townley: Trying to answer for whom does the program work and how? Try to answer, let me pull up my notes here. We have been informed by a variety of outcome goals; we want to see reduction in the number of calls police respond to. Reduction in the number transported in the emergency room with less emergency. We like reduction of behavioral health typically responded to by police and fire. And how the program is serving community. How community members are satisfied and feel supported by the program. And most importantly how people most impacted are being served and what are their levels of satisfaction. Those are five core questions. But within that we also have a lot of other data points we are closely tracking around call volume, response time. What are the services that people are being provided? Where are the gaps? That's a critically important question. What are the gaps in our city's system of care that mean when there's a response, we are not able to provide direct housing for the client? We are

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not able to provide direct services. That is critical information to know how we can best fill those gaps as the program scales up.

Mapps: How much data do you need to evaluate these programs?

Townley: Lots of data. Because the program is so new and such an innovation, we really have to be doing wide outreach to, again, a variety of stakeholders to know. Because there's no ability to say, only a subsection of the population is going to be interviewed. We need to know, given the diversity of people served here, diversity of our community, we really have to do outreach inclusive of all those voices. And both programmatic data ongoing analysis of day-to-day, hour to hour, how is the program working, what is the data we are getting from the program. Also ongoing responsive outreach to community members. Which is why we have directly coordinated with the street reach ambassador program and talked with them. How many surveys do we need to do? When we originally did the survey unhoused program we interviewed around 180 people. We decided in order to know how this program is working in an ongoing capacity, we originally thought doing two rounds of that. We took it to community who said that's not enough, you will be developing relationships with people. We need to interview 2, 3, 4 times over the course of the program, our initial expectation is people might not have had interactions with Portland treatment response. They may have heard of it. The third and third time as we get the word out, more people will have had experience with the program, will be able to provide additional data. We can't interview once or twice; it has to be ongoing close relationships. Same with businesses and residents. The community is so interested in this program they need an opportunity to talk to an independent entity like ourselves about how it's working and we value community voice, we are community centered and participatory which requires ongoing immersive evaluation. Not wait until the program is done and study the numbers and that's that.

Mapps: Thank you for that. That's very helpful. Just one last question and I will let commissioner Ryan take over the mic. I think as of Monday, Portland's street responses going out, on 100 calls. Do you feel that's enough data to say something you would have statistical confidence in?

Townley: So I would hesitate. I don't want to make any statements about programmatic data without being able to triangulate with multiple sources. The calls we are at now we can't make definitive conclusions, we shouldn't. It would be problematic to do so. But in the coming months and certainly as we gear up for the six-month report I certainly expect we will be able to make recommendations based on the data we do have confidence in.

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Mapps: Do you have a sense in how many calls you would need to go out on before you have some confidence in your conclusions? How many calls do you have to go out and respond to before you have confidence in your conclusions?

Townley: Not exactly. But I can point to similar studies. In Denver with their star program. They issued their first report. Which was reflective of I believe 500-600 calls and able to see they shifted around 2-3% calls from police. And so, you know, again, our program is different. Our program is different from kahoot and star. I hesitate to name a number. But I will point to that recent report as one they went on 500 calls and found that was a number that they felt confident in making statistically significant conclusions around.

Mapps: Thank you, professor Townley.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Thank you. Thank you for that introduction to this topic and great to meet you professor townley. I just have some bigger picture questions I could be on the verge of these questions could be maybe asking us to go deeper with our scope, I don't know. It was important to get these out into the record. My motivation to being on this council is to get to the bottom of the houseless crisis. The deep roots. The causation around our mental health system is something that is embarrassing for the state of Oregon. Earlier it was reported that we are 51st when you add Washington D.C. In terms of a system. So my question is when you do this evaluation, go beyond, we have dispatcher and we have first responders. Then it's always been on my mind, you heard me say this, others have. Where are we going to take people? My question is, when we evaluate the street response system, how it intersects and compliments the rest of the healthcare system. Will we be engaging with hospitals? County services and other non-profits providing similar services or complementing our services? Just trying to get to the scope of it.

Townley: Yes, thank you, commissioner Ryan. Right now what's built in the scope of work is absolutely doing outreach in the neighborhood where the pilot has been launched. To service providers. I think we can think about expanding that. The way that we are really capturing those data currently are through the community health workers part of a pilot program. They are working with clients after there's a response. They do the intensive follow-up getting people -- we had someone successful getting into housing and getting an i.d. So we are tracking these accomplishments that reflect both challenges in getting people to the services, the housing they need to, but also the accomplishment. They are staying in close contact and introducing us and asking if we would be willing to speak with us and follow them over time to see if they stay in

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the housing. To they engage with the services they were put on the road to engage in. That will help for the people directly impacted by the program. Can we talk to your case manager about the success you have had in first starting with Portland street response? Them getting engaged with housing services and doing an interview with them. Given we have contingency funds if we need to use some of those for more immersive intersections for systems of care, you mentioned hospitals, other service providers. I absolutely think that's within the scope we would absolutely be happy to do and important for recognizing where the gaps are and where this program is intersecting with those.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Johnson: Commissioner, if I may. We are also tracking, if there's a situation where we are not able to bring a person somewhere or connect them with a service, we are tracking barriers to, you know, we all sort of intuit and we heard from service providers there's not enough stuff out there to help people. But we will be tracking those areas or lack of service provision. We can kind of quantify that a little better too. We also support mortgage street will shine a light what people have been telling us over and over and we will be able to add data to that.

