



CITY OF  
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Minutes

**June 23, 2021**

**Date and time**

June 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

Council recessed at 1:26 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney

**Consent Agenda**

Item No. 487 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

**Date and time**

June 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Adrienne DelCotto, Deputy City Attorney

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

*Keelan McClymont*

By Keelan McClymont  
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue  
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, JUNE 23, 2021**

**Disposition:**

Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, and Ryan, 4. Mayor Wheeler left at 1:12 p.m. and Commissioner Hardesty presided, 3.

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

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

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

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**The deadline to sign up for the June 23, 2021 Council meetings was June 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**472** Request of Lorie McFarlane to address Council regarding a filters first program until chronic lead in drinking water levels is fixed (Communication)

**PLACED ON FILE**

**473** Request of Dee White to address Council regarding a filters first program until chronic lead in drinking water levels is fixed (Communication)

**PLACED ON FILE**

**474** Request of Pete Colt to address Council regarding Elk Grove model of both helping homeless and taxpayers at the same time (Communication)

**PLACED ON FILE**

475	Request of Nasheeka Lowe to address Council regarding addressing the homeless crisis (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
476	Request of Jake Dockter to address Council regarding the lack of clarity for the Portland Police Bureau oversight of gun violence Focused Intervention Team (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		
477	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Accept Public and Private Space Activations Update (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)	ACCEPTED
478	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Proclaim June 2021 to be Portland Pride Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan) 30 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
479	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:45 AM</b> – Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map for properties at 2636 NE Dekum Street, 6705 NE 27th Avenue, 6623 NE 27th Avenue, 6325 NE 27th Avenue and 6305 NE 27th Avenue at the request of the Concordia University Foundation (Second Reading Agenda 471; LU 20-204990 CP ZC) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190461
480	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:55 AM</b> – Accept report on Food Cartology 2021: Recovery in Central City (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Hardesty and Mapps) 30 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)	ACCEPTED
<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b>		
481	Reappoint Leslie Hamilton and Dan Zalkow to the Portland Adjustment Committee for terms to expire July 11, 2025 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan) (Y-4)	CONFIRMED
482	Reappoint members to the Portland Housing Advisory Commission (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan) (Y-4)	CONFIRMED
<b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>		

483	Appoint Michael Raley to the Noise Review Board for term to expire June 30, 2024 (Report) (Y-4)	<b>CONFIRMED</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>		
*484	Authorize a grant to Venture Portland to fund its work with the PDX Recovery + Events Activation Table to support community events that activate spaces across the City in amount not to exceed \$100,000 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps) (Y-4)	<b>190458</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Ryan Housing Bureau</b>		
*485	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Great Scott Trio located at 701 E Burnside St (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>190459</b>
*486	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Wheelhouse II located at 8124 SE 6th Ave (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>190460</b>
*487	Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Prosper Portland in support of the ongoing implementation of housing functions at the Housing Bureau and economic opportunity functions at Prosper Portland (Ordinance) Item 487 rescheduled to June 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)	<b>190466</b>
<b>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Bureau of Transportation</b>		
488	Amend Intergovernmental Agreement between TriMet and the City for the Division Transit Project for Design and Construction Services (Ordinance; Amend Contract No. 30006859)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 30, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
489	Appoint and reappoint voting members and ex-officio members to the Portland Utility Board (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps) 10 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)	<b>CONFIRMED</b>

<b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>		
<b>490</b>	<p>Proclaim June 26, 2021 to be Unity in the Community Day (Proclamation) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)</p>	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>		
<b>*491</b>	<p>Amend Charitable Campaign Code to modernize the campaign, maximize community impact, and elevate leadership and giving (Ordinance; replace Code Chapter 5.10) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<b>190464</b>
<b>*492</b>	<p>Pay settlement of Paula O'Neal's employment lawsuit in the sum of \$250,000 plus 80 hours of vacation accruals involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<b>190463</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Ryan</b>		
<b>Bureau of Development Services</b>		
<b>493</b>	<p>Temporarily modify or waive portions of City Code titles Original Art Murals, Signs and Related Regulations, and Planning and Zoning to assist businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs to adjust and continue operations during and through the COVID-19 pandemic (Second Reading Agenda 465; modify or waive portions of Titles 4, 32, and 33)</p> <p><b>Motion to amend directive j of the ordinance to change the expiration date for boarded up windows with murals and artwork from April 1, 2022 to be the end of the COVID-19 emergency declaration:</b> Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler; N-Hardesty)</p>	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 30, 2021 AT 9:30 AM AS AMENDED</b>
<b>Housing Bureau</b>		
<b>*494</b>	<p>Adopt and authorize the submission of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2021-22 Action Plan application for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Programs to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested</p> <p>Item 494 rescheduled to June 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)</p>	<b>190467</b>
<b>*495</b>	<p>Authorize 18 subrecipient contracts for the provision of services in support of providing affordable housing in the amount of \$5,141,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p> <p>Item 495 rescheduled to June 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (Y-4)</p>	<b>190468</b>
<b>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</b>		
<b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		

*496	<p>Authorize a waiver to Title 17 Underground Wiring Districts Code to allow for the placement of electrical conduit and lighting in the public right of way at Ankeny West (Ordinance; allow exception to Code Section 17.60.020)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	190462
<b>Office of Community and Civic Life</b>		
497	<p>Increase fee schedule for the Office of Community &amp; Civic Life Noise Program for noise variance applications in the amount of 5 percent as permitted by Title 18.14.020.B (Second Reading Agenda 467)</p> <p>(Y-3; Wheeler absent)</p>	190465
<b>Commissioner Mingus Mapps</b>		
<b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		
498	<p>Amend Sewer User Charges Code to support updates to system development charges (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 17.36)</p> <p>10 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 30, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
499	<p>Approve findings to authorize an exemption for a class of public improvement contracts from the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of Price Agreements for construction services (Second Reading Agenda 468)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JUNE 23, 2021</u></b></p> <p>Those present by videoconference were: Commissioner Hardesty, Presiding; Commissioners Mapps and Ryan, 3. Mayor Wheeler arrived at 3:00 p.m. and presided, 4.</p>		
500	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept the 2021 Annual Report for the Bull Run Treatment Projects (Report introduced by Commissioner Mapps) 1 hour requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan.</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	ACCEPTED
501	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM</b> – Accept Portland’s Housing Bond Oversight Committee 2020 Progress Report (Report introduced by Commissioner Ryan) 30 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty.</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	ACCEPTED

<p><b>502</b></p>	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM</b> – Amend the Zoning Map, Title 33 Planning and Zoning, and Title 32 Signs and Related Regulations to implement the Design Overlay Zone Amendments project to update the process and tools of the Design Overlay Zone and related code sections (Previous Agenda Item 447; amend Code Titles 32 and 33) 30 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to amend the Ordinance, Findings, and Recommended Draft of Volumes 1 and 2 as shown in the Amendment Package distributed on June 17, 2021:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 30, 2021 AT 10:30 AM TIME CERTAIN AS AMENDED</b></p>
<p><b>*503</b></p>	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 4:00 PM</b> – Accept a grant in the amount of \$439,950 from Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Research and Demonstration Grant for Portland Streetcar’s Healthy and Reliable Transit project (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Hardesty) 30 minutes requested for items 503-504 (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190469</b></p>
<p><b>*504</b></p>	<p>Amend contract with Portland Streetcar, Inc. to extend the agreement terms through June 30, 2023 and add \$1,982,133 in compensation (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Hardesty; Amend Contract No 30004833) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190470</b></p>
<p><b><u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, JUNE 24, 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETING</b></p>		

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

June 23, 2021            9:30 a.m.

**Wheeler:** This is the Wednesday, June 23, 2021 morning session of the Portland city council. Please read the roll.

**Clerk:** Good morning mayor and commissioners. (roll call).

**Wheeler:** Under Portland city code and state law, the city is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending via telephone and tele conference. The members of the public have many avenues to view the meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel, Ggov PDX, [www.Portlandoregon.gov/vidoe](http://www.Portlandoregon.gov/vidoe), and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to the council by e-mailing the council clerk at [cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov). The council is taking these steps as result of the covid 19 pandemic to limit physical contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic threatens the public's welfare, which requires us to meet remotely. Thank you for your patience as we manage these challenges circumstances to conduct the city's business. With that we will hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

**Naomi Sheffield:** To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The published 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 you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony, individuals usually have 3 minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you conclude. Disruptive conduct will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption will result in the person being placed on hold or ejected for the remainder of the meeting. All city council meetings are recorded.



**Wheeler:** All right. First up is council communications.

**Clerk:** Request of Lorie McFarlane to address council regarding a filter's first program until chronic lead in drinking water levels is fixed.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Lorie McFarlane:** Good morning. Can you hear me.

**Wheeler:** Yes, loud and clear.

**McFarlane:** President Biden recently said -- let me go back. I'm here representing Portland advocates for lead free drinking water. President Biden once said there are hundreds of Flints. Portland is certainly one of those. A cautionary tale because our families, pediatricians, in fact all of us, only hear we have safe drinking water. Perpetuated for decades by state and local water officials. The Portland water story is about keeping citizens in the dark. Communications staff drown us in information and omit the most critical facts we need to know. Advocates are censured and run around and dodge record requests. National experts are quietly ignored and even discredited when they try to engage here. In these ways PWB has been able to deflect their lead problem 100% to schools, homes, and businesses despite the many lead -- their water lead action exceedances. Portland water has had more than a dozen instances. That's a dozen ignored wake up calls. In 2019 the national resources defense council an advocacy group asked to meet with Portland because they were concerned with Portland lead levels. The PWB kept levels just under EPA's legal limit so the nrdc backed up. Three national experts called out Portland just last year during congressional testimonies. One of our nation's top engineers call the lead program, he called it Portland's broken lead and copper rule. We were about to hold town halls but 5 members of the Portland utility board abruptly resigned that year. It was down played by bureau leadership. Besides mayor Wheeler, who here knew any of this. We need all hands on this matter. Commissioner Mapps has already been misinformed on the failure to correct lead corrosion. In 1990 the water quality policy director wrote an industry paper titled, "Convincing the public that drinking water is safe". It remains the bureau's operating instructions. "They must be told what you have determined they ought to know". That has worked well for them as in 2021, when it was discovered that D.C. had 30 times worse water than flint. When lead was found at both Portland and Newark public schools numerous citizens learned treatment issues were -- this sounded off alarm bells on a low level parasite. We raise our children here assured that Portland water is pristine as the source water it comes from. False assurances reinforce unaccountability and inaction, why not develop, why not protect developing brains now with city wide water filters just like Denver. President Biden respects the truth because officials here have worked strategically and effectively since 1990. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I was trying to figure out how much time over this speaker was.

**Clerk:** I'm sorry. Our timer is not working this morning. She went about a minute over. I'm using a timer.

**Wheeler:** 473, next individual, please.

**Clerk:** Request of Dee White to address council regarding a filter first program until drinking water levels are fixed.

**Hardesty:** Can we remove the power point.

**Clerk:** The communications requested that it be up during the first two.

**Dee White:** Can you hear me. Great. My name is Dee White. After the Flint lead crisis in 2014 and New Jersey crisis, Portland is allowing a neuro toxin into our water. Even after a 20 million dollar five year temporary plant is built and not 2022, the water bureau stating no promises or guarantees will only be hoping for an improvement for the drinking water's dangerous high lead levels. At very low levels lead is a neuro toxin that is very dangerous to expecting mothers and children's developing brains. Ground breaking research at OHSU found a link between lead exposure and ADHD. The tallest bar on this bar chart is Portland. Clearly after looking at this chart of north west cities any member of the public would question the high levels. Why aren't you all doing the same. The unilateral power you all have been given should be first and foremost to protect us and our families. Portland's lead levels would be significantly better if the water bureau was following federal law as opposed to their own plan, which was approved 24 years ago despite serious concerns from the epa. After the flint crisis exploded, the EPA ordered the water bureau to immediately reduce lead levels, but five years later as you can see on this bar chart, nothing has changed. Portland water bureau continues to blame customer plumbing, which only highlights that they really don't care about fixing their lead levels anytime soon. Our babies and children cannot wait another day. I implore Portland to adopt a water filter program for expert ant mothers and families with children under the age of sever. Until a compliance goal is reached as quickly as possible as the federal law requires.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Next individual, item 474.

**Clerk:** Request of Pete Colt to address council regarding helping homeless and tax payers at the same time.

**Pete Colt:** : Hi, there. Can you hear me.

**Wheeler:** You sound great.

**Colt:** First of all, about what we just heard. From the bottom of my heart. Thank you. You had the courage to follow your convictions. When I hear my fellow citizens like, you don't care. I have

to disagree because the reason you're there is that you do care. This is my first hearing about the water. I'm sure you'll all do something about it. Just like you do something being the air, equity, and the problems our city is having. Thank you each and every one of you commissioners. I want to say to you all in the city of elk grove, CA, a pilot program started to help the homeless. I live in north west Portland where we have the highest concentration of people of color and people, and people who don't speak English as a first language and a high concentration of low income people and homeless people on the streets. I run out all the time to give them pudding.

Sometimes they are so psychotic that they can't click out of their paranoia for even a second to have something to eat. One of the cops down there said, she was think being the problem. Let's build a system to build a better relationship between the cops and homeless people. What they do in elk grove California is distribute trash bags to meet the number one complaint. They go out every two weeks to pick up the trash bags. Each bag is eligible for 20-dollar gift cards eligible for anything except cigarettes and alcohol for grocery stores. When they track the cards, people are buying food and hygiene products. I think we should adopt something similar here. Thank you so much you guys.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. You are spot on about working with the homeless to make it easier for them to make their own sights clear. That does in fact reduce much of the public resistance. People are expressing, we are in fact working on that in our budget to make it so.

**Colt:** Elk Grove said they save so much money doing this rather than have crews go out and clean this up.

**Wheeler:** Yep.

**Colt:** Thanks you guys. Have a good day.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, you too. I finally hit the right button. Next individual, please. 475.

**Clerk:** Request of Nakeesha Lowe to address Council regarding addressing the homeless crisis.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Nakeesha Lowe :** Good morning, council. You can hear me.

**Wheeler:** You sound great.

**Lowe:** Amen. Okay. Can you see this? It's a plan for the homeless. I was homeless in a bigger city than here. Now our homeless crisis got to that critical stage, they don't have homeless in Miami. The way they do it is they have green shirts. These people go around in city cars and they look for tents, anything that looks like homeless and they go and these people are actually rehabilitated, recovering addicts. They've been recovered for a long time. They go around the city and wear green shirts and khaki pants. They go to certain sites the homeless know where to find them. If they want to come out of homelessness, they go to certain sites everyday but drive

around the whole city. Immediately, you have to have an ID. You have an ID they take you into the shelter. Immediately they test you for any sort of drugs, alcohol, if you test for anything above marijuana and alcohol, you have to go to AA meetings while you stay at the shelter. If you test for anything above marijuana and alcohol, you have to go into recovery. They take you immediately to recovery. They put you in treatment. You go into treatment for a couple of years. They go into housing and become these green shirts. They go out into the city and collect the homeless. They are the ones who know what they've been through and how to talk to them. And how to go and convince them to go to recovery or a shelter. There's a super shelter that tests you immediately for drugs or alcohol. There's a clinic on site and also a chapel. That's what I was trying to show you on my design so you would see what I was saying. Thank you for your time, council.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. If you can get that design to our council clerk, we'll be happy to give that to all of us and take a look at it.

**Wheeler:** Keelan the last individual 476, please.

**Clerk:** Request of Jake Docktor to address Council regarding the lack of clarity for the Portland police bureau oversight intervention team.

**Jake Docktor:** Can you all hear me? Perfect. Thank you. I wanted to take a couple of minutes to address the topic which is that the fit team, or the focused intervention team was voted for by this council. I know that commissioner Hardesty put in a lot of work with the lip sick organization commission and has been a committed person for oversight for years. But has stepped away from the focused intervention team due to transparency not happening. There's a lot of other reasons as well. I don't want to reduce your thinking, Commissioner Hardesty, but hasn't been participating. It means there's lots of other folks who are participating. But there's not oversight. I've reached out to mayor Wheeler's office multiple times without getting specific response or information. I've gotten misinformation from his office, lack of clarity, former staffer Robert King provided specific misinformation to me about some specific things. There's not a lot of clarity about what's happening. I ask that the rest of the commissioners say, we need to know. We allotted 'specific amount of money for. This is something that the community is asked for but not being provided clear information about what is going on and who is involved and if there's any conflict of interest. For example, members of the pset organization committee that was building the truth and reconciliation commission, also a part of the oversight group have to sign nda's. So I'm confused about how someone is building truth and reconciliation work while also signing ndas about information that they have about the Portland police bureau. We also know that police aren't signing up to work on this team, so it seems like we could be spending this money

elsewhere. With the little time I have left, I want to use the words of the civil rights icon Ella Baker, who said, "Those of us who are not yet ready for the burning will go to our city hall, governor's, federal government, question why so much artillery is being bought, stacked and stocked for fighting against people who are a part of the repressive system". The voice of those who believe that life is more sacred than property, they must be heard now if at no other time. Today, specifically about this oversight board. We have a mayor and police force that declared loudly that property is their top priority. I don't speak to those advocates now because we've been lied to countless times. The other commissioners, this is your time to decide if you're going to do the work. There's already amazing necessary work being done in this community. Commissioner Hardesty is attempting to do that with oversight with the work that is being stymied. There are so many things that you can choose to be a part of. Is your legacy going to be supporting the business interests or is it going to be --.