Ryan: I appreciate that, Kristin, when I looked at key performance measures qualitative, quantitative and now hearing longitudinal from the professor. I couldn't see if we were interacting with the emergency units. I happen to have in my social network an inordinate amount of emergency room nurse friends. This is something for at least the last five years that's really been on the top of their mind. And especially the last couple years. It's difficult to keep people in those jobs because they are experiencing a lot of trauma from how many, what the intake is emergency rooms in our area. Just as an example we don't have the system. Because that's not the place we want to take people, but that's the place people are going. Couldn't tell by looking at the scope if we are interviewing emergency rooms in our area and hospitals. Happy to hear you are open to that and get into the detail what I'm looking at right now. That's why I want the dialogue.

Townley: Yes, please. In doing reviews where comparable programs have landed in transport through a.m.r. To the emergency room for example, I was looking at our programmatic data, so far three people have been transport today emergency room through a.m.r. Other programs that are ones that typically co-respond with police or use like a crisis intervention treatment model, they actually report closer to 30% of transport. So our numbers there are pretty low so far. Which is a good thing. We are helping people in the field and we know it's costly and could be

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traumatizing for people and have to use intensive services when they may not need them to. I hesitate. I want to list that as an example how we are tracking and able to assign a dollar value to what an emergency room visit costs and determine if our program is actually, you know, reducing cost to the system of care. But again, I want to do a lot more analysis of that. But to give you a little bit of a way to how we are looking at our data in comparison to similar programs and what they found.

Ryan: This is obviously a complex problem; it will take a lot of complex solutions. I find sometimes we don't spend enough time on the front end having dialogue like this to make sure we are covering the extensiveness. I will end with a comment, I hope you will find helpful. I introduced community solutions they are known nationally for their work on data collection and how houselessness, they are working with the joint office. I think the intersection and fields will keep improving hopefully.

Townley: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. And thank you, Greg and Kristin for the presentation. Kristin, I just wanted you to talk about how we are looking for financial support for Portland street response and the avenues we are exploring.

Johnson: Yeah, thank you, commissioner. I'm keeping track of legislation and shout out to our awesome helpful friends in the office of government relations, keeping track of federal legislation like the cahoots bill. And some state legislation with representative Sanchez and others. We know there are both federal and state movements to bring programs like cahoots and those that work for their communities up around not only the state of Oregon but around the country. So we are very optimistic that, as we unfold Portland street response, after what we believe is a critical initial investment by the city, we will be able to bill for Medicaid and apply for state grants. As we build out a more robust medical side to street response, we are doing through the pilot already. We might be able to partner with some community care organizations. Because we do believe that we will be instrumental in helping people get the treatment they need in the field. That is, not necessary to go to the emergency department but we know people do because that's the only place they can be seen. We are quite confident we will find revenue sources from these other places in the future.

Wheeler: Thank you. That's excellent. I have a question for the professor. So, I think what you will find is this council is uniformly supportive of the concept that we are currently testing in the

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pilot program. We all agree that the police are being sent to interventions they should not be sent to. Many of us went down and evaluated the cahoots model. We were impressed with it enough we decided to put together this pilot and evaluate it. My question is one about whether we are testing alternatives to the model we currently have in place. And you mentioned, professor, that this is different than cahoots model. We have chosen a different delivery mechanism. My question is, if we are really testing this, shouldn't we have more than one delivery model we are comparing it to? Like what if we compared it to the cahoots model or established as part of an expanded pilot program, an alternative model that is more similar to cahoots rather than what we have chosen? Otherwise, aren't we just limited to a binary choice that yes it works or no it doesn't work.

Townley: Thank you, mayor Wheeler for the question. It's a good question and we have thought a lot about. We will absolutely be tracking benchmarks by programs like cahoots and the star program. Our evaluation goes so much deeper and farther beyond what they have done, in some ways we are working with entirely new data and become the benchmarks for other data to be compared against. I think it's important with the program is at and how much we need to learn and adaptations to make our program successful, it would be kind of an unfair compare season at this point to compare with programs that have existed for decades like cahoots. This case study model will mean we can take a program, and innovation from preexisting programs. That we really need to allow the time to incubate and study and carefully review performance metrics, surveys with communities. And once we know that, once we know about our program, I think down the road we need to keep evaluating this thing. I think we have high levels of confidence it will be successful. I think there will be future opportunities once our program is fully operating citywide we can absolutely say let's compare to cahoots and star and other models. But we are too early in that. We need to allow our program to breathe and grow in a small contained context and case study evaluation is absolutely the way to do that. As opposed to r.t.c., randomized control trial, we would be vastly premature suggesting that's how the operation could operate at this early stage.

Wheeler: Very good. And would you agree we should see this pilot program through? And make sure that we are doing the work up front? Before we, the debate right now is whether we basically move beyond the pilot program. We have been in the field for two months and a couple of days. And the question is do we rapidly expand this to a city-wide model. I think that's a conversation council will have later. But should we choose to do that, my concern is we are

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making a choice to institutionalize what we have got right now before we really have it evaluated. And so, I'm hoping, I'm not sure how to do it. I will leave it to your good insights and your team to figure out how do we remain and how do we on one hand acknowledge what you just said, we all agree that some type of street response is desirable and urgently needed. On the other hand, we don't want to institutionalize the wrong model. And find we cemented something that wasn't necessarily the best mix of services in the field. I'm hoping there is something you can do as part of this study to stew over that a bit and think about it and help this council rationalize that real tension between those two interests.

Townley: I always appreciated the fact that commissioner Hardesty and others have been supportive of the program given the time it needs to grow, which is the one-year pilot. I am in agreement with what we need to do. With that said, I think it's been the case the evaluation is not, will the program work. We have high confidence it will work. It's what we need to do to refine and adapt and Taylor it to meet the needs of this community and have it scaled up citywide. That's always been the ultimate goal and the way we frame; at the end of the year we are confident it will be able to be scaled up. It needs time to grow. I think that's important to have the one-year pilot, I think we are being positioned to be able to have it launch citywide on schedule as we planned.

Wheeler: What could I expect, just so I don't get my hopes up too high or aim too low. What do we expect to know at the six-month period? That's my last question. Can you give us some sense of what you think we will hear?

Townley: Sure.

Wheeler: What level of confidence can we have in six months. Will we be confident? Where do we think we will be?

Townley: We believe we will be largely confident about the numbers of calls, types of calls, ability to transport people to other services where the gaps are, how the community feels about the program, what the community recommends we do to refine the programs. The number of teams to match the numbers we are serving in a small area of the city. So again, I think we will have a lot more to learn as we bring on a second team and consider to consider staffing compositions, staffing structures, time of day people are working. We will still have work to do. But we will have time to get there with the initial data we will have available at that six-month part.

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Wheeler: I'm really excited about this. I want to thank commissioner Hardesty and her office for bringing this engagement forward. I think this is the way to go. And I really appreciate your interest and your obvious enthusiasm for this project. So thank you for that.

Johnson: Thanks so much. It's a pleasure and an honor.

Wheeler: If there are no other questions, do we have public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one is on the call for this item.

Wheeler: All right this is an emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, so much, Kristin for all your work. Thank you, very much, Greg. And for my newer colleagues Greg has been with us from the beginning. Even when we were planning on what it could possibly be. I've been so grateful for this partnership with Portland state university, it has served us well to this point and will continue to do so, I'm sure. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Thank you, Kristin and dr. Townley and staff for all their thoughtful work on this project. I'm really glad to hear more about how this partnership will further inform the direction of the project. And I look forward to hearing updates and progress. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Happy to support. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Commissioner Hardesty, the only item left, and I have a thought on it. It's the fire truck one, would it be material concern if we delayed that for one week and then I will get all of my questions answered?

Hardesty: Not at all, mayor. In fact, I was going to recommend I take it back to my office and make sure that I circle the "building" to see if there were any additional questions that could be answered.

Wheeler: Even next week, would be fine. I just need a little more time. I'm grateful you are able to give me a little more space on that.

Hardesty: Absolutely.

Wheeler: You are pulling that back to your office and we will reschedule that for next week, Keelan.

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Clerk: All right, thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. Awesome. Then with that, we have completed our agenda for this morning. Thank you, everybody. We are adjourned.

At 1:16 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: I'm now convening the Portland budget committee for approving the year 21/22 budget. The budget was presented on Friday April 30th. Please call the roll.

Clerk : (roll call).

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law, the council is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending remotely by telephone conference. Members of the public can access the meeting on the city's YouTube channel and channel 30. You can e-mail the county clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this challenging situation to conduct the city's business. I believe we will hear briefly from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum since we will be taking testimony.

Ken McGair: The city council represents all Portlanders to do city's business. Everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the readings of first ordinances. 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, 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 officer will ask you to conclude. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected in from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. We have one item for this afternoon. Item 316.

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Wheeler: The purpose of approving the fiscal budget. Prior to reviewing the 21/22 budget let's acknowledge how challenging the past year plus has been and how prosper Portland has been supporting the process. Last march we were facing an economic crisis as well as obviously a public health crisis. That combination was unlike anything we've experienced previously. I commend and thank chair Cruz and the entire time for your incredible leadership for creating new grant programs to assist Portland's most vulnerable small businesses many of which are owned by bipoc members. The economic development work on behalf of the city. As we turn our attention to the budget, it's clear that we must provide the resources necessary to ensure that prosper Portland and its team can continue to lead initiatives and projects. Staff will continue to play a key role in the disbursement in federal aid and federal relief funds going forward. The small business repair grant, collaborate with a broad array of non-profit partners on initiatives to support our central city and manage existing portfolio of projects and programs focused on building an equitable economy. This has been a tough challenging time. All of us are aware it's not over year. I remain bullish on the future; I'm looking forward to work with and for the city of Portland. I'll turn it over to you and your team. Welcome and thank you for your leadership.

Gustavo Cruz: Sorry about that. I'm chair of the prosper chair of board of commissioners. We're pleased to be here to present the proposed budget for your consideration. The economy and our collective effort to save lives. We've seen that business community and budget can together make a meaningful impact. With city council's leadership we provided \$17 million to local businesses with close collaboration and community based organizations. The budget continues to address the near term priorities of economic relief and stabilization and begins to address our next steps in an inclusive economic recovery. I offer our thank it the community partners and staff in preparation of this budget that spent considerable time in drafting this budget and putting forth projects. We very much appreciate the investments in the mayor's proposed budget that will help deliver the work necessary to help the households that need it most in this time in history. I'm hand it over to executive director Kimberly Brannam.