**Clerk:** Your time is up.

**Wheeler:** Let me go ahead and respond. Thank you for your testimony. Thank you for your editorials. Thank you for your many many e-mails. I have tried to respond to many of them. I have met with you in your own backyard. I've made the effort to communicate with you. With regard to the focused intervention team. It's critically important to me because you just gave a quote from civil rights leader saying property is not as important as people. I agree. I've said the number one public safety priority to our community is the gun violence taking the lives of a record of number of people in our city. The focused intervention team is an effort to intervene and stop gun violence. I heard loudly and clearly from people who said we not only want the police bureau to have the personnel, tools, and training, to address this problem, I've heard the community say they also want that unit to be accountable and transparent to the public. Thus the community oversight board. In terms of why you haven't heard anything about the deployment of the fit it's because it hasn't been deployed yet. We're in the process of establishing the oversight mechanism from the perspective of the community. We're still in the process of staffing it. It's not being staffed as quickly that we like. There's a number of people asking questions about what it will look like. I want to you know that we are moving forward on it and it's a change in terms of the way we do things. Naturally there will be some push back to that. Change making always leads to some degree of push back. I'm determined to move forward. There's nothing by way of data to report to the public because the fit team has not yet been deployed. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I just wanted to correct something that Jake said. The Portland community engaged policing committee is not tasked with putting together the truth and reconciliation process, they

are developing a process whereby they are going to make recommendations about how to engage the broader community. My office will be working with the community to develop the rfp after the new fiscal year starts. I'm looking forward to a very thoughtful community engaged process that helps us get our needs met in a way that is thoughtful, intentional, and gives us the best chance for success. I don't want people thinking they will be facilitating a truth and reconciliation process, because they have not been tasked with that.

**Wheeler:** Thank you Commissioner Hardesty. Keelan, have any items been removed from the consent agenda.

**Clerk:** Yes, item 487.

**Wheeler:** Item 487 has been pulled from the consent agenda. Keelan, please call the role.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you. Mayor you always throw me off when you do that. It's alright, I just wanted to thank some people in the consent agenda and I can't find my notes. The fact is we have amazing volunteers that are resigning up for time with the housing bureau and I wanted to acknowledge that. It's amazing we have so many volunteers in our community that continue to sign up. So aye.

**Clerk:** [roll called].

**Wheeler:** Aye the consent agenda is adopted. Commissioner Ryan if you find that list between now and the end of the session we will definitely make time for that. Colleagues, just by way, I will always be doing the Consent agenda immediately after Communications, but prior to time certians. Item 477, first time certain.

**Clerk:** Accept public and private space activations update.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this report is a multi-bureau collaboration to activate more public and private spaces and peruse a more comprehensive program. To make a greater amount of the city's realm more accessible, safe, and inclusive to inspire small businesses and communities to come together for play, socializing, physical activity, and commerce. We are joined today by Lisa of Prosper Portland and Art of Portland Bureau of Transportation.

**Art Pearce:** Good morning. So pleased to be here. My name is Art Pearce I'm with PBOT. Very excited to present to you today with Prosper. Is everyone able to see that.

**Wheeler:** Looks great.

**Art Pierce:** I'm happy to give an update on the work we're doing together with prosper. To look at creating streets as inclusive public space as direct response to business relief and looking more broadly, returning back from 15 months in isolation. Over the last year one of the most critical sectors that was hit very hard was the retail sector. With many businesses being forced to

shut down or forced to change their business model pbot was able to respond with a critical resource. That is space. Space free of charge for 2020 and allowing businesses and we heard time and time again that this was the critical change that allowed them to stay open and keep their employees employed and businesses rolling throughout the pandemic. Overall pbot issued over a thousand healthy business permits. 180 or so pick up drop off areas and 50 side street plazas, larger plaza's themselves. It's a great report. Hearing from the business owners and the broader community that this was a critical moment in this very hard year we've endured together. It raises a broader question more generally about our streets. It starts to raise the question about instead of a street that looked like this, we were envisioning some streets to be streets for community. We were looking at some potential streets as being streets for play where there's not good adjacent parking infrastructure nearby. Or streets for family where you can bring your children, connect with other families and feel connected with your community. I think of critical importance, also, is how can we reframe understanding of who our streets are accessible for and how to feel welcome here. Celebrating all Portlanders and being welcome to the streets. Pbot launched a pilot plaza program. Trying to go create broader spaces as well as community space to occur. A recent installation just went into place. The precedent for this last fall was to create the dream street plaza which was adjacent to mlk. It was so successful because of the tenants who were intentionally brought in to occupy those spaces. We were able to create five weekend events with 20 bipoc vendors and creating a black centered space in adjacent with other businesses and business association and community groups. Here is an image of that street when it was just a healthy business permit in terms of old town pizza. This is an image of that same space activated and converted bringing in additional commerce activities and events. How much more lively we were able to make that space. We've heard of people coming to this space just to do their work. Key take-aways for the dream street plaza. -- key take-aways is this is beyond a permitting activity. This is something that needs to be done intentionally through partnerships. A lot needs to attend to maintenance for these spaces that they are not becoming attractive nuisances or unusable spaces. The locations next to these key frontages. The healthy business [applause.] Awe spaces -- we've closed off traffic. There's some traffic barriers. Enhance to create additional street painting. Way finding so people know these spaces are there. Welcoming signage and public seating. Grants and community groups for events that help everyone to be welcome. As we're looking ahead through the next round of business relief and onto recovery. Think about public space, creation and activation to think of a corner stone of recovery and community. It's important to recognize how hard the isolation of the last year has been. We are seeing pretty remarkable trends in terms of the share a dulls experiencing anxiety

and depression. To be near other people and be connecting with their community is a critical part of our recovery as a city. What makes it a complete neighborhood. We can see that a lot of inner Portland is complete. We don't have these adequate spaces. This starts to become an urban form for Portland throughout the city that are producing spaces for economic activity as well as community activity. This also predeuces an opportunity to think about these street spaces as economic gardens for commercial activity where we can create space for micro-enterprise, community based organizations for events, and integrating art to make sure we are integrating design elements for bipoc Portlanders. A great example has been the partnership with bipoc people's market. This has brought a realization to me and our commissioner and other staff. We need many living rooms. A number of intentionally curated spaces that provide gathering community events. There's a potential that we have enough street space to spare to convert to these uses. There's a hard cultural evolution we're continuing to go through as a city in terms of reframing our streets. Is it just for mobility or can it be for space. Who has jurisdiction over these spaces. There's a lot of different stake holders. The broader of the uses are the street and -- who is best suited to do this work. Partnering with business and community organizations about what can they bring to these spaces and how can adjacent property owners be supported and surrounding community -- most critical also is the programming of the space. These cannot become spaces that feel exclusive for those that have money. These are for those without a commercial activity to enjoy. We don't currently have the funding for the n going maintenance. Converting park to go public spaces and adequate houseless services to make sure we're making these spaces successful and vibrant. We're compensating with this first round spot this fall. Vibrant and public spaces. Activation grants through the events action table. We'll be looking to develop pilot number two to see if we can expand this to potential multi block spaces that respond to our commissioner's vision for taking this to the next level an planning to keep coming back and returning to council after having deeper conversation with business partners and community groups about the best way to form shared agreements to make these spaces successful. I'm going to go pass it onto my colleague Lisa to take it to the next step about how prosper has been involved in this process.

**Lisa Abuaf:** Good morning. My name is Lisa. I'm the director of prosper Portland. We want to share a little bit about near term activation. Pbot and shared organization implementation. Reliefs efforts that bring people back together -- the efforts have had to adapt top the path over the pandemic starting early on with providing ppe all the way to today. Commercial corridors in our communities and supporting local businesses. We're excited to share with you an amazing calendar of events coming up this summer to engage you to market and promote those events



and to invite you to attend many of those events. Our relief, early on we brought on board project manager Michelle who joined us today. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Michelle. It's been her time, energy, passion, knowledge that brought success to many of the events and activations that I'll talk about this morning. She is focused on connecting our business development programs through activation, social media campaigns, and pop up markets. One of our lessons learned it's critically important to have a program manager. Navigating across city bureaus. It takes both sides as well as working within city. Early on this work ruled in key nesh actives. We lost our shop welcome website. A particular focus on bipoc owned businesses. We did partnerships with folks like bike town to encourage residents to explore using bike and other means of transportation. We worked with alternate means association for a sequence of event that is lobbied on Davis and fourth avenue. He works closely with vendors and adjacent businesses for hosting holiday market. We also hosted my people's market in 2020 in old town at the property at north west fifth it featured over a hundred bipoc. It indicates the nature. We were able to bring foot traffic to new small businesses that were tenanting with the ground hill had. Online access and my people's market bipoc owned businesses. In addition to having a focused project manager that can help support small businesses and community partners and navigate the city, coordination is a really heavy lift in getting this work done. As highlighted earlier in the presentation. Implementation takes a village and requires coordination from making the improvements to programming, to thinking about all the work that needs to be done to partner with small businesses. One of the biggest gaps is in fact income identifying and supporting our community based partners to work closely with adjacent business owners and property owners as well as city bureaus. As we look forward to this summer and the ongoing need for pandemic relief, the summer events started in February. That's the length and coordination it actually takes to stand up to these activations. Art connected with one another; it was going to take somebody navigating across city bureaus. Bringing together bawr ohs to think in a similar way in a way we're using and providing public space. The last thing I would mention as we thought about this programming is a shared coordinated focus for community and economic development as a central focus. It's really the critical way that we come at this work. Supporting communities and community development and really important to centralize small businesses as we think about programming and stewardship as we good forward. We're excited to share in terms of our city wide activations work that the bureaus and communities have come together to bring together residents' businesses, there's a pretty incredible schedule for this summer. Together with the action table efforts to clean up the city that's really an important component of supporting these activations to program the space. That's a big lift to bring our community partners back together

and making sure our coordination is successful. There's 11 full blocks that have been painted at the location art mentions. Into phase two we're planning interventions St. John's and central city that the council offices have been deeply involved with. A good example to highlight the park rose prosperity initiative. The a manically pop up market giving support and advisability to schools and small businesses. Connections with neighbors and shopper as like. We encourage you to visit one of these plaza's where community is visible at all times. They are treating please plazas as their own to rearranging the street furniture and leaving roses on picnic table nz banks for the tun to engage in their community and space differently. Looking at another 30 side street plazas will be implead and work withing pbot's 200 individual parking spaces to be painted as plazas. We're go to go spend some time talking about how we approached our work. We're using businesses this reflect the characters and highlight adjacent foods and cultures. Prioritizing bipoc owned businesses and client and audience base. Our interim uses are really about providing communities with places to come together to catch up in a pandemic safe way and supporting small businesses. Acknowledging the importance of socialization as a health benefit in a context of the pandemic and coming out of the pandemic. Connecting safely and being inspired all in the context of public health require ms. A focus on black indigenous and people of color to dom the central city or be and use and access spaces that center their experience and vision and vision to make sure it's seen by the broader community as well. The city has contributed materials such as paint it's excite to go see how the community has interacted with these spaces. Being a manager to just being a programming or support alley. To really just actively promoting these economics on behalf of community partners in a lead role. As we look towards the summary you'll note from this slide that the steer is massive. This comprises a number of partners as we look forward to coming back together. We would love council's support as well as community support in terms of promoting, attending these events and small businesses who are focused on attending this work. We hope to see you there this summer. We're go to go give a little more about individual events at individual plaza so you get a sense of what is happening at each of these locations. Along the green loop involvement can be minimal in terms of cost. Particular locations where we'll be undertaking street painting. When creating these kinds of spaces particularly for communities of color. We're working with artists of color at every step along the way. We worked closely with two bipoc artists to design tem plants for the design murals you'll see go in along the green loop. They're available be other hosts. Toll beautify space and support our bipoc artists. The plaza at the east side of the bridge. Michelle successfully brought together a partnership with the opera. This is a location where prosper Portland has a much higher role relative to just general support. The plaza is dedicated --

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry. This is a great presentation but I'm also mindful that this is the first item on what will be a very long council day. I know the estimate here was 30 minutes. Are you close to conclusion of this report?

**Abuaf:** I'll run through these very quickly and give Amanda a moment to speak about people's market. We've worked closely with mosaic. We encourage you to attend. Working with my people's market. My people's market will be down on the north west market. With that I'll hand it off to Amanda to give a little background on my people's market.

**Amanda Park:** The theme for the market is in it together. Making way for celebration. Honoring all that was lost and born during the pan dem he can. To keep the space active we have a healthy business permit to encourage foot traffic. Free doughnuts. That's not all, of course, my people's market seven in the north park will actually be our largest market yet. The location was a natural fit for the market a lot of the heavy lifting has been taken care of through the plaza project. They are excited to be programming around several surrounding small businesses. Women of color. Craft cocktail bar. Owner of everybody eats pdx. They opened their first brick and mortar. We know how much this event means to our communities. We have fun surprises in store for our market goers. Follow us on Instagram where we announce all the market vendors and our performers including our first ever headlining performer. See the detailed calendar listing. We're pressed for time. We're happy to answer my questions.

**Wheeler:** That is outstanding. If you've never been to one of these, I encourage you to go. They are amazing events. Any questions, if not, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

**Hardesty:** So moved, mayor.

**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Ryan:** It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work collaboratively for the public good. Thank you for the report. I was particularly taken with the street painting designs and the amount of partnerships that have evolved from outdoor venters to brick and mortar. I'm excited about the crossing. Thank you for such an uplifting report. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I also want to thank pbot and prosper Portland. I have to say, it's wonderful when you can go anywhere in a city and talk about the small business activation efforts that we've been involved in since covid. And to an organization people just rave that the barriers that were removed to stay in business. I tend to spend too much money and have regret later. I have a great time participating in it. It's remarkable especially with pbot. When I was assigned pbot in

my portfolio, who knew covid would give us an opportunity to test this out in a way that really engage grass roots community based organizations as welling as small businesses, artists and place makers. This is really exciting. I can't wait for every single corner of this city to have its own activated space where it is car free. People can access it by walking or biking or being on a scooter or being on the street in their own neighborhood. What an incredible we have to rethink how we use public spaces in a way that benefits, surprise. The public. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** I think this is a really exciting project. That's why I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** This is absolutely what the city needs. Great timing. Terrific innovation. Well done. I vote aye. The report is accepted. Next item time certain proclamation.

**Clerk:** Proclaim June 2021 to be Portland pride month.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I would like to turn this over to the first lgbtq plus for human rights. Our esteemed community panel for this special event.

**Lex Jakusovszky:** Good morning mayor wheeler. My pronouns are they, them. I join you as the city of Portland's first lgbtqa policy analyst. Chief of staff for multiple equity focused state legislators. It's an honor to serve in this role and provide critical folk users on issues facing Portlanders both within and ow side of the wall. I'd like to thank the generations of queer activists that came perfect me including some of those on call today for paving the way for a position like this to exist in city government. I'll be meeting with lgbtqia top prioritize the work plan. I look forward to working with all of you to move the needle on these matters. Portland is usually hail as a queer bastion. The creation of my position speaks to the ways that Portland is striving to go do right by the lgbtqya plus communities. The lengths that Portland still need it go to support all individuals, particularly black Portlanders, people who identify people of clr and those in or commune i. Too many outreach employees, too many industrial site regulatory employees who are forced to hide parts of their idea. Choose between two ill-fitting -- I take all these issues as a charge for my work ahead. I'm looking forward to work withing all of you over the coming years. I truly can't wait to hear you your ideas for collaboration as well. I'm proud to facilitate Portland pride community and highlighting the never look away mural project. I would like to introduce Debra executive producer of pride north west.

**Debra Porta:** : Thank you. My name is Debra. My pronouns are she/her. I'm the partnerships. Our mural is proud, political, an act of resistance here to normalize the resistance of queer story. The educational resources that will accompany it will spread a message of empowerment and inclusion. A landmark born fl the hearts and struggle who have been maligned and erased.

Really quickly this is the current rendering of the mural. As with any large project there may be minor adjustments happening as we go along. Can we go to the next slide? Throughout this process, we've sought two things. A high visibility location for our mural where we wanted to create and foster LGBTQ community. We are the makers and creators of our own stories. Each of the people has left and is leaving an indelible mark on our community. Challenging systems to get them and us to second and thirty class fellowship. We envision all of our community old and young a light to understand that every queer person just as courageous an impactful as everybody else up on that wall.

**Jakusovszky:** Thank you. Next I'd like to welcome Kathleen. I think you might still be on mute.

**Kathleen Saadat:** Good morning. Thank you Mayor Wheeler and members of city council. I thank you for this proclamation for supporting our struggle for civil and human rights for the LGBTQIA people. I'm honored to speak with you this morning and be a face on the new mural that's coming. In full disclosure, I am in the a doctor. I think it's really important that we have the city proclaim that we are an integral part of our city and therefore do the respect of other residents. One of -- we must appreciate our past, what it took to get here and how far we must go. When I was younger the threat of losing family and friends because I'm a lesbian silenced me. It kept anger rolling inside of me. Later in life I was able to publicly claim my sexual orientation. With that I experienced feelings of liberation for myself and other people nsm 'heightened sense of self kef ohm. The celebration of pride -- it's porn that our city government takes a position that reminds the city of Portland of the humanity of our queer community and their own humanity and encourage all to act in accordance with our common humanity. As a member of several marginalized groups. Being lesbian, black, old, and now disabled. We have representatives of every marginalized groups. We have members of greater privilege and opportunity. Now is the time within our ranks to build a strong coalition. That will advocate for the rights of all in our community. Let's bring the rights and responsibility of being acknowledged in the life of our city and our country. In the 1992 march for love and justice, we sand keep on walking forward, keep on walking forward, never turning back. It's a good thing to remember. Never turning back. Keep this in mind along with the reality that black lives matter and water is life. Thank you.