Kimberly Brannam: Thank you. For the record -- good afternoon mayor and commissioners. Executive director of prosper Portland. I'm joined by my colleagues. We really appreciate the opportunity to discuss our proposed budget with you this afternoon. I'm going to start by providing an overview of the budget, discuss some key outcomes and strategic priorities. We'll share how they show up in the programs and lead within the department. Our financial forecast

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before I close out with key next steps. Tony pull up the slide deck and go to the next slide, please. What you're going to see on the next slide is a snap shot of our budget. And what that shows you is that at a high level, we have approximately three hundred and forty three million dollars in available resources this year and anticipate up to \$148 million in total expenditures. 85% of our funding comes from tax benefits and new tiff funding available next year. One time resources as proposed in mayor Wheelers proposed budget. It represents a substantial and very important portion of our economic development and operating budgets. To support this work we employ a total of 87 full time and limited term employees. I'll note this is two positions fewer than we had in our current year budget. We reviewed the draft budget with our community budget committee who met seven times over the course of the budget cycle. A diverse array of geographic, community stake holders. Specific tax increment requested budgets with 11 neighborhood organizations to receive input. You'll have a chance to hear from a few of our advisors towards the end of our presentation to learn about the community's perspective and how it shaped our budget. Prosper Portland strategic plan and overarching goals. Today's challenges are significant. Struggling to find workers as they look to rehire. An 80% increase significant job losses for women. The pandemic recession has exacerbated preexisting inequities between black and white households. Recognizing these inequities as well as the opportunities presented by the American rescue plan and growth and key industry sectors. Programs and projects that create a more equity recovery. In November of between twenty the economic recovery task force endorsed the economic relief framework as a guide for our near term and long term priorities for a path towards economic recovery. Support households, local businesses and neighborhoods. We must take a multi-pronged approach. We advance these priorities by connecting dislocated workers to employment opportunities. Supporting small business adaptation and growth. Entrepreneurs business districts and job seekers. Geographically approaches for displacement and community identified priorities. Looking back to fiscal year 1920 on the left hand side here is the most recent fiscal year for which we have annual data. Our key programs with nearly 2500 jobs retained. 2300 adults served in youth programs. 65% identify as people of color. Twenty one percent of project construction investments exceeds the 25% goal with eighteen percent going to minority enterprise, women enterprise or disadvantaged enterprise firms. In the last 12 months the prosper Portland team has been hard at work to maintain our key programs while simultaneously addressing challenges. I'll highlight on the right hand we supported 700 businesses with personal protective equipment. The team

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worked with prosper tenant and borrowers to defer and offer payments. Make available to properties on the east side to provide safer place it sleep. We know that each of the numbers on the screen represents a person whose life was negatively impacted. I want to appreciate the leadership of the team an many partners whose individual efforts made a difference this last year. Tory, the floor is yours.

Tory Campbell: Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. I'm going to walk you through the next few slides that give you a sense of our proposed budget. The general fund and canes and enterprise funds and federal funds from the rescue plan provide the critical resources we need for household, business, and neighborhood stabilization. It's been instrumental for our recovery efforts. A 5% cut package. It significantly reduced the program areas and funds for the film office and small business repair grants. The proposed budget aligns to the mayor's proposed budget to restoring cuts to four of the five programs as well as additional funning to the network, film and music programming, chambers of commerce and venture Portland. These priorities and impacts are reflected on the slide in front of you. The intent of the utilization of these funds and stabilization of small businesses continue to provide technical assistance to provide five hundred consumers navigate challenges. Expand overall reached capacity with an additional focus and emphasis on digital marketing. It's essential for businesses to stay alive. A place that celebrates the diverse local expression of our bipoc owned businesses and active the central city. As an example it the directly now includes five hundred new entrepreneurs, ninety businesses participated in the market. A modified covid marketplace in town. Grants and technical assistance from prosper Portland will enable districts across the city to continue to connect job seekers as well as businesses to critical resources. \$750,000 in private investment as well as volunteer hours an engagement on priorities and recovery. Venture Portland is another Portland to provide vibrant corridors both through grants and technical training. The business districts will enable shop local campaigns leveraging eight thousand volunteer hours. The arp funds allocated to venture Portland will increase staff capacity for their c2 districts and establish their events team to provide technical assistance for business district events. Last but not least just two more on this slide. Our work force and essential part not only to stabilize life touch programs, community work force navigators to connect 800 clients for services an employment opportunities. The last portion of this is working with our community chambers. They have been instrumental to provide leadership and taking on roles serving on a recovery task force and action tables. Their work also involved the navigation of bipoc owned businesses to enable

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resources and provide access to information in a timely fashion. It will help to retain the chambers of staff recently brought on board to city and state level relief projects. Next slide, please. This slide focuses on our trade sector and business development as well as jobs. Inclusive growth occurs when businesses that create jobs are competitive and operate in an inclusive and equitable manner. Resulting in equity employment for those businesses. The trade sector team builds programming to help companies grow. The heart of the mission of this team. As we think about this coming year and response to the pandemic for 2021/22 the trade center development team will focus on these initiatives. Recruitment along with industry centered engagement. Add 200 new middle wage jobs and support structured labor pathways for leisure and hospitality industries. That last part is important because that industry has been impacted greatly through the pandemic. Those jobs may come back slowly. Part of our goal is to create pathways to move into new growing industries. Portland's progress will help employers respond to covid 19 with increased business to business purchasing and local businesses owned by people of color. The 5% cut will reduce the trade, capital, access and dei technical assistance and training. This impacts the recovery. Our e zone and the intent is to retool in terms of maximizing our revenue an continuing to create public benefits, opportunities while also ensuring that the program can remain whole to continue to support programming moving forward by removing disqualifications. The Portland film office. It's a unique and necessary role and will support an estimated seventy film event and work with reproductions for the small business supply chain. Stabilizing hardened industries. We've seen this show improvement in this last year. Films coming to our city and investing over \$150 million as well as overall filming throughout the city supporting hotels and businesses throughout the city. The last slide here just gives you an overview of our recreational cannabis fund. It also shows a pi chart that gives you a lay of the land of all of our source of funding. The largest portion of our dollars comes from the general fund. This program has been essential and will continue to support businesses that are both resilient and emerging in this industry. A small legal support. Help businesses who are currently navigating the pandemic dynamics and looking for opportunities to find support and struggling with numerous relief efforts. It will take years. It's necessary to provide businesses particularly bipoc businesses with resources that they need. If they can't make it through, how do they exit gracefully in terms of bankruptcy. This is a vital resource for businesses. Our small business digital divide. This goes without saying that we all provide opportunities for small business it

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make the necessary pivot it increase the ecommerce sale change and opportunity it connect and engage with customers. Thank you. I'll pass it over to Lisa.

Lisa Abuaf: Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. I'm Lisa I'm the director of investment and development with prosper Portland. Prosper Portland has a sizable amount of our budget which includes resources from 16 taxable that are funds through other resources. We have tentative tiff districts. Existing ass sets but won't produce new revenue. Six active districts shown in yellow which will increase between 2021 and 2025 in this budget year as well as our forecast years. Prosper Portland tif funds along with federal funds from the arp to support businesses, individuals, and neighborhood. In response to covid 19 and longer term stabilization particularly through our land development and investment opportunities. In fiscal year 2021 implementing revised construction equity accountability. Our new work force equity language requires contractors to report disaggregated data shared on our website. Contractors to have an anti-harassment and anti-racism program. We've increased the goal of our partnership projects to 22 percent and introduced a new construction equity fund and set aside a total hard construction costs. With regards to our work with community partners a requested allocation of 165,000 federal fun it support activations that will be put in place working with community based partners as well as local businesses with a focus on downtown and commercial corridors. We look to support small businesses and much of the work of Tory's team will provide an additional hundred businesses with immediate window repair and clean up. This is an extension of Kimberly's program and clean up. Lease deferrals impacted businesses provide an additional \$3 million in the next fiscal years to support small businesses as they look to recover from the pandemic. Partnership with the office of transportation as well as in north, northeast by offering up front tenant improvement support to our small business tenants. Next slide, please. A significant portion of our tif resources are committed to investing in longer term communities. In north northeast old town gateway and Lents. Our partners at bureau and planning and sustainability. This slide just gives you an example set of different projects that we are actively working onto support those action plans. In north northeast the Williams and rustle have received three development proposals with a response that they issued following a community led process. The working group partners are forming a new non-profit to steward a path ford with the land ownership anticipated to be held by the community. Following last year's council approvals of our Broadway corridor agreement. We're continuing to lead that to a 20 year development. Design work with parks and pbot to provide new connectivity and open space.

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While we continue development negotiations on various parcels that we own in those areas we are making community based activations both old town's district manager and industrial council with entrepreneurs and businesses. In gateway and Lents our fixed residential investments that in close partnership with the housing bureau. Affordable ground floor programming. With that I believe I'll hand it back to Kimberly and then tony.

Hardesty: Before we get too far more, I just want to say to tory, we're so sad to see you leaving the city and wish you well in your future. What a great job you've done as a public servant to the city of Portland. Wanted to not forget because I'm old and forget stuff. I wanted to stop here and ask to go back to the slide that showed the projects that prosper has in the mix at the moment. I just want to echo how the mayor started the presentation. Prosper has risen to the occasion when it come it covid and the economic devastation that our community has been experiencing. Kudos to each and every one of the staff that has dug in. Kimberly have you gone above and beyond and want to thank you for this radical new way of thinking and investing and supporting communities that are in crisis. That's how I want to start the conversation. I want to out of these six projects how many of these projects actually are funded? And what is the mechanism that will fund these projects? If they are not funded, what's the plan to fund them?

Brannam: Lisa why don't you take that one. I just want to say thank you, we really appreciate that.

Abuaf: So just to respond to commissioner Hardesty's question. Nick fish is affordable and in that space. The developer is moving forward with as part of the disposition of that property, the resources that we have available and committed is to support a plaza space. The rest of the development will be privately financed. They are moving forward with private financing and mixed income largely residential project. The central east side project the development team is working actively on the first phase, it's actually three blocks. The first phase, the property all the way to the north. Knowing that absorbing three blocks of development will take a while. They are actively working on block a. That will be 100% privately financed. Any resource that's prosper bring it bear is on the ground floor. Fourth and burn side is similarly -- it is in the predevelopment phase. As I mentioned we're looking this fiscal year our resources will go to income development blocks. We have resources allocated and a commitment to the goals of that action plan we have available for those projects. We haven't identified will go into any one project until we understand the financial stack of those projects. We'll clearly work with the community. Williams and rustle, they have developers lined up now and depending on the

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developer that the community selects, they have varying degrees of proposal for resources from prosper and the Portland housing bureau. We do have resources and expressed that any resources we put in need to align with the north, northeast action plan which is where we have resources available to invest. On the Broadway corridor we have resources pretty well described for infrastructure and community benefit agreement. It will go into parks or streets or the community benefit agreement that we developed with the healthy community's coalition.

Hardesty: Let me say that I know that these urban renewal areas, we had big visions about some of the things that we would do as far as development in the city of Portland. I think the beginning of those urban renewal districts and now the difference in the economic reality of many Portlanders. I'm wondering where there's opportunity to not just leave it to private developers but partnerships that benefit the community both short term and long term. I think we need each other in this economic devastating time that we're in. I'd be curious as to is this something that's going to be worthy of this moment in history that we're in or are we just going down a path that we've always gone down expecting different results?