**Jakusovszky:** Thank you. Thank you very much. Next I'd like to introduce Rupert Kinnard.

**Rupert Kinnard:** Thank you Mayor and commissioners. I want to echo so much of what Kathleen has shared with us this morning. I tend to also take a more personal approach to being recognized in this way that I am. Being recognized -- it takes me back to when I first arrived in Portland and having graduated from Cornell college. A arriving in Portland for the first time fresh

from a college campus where I've been active in the black student union and -- in Portland in 1979 open to wanting to be a part of the African American community and the queer community. I was very very fortunate. I'm proud to have worked with the store front theater. Cascade aids, brother to brother and the national organization for women. It was very important for me to in a way steer one of my passions which is art through a graphic design business I really wanted to work with a number of these organizations just to give them a more powerful presence in our community. In the end, I end up with all of this recognition of recently as I've grown older. I think I've been touted as a community leader, somebody who has been influential -- [indiscernible]. I kept feeling that there were other people who deserved more recognition than I did. The moment people started emphasizing that what I had been recognized for was a log of community. I took everything in. I knew I could do right by my community. My honor in being used as a part of this mural and being recognized as someone who not so much what I consider myself a community leader but someone who looks community, I promote community. I wallow in the idea of community. I'm proud to be a part of that mural. Thank you for that recognition. I truly appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

**Jakusovszky:** Thank you so much for those comments. I'm honored to be in the presence of all three of you. That does conclude our presentation. Thank you for your time today in listen to go just a few of the ways we're celebrating our queer community this year. We know the past year has been incredibly difficult for queer Portlanders, especially black Portlanders, indigenous Portlanders. And those that identify as people of color. We welcome any questions, comments or reflections that you may have.

**Wheeler:** I'll be last and turn it back over to you.

**Mapps:** Colleagues, I'm delighted to join with you in this being Portland pride month. The stone wall wry notes were a spontaneous uprising by members of the gay community in response to a police officer of the stone wall in. A gay bar. At the time it was common practice for police departments to raid gay bars with the intent of harassing and shaming their customers. On that night, the patrons fought back and sparked a civil rights revolution. New York city hosted its first gay pride parade. It was intended to commemorate the stonewall riots. In 1971 gay pride parades were held in London. -- that march was remembered this way. We were marching along and doing chance. We were marching along people who were gay and lesbian but too scared to identify that way. On this day, it is important to recognize the incredible civil rights victories by the community. The city of Portland issued its first proclamation for gay pride day. City employees cannot be fired solely because they were gay or lesbian. Banned discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation. The city of

Portland extended health benefits to gay employees. And in 2008 our friend and colleague Sam Adams was elected mayor of Portland who made him the first openly gay mayor. I have the pleasure of serving on this council with Dan Ryan. We're nearly fifty years removed from the first pride events. Much progress has been made but much work is left to be done. Violence against members of the community continues to run rampant. Housing discrimination against the community are still common. Today, too often, our health care system fails our LGBTQIA neighbors. There are more battle as heads. I want to take this moment to urge all Portlanders to celebrate pride month. Seize this moment and do your part to further the cause of LGBTQIA rights here in the city of roses. Thank you.

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

**Hardesty:** Thank you mayor. Thank you so much for being here today. When we started this program today, it reminded me of my arrival, January first 1990 in a city who I was promised was a inclusive city welcoming of all and would just be a fabulously wonderfully equitable place to live. There were efforts to demonize and terrorize our community member who's were either LGBTQIA plus. I was floored by the fact that people were being just in your face discriminated against because of who they were. More importantly because of who have they loved. You know, Portland is Portland. I remember jumping in feet first to organize efforts and stand up fence that hate. I was very very fortunate with Kathleen who was already a trail blazer for LGBTQIA individuals. What this proclamation reminds me of is just how transactional human rights are in the united states of America. What it reminds us of is anything depends on the next election that contains rhetoric that people contend. Who would know that in just under four years -- if we learned anything is just how fleeing human rights are are. We are all entitled to them. There are lots of people and events to prevent us from seeing each other as humans and worthy of love and respect and dignity. I'm proud to serve on this council. As you know it's of the most diversity city council in the history of Portland city council. I applaud all you heroes who showed up to speak your truth today. I feel privileged to know each and every one of you on a personal level and know that the honor's being bestowed upon you are so well earned and so so -- I'm so happy to support these honors. And this appreciation from the bottom of my heart. You all are trail blazers in your own right. I can't wait to good down and celebrate that new mural. Thank you all for being here.

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

**Ryan:** Thank you for organizing this amazing platform today. The platform was amazing. Thank you for your leadership and resilience for managing pride north west, especially the last couple years. You've shown so much flexible. Thank you -- I met you in the same minute of my life.

Commissioner Hardesty we were probably dancing at the same party. We just don't know it. This is a special morning. It's because of all of you that are here. I decided I don't have my prepared remarks. I'm going to tell some stories about my experience of what it was like to be gradually coming out. There's layers to coming out. Each city I lived in was a different decade. In the late eighties, I move today New York basically because I couldn't get a job in Portland. I came from a broken home and no job. My first pride, I got together with some friends. They were all the queers lived in New York city. We were tripled up in studio apartments. How affirming it felt. I was giddy. I ran into an authority figure. I was excited to see this person. They seemed excited today see me. The next day at work I thought it was my turn to proclaim how excited I was. He basically told me to button up and not talk about this at work. It went from a moment of pride to a moment of shame. I was on a couple stations that night. The next day, I went to work. I was feeling all this joy and pride. More of an activist part of my life. I was out then. I heard through the executive assistant that the big boss was not pleased that I was seen all over the news and board members were concerned. Again, I went from this pride to this shame. Within 24 hours. Shortly thereafter I got a wonderful job that was very welcoming. My point is for those of us my age, that wasn't that long ago. When I came back home to Portland. I was told I was going to die. I had good time withing the new medicines coming out for hiv. I felt like we were never got to go get equality with marriage unless we started to be out in places such as schools and churches. The story I want to tell about that, I was a member and became a member. It's a church that came together with traditionally African American church and Caucasian church, they became one. Through that process, they decided they would be open and affirming. Little did I know that the person I sat next to was someone who was having a hard time with all of these changes. She just became my friend. A couple years later. The march was the next day, she called me up and said, we shouldn't take two cars. Pick me up in the morning and make sure you bring a change in clothes. I said, I'm going to bring one. She said no. You're going to dress right for church and dress right for the party. I'll never forget that parade. It went all through downtown Portland. It was not as short and focused as it is today. She was in her mid-eighties. Watching people react to her and I together was a beautiful experience. When you said keep walking forward, I think of Mrs. Edith Anderson because as an African American woman born in Oklahoma coming in Portland she talked more about walking on shoulders more than I ever could. The final thing I'll say about -- I'm focused on pride today, the festival, if will you. Thinking I didn't need to go a few years ago. Has harder to come out as somebody who go it church than somebody who is gay in this town. I finally got harassed by a few friends. I went to the max. There were these group of people. They were so happy. They were my age. They were from



Oregon. I asked them, you guys are so happy and excited. They said, this means so much to us. It switched my brain and heart to know that Portland need today provide that space for people of rural Oregon so they could have that safety and pride. Throughout this journey it's been awesome to experience that shame going away and dissipating and filling it with grace. I'm so grateful to be here today with all of you and serve as an openly gay man who has lived with hiv and aids for decades.

**Wheeler:** Thank you to all of my colleagues. This is a day I stand with a tremendous amount of pride to serve on this council with all of these individuals. Thank you. I would like to thank our guests. As always thank you for your leadership and being here. Thank you for your heart felt remarks. Thank you for being inspiration it future generations in this community as well as all of us gathered present. I'm really excite today see work that are you doing. This is great what are you doing for our city and city government as well as our city at large. The entirety of our community in your new role. You're doing an outstanding job and we're very excited about what you're doing. I want to thank commissioner Ryan specifically for cosponsoring this proclamation. I want to thank the lgbtq friend's affinity group. They have done so much of this work largely unpaid and on volunteer time to create he incredible events like this. They offered up their own lived experience to help shape city policies and make Portland a more inclusive city to love. My staff who identifies lgbtqia plus who constantly coach and guide me and my team to examine issues and policies through an lgbtqia lens. We see you. We can't wait to march with all of you in person in pride 2022. With that I'll turn it back to lex.

**Jakusovszky:** Thank you. I would like to invite the chair of diversity and longtime advocate and lgbtq plus in reading this year's proclamation.

**Debbie Caselton:** Thank you very much. Whereas, the city of Portland is committed to diversity ... (reading proclamation).

**Clerk:** Amendment the comprehensive zoning map for properties at the request of the Concordia university foundation.

**Wheeler:** Item number 479. This is a second reading.

**Clerk:** Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map for properties at 2636 NE Dekum Street, 6705 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, 6623 NE 27<sup>th</sup> ave, 6325 NE 27<sup>th</sup> ave, and 6305 ne 27<sup>th</sup> ave at the request of the Concordia university foundation.

**Wheeler:** Any discussion. Not seeing any, please read the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Hardesty:** These properties were owned by the foundation and not part of the campus. I'm happy to vote aye on this today. I just want to remind folks that the auction is coming up.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item 480 time certain.

**Clerk:** Accept report on food cartology 2021 recovery in central city.

**Hardesty:** Point of order, is it possible to read 496 with this item as well. It's the food cart wiring district waiver.

**Wheeler:** I don't have any objection unless anybody else can figure out why we have an action. Legal counsel?

**Sheffield:** I don't have any concerns with that.

**Clerk:** Authorize a waiver for underground wiring district's code to allow for the placement of electrical conduit and lighting way.

**Mapps:** Thank you Mr. Mayor, it's my pleasure to join to introduce this report on the status of the food cart industry here in Portland. It was carried out by a team of urban planning from Oregon state university planning and sustainability. Their study identifies the variables of the local food cart industry. The steps this council can take to support the food cart industry so it's equitable here in Portland. Food carts have fed Portland's success. They have made Portland an international dining association. Especially for immigrants and people of color. Food carts have been an important part of Portland's equal renaissance. Today the industry faces some enormous challenges. Covid devastated the entire industry. Portland is becoming an increasingly denser city. It's harder to find a place for food cart pods. It's an awesome responsibility. I'm so excited today receive the report from some of the best urban planners here in Portland. This will help the council have a better understand to promote or inhibit the growth of the food cart industry. We have Laura from the bureau of planning and sustainability.

**Hardesty:** If we can have 496 as well to have the full conversation.

**Wheeler:** Go for it.

**Hardesty:** The installation of our newest food cart park. As you know, each of our offices have been involved in try to go help the food cart owners to be able to relocate and be able to sustain their economic vitality. Downtown is an underground wiring district an to allow electrical connections to the food cars in the public right of way. We need pass this wafer of those restrictions. All of our officers are really excited about finally completing this work and making this a reality. I'm confident we'll support theses. We have pbot here to answer any questions folks might have. How wonderful that first we're getting the report and then students will see us take action to eliminate barriers based on the research that you have done.

**Wheeler:** Back to you commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** I'll kick it over to staff now.

**Lora Lillard:** Thank you so much. Good morning mayor and commissioners. I'm a senior planner with the bureau of planning and sustainability. Every year graduate students in the master of regional planning work in team to complete applied planning projects known as the merp workshop. It will give students with real life community planning in close consultation with a committed partner. The projects were required to respond and activity with a specific focus on communities that were underserved especially our black and indigenous community and low wage earning essential workers. I'd like to add some context for the student work. Back in 2008 another workshop explored Portland's then emerging food cart industry. Including the mechanics economics of the industry. The study found that the majority were immigrants and people of color. They could earn their living from their businesses. As we all know a lot has changed that has affected food carts. The students will cover this in their presentation. What are the needs of food cart owners and how can policies support food cart ownership as a viable option especially for black, indigenous, and people of color. I'll hand this over to Keith Jones friends and director of green loop.

**Keith Jones:** Thank you. Good morning. My name is Keith Jones. Secretary active director of friends at green loop and your partner, when we started working on the culinary corridor, I wanted to learn as much as I could about the food carts. I spent a lot of time talking to go people, urban planners and planning and tourism. It was everything I was looking for and more. The only problem was it was over a decade old. Food carts in their infancy. Themes and elements that seem to still be true. We needed an updated version of the study. It's taken almost three years; the process has been frustrating for everyone. This project is complicated. It's never been done before. When the then city council proved the corridor three years ago, they had to figure out how to make this work in practicality. We were learning as we went. We wanted to make sure that an updated study captured that process and lessons learned. We could make this easier for future projects. A sequel about the 2008 study. I was happy to hear they accepted. A lot of careful thought went into this study. This work can be used to create more partnership and easily translate to the health and business program. Working with the Portland study was an amazing experience that developed in a road map for the vibrant food cart culture. I encourage everyone to read the full report on our website. I'm happy to turn it over to these talented students to give you the highlights. Thank you.

**Laura Shumway:** Good morning. Thank you for having us here today. I will be presenting on behalf of ever green community planning. We're part of a group of graduate students who worked on this project for the last six months for our major cap stone project at psu. We worked with Keith Jones with friends of green loop for the food cartology report. A better understanding

of the foot cart agency so public agencies could better understand the foot cart agency in their neighborhood. Portland is a leader in the foot cart industry. We continue to set the example for continued regulation that supports entrepreneurs. The foot truck nation, the best place in the u.s. For to operate a foot cart. As of December 2020, the majority of foot carts are located outside central city. They are highly competitive to get. As Portland continues to grow, the private lots these foot carts are getting developed. It's revealed if absence for the safety nets for food carts. Displacement of carts result in other carts fleeing the city. The goal for this project was to identify the current challenges that food cart owners face and how city bureaus can support food carts. We focused on the central city along the green loop as an early adoption model of what could be possible. The culinary corridor is by friends of glean loop to connect the blocks. A giant square and connecting to connector park. The perception of safety in downtown has changed drastically since 2008. The dramatic decrease of foot traffic in the central city. As people -- according to a recent poll the number one reason people come downtown for food cars and farmer's markets. We explored the history of fat cart to conduct our study. The recession of 2008 made the first time business owners. Lower meal costs. Culturally diverse background for price points. Within the city of Portland alone, a twenty five per increase in between 2008 and 2009. The food cart industry is facing a new set of challenges. Foot cart pods that have operated on pods. The covid 19 pandemic created intense hurdles for all industries. With did you know town office workers now working from home. Fewer tourists and subsequent actions taken by lawmakers and community members. We set out to contextualize our study. The actions required to open a foot cart in downtown Portland. Permitting processes across agencies. This is one of the challenges we looked for solutions for.

**Nora Stoelting:** The needs stories and experiences that foot cart owners have taking into account the current policies at play from the city government perspective. Community based organizations because of their roll in organizes events and spaces that support foot carts. Overall we found some themes across the pored. People generally love food cars and want them to do well. The role of these organizes is for assist with community building, event planning, and resource planning. They've been able to fill in gaps and provide support. Management and operational support for our food cart pods. Challenges around accessibility. They are presented as low cost businesses but can actually be quite costly in the long run. Our interviews with food cart owners are where we witness the most overlap. The lack of standardization April regulation particularly on food carts on private lots. Because most of them own and fully operate their business on their own, it falls heavily on few individuals. Resources and support almost all of them had no answer. We interviewed many city of Portland bureaus, sustainability, prosper

Portland, parks and rec and the health department. These agencies felt a strong personal and city wide connection to food carts. They want to see food carts do well. They are closer in proximity to some of the zoning challenges. There isn't one bureau in charge of food carts progress have been slow. Carts have not operated in the right of way before; they had not had to cross this bridge. It's a huge opportunity. Our survey was distributed through the org began mobile food networks across Portland. The revenue loss over the past year has been significant. Loans were the most desired support followed by marketing, network design, and marketing assistance. We looked into the food cart policy in some other cities. We found that Portland's approach to mobile food units unique in that most carts do not regularly move. Additionally most other cities require the use of a commissary kitchen. This restricts the hours and increases the startup costs for the mobile food cart unit. None of the cities focused on place making. The permits were focused on making sure they conform to the urban investment. Combined with the same permanence provide some exciting opportunities. Based on our research we've identified a few preferred practices. The first the importance of centralizing both in one space. The aim of time it takes it good from start to finish projects. In line with intergovernmental communication the implementation of the regulation must be consistent and equitable. Expanding the permitted space for food carts can help ensure supply and demand for food carts is met and maximizes the city's revenues. I'll present our concluding recommendations. A permanent position within bps that acts as a liaison for food cart policy development. We met with all the unique developments. One of the biggest challenges is the lack of a clear leader. Advocate for new units will support the resources overall. Our second core recommendation is to create an inventory of the pod sites with the lot information and desirability criteria prioritizing the use of public spaces. This is to reduce the likely load of carts being displaced and not having anywhere else to go. This also allows for sites that have high zero ability criteria. We recognize many factors to consider whether a will the or a little space is required for food cart. Additional recommendations include, change the mentality of carts being used as temporary use in parking lots. preoccupied lines to build requirements. Understand vulnerabilities that pre mote safety. Abolish brick and mortar local vendor non-compete rules. Best practices for food cart regulation. Contract oversight to ensure food carts are not being taken advantage of. One men mum leas should be required and not -- it also takes into account adequate spacing for safety and fire code and open flexible green space. Moving forward it will be important to see how carts operate in a right of way. Models for showing what is possible when collaboration and innovation are centered. Thank you commissioners, mayor, and guests for listening. We'll be joined by one of our team mates to help answer your questions. Thanks so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Did you want us to ask questions at this juncture?