Abuaf: I'm happy to start this answer and I'm sure Kimberly has thoughts she would like to share as well. We firmly believe that we're doing it differently. We're using opportunity to extract community benefits out of a project. We looked at the construction phase from land ownership. As I look at all six of these projects it's creating opportunities for individuals and businesses who haven't had access into the development market in different ways. As developer, land owner, as tenant of an affordable space that we have not looked at in the past and building an strengthening our development in construction that we have in the past.

Brannam: The only thing I would add before tony gets into financial sustainability. I do think that as we have a greater sense of how the market will shape up and what the future of retail looks like, the future of downtown, there will be some very creative opportunities. We want conversations with community and council around some of the tradeoffs because we have made commitments for certain projects. If we want to reevaluate those, we want to do that with you and with community and a little more intelligence about what we are going to see over the long term. I anticipate that's going to happen within the next six to twelve months.

Barnes: We discuss steps we're pursuing to maintain economic recovery and community resiliency. As Lisa noted prosper Portland has resources from six districts over the next five years. They have issued their final resources, in total the next five years prosper Portland resources and \$260 million in new resources. As illustrated in the graph here one of the new resources

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34 percent come from new tax proceeds, fees, and general fund and other public resources. 130 million resources are household. The tif is clearly within the five year forecast, capital investments as well as our operating budget. In 2016 we convened the financial sustainability committee charged with advising the business to begin the agencies position on two long term sustainable. Best practices across the country as well as to advise on the assumptions in the financial. Building on the process and feedback from city council, our board adopted a financial sustainability plan that you see here. Main drivers are listed as number one and two. Investment was a mixture designed to achieve priorities and objectives. The second is to secure additional funding following the completion of tif districts. Community development services to the community in the future. In preparation for the forecast reduction, prosper Portland began operating expenditures to personnel and administrative costs. This has included two reductions in force. With next years proposed budget we're at 87 staff positions we updated our financial products and updated our asset management approach for cost and strategic priorities on a portfolio. We still have a lot of work to do, the financial impact of covid came at a difficult time when we were first start to go see a chance for revenue growth. Real estate based income declined from the budget. Agency wide went from positive to negative due to deferrals of police payments, hotel revenue. Parking and insurance management. Finally we had anticipated would contribute \$4 million a year by 2025 and 2026. This has been reduced to zero for the next six years. Cumulative impact of covid is about \$20 million for the next fiscal year. We anticipate a rebound in activity, capital and operating budget. Some key lessons learned as well as a look ahead. Community processes impact not only project time lines but returns. Tradeoffs will be required in order to define a path forward. We need to address holding cost that's are increasing over time. Properties that are used for parks or right of way that we have struggled to transfer. Adjustment in our lending projects when we've seen significant upticks. With that I'll turn it back to close us out on next steps.

Brannam: Thanks so much, tony. This is our last slide. What it shows you at a very high level. In order to maintain an agency of approximately 70 staff and maintain most of our key business lines. We're in the process of updating our sustainability plan and different business models and highlight key tradeoffs for our board and council's consideration this fall. We anticipate discussing the implications an options for a small agency, pursuing a higher return on investments, and returning tif resources or other funds. Early retirement incentives, taking a conservative approach for filling vacant positions. Working hard to increase our lending volume

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and dispose of remnant properties. We're looking forward to digging into this conversation with you over the summer and fall. We're happy to take any questions you may have about the budget at this time. Thank you.

Hardesty: This is a key conversation that I wonder where the decisions are being made. You have a board of directors and we have a city of council. I ask this question every year. The board makes commitments that the city council has to fulfill. I think that we need to have a broader conversation because I know I've asked about this tif cliff since the day I showed up at city hall. I understand that it is complicated. There's not going to be an easy solution. But I just want to make sure that it is a transparent decision that we're making and we know when we make one decision, what the impact is on the next decision. For example, if we approve this budget today are we approving what's in it the mayor's proposed budget. I want to make sure that I'm not overpromising today something that my colleagues and I have not made decisions on yet.

Abuaf: Tony may be able to speak to specifics. You play a unique role as our budget advisee committee. Your approval is necessary. The conversation needs to be transparent. These are real tradeoffs and policy implications --

Wheeler: Before tony jumps in here. I just want to make it clear for the record, we're not voting today. This will be continued until May 19th. Go ahead.

Barnes: Thank you commissioner. The process from this point out is we will incorporate any decisions on fund that's are related to prosper Portland in approval of the city of Portland budget. Those scheduled for May 13th will be incorporated in the approval process when council will had meet as the budget committee approves the funding sources that are pertinent to the budget.

Hardesty: Thank you. That's very helpful.

Mapps: Just a process and time line question. At what point will this council or various groups come together to begin to evaluate options for the tif cliff?

Abuaf: I'm happy to speak to that in what's included in the budget notes that council is considering as part of the budget. There would be a work session this fall that would dig into the use of the returning text and commit finance resources. I would anticipate there would be conversations that would happen along the way. The budget note asked for a work session this fall.

Mapps: Thank you.

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Wheeler: All right. Very good. Not seeing any further questions at the moment we're going to also open up the opportunity for public testimony on the fiscal 21/22 budget.

Meara McLaughlin: Yes, hello. I had actually cancelled this spot. I assumed you would be overwhelmed with all kinds of testimony. I'm the executive director of music Portland. I want to make a statement of support in both the generous allocation in grants for our music program. Also to support the expansion of the film office at least at first in name to acknowledge the music industry as an analogous production art as well as a cultural asset the same way that film is. Encouraging support of those relatively small asks in this overall budget. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Glad you're here. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to say that music Portland, I really appreciated them reaching out and having a conversation about the excellent work they are doing to really highlight a really devastated industry where many people still don't have unemployment insurance. Ironically before covid we were planning to do a black music month celebration. Covid happened and life changed radically. I hope that we find money in this budget or in relief dollars that we'll be able to support artists and musicians from bipoc communities because I can tell you they're not feeling included and whatever the plans are today for to us reopen. It's one of the gems of Portland. It's one of the reasons I stayed in Portland was because of the music and artist scene. That is going to help rebuild our soul coming out of this pandemic. We have to create space for black artists, Hispanic artists and artists of color to own how they are go to go rebuild the community. I've been talking to commissioner Rubio for the artists that don't have the opportunity to be at city hall, saying please. I appreciate music Portland. I certainly appreciate the film office which is shown over and over again how much value they bring to the richness of Portland. We just have a lot of work; it's going to be really hard. As much as we can bring culture and music and joy as we rebuild, I hope we will continue to support and highlight these incredible people in our community. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Mapps: Real briefly, I want to whole heartedly concur with commissioner Hardesty. Music part land support the artists both culturally and economically. I encourage everyone to take a look at it. This is a real gem in the budget. Thanks to music Portland and prosper Portland. I look forward to some great arts events in the coming times.

Abuaf: We have two of the members of our community budget committee who are here. One of the cochairs.

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Johanna Brickman: Hello. I serve as deputy director. This is my second year serving as the cochair of the prosper Portland community budget committee. I thank you for the opportunity to provide brief testimony. As director said at the beginning of the presentation our team worked with the staff over the course of fall and winter months to become acquainted with the breadth of Portland's strategic works and plan. Scrutinize the budgets for the general fund and tif districts and submit our recommendations. As the mayor stated earlier this is an incredibly challenging budget process. It's reflected on both the community and the budget. I couldn't agree more about the commitment and contributions about the team given the essential role that prosper has played in recovery. Members of the budget community are grateful to the mayor to ensure our guidance is reflected.

Ashley Henry: Hi. I'm the executive director of business for a better Portland. A member of the community budget committee at pros Portland. I will say that this is my second year in a row of serving on the budget committee. I'm genuinely appreciative of the staff and how dedicated they are to transparency and to sharing information especially with those of us who don't have a background in government budgets. Giving us extra time to spend time on the phone, walking us through it, helping us understand, taking time to provide a bit of cultural translation. I just want to commend them for that and hold that up as a model for perhaps other city processes as well. I want to call special attention to a particular item and that is the funding for support of the minority chambers. If someone would be so kind as to give me the opportunity to share my screen for just one moment, I want today to share today my Facebook memory came up, two years ago today was the multi-cultural chamber mixer. It's one of the proudest moments in my professional life when business for a better Portland was invited to be a part of this event with the native American chamber and several other leaders such as the lgbtq chamber. The number of leaders of these organizations for so long lifting up the needs of they are organizations. I can assure you that the moment that covid hit, they were the first people I was in touch with because they were the most connected with the people in their community. The number of tables that we're expected to staff with organizations that have zero to three staff members is unbelievable. It's been a true labor of love. I was thrill today see that line item for these organizations because this is not just about one time, this is something that these organizations have been doing for decades. It's an important critical signal for the city to send that you respect the depths of their commitment to their community and acknowledge that their members play a critical role in our region's economy. Thank you very much for considering that input.

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Wheeler: Thank you so much for that and the great work you're doing in the community. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Kimberly does that conclude your invited testimony.

Brannam: That does. Yes.

Wheeler: I think we've heard everybody who wanted to testify through public testimony.

Clerk: Yes, mayor.

Wheeler: Colleagues anything else for the good of the order before we move this along. Last call, seeing none. This --

Ryan: Kimberly, thanks for being here. Great presentation. It's typical -- it was hard to concentrate because when you see revenue streams going down, -- I want to acknowledge that it was acknowledged by commissioner Hardesty how agile you were as an organization this year. That's appreciated and yet I can only imagine what it was like to shift to those emergency mechanisms and strategies and that probably took you off some of your other bigger picture. I want to hear a little bit more about the lived tension you've had this past year about being responsive to the emergency and your concern about the long term. Really easy question, I know. I wanted to get some dialogue going because there's something bigger here that I'm not seeing. Maybe hearing a couple of stories will have impact. I'll end with earlier it was discussed -- I think this is the public private partnership organization and how important that is. We have to leverage, leverage, leverage. Clearly that seems where the revenue could come. I wanted to take advantage of the community assets in the room right now to get under the hood right now on these topics.

Abuaf: Commissioner I'm smiling because I feel like you just encapsulated our entire year in thirty seconds. Really got to the heart of what has been really challenging about this year. I know we're not unique in this. This is something that the transportation bureau and many other bureaus are facing. We've known about the tif cliff. This just accelerated it. At the same time that we were seeing all the pain and challenges in the community and wanted to be responsive it was having real impact on our work. There's an emotional weight to that for staff and that each of us are holding. Because I think we believe really strongly that we do have an important role to play as this public private convener and that you want to have and a city should have an organization who wakes up every day thinking about how do you create inclusive economic opportunities and growth. I think as we unpack the different tradeoffs in the coming year, just even finding the time to actually be prepared to have these conversations with you so that it makes sense it can be a bit of a challenge right now. I appreciate any -- just of the graciousness of that question of

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empathy there. We are really going to try and Tony and Lisa and the team are working really hard to think about how we can tease out the decisions that we have in front of us. More to come there. Just I guess I just want to appreciate the insight in the question. I'm happy to just open it up if Lisa or Tony or the chair want to add something else.