**Jones:** Please.

**Wheeler:** I'm tempted to point out the stereo behind you. The primary recommendation you've made is to have a food cart czar plus a working group that would bust some of the inter-bureau collaboration issues that you had mentioned. Could you give us an idea how that might overcome some of the technical issues? You've mentioned the need for potentially centralized kitchen access. How would that model help us overcome some of these obstacles based on your analysis?

**Ben Acord-Becker:** Thank you for question.

**Wheeler:** Do you let us know who are you. Just for the record.

**Acord-Becker:** : My name is mr. Becker. I'm a member of ever green community planning. I was a part of this plan development at Portland state.

**Wheeler:** Awesome. Thanks.

**Acord-Becker:** During our engagement process especially with the public agency representatives. We found that there was a significant -- there wane a significant amount of overlap or common understanding of how to approach food cart regulation. The primary goal of this position is build consensus to all the public agencies involved are approaching food cart regulation is coming from 'common ground and understanding. To overcome hurdles with regulation or challenges to infrastructure development, this position can help bring all of the parties to the table and facilitate active working groups that are able to come up with solutions that resolve some of these complex, overlapping regulations.

**Wheeler:** I see commissioner Hardesty has a question.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Let me say thank you students for your very detailed report. It is wonderful to see that you've looked at food carts in other cities and what is and isn't working. Portland continues to be number one in something. Food carts seems to be something that we continue to hold the number one spot. I'm curious if doing your research are you are able to tell us based on your research on why it took so long around Ankeny carts food vendors. What were the barriers that's prevented us from resolving this issues? It took us three year it find a new sight and solve this project.

**Acord-Becker:** The largest barrier was the lack of consensus. When it comes to how to approach the displacement effort. Food cart pods can be successful when there aren't land use issues. When a large displacement event happens there's not a larger amount of alternative locations for them to continue to operate. These precious few parking lots that continue to exist in downtown Portland are over course of time going to see redevelopment as Portland continues

to grow. Since there was no established course of action for finding replacement locations for these vendors. There wasn't a system in place to help facilitate their continued operation.

**Jones:** As I mentioned, this hasn't really been done before. That means there is the need to find a shepherd through this process, which was difficult. We started off with the permitting department and PBOT as the lead, but we spent a long time trying to figure out how to transfer ownership of the park to pbot so they could permit the entire thing to us. It would be easier just to permit them individually. Going down those roads and exploring different options didn't help much. It was very difficult. I think everyone felt that way. Having a clear guide for someone like myself to help us navigate the city is super important. We learned a lot as we went through.

**Hardesty:** That's really helpful. We have areas in the city that are real food deserts. If we created opportunities for food carts in those areas, we could improve the nutritious outcomes in those communities. Do you have any advice on how to accelerate the advancement of food carts in areas of the city where there are food deserts?

**Stoelting:** We did an interview that helps to manage the Portland mercado. They are an excellent example for areas where there's less access to grocery stores or farmer's markets. The mercado is a unique example because they manage the pod provides a lot of technical assistance as well as the space and financial assistance. There's a clear leadership there. I know -- Keith, you might have something else to say. We've been looking no the role of organizations and non-profits to support pod operations so the food carts are, but then also organizations that can help centralize resources on site as well.

**Hardesty:** It's interesting there is a non-profit that is helping provide the technical assistance for the assistance of the hacienda.

**Jones:** if we look at using public spaces for activation, it's important to have a non-profit to help. That way you can see how the money is being utilized. And so one of the recommendations in the report is that management of these spaces is worked out in advance with non-profits. That's where the support comes in.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, that's helpful.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you. Thank you Laura, Keith, and Nora -- that was a great report. I think I have a comment that needs to be made. You get to the heart of the matter which is one of the challenges that face our city. Managing the -- I'm making a plug. I might be tapping into all of you to pre vied more intelligence for that group to continue to make some more progress. This is something that's been challenging for decades. I found all your findings to be very affirming.

**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Hardesty did you have a presentation on the ordinance as well?

**Hardesty:** Yes, we have staff here, Matt Grumm.

**Matt Grumm:** Yes, this is a very clear need for the work we are doing at the west Ankeny site. We will be laying some conduit and electrical connections in the right of way and this is a waiver of those code requirements in this specific area. If you have questions, happy to answer them.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues any questions? Very good. With that, I'll entertain a motion on the report.

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

**Wheeler:** Can I get a second, please.

**Ryan:** I'll second.

**Wheeler:** Any further discussion. Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Ryan:** Thank you again for the presentation. It really says a lot about the collaboration that you put into this. From reading your findings on the case studies, it truly takes a lot of collaboration to make the food carts possible. I applaud your analysis. I look forward to working with my colleagues and bureau leadership to continue to do better, I vote aye.

**Hardesty:** I also want to thank Keith Jones and the PSU students and BPS. It says a lot about a bureau that allows students to come in and look under the hood to see what we are doing well and not so well. Really valuable information as we move forward and think about how to make access and equity a key part of who has access to own a food cart and where they can operate in the city. Great research, great work, well done. It won't sit on the shelf, we will keep using this information. Happy to vote aye.

**Mapps:** Thank you for bringing this forward. I feel it's important that we don't let this sit on the shelf. I can make a pledge to you that the Water Bureau and Environmental Services is at the table. So We begin to break down the barriers that make it difficult to reinvent food carts. Happy to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** Same thing my colleagues said. I learned more than I perhaps wanted to in terms of the lack of coordination and communication between bureaus. Also the structural impediments to the food cart industry and how we can work better with our private sector partners to be successful. This council is very energized and committed to enhancing the food cart culture in the community. It's not just good business. It activates our public spaces in a unique way. It helps create shared economic prosperity for those who are all too often left out of the economic equation. It's part of our brand as a city. I appreciate you confer all those areas. We should also do a follow-up at some point. I vote aye as well. Please call the roll for the next item.



**Clerk:** [roll called].

**Ryan:** Thanks for bringing this along and thanks for connecting it with the food cart dialogue, smart move. Thanks to BDS for finding creative solutions. I vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much for your work and bringing this forward to us. I want to thank each and every office on the council because it's amazing what happens when we all said let's meet and figure it out. It took -- it didn't take a lot of time once we agreed this was a priority. I think it's a wonderful lesson for us to realize sometimes it's just takes picking up the phone, let's meet, have a conversation and fix this. Because we were willing to do that, we're going to be able to help support the foot cart owners and reestablishing their businesses. I'm proud of this council for rolling up our sleeves and saying let's just do it. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye.

**Mapps:** I didn't vote. Aye.

**Clerk:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** I think that's the first time you've ever done that. Apologize commissioner Mapps. We're go to go take a break for a moment. I want to give you an update on what is ahead. After our brief break we'll come back and start the regular agenda. I assume everybody would like to take a bit of a break between the morning and afternoon session. I have an excused absence. I'll be leaving at 115, that might be a good time to break. This is a gentle way of telling all of our bureau folks to keep the regular agenda items as concise as possible. Ideally we'd like to get through them all during morning session. Let's do our best. With that, let's take about a seven minute break. We will be back at about seven minutes past 12: 00 p.m. We are in recess.

**Wheeler:** Once again, I have an excused absence. I will ask commissioner Hardesty to preside over the beginning of the afternoon session. There's one item where staff is not going to be present for much longer. I'm going to move it to the beginning of the session. Item 492.

**Clerk:** Pay settlement of Paula O'Neal's employment lawsuit involving the police bureau.

**Wheeler:** This involves a lawsuit that was filed by the city back in 2020. They are here to present the ordinance. Welcome.

**Rosalia Radich:** Thank you, mayor, wheeler and to the council for your time. I'm a senior claims analyst with risk management. The city attorney's office is here as well. She'll be presenting the overview of the case and settlement. Thank you.

**Anne Milligan:** I'm the deputy city attorney. I was the litigator handling this matter for the last year. She alleged sexual harassment and discrimination within the Portland police bureau. They added constitutional violations. Based on the totality of the facts in litigation and other

investigation it islet recommendation of risk and city attorney's office that this matter, if you have any questions, please let us know.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions? Any testimony on this item.

**Clerk:** No one is on the phone for this item.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Please call the roll. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you. We will go back to the beginning of the regular agenda. Item no. 489.

**Clerk:** Appoint and reappoint members to the utility board.

**Mapps:** The item before us today deals with the appointment and reappointment of the members of Portland's utility board. The community oversight board charged with advising this council relating to the bureau of environmental services. Before we get to the new appointments, I would like to take a quick moment to thank the members rotating off the board. They are a replacement but the new volunteers coming on are also an impressive crew. The report we are about to receive are going to introduce us to these appointees.

**Alexander Lopez III:** Thank you commissioner Mapps. Thank you for giving a small opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Alex Lopez. I'm a registered geology primarily working in environmental cleanup. I currently live in the Selwood neighborhood with my husband and two cats. I work with the community coalition with the super fund cleanup and how those activities impact the community. I firmly agree with the board that everyone is entitled toll clean and healthy drinking water. I believe in good government and good oversight of government relations. I think just in summary, I think my experience in environmental remediation and community organizing and a small business ownership give me a unique perspective on the work of the board. I'm overjoyed to serve on the board as a person of color and member of the Igbtqia community. I look forward to serving on the board and ensure that the city of Portland has the ability to serve all its residents. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board.

**Amy Archer-Masters:** None of the other appointees were able to attend today.

**Wheeler:** Does that complete the report? If so, I entertain a motion.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** If there's no further discussion, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Hardesty:** Alex, thank you so much for being here today. You're going to be a fabulous addition to the pub. I vote aye.

**Mapps:** I want to thank Alex for presenting today. I want to thank all the past pub members and oncoming members. I look forward to working with you over the next year. I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank you for being here today. I know you're a busy guy. For us to have the opportunity and the community to hear your incredible credentials your technical knowledge and engagement with the community. You're exactly the type of person we want on this board. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the board. Next item 490. A proclamation.

**Clerk:** Proclaim June 26, 2021 unity in the community today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for good in the hood for all you do to promote unity in the city of Portland and throughout all of our communities. Your work has helped fund the college of education of dozen of Portland high schoolers. While facilitating connections with the business community at large. The multicultural music and food festival will be held this weekend on June 26 and 27 from 3-7 pm. Admission is free. To find out more on how to attend. Please visit [goodinthehood.org](http://goodinthehood.org). Commission Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** It's hard to believe over thirty years ago my girlfriend and I would go to the holy redeemer catholic school because she had sons who attended there and the parents were required to volunteer. They had had to provide a number of volunteer hours there. It was my first opportunity to really be a roll tear at a community effort. I've watched good in the hoofed for 31 years of operations. It's a community festival that started again to under write the costs. It became a community festival that really highlighted the diverse population that existed in the northeast over the years. It's a pleasure to note that it is now morphed into unity in the community festival. It is still one of my most favorite festivals in the city of Portland. I can't wait until next year when we can do it again. It's a great opportunity. I encourage all Portlanders to participate in the unity in the community celebration. Even though it will be virtual, it will be spectacular. It's another one that brings a smile to my face today.

**Mapps:** Thank you Mr. Mayor and colleagues. Unity in the community day. Your work and accomplishments are important. Back in the pre-covid days, Portland summers used to have dozens of street fairs on nearly every summer week end. Every Portland street fair, block party and movie night shared a common goal. The ultimate goal is to build human connections and social capital. Over the past 31 years no one has done a better job at that than good in the hood. Multicultural music and food festival. The 31 anniversary. The driving force behind the festival was the holy redeemer's catholic church. Unity in the community. Today, p one years after the festival this will be virtual. This year's good in the hood festival will hold a virtual foot court. They will have a virtual marketplace, information village. Will have a virtual parade. This year, participating in good in the hood is easier than ever. All you have to do is point your browser to [www.goodinthehood.org](http://www.goodinthehood.org). I look forward to seeing you at this year's good in the hood festival.

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor. Happy 31<sup>st</sup> birthday to good in the hood. I appreciate the history that my colleagues Hardesty and Mapps just put forth. This is more than an event. It's community and space to appreciate the richness of the city. I'm excited for the virtual events. Maybe because the forecast is in the triple digits.

**Wheeler:** All right. Good. With that colleagues I'll read the proclamation. (reading proclamation). Colleagues this is somewhat unusual but this was introduced as a report today. Can I get a motion to adopt the report?

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Any further discussion. Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** The report is accepted and the proclamation was read. Thank you all for your support. Next item 491.

**Clerk:** Amend charitable campaign code to modernize the campaign, maximize community impact, and elevate leadership and giving.

**Wheeler:** This ordinance updates city code to align our city wide charitable campaign with best practices and the city's best practices. It will impact greater giving to organizations that serve underserved communities, discontinue billing non-profits for administrative costs. Manage the campaign through a workplace giving partner. We have chief administrative officer Tom and management analyst Janet Storm here to present the ordinance. Welcome, Tom and Janet.

**Tom Rinehart:** Good afternoon and thank you to all the staff members working on this including from your offices. We are mindful that you want a brief presentation so it doesn't spill into the afternoon, we'll be brief. I'll launch into the background for council. Thank you for your staff's involvement as we work through this. Quick background. Employees can make donations out of their paychecks to qualified non-profits. Council charged my office with the campaign. We have a 23 year old business model. We found it to be outdated, cumbersome and out of line for modern organizations. We found it in best practice to bring this in line with our employees as well. We're bringing some proposed changes based on these goals. We want to make the most out of the resources that our employees choose to give. Maximize the dollars that go out to the community. Elevate your leadership in which organizations we focus on each year and how we elevate that as part of the campaign. Thanks again to Janet Storm who has done a tremendous job on this.

**Janet Storm:** Great. Good morning mayor, and commissioners. I'm a management analyst with the CAO's office. The major changes that we're proposing to go the city wide charitable campaign is

having the campaign administered by a workplace giving organization. It's a non-profit organization that specializes in helping workplaces run their campaigns. We would like to elevate council leadership by having each of you choose two non-profits that you are familiar with each year to feature and highlight and promote very strongly. You all know what the pulse of Portland is. This might be a good opportunity for you to get a lesser known organization out there. Or nominate an organization that is responding to a particular need. The campaign we're hoping will be opened to smaller grass roots organizations. The umbrella requirement will be removed. As it is standing now, in order to participate in our campaign, your organization has to be a city owned non-profit and vouched for by a bureau or a member of an umbrella organization. A lot of these organizations don't have the money to organize under an umbrella. Along with all of this we're hoping a new user friendly donation portal. Some people haven't felt in the past that the portal hasn't been friendly. A streamlined perfect process for the payroll. Perfect I move on really quickly, we did a pilot last year, we only partnered with organizations that were partnering with the city already. For covid relief and racial equity. Payroll had to set up a payroll for each organization. It was quite a large lift. We brought it completely in house. We would be streamlining that process for us and they would be taking on the bulk of that cost of -- that lift. Our next steps should the ordinance be approved. We would select a workplace giving organization and set up a campaign structure. We would ask each of you to please nominate two organizations which you feel are important. We would do a lot of employee outreach and change management. We want people to know how different it will be before we reach the campaign in November. We would report back to council in January or February and let you know how it has gone. On that note, one error that we noticed was in the impact statement. The word pilot occurs there. That should not occur. The believe the city budget office is aware of that. We open the floor to any questions.

**Rinehart:** Commissioner Hardesty has a question in the chat.

**Storm:** We would love it if you could get that to us by the end of August. That would give us a chance to really promote the organizations. And let the organizations know that they are being promoted as well. It's not tomorrow. We were hoping it could be by the end of August.

**Hardesty:** That's fine. If you don't give us a deadline, we won't have one.

**Wheeler:** Several reminders along the way, please.

**Storm:** You got it. I'm trying to go unshare my screen.

**Wheeler:** Do we have any public testimony on this ordinance.

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

**Wheeler:** It's an emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I was the last change to the city's charitable giving campaign p. Glad to see we're moving forward, I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** The ordinance is approved. Thank you. Next 493.

**Clerk:** Temporarily modify or waive portions of city art titles to assist businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs to operate through and during the covid 19.

**Wheeler:** This is the second reading. Any further discussion.

**Hardesty:** I'd like to have some additional discussion. This was presented as a menu of options. I'm in the sure what the desire today is for us moving forward. Are we presenting these one at a time or attempt to go vote on this as a package. If we are, I have some major concerns about moving this forward.

**Rebecca Esau:** We have a brief presentation and will open that up.

**Wheeler:** I want to give some room for commissioner Ryan as the commissioner in charge.

**Ryan:** I did want to start this conversation off by offering that our associations need to be created with flexibility as we come out of this pandemic. One way to support businesses as they work to reactive their businesses. Businesses need flexibility and a little breathing room as businesses pick up. Contracting for window repair services is particularly difficult. There's a shortage of glass and prices have gone up. I thank you all for last week's dialogue, followed up with your offices and addressing last week's tie log. Thank you so much for your engagement on this ordinance.

**Esau:** I wanted to provide some brief context. The proposed relief ordinance is part of a multi-pronged approach. As part of the times we're in, jobs relief and getting people working again, helping people get their business opened up. It's as smooth and predictable as it can be. In addition to the temporary regulatory changes and reef for proposing this ordinance today, we're working on improve ms for how customers apply for the permit. Handling simple permit more quickly and efficiently. I appreciate all of your support as the permitting bureaus in your portfolios work with us to make these improve ms for the community. We're focused on providing temporary relief and flexibility to get businesses up and running whether starting in a home -- we are interacting with people who have lost their jobs and lost their business. Sometimes businesses run out of their homes. Small and mid-sized endeavors short on resources and just started to get started again. This ordinance is trying to provide some of the relief as needed. Regarding non confirming upgrades. It's the tenant moving into a larger space typically applying for the permit. They are the ones subject to the upgrades at the site, not the property owner. This is typically something they need to negotiate with the property owner. A lot of times they already signed the permit. This largely benefits tenants and small businesses as well as

institutions such as schools. Existing requirements for tree planting. They continue to apply. Parks uses money their bureau receives for mitigation to also get trees planted. Those programs are continuing. Both on private property and on the right of way. Temporarily suspending non-conforming upgrades pertains to existing sites that have development that doesn't meet current zoning code requirements for parking lot landscaping. For a period of time, they won't have the burden of offering 10% for upgrading their site. It's a small temporary tradeoff for non-conforming upgrades. The cost of their site upgrades and impact people treating to get they are businesses started. There are jobs with these projects. Also we're not just talking about businesses. This is temporary suspension of non-conforming upgrade requirements that would benefit institutions such as Portland public schools by temporarily suspending these upgrades thereby making these projects more feasible.

**Wheeler:** I think commissioner Hardesty had a question on this part of the presentation.

**Hardesty:** Yes, I do. Thank you. My question is doesn't the community deserve these improvements? The reason we passed these regulations was because we have communities that have bike access and opportunities and communities that don't. We have communities that have pretty landscaped areas and communities that don't. Your recommendation is to continue the green space in communities that need it most. Why would I support suspending rules that should have been in place 20 or thirty years ago. Because they weren't, these communities are suffering by not having these rules in place. I'm having a hard time understanding why I would support this. It's my community in east Portland that would suffer the most.

**Esau:** I would like to be clear that this has no impact on bike lanes and pbot's work with bike lanes or green spaces. I agree with you, these are important regulations. That's why they were brought forward when they were first created and the city council adopted them and put them in place. From our perspective it's balancing of policies and recognition of the time we're in. Understanding that these requirements, if we can provide some temporary relief to them, we get some benefit it's in the economy and jobs. People that rung in the ladder to get back on their feet. That's a policy decision before you today on if that's seen as worth the temporary setback in getting these improvements made.

**Hardesty:** Let me just ask this question. You use Roosevelt high school as an example. The reason they need the stem space is because of a flaw in their design assuming that Roosevelt needed more gym space than stem space. That doesn't have anything to do with the regulations but poor planning when they were designing space at the high school. That's a design flaw.

**Ryan:** I appreciate this dialogue. When I kept digging into this more with the staff it was to avoid the tenants of having the burden of these changes. When a small ma and paw wants to open up

these store fronts in Portland, we don't lose them. There's nothing stopping us from continuing us to support pike infrastructure. I don't see this as a pathway to accomplish the goal of what my colleague is speaking to. We have to remove barriers to open up businesses. This is impacting small businesses all across the city. The city annexed east Portland in the late eighties. We've been real will he slow it make it look like the rest of east Portland. I think we can do both. I hope that brings more context to this conversation and helps us distinguish between different points of view.

**Hardesty:** Thank you commissioner Ryan. I'm still struggling with this. The examples I'm looking at this. Mall 205 we have a six point eight million dollar project. If we're doing a six point eight million dollar project, I don't have any heart burn that somebody has to pay \$680,000 in fees. That's not a small business that's struggling. The goals you have set for these temporary suspension of these non-conforming uses.

**Esau:** We hear you. Any other questions before we turn it over to Matt.

**Matt Wickstrom:** Thanks for having me. The first slide has to do with the presentation today. There were 3 main topics that needed more background. Non-confirming upgrades, when non-confirming upgrades are needed, and a few case studies, boarded up windows were another option that needed an upgrade. I'll go through these as quick as possible. We'll move onto city council discussion and vote. What are non-confirming upgrades. They a play to sites with existing development where alterations or renovation proposed. These include and are limited to on site landscaping. Screening. That's a separation required when there's two differently zoned sites that abut either through a fence or shrubbery. Onsite bicycle parking as well as trees. When are non-confirming upgrades needed? This includes improvements of small commercial spaces, campus style development, Portland public schools and college type examples. Redevelopment with surface parking lots. Just quickly to go through what proposal was for non-confirming upgrades. Temporarily waive non-confirming upgrade requirements. Our intent is to reduce costs and time lines. March 31, 2023, that's the date that the state office sees returning to pre-covid levels. They're looking to go convert a vacant commercial space to a veterinary clinic. Non confirming up grades here would cost about \$40,000. The non-confirming development issues heard is that they would assume funds necessary for the new version. It's also important to point out that these small wood frame buildings are particularly vulnerable to rising lumber costs as welling. They may need to phase the improvements or in order top absorb the costs or abandon the project. The next item was item 205. We heard testimony at the last hearing, we wanted to dig into it a little more. It's the vacant bed bath and beyond space. It's six point eight million dollars. The issues here are the parking lot is shared with multiple tenants.



Existing conditions for the new tenant would have to document existing conditions for the entire parking lot. This gets down to the level of identifying tree species and counting shrubs. These costs which require a professional to -- over and above the rental of upgrades.

**Mapps:** Finish your slide and I'll follow-up with a question.

**Wickstrom:** The tenant would be required to be making improvements in portions of the site where their customers don't even park. It was in part due to a lack of certainty in approval because there was a design review, a discretionary review required.

**Mapps:** We had some previous discussion. I was curious as to whether or not we were able to get a business in there. It sounds like we weren't.

**Wickstrom:** We were not, correct. The final case study has to do with Roosevelt high school. There was a project that had to do with classroom space. The project is three point four million dollars. The issue here is that even though the classroom spaces and addition is in one portion of campus, they referred the entire campus. That gets down to species and shrubs. Half of the site are dominated with sports fields which aren't compatible with planting trees. Any questions on non-conforming upgrades before I move onto the next.

**Hardesty:** Roosevelt high school they did an entire renovation to the school. They went back to do this addition of the classroom space. Is that an accurate statement?

**Wickstrom:** I believe that is, yes.

**Hardesty:** Why did the non-conforming improvements not come into play when they did the non-conforming school regulations.

**Wickstrom:** It's all about the timing of when the code regulations are adopted.

**Hardesty:** It seems like fifty three thousand is a puny amount to pay for 79 trees for an area that is not tree dense. Who sets the rates for trees?

**Wickstrom:** Ultimately city council sets the rate.

**Hardesty:** What are we charging?

**Esau:** It's set by parks.

**Hardesty:** It's not set by council, it's set by parks.

**Esau:** They bring it forward to city council for adoption.

**Hardesty:** Got it. Thank you.

**Esau:** I know the mayor needs to leave.

**Wheeler:** Unless there's anything burning. This is a second reading. I'd like to get to the roll call.

**Wickstrom:** That sounds fine with me. There are grants available from prosper Portland to help remove boards and repair windows. City council allocated \$500,000 for that. The grant process opens up July first. We feel like allowing a little extra time to remove boards and repair windows

meshes well with the grant process. With that I'll just move to the final slide which is only just a list of the items that were contained in the ordinance.

**Wheeler:** Thanks.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I'd like to ask commissioner Ryan. I would really like to get to a yes on this. I'm concerned we're moving this way too fast and there's too many questions on what the impacts are going to be on relaxing these rules both short term and long term. I'm not anywhere close to a yes at the moment. If the mayor wishes to push a vote, it's clear I cannot support this package. There are things I think are good in this package. I was told that we would be able to vote on these individually. I'm concerned that we're being rushed into a vote on something that we have not individually decided as a council whether or not we think these are good moves or not good moves. That's where I am at the moment.

**Ryan:** I wanted to hear commissioner Mapps comments before I respond. And do we have any testimony.

**Wheeler:** It's a second reading.

**Mapps:** I have a couple of questions related to the board ordinances. If you want to complete this conversation with commissioner Hardesty, can you. I can ask the staff details about the board ordinance and bureau ordinance. What should we do?

**Ryan:** If the non-conforming upgrades continue to be the sticking point. I can amend the ordinance. We can consider increasing the threshold from one or two million. That's what I got off top of mind right now. Director, you have more details in your brain than I do on this.

**Easu:** There are a few options. If we don't have support from council on the non-conforming upgrades, instead of suspending or waiving those requirements, we could change the dollar threshold to one or two million, whatever you decide is appropriate. That would basically result in the higher valuation projects would still have to do upgrades but the lower projects with lower valuation would be given some waiver of those requirements temporarily.

**Ryan:** I appreciate that. I'm personal in favor of all the hard work that you've done. I'm comfortable with a vote today. I want to make sure we just heard some of those options.

**Mapps:** It may be case that this council is divided on the non-conforming upgrades. I appreciate commissioner Hardesty's concerns here. I think it's important to do what we can to promote economic recovery. I'm inclined to support the particular proposal. The question I wanted to ask staff, for the two board ordinances p. How long can boards be up. What is your deadline for taking down boards. However you want to phrase it.

**Wickstrom:** We set the deadline at the end of the state of emergency. Every two weeks the mayor declares another two weeks of the state of emergency. Once those extensions are no

longer done, the window requirements which would in turn require the board -- would cause the boards to be in violation of the code would kick in.

**Mapps:** Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Could I go to the mural proposal and it looks like my question is on the expiration date on that. It looks like April 2022.

**Wickstrom:** We chose this date as a really generous time line to complete a permit process or land use review. Other than that there's not a huge amount of rational. City council could very well choose a different date. The expiration could be set at six months from now, for instance.

**Mapps:** Thank you. Now I'm going to go speak to my colleagues. I appreciate both of these proposals. I'm concerned about the deadlines. I hope that by April 2022. I would like to propose an amendment or change the expiration for the boarded up mural proposal to the end of the covid emergency do you understand what I'm saying.

**Wickstrom:** I understand.

**Mapps:** That is between my comments on non-conforming projects and the boards. This is what I'm thinking about this.

**Wheeler:** I want to make sure I understand. Is that an amendment you are proposing?

**Mapps:** Actually it is.

**Wheeler:** I will second the amendment for discussion purposes. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I'm still don't know if we answered the question of who owns the mural. What's the process to ensure the artists have continued to maintain ownership of their work.

**Wickstrom:** We looked into this ordinance, it only addresses regulation that BDS administers and enforces. We don't administer the laws regarding ownership over boarded windows.

**Hardesty:** But you are proposing legislation over murals and artwork. So you are putting up parameters regarding what happens with those.

**Wickstrom:** We're proposing to temporary suspend the ground floor window standards for buildings with boarded up windows, so they have a little more time to preserve that artwork and work through the appropriate channels to do so. The amendment proposed would give this item the same time line as the state of emergency.

**Hardesty:** I'm wondering who has the responsibility to work with the artist to ensure we're not just removing art work willy nilly and no one having responsibility for what happened to it.

**Wickstrom:** That would be between the building owner and the artist.

**Hardesty:** That's not a satisfactory answer but thank you.

**Mapps:** I understand the desire to preserve art especially from this important moment in Portland's history. At the same time I don't see the council's jurisdiction over this particular issue. It strikes me as being outside the purview of my power.

**Sheffield:** I wanted to get clarification from commissioner Mapps that it would be for section j of the ordinance to change the date from April 2022 to remain until the end of the covid emergency.

**Mapps:** Yes.

**Sheffield:** thank you.

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

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** The amendment passes. To the main motion. Commissioner Ryan, I assume you want to move forward.

**Sheffield:** Sorry to jump in. There's been an amendment, I think it would have to go forward next week.

**Wheeler:** You're right. This is effectively first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading as amendment. That gives the commissioner in charge and commissioner Hardesty time to work through some of the issues that commissioner Hardesty raised. Commissioner Hardesty I'm going to after we read this next item, I'm going to turn the gavel over to you.

**Clerk:** Adopt and authorize the 2021 consolidated plan in the fy202 # for the community development block grant home investment partnership emergency solutions grant and housing opportunity for opportunities for persons with aids program it the u.s. Department of housing and urban development?

**Hardesty:** Before I call on commissioner Ryan. If I could get some legal vice. This has an emergency clause on it. We lost our fourth voter. Would you recommend we move this to the afternoon agenda?

**Sheffield:** Yes, if you want to pass this with the emergency, you will need to move it to the afternoon, since you will need four votes. And a handful of the remaining items look that way.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner Ryan, are you okay with me moving your item?

**Ryan:** Absolutely, yes.

**Hardesty:** Keelan please read item 498 please.

**Clerk:** Amend sewer user charges code to support updates to system development charges.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** Thank you. The item before us today has been brought by the BES it is technical in nature. The goal is to update language in different parts of the code so that we can use consistent language throughout the code. It's code that deals with sewer user charges. Update the terms used to describe residential housing types to align with zoning changes. The second change is a recommendation council adds new classifications for nonresidential sdc calculations. The motivation behind this change is for consistency and transparency for users. Here to tell us more is Adrienne.

**Adrienne Aiona:** Here to present changes to our chapter 17.36. it governs collections of sewer user charges by BES, user charges for sanitary and stormwater services, special user charges for extra strength charges and permit review fees. SDCS reimburse city ratepayers for new connections and increased use of the city's sewer system. I'm going to use this term, the base unit charge we use for sanitary sdc's is what we call the equivalent dwelling unit, which represents the system impact from a typical 3-person household. The updates that we are proposing are relatively narrow and focus on bringing the language used in our codes to be consistent with changes through the residential infill project and shelter to housing continuum, plus housekeeping language removal. Making parallel updates to administrative rule that went out for public comment and closed on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We received no comments on that rule. The goal is to have the changes in affect by August 1<sup>st</sup>. For residential developments we are updating the service to align with the residential infill project, removing the use of the word "family" and changing it to dwelling unit. Language around multi-dwelling developments allowed under residential infill. The totality of the changes we don't anticipate changes to charges for these development types. We are clearly stating when you are a single house on a single log you are charged 1 edu. When you have more than 1 unit, a house and an adu, or a multifamily development, you are charged .8 edu per unit. The changes today do not impact the existing exemptions for adus and affordable housing. The other change is adding a sdc methodology to handle congregate housing facilities. A new housing type that is defined through shelter to housing continuum where separate living spaces share a kitchen. Commonly referred to as group living, foster care, or group housing. The plan is to charge based on a conversion from drainage fixture units to edus. That's how many sinks or toilets there are in a unit and estimate the use on the system more from an individual fixture count. This is the same method used for commercial developments and it puts a finer point on the calculation. This is a change used for charging senior living and micro-units, which we now charge .6 edu per unit. So those would be .6 per like bedroom. When we do a back of the calculation I anticipate these housing types will be paying less than they currently are. In conclusion, these changes are needed to meet our city

housing goals that council has approved. The changes will make application of sdc's more transparent and we request council will approve them as proposed. Let me know if you have questions.

**Hardesty:** Thank you Adrienne. Any questions. Not seeing any. Keelan is anyone signed up to testify?

**Clerk:** no one is signed up.

**Hardesty:** We can move this to second reading. Mapps do you have a question?

**Mapps:** Not on this item, but I would like to pull 499 from the agenda today. I will reschedule for another day.

**Hardesty:** We'll pull 499 for work back to commissioner Mapps' office. For the sake of council, for the public record we're going to move item 494, 495, and 496 for the afternoon agenda. We're going to make sure we have the four fifth requirement.

**Ryan:** We pulled 487 from consent and that will have to go to the afternoon agenda as well.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that. We have 4 items that have been moved to the afternoon agenda. Keelan, if I'm accurate, we have concluded the morning's agenda. Notwithstanding the four that will go to the afternoon's agenda.

**Clerk:** I believe we have already voted on 496. I believe that was read with the time certain 480. This was with the waiver to title 17.

**Hardesty:** You're absolutely right. We accomplished that one. Now just three we have to carry over.

**Clerk:** One additional thing president Hardesty. We might need to read the item that was referred item 499.

**Hardesty:** If you could read that before we allow commissioner Mapps to pull it back.

**Clerk:** Approve findings to authorize an exemption for a class of public improvement contracts from the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting methods for price agreements for construction services.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Commissioner maps is pulling that back to his office. If there's nothing else for the good of the order, we'll good for this afternoon and be back for the afternoon session. Thank you. (recording stopped).

**At 1:26 p.m., Council recessed.**

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June 23, 2021            2:00 p.m.

**Hardesty:** Welcome to the Wednesday, June 23 City Council, Keelan, please call the roll. [roll called]

**Hardesty:** Thank you Keelan, we'll like to start with agenda item 500, time certain. Keelan, would you read the item.

**Clerk:** Would you like the council attorney to --

**Hardesty:** Yes, counsel attorney if you can give us an abbreviated version of the rules.

**Adrienne DelCotto:** You may sign in advance on subject and sign up for public comment. The published council agenda at [PortlandOregon.gov](http://PortlandOregon.gov) has instructions how to sign up for testimony while council sin electronic meetings. Please state your name for the record and your address as not necessary. Disclose if you're a lobbyist, representing an organization, please identify yourself. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify otherwise stated. When your time is up you'll be asked to conclude. Disruptive conduct interrupting testimony or failing to conclude or disruptions a warning will be given further disruption may result in a person being placed on hold during the remainder of the public meeting. Please be aware council meetings are recorded.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Please read item 500.

**Clerk:** Accept the 2021 annual report for the bull run treatment projects.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** The colleagues are the 2021 annual report of the full run treatment project. Portland is in the process of a new water filtration facility. It will remove the microorganisms from the water you drink in order to comply with federal and state mandates, Portland must complete the project by 2027. Here are some information. The plant will serve Portlanders for decades and this is our moment. Building a water filtration plant is also not optional. The water filtration plant is a mandate from the federal government. In addition, we'll learn the process is on budget and finally compliance deadlines set out by the federal government. And now I'd like to turn the

presentation over to water bureau director.