Cruz: I would add very quickly. Thank you Commissioner Ryan and Kimberly for your great comments. I want to assure the commissioners and everyone else listening that the TIF cliff has been a high priority for our board for a long time. We were considering it way back six years ago when I started the board. As Kimberly noted, things have changed recently which has altered the course of some of our planning. That's where we are now. We're looking forward to more discussion. Thanks again for your consideration.

Ryan: I think it's important that you continue to have your private sector partners think through business model changes. Our friends in that sector have more experience with such conditions. In fact most people probably don't know what we're talking about. I don't want to be put on the spot to explain it. It's a big shift in business model. I want to call out how much I appreciate the investments I'm seeing here. The testimony last night that I appreciated the most was the ones that came from the food park infrastructure. It was just the sweetest testimony. You could experience people firsthand arriving in our country and in Portland and how much they were aided by the support. They really just want a little bit of support so they can take off. I have a follow-up question with that. The investments that I get most excited about is when we leverage the scenes so that entrepreneurs from the BIPOC community can truly be supported, to be launched. I think sometimes in government we do a good job of planting the seeds but maybe we have to help cultivate it to get to harvest. Is there a system in your organization that provides long term coaching and assistance so that we can have long term capital gains for communities that have been ignored systemically forever?

Campbell: Creating more opportunities for entrepreneurs to succeed in all stripes. The richest the city is not only to support and cause to thrive and what we can be noted for that increases more upward mobility.

Ryan: I hope we can keep making the case on the value. The mission is being delivered by Prosper Portland. I think that will help us when looking at the new business model perform of how we go forward. I wanted to call that out and get the dialogue going. Maybe understanding the work session for this fall. I did want to call out how lovely it was to hear the testimony last night. As well as the leveraging that takes place in the film office. I just wanted a better

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understanding of how we're building that capital improvement to help the communities we're trying to reach. Thanks.

Mapps: I want to acknowledge Ashley for her invited testimony today. I was moved by -- I think we had three different folks show up at last night's budget hearing to tell us about the important work that some of the groups are doing. I'm glad to see that in the budget. I have a question about the mpi's, I haven't heard much direct insight into what they have been doing lately. Your vision for them over the next year. Are any set to expire -- I know this is a tif cliff question. Any set to expire in the next year or two. I'd be interested in how responded to covid recovery.

Abuaf: The neighborhood prosperity districts have been instrumental in responding to of covid districts. Each has a different community and each has taken different responses. They have collectively been away to share information. They had a partnership with human solutions and allowed for the delivery of a number of meals. You had others that made sure the small business relief resources and others who actually directly invested those through block grants. They became a nexus of ways to access both Portland resources and county recourses. They've been the nucleus and access to digital resources for example. They have been very active. The next year is supporting them in their work. I would anticipate that each district might have a slightly different future. They are actively taught about having conversations. More to come there. This is front and center on our minds as we support the neighborhood prosperity districts. Many of them are going to reach their last date to issue in the next year or two.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. I want to thank commissioner Ryan. I always feel like I'm taking up a lot of space when I ask a lot of questions. I always ask a lot of questions. For me it's really important that we understand the choices that's we're making. And what we're going to build coming out of this pandemic. One thing some of my newer colleagues may not know is under the leadership what used to be Portland development commission has actually gained a really impressive reputation. When covid hit, there was an opportunity to really walk the talk about centering bipoc voices and needs. It was shown immediately by the first funding supporting api restaurants who had been the first devastated by innuendo and boomer. Traditionally development in public private partnerships didn't really benefit the public at all except for sidewalks and trees where big development took place. The community is not trusting another entity who says they'll be inclusive traditionally because if you look at outcomes across the city and state in the US. You'll find that we're woefully inadequate in getting the outcomes we want.

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I'm optimistic about the opportunity for true public private partnerships that are transparent and on paper that people can be held accountable to. Anybody that wants to develop in Portland should understand the values that Portland operate under. I don't want these big decisions made about what Portland looks like and who benefits over the next two, five, ten, twenty years to be done outside of the public eye. It's really important for me. I've known about the tif cliff. I don't want us to have a knee jerk reaction to be reliant on the general fund. We know that goes up and down. I appreciate the work session. I appreciate your chairs openness to do this in a public eye. I want to make sure we're not just talking about bipoc people but they are at the table helping us make these decisions about what we build coming out. I know that I trust the team that has been put together. I'm going to cry when tory leaves because he has risen to occasion every time. I have built a deep respect for the work that he does and Lisa does. It should not have taken us two years to get food carts back up and operational. We can appreciate today it's in the proposed budget. We need to examine why it took so long. This is the beginning of a great process. I look forward to us collectively engaging our wonderfully diverse community to build a more equity and fair city.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, commissioner. Anything else? All right. This meeting of the prosper Portland committee is continued to May 19th at 3: 30 p.m. Where we'll hear any further amendments. Thank you to everybody who took the time to testify today. I want to express today for my hopes in the future. You're off to a great opportunity we'll miss you tremendously. We appreciate everything you did for the city of Portland and know you're going to continue to do phenomenal things in the future. Thank you for that. Thank you to you and your board. You don't get paid very well for what you do. I know you think about challenging issues confronting and rapidly changing and dynamic situation at Portland. With that colleagues we are adjourned. Thank you, all.

At 3:53 p.m., Council adjourned.