**Gabriel Solmer:** Good afternoon. I'm the Portland water bureau director. Thank you for the introduction, you covered a lot of time and thank you for the time to be with you today to give an annual update on the program. I'm joined by Bonita Oswald and our chief engineer. We also have other members of our project team to assist if you have any questions and our focus today is annual update on the treatment program. We're giving a verbal update in addition to the written report because we know commissioners have different levels of exposure to this project. It's good for everyone to hear the latest. Then I'll also mention at the outset that as one of your newer bureau directors, it's my commitment council always has clear timely information from the water bureau. There's no decision to be made today but the information you do hear is going set us up for work we do over the next few years. I'll start our presentation with a short reminder about why we're doing the program. As you hear the information I'd ask to you keep in mind all the program values that we're work with including public health and equity and affordability and environment protection and how we hold those all in balance though they're often intention. And we can focus in on our equity work and program costs and hear from Bonita about our community outreach and end with next steps. The reasons we are doing the program you heard from commissioner naps. We're doing this for our health I'm talking about using proven treatment methods to keep water clean and safe and abundant for current and future generation. These projects will create thousands of Portland area jobs and increase opportunities for people of color and women in the construction trades. And in construction to numbers and all the hours that is important. It's also important to maintain our water rate affordability. For future that really is focusing in on advancing our water system's resilience and reducing future risk to better protect customers. While the last year has taught us while we can't predict the future we can be better prepared. We may be in the same storm of the pandemic but not in the same boat so this helps underserved communities we're facing record high waters and we know people can't pick up and move or buy bottled water. We do have to keep that focus and centered in everything we do. And since 1892 protection in our watershed and we need to make further improvements and that brings us to the three capital project are in the bull run treatment program. We have corrosion control which comes online next year so that's already in construction. We have the filtration facility itself in design and then the pipelines that connect the facility. I'll turn it over to the chief engineer to let you know how the project doing.

**Jodie Inman:** Thank you. I'm the chief engineer. I'll jump right into the first of our three projects the director mentioned. That is the improved corrosion control treatment project. We know we heard community concerns committed to the lead exposure. In Portland the main source is



corrosion or wearing away is in the water system. The project this improve treatment project the water will be treated using two naturally occurring substances one will increase the ph or make the water less corrosive and the other increases effectiveness and long lastingness. The corrosion control treatment project is the furthest of the three. It's in construction and will be online April of next year. There were soda ash deliveries weeks ago and there's social equity pieces with the project. We have \$3 million committed to certified firms according to the contract and as the office inclusion and diversity and we have an equity and inclusion plan directed towards the minority and workforce goals. I'll give you current data on how we're performing on those.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me can you go back please? I'll call on myself to call on myself. Three committed to covid is out of what? What percentage of the overall construction contract is the \$3 million?

**Inman:** The \$3 million as of a \$17 million construction contract.

**Hardesty:** Is that about is 15%?

**Inman:** I won't do public math either. We'll get you specific numbers how that breaks down.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Inman:** Of the \$3 million we did disaggregate that and we do have some good diversity and the Native American is 56%, black is 15%, and Asian-pacific 13%, and Hispanic 6% and emerging small business is about 10%.

**Hardesty:** I'm struck by the native pacific islander number. What did you do to make the number so enormous?

**Inman:** One of the benefits of the project is they reached out and one of our work components has been sub contracted to a native American firm. We have the type and scope of work and this project through the dedicated effort of the team was able to give a contract to the native-American firm.

**Hardesty:** Great work. Thank you.

**Inman:** Next I'll talk about workforce and labor and we have an ongoing report. For the female participation there's a lot of numbers here so I like the extra numbers. At the apprentice level for female participation the goal of the committee equity and inclusion plan is 9%. We currently are seeing about 50/50 between the male and female. At the apprentice level we're seeing great results from the team. At the journey level the goal is 6% female we're currently at 4.4%. We expect to get to the 6% by the end of the project. With the work done and doubling down from the team this an area we're focused in on what we're seeing for female and minority participation and realize we'll likely not be able to achieve through one particular project but will

take our effort on multiple projects with the community the team is dedicated to doing. Minority trade hours. The goal is 22%. We're almost at 95%. At the journey level we are also exceeding the goal. We have 40% of minority participation. That's encouraging we're seeing a higher percentage at that level. We're create a pool to influence the number going higher. For further breakdown you see the native American percentage and some has to do with the native American firm for the large subcontractor we have. Black percentage is 10% and Hispanic at 12%, other non-white at 9% and Asian at 3% and Caucasian is about 5%. Then the journey hours by ethnicity is about 61% Caucasian and about 61% black, 16% Hispanic and under 7% native American and a small percentage of non-white. We do see diversity with the minority level we are encouraged by.

**Hardesty:** You can also see that having a majority native-American firm significantly changes the graph. So without the firm we would still be doing than we've done in the past, right? But that firm helped to boost the numbers and so I'm grateful for the thoughtfulness under which you have undertaken this task and most categories you're exceeding your goals. Where you're not exceeding your goals, you at least have a strategy and plan how you'll get to that goal. Very well done. I hope this is a model for other bureaus as we continue to face this challenge in our contract. Well done.

**Solmer:** Thank you, commissioner. One thing that has led to our success has been to focus in on the ownership of the businesses we're contracting with and on the trade hours. You see a lot of times they go hand in hand but you can't focus on one without the other. Just a plug as other groups are doing this to focus in on both of those.

**Hardesty:** And with the specific commitment getting people to journeyman status. That's a model I hope we'll emulate throughout the city of Portland because we spent a lot of resources on apprenticeship and it's silly we don't get better outcomes from that. Thank you.

**Inman:** Thank you. And related to that another important component of what we're doing on improved corrosion control and we'll look at on other water bureau projects and specifically on the filtration facility and pipelines is we have implemented the training for the safe work environments and rise up stands for respect, safety, inclusion, and equity of construction trades. It's a respectful workplace program developed by an Oregon tradeswoman association. The focus is now that we're getting that diversity on our work sites we want to ensure they are comfortable and safe being there to help them and support them on staying on and feel comfortable staying on through the program towards graduation. It's another tool to help increase the graduation rate. Now, with our two larger components the bull run filtration projects include the facility itself as well as our pipelines. A little bit of a status update. We did

achieve the first of three major compliance milestones with the approval of our pilot study with the Oregon health authority and we completed a part of the design and we're work towards the pipeline with a complete basis of design hopefully coming out this fall. We brought our designer on board for the pipelines in January. And we have done a lot of geotechnical work along that route to understand the ground we'll be working in part of our seismic resiliency goals. And on all these projects we have the program manager, program owner and support and have the designer for the filtration facility and designer for the pipelines and the contractors for the facility on board. We are meeting our covid equity participation goals for all of those and then we are also currently in the process right now we are reviewing request for proposal to hire a contractor for the pipelines. These project very early in having just ending the early planning stages and moving into 30% design. So when we think about equity for these components, it's really about focusing on supporting those covid firms that we have that are part of those contracts. As part of that we kicked off this entire program several years ago. We knew equity and contracting was one of our goals and one of the pieces we wanted to focus on. As part of that we have a capacity building program that is part of the program of our team. And the firm is called formation lab. In and of itself is a demonstration of success. It's a woman-owned firm that is really supported by the large projects and they work to help us build capacity with covid firms. Or other firms in the area. So we have offered this capacity building program to all the covid certified firms. Over 30 of them. When we get it we'll offer it to them and of the 30 plus firms over to have opted in to participate and those range from services of structural engineering, sustainability, asset management and landscape architecture and we have a couple quotes I think Bonita will talk on one particular success later on. The program is focused and one-on-one with each firm to help identify what they need whether it be business support to help grow and deal and build capacity and be successful with the large programs or additional work or whether it's technical support to ensure they are delivering the deliverable to the design that is expected and giving support. As we move towards construction we again are focused on those helping those to be successful and are taking advantage or trying to capitalize on our runway. We have a longer runway before getting to construction bidding. So 18 to 24 months out. We're not taking a break. We're continuing outreach later this year we continue to doll outreach to have as many folks as possible in that community be aware off the work coming up to help them think about how to plan for it and get support they need to hopefully be able to bid on the work when it does come out. They'll work with the oversight committee to develop the construction procurement and subcontracting plans where we identified what will be self-perform and package up the rest of the bid packages and package the work to reach the subcontracting

community we're trying to collaborate with and provide opportunity for. Though we are always from construction, we recognize it will take every minute of that time to help maximize what we can get by the time we put it out to bid. If there's no other questions on equity I'll move on. There are eight of program values and benefits the projects will bring to us. Improving long-term reliability and resilience that includes seismic resiliency and adaptability and thinking about looking to future needs water quality changes and regulation which is are always being evaluated and looked at. Climate change every time I turn around this year we see something we haven't had probability for. We had warmer temperatures and ice storms earlier this year. One of the driest springs on season. A lot of impacts on climate change this filtration facility will help address. That's important to us when we think about continuing to deliver excellent water every day to nearly 1 million customers. It's not just the 1 million customers but those advantaged and struggling to pay because when we know we cannot deliver safe drinking water they're disproportionately affect. These programs will help implement the infrastructure and address things like warmer water favorable for algae and additional turbidity. We know it's a large program. We're committed to affordability for those who struggle to pay and recognize the importance of the program and what it means for the economy and community. We had a recent study estimating 4,600 jobs as part of the project. Over \$1 billion in labor income and over \$1.6 billion in economic activity. We'll give you the official status and all the projects are on schedule. Related to scope we had one change to the council approved scope in a reduction in capacity facility from 145 million gallons a day to 135 million gallons a day due to the review of the supply and demand planning. From a budget perspective we're seeing increases in cost estimates. We're seeing pressures on estimated cost and we think about the overall piece this can put the goals intention. The past year has been very volatile and impactful in many ways. From the construction standpoint construction inflation is about 5% exceeding general inflation. Material pricing has been increasing exponentially in the last six months. We're seeing some of that come down. We've seen lumber come down but steel is still high. Commissioner Ryan had a question?

**Ryan:** I probably should let you finish. The spike in the prices right now is that connected to supply chain issues from covid.

**Inman:** Yes.

**Ryan:** I was assuming that and wanted to say that on the public record. Everyone's been experiencing this and that's pretty extreme.

**Inman:** The impact of steel tariffs and they are very extreme. We're hopeful we'll see some of that come back down.

**Ryan:** It will be tough to see projects on time.

**Inman:** Both pieces. The supply piece means you need to order early to ensure you have it on time. Yet all these things have had a significant component of what we are seeing and what we'll be getting as our next set of estimated costs for construction. We have had some known construction cost increases with some of the components. The corrosion control facility and cost is a little bit higher. We came in right in the middle of this pandemic and this unknown and we have had some of our consultant fees and there's projects in the area. We're still in the 1.483 forecast. We had contingencies and our estimated costs are using some of that contingency. We'll have the draft basis of design report later this month and that has over \$1,224,000,000 and what we have going forward before the construction costs we're bringing to the guaranteed maximum price. I'll try to go faster because there's wonderful stuff to report on the community engagement. We have 18 to 24 months and we'll do value engineering and have 60%, 80%, 90% design. Phases we'll do value engineering. We'll be back before you at the least next summer with an annual report at 60% design. There should be no surprises by the time we get to that price of 2023. We got a draft estimate in the fall. We took significant value engineering effort and will be getting a newest mat this month and we'll be value engineering on the project recognizing we and optimize the opportunities. I'll turn it over to Bonita to talk about community engagement.

**Bonita Oswald:** I'm Bonita Oswald and work on the communication project. We continue to provide regular updates to the community and during the pandemic we have been post host number of meetings and virtual event. The past year we focuses on the commitment to greater engagement with native communities. We started to improve ongoing communication with the indigenous communities and learned a lot and plan a guidance document with the advice receive from the first phase of the work and the ongoing partnerships and opportunities for projects and for the water project as a whole. You can see about an experience of collaborating with b.e.s. Through land restoration projects and capacity building support team and worked with serena to help her start her own business to help us help others for ideas to engage in the indigenous and cultural knowledge for a variety of projects. We have overseen valuable feedback through a number of surveys and virtual open house last September and through our advisory group meetings we've hosted over the past 18 months with their feedback we helped mitigate lighting and noise and traffic. We recognize many neighbors would rather not have the project in their community but we can design a filtration facility that adapts to the community. Minimizing impact during construction, looking at how we can continue to be a good neighbor during operations and keeping the community informed and the team is using that to make

decisions through the construction of the filtration facility. Another way is to give voice to community members less engaged or less vocal and more public forum. We last conducted this in 2019 and we completed a telephone and online public opinion survey to get updated understanding of the residents' awareness for the control and project. This helps us understand differences in demographics such as race and gender and education and household income. We also have a second phase including focus groups including those with language or disability barriers. For the initial phase we heard from the cross section of water users not just who directly pay the water bill. We also oversampled Portlanders from communities of color to provide a sufficient sample size to analyze responses from our communities. The results are statistically weighted to match the demographic profile of Portland. The full report is available on our website but I wanted to share some results we heard from the work and note comparisons from efforts in 2019. A question was about project awareness and 9% increase is pretty good when you consider all the information that's been competing for our attention. When we asked if project costs were important there was a difference that were interested in total project cost. Most people also favor information about low income programs and what we found interesting about that is that Portlanders want to ensure their program's available to low-income households even if they're billed as affordable to them leading the next slide about affordability. We asked which of the following three segments comes closest to your point of view. Combining the two options at the top, 79% found their drinking water to be affordable which is similar to what we heard in 2019. We do recognize 13% who do struggle to pay their water bill certainly is not an insignificant number especially when the historically under represented communities are impacted and we want to engage more with the groups not only to increase awareness but make sure they understand and know the option we have available to ensure water is affordable for everyone. Now over to Jodie to talk more about affordability.

**Inman:** And in addition to managing cost the loan gives fantastic rates and terms that enable us to reduce the impact and this is the benefit towards the rates. Then in addition to that, the water bureau has been nationally recognized for its affordable program but that does not mean there's not more we can do and we continue to do and focus on. We do have multiple financial assistance programs and recognizing these large projects and capital programs in front of us we are continuing to be focused on teams' affordability programs and continue to reach out to those who need it know they're best supported. It may be quiet for you in the next year but not for us. We'll be continuing to work heavy on designing the facility and pipelines working towards the 60% continuing to develop additional cost estimates towards maximum prices in construction in 2023. It will be a big year for us also because we will be submitting land use

application for the projects in early 2022 we'll be bringing corrosion control online which is also a big achievement for us in the upcoming year. As we continue with the design and land use application and we're dedicated continued cost management, balancing performance, and reliability goals and back at the least next summer with another update. With that back to you.

**Solmer:** Thank you. Before we close I wanted to get back to commissioner, you had asked a question about the control and the \$3 million as a percentage and like Jodie said we don't do math in public. It leads to is good results and I have a good team and it's 16.7% of the total project value and 31.6% of the hard construction costs. I wanted to give you that back as soon as I had it.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. It's no surprise to anybody I was one of the biggest critics of the project and put every challenge I could imagine in front of you and your team and I wanted to prove it, prove it, prove it and I will say publicly, you have proved it, proved it, proved it and I'm impressed with your leadership and have done what you promised you would do and doing the annual reports back to us and showing where your having success and not as successful where you'd like to be but what your plan is for success. I could not be prouder of the team work you and your team have done. I always want to challenge people to do better than we think we can and you rose to the challenge.

**Solmer:** Thank you. You've taken up space in our heads. We hear your voice as we go through these issues. We've been helped and following up on the council priorities and it makes it easier to fulfill our goals and make sure we're focused where we need to be. It's a lot of work and different ways of thinking and that's a good challenge but if we can do this, others can too. We're happy to lead the way.

**Hardesty:** You're right. And there's nothing like surpassing the challenges in front of you and this was a huge challenge because of the magnitude of the project. I'm going to ask if there's any questions from the council not seeing questions, has anyone signed up to speak?

**Clerk:** Madame president, it's a report.

**Hardesty:** In that case I'm happy accept a motion. Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** Number one, I wanted to start by thanking the bureau staff for an excellent presentation and stepping up to what I truly think is a once in a generation challenge for the city of Portland it's going to keep future Portlanders safe and I appreciate the kind words from commissioner Hardesty. We're excited to see this one evolve and grow over time. With that I'd like to move we accept the report.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Is there a second?

**Ryan:** I will second.

**Hardesty:** Moved by commissioner Mapps and seconded by commissioner Ryan. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you for the presentation it's interesting and also good about briefing us along the way. I want to acknowledge the work you're doing in contracting. I like the term graduate up bought it's the truth. You have to look upstream the fact we're seeing good trends and you can see somebody get enough hours to graduate up to the journey level. That's how do you the contracting. Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for asking about the lead in the water and we have a lot of communication and I learned something new today which is we have lead in our pipes but not in our water supply. Thank you. I'm happy to vote aye and the report has been adopted. Excellent presentation and excellent work. I can clearly see the absolute commitment each of you have to not only doing the project within budget but also making sure equity is a component every step of the way. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We have completed our item 500. Please read item 501 please.

**Ryan:** Madam President, because it's time certain maybe we can go to the one pulled from consent, 487.

**Hardesty:** That's good idea.

**Ryan:** Wait, that one is an emergency, so we need four commissioners to vote. So my idea was garbage.

**Hardesty:** Your idea was an excellent one.

**Ryan:** I think we need to take a break.

**Hardesty:** I was just going to recommend that commissioner Ryan. I recommend we take a 10-minute break and come back at 3:00 p.m. Time certain item. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** We are back in session and again, thank you commissioner Hardesty, for taking over my duties while I had another engagement and we're at item 501.

**Clerk:** Accept Portland's housing bond oversight committee.

**Ryan:** Thank you to our oversight committee members for the time, effort, and expertise you bring to the oversight of Portland's housing bond. Your report ensures the city is investing in the way voters intended. The past year we reached and in several areas exceeded our goals to create affordable homes amid the housing crisis accelerated during the global pandemic. They'll



present the progress report for the housing bond. I'll turn it over to you, director Callahan.

**Shannon Callahan:** Thank you, Shannon Callahan of the Portland housing bureau. I'm pleased to introduce two members of our bond oversight committee who will present the report for the calendar year 2020 though you have seen much activity happen regarding the bond since that point, your report is an overview of the year 2020. With that I'd like to introduce you to two of our esteemed bond oversight committee members. It's a five-member committee. And today we will be joined by our chair Todd Struble and member at large.

**Todd Struble:** Good afternoon, I'm Todd Struble. I serve as the chair of the bond oversight committee. I'm the community development director at Apono and I use he and him pronouns. Our committee has reviewed progress on three areas of oversight. The first is honoring how the investment align and we reached our end goals. This table summarizes our progress indicating we have projects complete and in process to meet and exceed our goals. Units achieved reflects our two existing project Ellington and east burn side. By keeping close watch over our progress we are using information to better strategize remaining funds in the upcoming years. In addition to the progress in our production goals we've looked at where they're needed to meet partnerships and preventing displacement as outlined in our framework. As described in the 2020 progress report, 82% of the 14,020 new units constructed or planned construction are in high-opportunity areas. The new homes are located with transportation, open spaces, high quality schools and amenities. 25% or 373 of the units purchased constructed or planned are located in areas at high risk for gentrification and 100% of the projects include permanent supportive housing units. And there was a goal of reaching 30% of construction cost for utilization of certified disadvantaged minority women or service and disabled veterans quite the acronym contractors exceeding the city's goal of 20%. All bond projects also established a new target of 20% of the utilization for potential services such as architects, surveyors, and engineers. One project is on track to exceed the targets. We have partnered with to expand participation of women and people of color in construction trades. With that I will transition over to Annalise.

**Wheeler:** Before you move on commissioner Hardesty hat a request.

**Hardesty:** Do you have the breakdown of the contractors that were utilized in this bond?

**Struble:** I do not, I'd have to refer to staff.

**Callahan:** As new projects are just beginning construction; we don't have up to date information that would give you a view of what has happened in the past but we're tracking the projects all the way through to ensure that they are on track to meet and exceed their goals.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, we appreciate that. As we all know just reaching 20% or 30% goals didn't paint the whole picture. For me the demographic information is important and spread out and

providing an opportunity for minority and women-owned firms. As soon as you have that data I'd be very interested in it. Thank you.

**Callahan:** Thank you, commissioner.

**Anneliese Koehler:** Good afternoon. I'm a Portland bond oversight committee member around it's been an honor and pleasure to serve on the committee and contribute to the critical work. I'm here to discuss oversight area 2 creating community. As an oversight committee ensures housing stakeholders and the Portland community for meetings and seek to engage the community to inform the implementation and development of the bond projects. The Portland housing bond prioritizes communities disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis. In working with homeless service providers and agencies and other organizations we have worked to create housing for specific communities including communities of color, families, including families with children and immigrant and refugee and intergenerational households and households experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness or displacement. We also wanted to share with you information about who currently lives in housing funded by the Portland housing bond. As of 2020 we have two projects providing housing to Portlanders the Ellington and east burnside apartments. We track how well they're serving the communities outlined in the framework. I want to note there's 6% of the population above the 60% ami threshold this is because it's when the property was acquired. We fully anticipate the units will convert to rent restricted units upon turnover. We have the privilege of hearing from at least two project teams every quarter. They present at our bond oversight committee meetings. As a reminder, the meetings are always open to the public and they talk about the projects and challenges and financing to permitting and construction and partnerships for residents and supportive services. The project teams continuously work with community stake hold to inform project designs, leaving strategies and resident services programs. This important community feedback has resulted in items like additional laundry rooms, community spaces, outdoor amenities, and increased space. For the bonds already opened such as the Ellington and burnside apartments staff engages residents to understand the resources and improvements needed at each property. An addition our bonded projects work with specific populations and we have culture specific agencies such as the native American rehabilitation association and youth and family center and the immigrant and refugee community organizations. They help provide services and referrals for our projects. Additionally, our support have partnered with clinical mental health and behavioral health care and life force request and now over to alan to discuss fiscal responsibility.

**Allan Lazo:** Good afternoon. I'm the executive director at the fair housing council of Oregon and

bond oversight committee member and have the pleasure because I am a recovering accountant and if you go to the next slide we'll be reviewing expenditures and ensuring financial accountability and we recognize is one of the core responsibilities of the bond oversight committee. We want to make sure bond dollars spent are clearly and separately tracked. If you go to the next slide we'll take a look at where the finances are currently. So these figures as of December 2020, \$55.2 million of bond funds have been expended. Additionally, \$145.5 million in bond funds have been committed or awarded to 10 projects you all probably talked about earlier through the 2019 bond opportunities solicitation for projects last year. Totals for reserves and remaining funds will continue to change as more projects close and start to move in the construction phases. So we'll look at funds for future projects that include the remaining funds as well as the interest being earned and credit back that we receive which is approximately \$25 million at the end of 2020 so far. In a more accurate final total, will be available towards the end of this year and start to get an understanding where we are in remaining funds. As you know per the bond, 7% of the total bonds have been allocated for administrative allowance. And part of what was approved by voters in the 2016 bond measure itself. These add min expenses will be adjusted as projects begin to move in the construction phases and will reflect the cost of bond implementation of the bond. We have an independent auditor currently if the process of a full financial audit report of bond expenditures. With that I'll pass it back to the team.

**Callahan:** This is Shannon Callahan of the Portland housing bureau. We may have completed our presentation a bit early but want to make sure council had an opportunity to ask any questions about our progress today.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions? And if not I'll accept a motion.

**Ryan:** Motion.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** A motion from second Ryan and second by commissioner Hardesty. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you to the members of the bond oversight committee and Todd, Annalise, and Allan and this reflects the promises made to voters despite the challenges of 2020 and tremendous collaboration among our funding partners at the joint offices for homeless services and home forward as well as our ability to leverage bond investments on average of 2.6 times with the additional resources all this with leading with racial equity to increase economic and housing opportunities for those of color and vulnerable populations. This is one of the many steps we are taking as a city to align our community's priorities, addressing houselessness and meet the needs of families. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you director Callahan and thank you Portland housing bond oversight committee for your thoughtfulness and keeping us on track to have housing people can afford to live in. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your great work on this and the housing bond oversight committee for continuing to be the eyes and the ears of the public and to hold all of us collectively accountable for a program that was ultimately from the community and supported by the community. I'm very happy to support the work up to this point and progress. I vote aye. The report is accepted. Colleagues, maybe it's more of a question for staff, we wrapped that up very quickly. We have another -- commissioner, Ryan did you have a comment?

**Ryan:** I was thinking we can do 493.

**Wheeler:** Here's the question. Is it 494 and 495 and 487, are the ones I show?

**Ryan:** 487, because people from the housing bureau is here.

**Wheeler:** That was pulled off the consent agenda. Why don't we do can you read 487, please and we can get staff for 494 and 495 would be fantastic. Shannon, are you on?

**Callahan:** We are here and Kimberly and Tony so it would be great if we can do that first.

**Wheeler:** Is that 484?

**Callahan:** I think it's 487.

**Wheeler:** Let's do 487 then we'll do 494 and 495 and then we'll just be incredibly efficient. Please call 487, please.

**Clerk:** Authorize intergovernmental agreement with prosper Portland in support of ongoing implement of housing functions at the housing bureau and economic opportunity functions at prosper Portland.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Prosper Portland and the Portland Housing Bureau share responsibilities in providing the highest level of services to residents. Prosper Portland provides economic development services, while the housing bureau provides access to programs. Take it away director Callahan.

**Molly Rogers:** I believe director Callahan will --

**Callahan:** Good afternoon. I was going delegate this to our great deputy director Molly Rogers, if you don't mind.

**Rogers:** Thank you, director Callahan. Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. For the record

I'm Molly Rogers the deputy director and here to introduce the intergovernmental agreement which has been in existence since 2009 when it was first formed. Since this design php and prosper Portland have shared economic activities. Prosper Portland has tax increment financing or the urban renewal areas and affordable housing development. Phb has the block grants fund of which prosper Portland spends a portion on youth and adult workforce development. We had a program called ceop for short and that's to increase the number of people of color and women in trades and remove barriers from construction firms owned by people of color and women so they can successfully participate in public contracting. So through the coep subcontract on the housing fund bonded projects condition help exceed their equity contracting workforce and training goals. This iga outlines detailed scopes of work for the shared responsibilities according to the funding levels approved by council in the fiscal year '21-'22 and this does not represent changes in our scopes of work, activities, or relationship and this an annual update of our funding announcement. I'm joined by Kimberly Brannon and Tony Barnes from prosper Portland and will be happy to take questions. Colleagues, any questions?

**Wheeler:** Do we have comments?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** It's been a long day. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** [roll called]

**Wheeler:** Aye. Now I'm doing your job and not very well. I vote aye. Thank you. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, please. 494.

**Clerk:** Adopt and authorize the submission of the 2021-2025 consolidated plan and the fy2021-22 action plan application for the community development block grant home investment partnership, emergency solutions grant, and housing opportunities for persons with aids programs to the US Department of housing and urban development.

**Wheeler:** This is an emergency ordinance. Ryan.

**Ryan:** Yes. The consolidated plan is our application to hud for federal funding for four affordable housing and community development programs. Community development block grant home housing opportunities for persons with aids and emergency block grants and consolidate this city of Portland and the city of Portland is the lead agency. Consolidated plan includes a market analysis and needs assessment of both housing and non-housing community needs. There's a strategic plan to address the consortium needs over a 5-year plan period and there's an individual one-year action plan for each consortium partners. By submitting this plan to hud, the Portland consortium is certifying the funded projects and programs will further fair housing and serve the low-income consortium residents experiencing disproportionate housing and non-

housing needs. With that I'll turn it over to director Callahan from the Portland housing bureau to present the consolidated plan and accompanying action plan.

**Callahan:** Good afternoon. Thank you commissioner Ryan. Shannon Callahan of Portland housing bureau. This is the second item from the housing bureau you're hearing this afternoon that effectuates the city's budget and the item to follow also does the same. As you have heard, the consolidated plan serves as our application to the housing and urban development for the will have funding that we and our jurisdictional partners in the county and in the interest of time and we'll go through this as quickly as possible. Before it turn it over I'd like to thank her for her service on behalf of not only Portlanders but of the other jurisdictional partners in culling the report detailed demographics and grant application effectively to hud over the last year. And with that can you go through the power point for council so they know what they're being asked for.

**Uma Krishnan:** Good afternoon. For the record I'm Dr. Uma Krishnan with the consolidated land action plan and we will quickly run through this but I wanted to make sure I mention this. I would like to use the privilege and opportunity to share with the council and community basics of the consolidated plan, he highlights from the plan, the allocation and over to our finance director to briefly go over what are the projects. I think in the interest of time we may be moving to slide number five. We made the choice for the slide because the plan itself is a voluminous plan. It's not a riveting document and not a page turner and I think it's important exactly for the opposite reason. Every page covers the needs in our community or talks about the market analysis or our strategy how to address that so every page stops and makes us think with it. It's a good document. If you ever have a lot of time please go through it. Unlike the reports in the morning it's an application. It will get us the \$15 million we really need for the community and what you see is an illustration that talks about how this plan comes together and my colleague put this together from the data team. It's a process and a report. It sort of begins like everything else citizen participation and concept from area experts and we do an intensive needs assessment which looks at the special data set and conference and we come up with the strategy and action plan and come with an annual look back and report to hud. It's a process that comes with accountability. So we have the 1974 and the community block development block grant and cdbd for short. Each consortium members the city of Portland and Gresham and other counties covering the unincorporated parks and Maywood park and wood village. We see the plan and have a formula and have the esg and it's essentially a pass through to partners of homeless services. We have the market analysis and we come up with the needs. Because it's the sixth plan, the needs are not new but though they have been numbered one through three, they all

have high priority. We have affordable house choice, basic services and homeless prevention and community and economic development as high need priorities. Each have associated goals and for this ground we kept the goals intact and make sure we have a community commitment so in addition to promotion we wanted to hear the community and added this that promote racial equity. Prevent homelessness through infrastructure and employment. We have goals and we have to tie back to the goals. The goals have been determined based on needs. The action plan is the implement plan. For the first year this is what we will allocate and projects can nestle activities and once they review everything. Now I'm passing it over to Mike Johnson.

**Callahan:** Mike can't join us. This represents what is in the budget and what you can see are the breakouts Dr. Krishnan just explained and the amount in each program and in the interest of time we'll conclude our presentation and have more material and are happy to answer questions now or at a later point.

**Wheeler:** I'm not seeing questions at this junction.

**Callahan:** That concludes our presentation and would ask for your support to apply for federal funding.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Do we have public testimony?

**Clerk:** I don't believe anyone is on the call.

**Wheeler:** Last call if anyone wants to raise their hand for public testimony. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Yes. Your words, not a page turner but someone has to turn the pages and has to dig in the details. Thank you for that great report and thank you for your service I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance approved. Item 495 also an emergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Authorize 18 subrecipient contract for the provision of services in support of providing affordable housing for the amount of \$5,141,000.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** We provide subrecipient contracts with non-profit organization. The services include emergency home repair, fair housing ownership and legal aid services for low income renters and we'll provide to 18 organization to carry out the community services on behalf of the bureau. A series of hearings and public meetings were held to ensure input from a broad range

of community members as to the urgent needs of Portland's low-income residents. And it reflects outlines in the strategy. With that I'll turn it over for the presentation of the subrecipient programs.

**Dana Shephard:** Good afternoon, my name is Dana with the Housing Bureau. If we can queue up the power point presentation. Thank you very much. I'll speak about the nine of the 18 contracts and they come from the housing preservation team. Those fall under pro programs. The home owner access program and provide access to homeowners with pre and post education and the retention programs to prevent displacement of grants and home repair loan programs. Here you'll see a list from the community based organizations that provide the services to the community. For of which are not list on the master ordinance and that's because it only includes the contracts over \$100,000. Here you'll see the annual targets for 2021 for home buyer education and counselling, 975 household for home buyer subsidies the payment assistance in the year and those receiving grants is 430 household. We recorded the 2021 annual targets. Due to the pandemic there may be need for additional services. At this time I'll pass it on to matthew.

**Matthew Tschabold:** Good afternoon. Matthew Tschabold with the housing bureau. I'm here to speak to the service contracts of the program area that administers your local landlord tenant and fair housing regulations as well as a body of and lords and contract managers around the city. Here's the logo. In total we have over a dozen contracts providing a suite of services focused on general education, focus and then direct services in the spheres of this housing and landlord-tenant law. Similar to the home ownership the contract those above \$100,000. In general the services are providing either fair housing education and testing enforcement or landlord-tenant services or remediation services or mediation services between volunteered mediation services between landlords and tenants as well as general education service for the public. Here are some of the outcomes for the contracts before you today. We generally see 20 to 80 individuals. With that we're here to answer any specific questions any members of council have.

**Wheeler:** Any questions on the item? Any public testimony?

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

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll. [roll called]

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. We'll now move to item 502 on the afternoon agenda time certain 3: 30 p.m.

**Clerk:** Amend the zoning map and title 32 signs and related regulations to implement the design overlay zone amendments project to update the and tools of the design overlay zone and related code sections.



**Wheeler:** First we'll hear from our city attorney and then turn it over to Sandra Wood to explain the amended documents to us.

**Lauren King:** Mayor, this is Lauren King. I'm on the call. I don't think there's anything from the city attorney in terms of procedure you need to hear.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Then today what we're doing is voting on the amended documents for the project. As you know it's all called DOZA for short. Explain where we are in the amended documents.

**Sandra Wood:** I'm with the bureau of planning and sustainability. It's the second to last time we'll be here for the DOZA project. I see smiles, why? Today is a pretty quick agenda item. What we're asking of council is you amend the documents you made. We were last year June 10 at the public hearing for DOZA. At that time council approved five amendments to be a recommended draft of city code and one amendment to the ordinance. What we did after that is go back and amend all the documents to reflect what the council's wishes are. So we have four documents that we distributed on Thursday. They were attached to the council agenda today. The first one is amended ordinance itself. We added the directive as you asked us to for character statement and then we needed to amend the findings report. Those are all the findings against the comprehensive plan and statewide planning goals then we amend the staff report. Volume one and we amend the code which is volume 2 to reflect the amendment. What we're looking for is for a commissioner to make a motion today and if one of you could just make a force to amend the ordinance finding and recommended drafts of volume 1 and 2 as shown in the amended package distributed on June 17, 2021.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** I'll second. Commissioner Hardesty moves as shown in the amendment package. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. This pass to second reading. It's continued to June 30, at 8: 30 time certain. That's June 30, 2021, 10: 30 a.m. Time certain. That concludes this item. Colleagues, we're getting there. Our next item is a time certain at 4: 00 p.m. We have nothing else to do in the interim so we'll

give you 20 minutes of your life back. We'll be in recess until 4: 00 p.m.

**Wheeler:** We are back in session. Keelan, can you read please items 503 and 504 together.

**Clerk:** Accept a grant in the amount of \$439,950 from federal transit administration public transportation research and demonstration grant for Portland streetcar's healthy reliable transit project. Item 504 amend contract with Portland streetcar inc. To extend the agreement terms through June 30,2023 and \$1,982,133.

**Hardesty:** Please join me in welcoming Congressman Earl Blumenauer. We're here to talk about the street opening. The congressman has been a long time champion of building walkable, dense neighborhoods supported by high-quality transit as a solution to address our region's climate and equity challenges. For the past two decades, Portland street car has supported access to affordable housing parts, services, and major employment centers with 100% electric transit. Portland success has led to a national movement to reach transit and street cars to convene stakeholders to solve the issues of the day. The congressman has led the charge as the powerful ways and means committee in congress. Join me in welcoming him today.

**Rep. Earl Blumenauer:** It's a pleasure to join you. Some of my fondest memories are being part of the council and working on projects and it's part of our future as well as our past and I'm pleased to recognize and applaud the ongoing work the council and p bot and the Portland streetcar has done. One of the things I'm most proud of is helping launch the modern streetcar movement. There's one streetcar system in New Orleans that predates but this was the modern street car. The first initiative that helped re-introduce the modern street car apart from the Charles street line. There's an amazing citizen board. Sometimes I complain they accepted a 20-month assignment that lasted 20 years in terms of his volunteer leadership with the street car committee. It is an area that Portland can take great pride in. We were the model that I used for the small start program that enabled us to extend the street car to the east side and ultimately to connect the loop over the Tilikum bridge. We convene people from across the country having people who deal with these innovations and the street car has been front and center the last 25 years. From Tucson to Seattle, Washington, DC, amongst others. It can trace the lineage to what you as a Portland city council and working with the program and our citizen volunteers were able to issue. Working with people in Los Angeles and Brooklyn with new innovative programs demonstrating the power of the concept and practical application of using this technology for revitalization. I've heard from a number along the initial streetcar line stunned at the impact it had. They would have designed some projects differently because they wouldn't have needed as much parking. The Portland street car was highlighted by npr as one of the top 10 innovations that changed urban America. It's continuing to change. It's exciting to be here. 20 years ago we

launched Portland street car and it was great to be a part of that effort and extending it to the east side arguing I worked with Rahm Emmanuel and they were proud of what the investment made. When we closed the loop connecting the east side and west side it dramatically increased the effectiveness. As we look forward to the next 20 years I look forward to working with you to support future extensions and continuing to integrate the street car to the communities it serves. I love this proposal for the street car ambassador, the rider ambassador which is a part of the work you've done to try and provide more humane investment in providing resources who may be troubled and maybe have had challenges and not turned first to armed intervention with law enforcement but people trained to understand people's needs and help them appreciate how to de-escalate situations or get them access to service and promote this critical criterion of livability in Portland. The evidence is powerful what you're work has done over the last 20 years to enhance the opportunities for investment. It concentrated development immediately along the line and fighting against sprawl. It's a story that too few people understand but will be a part of our present and our future. I applaud the work you are all doing to help people in Portland return to a sense of normality. You're dealing with challenges unlike anything I encountered as a member of this body. My heart goes out to you in terms of the things you are facing. I'm working hard to make sure the federal government is a better partner to help you in terms of housing in terms of infrastructure and being a constructive partner. I'm pleased there are significant resources that are available to you because of the things we passed here and I'm confident you will invest them in ways that will magnify their impact. I will just say that is not the last investment we make. We'll work with you to find other opportunities to build on this and give you the resources you need and a federal partnership that doesn't just meet you halfway but is actively involved as you deal with unprecedented challenges. As I say it's unlike anything I experienced in my almost half a century working in these areas at all levels, state, county, city, and now federal government. I know you've got your work cut out for you. I want to continue to be your partner locally and the federal government steps up to provide the assistance you need. I deeply appreciate your willingness to allow me to parachute in after a long day on your council and to add my congratulations for what you're doing and express my support for the recognition we're going to have this next month on the 20th of the signal achievement in Portland's history. Thank you very much.

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

**Hardesty:** I'm now going to turn it over for staff presentations. I have Catherine safety division manager for p bot and Dan the director of Portland streetcar inc. Welcome.

**Blumenauer:** I'm going to eavesdrop a minute.

**Hardesty:** Stay as long as you'd like.

**Catherine Ciarlo:** I manage the active transportation and safety division at pbot and the streetcar division is part of that and dan is co-presenting with me. The executive director of Portland streetcar inc. And we'll talk about that as we move through the presentation. What we'd like to do is basically share a little bit about the street car system itself and then a description of the grant you are going to accept and then about the extension. Before I dive into that I want to talk a bit about our governance structure which is unique. It's a combination of the city of Portland which owns and operates the system. Trimmed which provides operators and funding and Portland streetcar inc. A nonprofit and provides assistance in funding and community relationship and private nonprofit sector partnerships and I want to say they give us a level of agility we would not have otherwise without the non-profit partner and the entire structure is governed by contracts per master agreements between trimmed and the city of Portland adopted in 2013. We are the third largest transit system in Oregon. We have an average weekday ridership of about 5,000 or 5,500 riders. That's way down from our pre covid level of 15,000 a day but also steadily increasing we expect to get back up to the earlier levels. I'll turn it over to Dan Bower to talk more about the system facts and hit highlights on how the system advances city of Portland goals.

**Dan Bower:** The congressman took my speaking points so it will be easy. It's great. The importance point for the city council to recognize is that you own a transit system and all the things that come with that. You also own all the leverage that makes it successful everything from investing in street car system itself, train, employees and services and you control housing and parks, open spaces, access to resources. They're all city function. You're in a unique position where you have control over things that will make the system successful. Think about that in thinking about silos and this should be a whole city effort. We know people use it. People aren't coming into downtown just to ride the streetcars. We're increasing affordable housing and those are the people using our system. Most riders are walking directly out their front door. 96% of our riders are walking to access our system. Really quickly I want to state the street car's ability to shape the city. Also the provision of completely 100% renewable electric transit city is unique. It's a great way to begin to shape the city. Sorry I'm moving fast there. We want to highlight some of the equity goals we are enhancing. The new rider ambassador partnership. That the street car serves these areas, by the post office, lower albina, and the future of that area. Keep that in mind. The last thing is the program we started over the summer. Artist of color program using the street car itself to highlight the artist. We pay the artist, and we pay for the installation, we keep them up for 3 months, and we do what we can to boost them on social media. I wanted

to make sure you were aware of that and let us know if you are aware of artists for us to highlight. Moving on to the grant, we have 15,000 riders more than any other bus line in the area. Those are pre-covid numbers and want to make the street car a place where people feel comfortable to come back. It's part of the reason we are using this grant. Part of the reason we applied is that anarchists' districts cannot apply. Which means we couldn't, but that gave us more reason to apply. WE were successful in getting the grant and allowing us to do four things: it's making the trains cleaner. We'll be replacing the cloth seats. We've started on that project and got feedback on that. One of the challenges we saw during covid is that messages were changing constantly and rules were changing constantly. We had a real struggle communicating these changes to our customers. For that reason we are trying to update our communications and reader boards. It will allow us to be more nimble. And have funding for 25 LED screens. The third component was a new position we're calling the rider ambassador with an acknowledge many we have a significant population using the street car for shelter or a place to be during the day. These people always are riding in a legal manner and beyond that we want to talk to all riders and make sure they have access to resources. Giving them access to those even on the train themselves. We've developed a new job description and they wrote it with me. Our plan is to fire four half time employees to provide them with full benefit package and have these people riding the train and assisting riders. Whatever that may combat in aggressive behavior and we have research in what's happening with the program. I think that's where I'll stop.

**Ciarlo:** We'll switch gears and talk about the contract extension. Does anyone have questions specifically about the grants? It might make sense to take them here?

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any questions about the grant itself? That would be item 503? Not seeing anything -- go ahead.

**Clerk:** We did have one person sign up for 503 for public testimony.

**Wheeler:** Let's take it now so it's fresh in our mind and if that promotes additional questions before we move on to the contract extension portion.

**Ciarlo:** That sounds good. We should know we have invited testimony at the end. At this point are planning to talk about 503 as well.

**Wheeler:** I'll leave it up to the commissioner in charge. We can either do that testimony now or hold off until you have done your introduction of 503. It's the commissioner in charge's call.

**Hardesty:** I'm fine taking the public testimony now before moving to the next conversation.

**Wheeler:** Would you also like to take invited testimony now on 503?

**Hardesty:** Yes.

**Wheeler:** We'll do invited testimony first and ask for input from folks from the community who

would like to testify. Start with your invited testimony and let me know when that's completed and then have you read the names of the public testimony.

**Ciarlo:** Commissioner Hardesty, do you have the list of invited testimony or would you like me to call them?

**Hardesty:** I do. I'm fine if you want to call them as well.

**Ciarlo:** You go ahead. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. So our guest will talk about the owner partnership on the ambassador program. We have with us Maria, Huy, Tristan, and Thomas. Pleasure to have you all here and who is going to start? Huy go ahead and start.

**Huy Ong:** Mayor wheeler, commissioners. I'm Huy Ong and honored to serve as the executive director and organize low-income people and people of color to achieve a safety and healthy lived environment. We specifically organized transit dependent communities through bus riders unite by getting on the system and learning about transit needs and share a collective vision on an expanded system free of fares and criminalization. Let me start by commending the community's ongoing demands for elected official to address the impact policing has on communities of color especially among black communities. Yesterday's announcement to no longer prioritize low-level traffic infractions is a welcome news and we know encounters with police goes beyond traffic stops. We have long organized and demanded alternative to police presence and prioritize the needs of transit dependent ride by listening to them and demanding community-centered solutions. I'm here to share our organizational support through the street car as one of those solutions. We are pleased to work with the streetcar incorporated with the design, implement and evaluation of the program and look forward to imagining together the program spreading to trimmed and transit district.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Maia you're next. Can you unmute? If you're on the phone it's star 6.

**Maia Vasconez-Taylor:** Sorry about that. To mayor wheeler and commissioners I'm the bus rider united organizers and we do work on the ground for transit dependent people for Portland metro area and a big concern is in regard to public safety. I'd like to applaud yesterday's decision to no longer pursue minor traffic infractions and the commitment to limit car searches. This is a decent step in the movement towards adequate public safety. It appears you're wanting to engage with these community conversations around safety and that you're interested in what makes your constituents feel safe. That's why I hope you will see the necessary funding for the Portland streetcar to go through with the rider-ambassador program and transit dependent people of color felt disproportionately safe in areas patrolled by arm police and people in Portland echoed the same. Police and transit police presence on transportation is an inadequate

use of budget for public safety. We call in to you fund pilot programs like this this is similar to the rider program that was a huge success. It was much loved by a transit dependent community members and it received the city of Portland public safety partner award the same year the funding was cut. This is a program that we know people want and that we know is actually very effective. We know it makes people feel safe and welcome on transit. So if like you said you're truly interested in safety then we hope to see you fund community models of care and safety like this program because we know that it works. Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Next Tristan.

**Tristan Isaac:** Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Tristan. I'm the vice chair of the board of directors and transit unite through the Portland metropolitan area for a more robust and equitable transit system. First I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to testify today. We see public transit as a solution to mitigate climate change and improve equality and improve environments. The benefits derive from a well maintained system and as such we hold public transit ought to value it the same as education. To us it's more than a mere service but fundamental right that should be accessible to all. At bru we understand the police hold the status quo that perpetuates the system of mass incarceration. This manifests through the enforcement of excluding quote, undesirables and families disproportionately non-white. They are denied access to jobs and housing and to prisons. This cannot be justified as the cost of a safe and secure transit system. In Portland the multi-jurisdictional police division was unable to prevent the double murder in 2017. The same year an officer was murdered a suspect on the tracks. For this reason and more bus riders united wants the funds directed to models of safety that prioritize health and wellbeing of transit riders instead of criminalizing them for pocket change. We encourage a model used for more than a decade before being defunded in 2009. Bus riders unites supports the transit grant and lack forward to playing a role in the ongoing conception and evaluation. We hope it serves as part of the safety we need. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Do we have Thomas Craig on the line? I'm not seeing Thomas Craig. I'm going Lee Helfend.

**Lee Helfend:** Good afternoon in everyone. Hi name is lee. I'm the organizing director with opal environmental justice Oregon and with bus rider's unit. I use they, them pronouns. Adding on to the comment made today. I'd like to uplift our partnership with the partly cloudy street car in riding out the rider ambassador program. I'd like to give a shout out to dan so easy to work with and I've been going back and forth with community groups to build out this position description for the rider ambassadors and like was said it is largely modelled rider advocates but we also wanted to give it a modern take that incorporates about what our communities are asking for

new terms of more education and outreach to the community in an ongoing way. And so I really want to thank dan for Portland streetcar's openness for what this can look like and excited to work on evaluating the program and making sure it's successful and hopefully once it is successful, up lifting it as a model we can spread across the region. We have been talking with commissioners excited to see -- [audio digitizing] what the implementation looks like and because they oversee the agreement for policing, we're also interested in potentially expanding this to the entire region and making the case to community members and to elected leaders this is something that will decrease violence in our community and ultimately lead to higher ridership which we know is extremely important to address congestion and environmental impacts across the board. With that said I have to uplift all the hard work our community members and the partner organizations that we've been working with who have put so much time and work into this position description and will be continuing to engage as the role out takes place. So thank you to all here who have had a hand in that and I look forward to rolling this pilot program out.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I understand Thomas Craig is on the line now.

**Thomas Craig:** Hi, sorry. Thank you for the help, commissioner. Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners of Portland city council. Thank you for allowing me the time to advocate in support of agenda item 503 ordinance accepting the grant to fund the project. I suspect it's probably a pretty easy vote to take the money and support the project and hope you will. I'm here to suggest there's maybe more to the project in addition to getting extra federal money. The demonstration project now we need to get to the possibly harder work. What I love about Portland streetcar's project is it proposes investments that will help us heal from covid and remind folk how safe and convenient transit is in a way that provides possible solutions to Portland since long before 2020. The project will fund seat inserts to help the streetcars stay fresh and clean and new signage so you will not need a data plan to get up to date information on the service and will provider new rider ambassadors ready to help get acquainted and answer questions and resolve conflicts in a way that keeps people safe. That's one key purpose of government but Portland and other cities have relied too level on inequitable procedures and we have a bureau more inclined to protecting itself than residents and visitors of Portland. The rider ambassador program is similar to the street response it's focused towards offering a helping hand rather than intimidating presence. My suggestion is not just that you pass this ordinance but you watch the results of the program as well and consider expansion in the future. We need more tools in the hands of Portland, streetcar, and other local agencies to help everyone feel welcome and safe. The Portland streetcars help put us on the right track in that



regard. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, that concludes invited testimony. I think we have one person sign up for public testimony on the item.

**Wheeler:** Keelan, please read the individual from the public and thank you for those who provided invited testimony.

**Clerk:** Actually it was Thomas Craig and he was invited testimony so there's no one on the line.

**Wheeler:** With don't we leave this item open. Commissioner we'll move on to the contract extension item 504 also an emergency ordinance.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I'll have Catherine walk us through it.

**Ciarlo:** I'll pull up the presentation and we're going shift from social justice to contract details which is not as compelling but I think is emblematic of the kinds of things we can achieve with this contract. Share a few highlights. History that the original contract was awarded through a competitive bid process in 2015 and has been amended twice. Once for a scope change and a year ago to extend through covid and governance study. We're now at a place where you'd like to extend the contract one more time through the extent of the five years allowed. In order to keep an uninterrupted set of players and programs in place as we emerge from covid and work towards recovery. We do expect in two years in 2023 to have a competitive rfp and one thing we'll be doing in the two-year period is working to define what should be in that rfp and what objectives are. You've heard a little bit about the types of things Portland street car inc. Focuses on in operation and capital. They manage our customer and public relations both constituent response, community relations and some more proactive social media and media outreach. They help us engage with the private and non-profit sector. Budget you have the budget information in your packet. I won't belabor it but it does increase the not to exceed amount by a little over \$1.9 been. The contribution is lower 1.6 now including the grant funds and sponsor revenue. This agility of the public-private partnership you're hearing about and I wanted to share examples. The covid grant obviously but psi has helped secure \$7 million in cares act funding through trimet. They worked with them to develop flexible schedules and health guidance and project management for the types of projects that's hard for pdot to find the capacity to do and the ambassadorship would be difficult to do under city restrictions and personnel policy. Moving forward through the two years, we'll look to psi so develop and lead a strategy for operations in capital funding. It's an issue. We also have challenges ahead. We'll bring that report to you all earlier next year and probably part of will be the project management for the pleat replacement strategy. Again, we have to think about car life now and being strategic. Then the psi will handle delivery of the grant and work with pdot staff to create a five-year strategic plan. That's the end

of our presentation about the contract. Happy to offer more information or answer questions and I just really wanted to go back to where we started with the congressman and talking about partnership. The street car is unique in that it's a true partnership between us and between trimet and nonprofit partners and more and more community organizations and partners. It makes the system vital and very Portland. We're proud of it and excited about it and thank you for giving us the time to talk to you about it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Is there invited testimony?

**Ciarlo:** No.

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

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

**Wheeler:** All right. Colleagues any further question or thoughts on this? Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you. Thank you commissioner Hardesty for bringing this to our attention and I appreciate the presentation. I couldn't agree more than having non-profit partners allows us to very agility we need when we do our work. It was great to have the non-profit partners' voices in the presentation. I have a question about the data collection and publication of findings. Did I miss the data slides showing we'll be measuring?

**Ciarlo:** With respect to the fta grant?

**Ryan:** The same amount as for the cloth seats going vinyl seats, \$80,000 for data collection.

**Bower:** You didn't miss it. We didn't show it. The data collection will be qualitative. We're looking at more consumer confidence reports, surveys gathered from riders on board and on platforms but then we can tie that in to actual numbers.

**Ryan:** Would you include safety numbers too? We're making investment and trying a different approach but it's important to measure. We could see and evaluate objectively what they're measuring. What you measure matters and I can't tell right now. And send those to my office when have you the data sets.

**Wheeler:** Very good. If there's no further questions please call the roll on item 503 emergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Wonderful presentation and great to see the congressman and I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you congressman and thank you pbot and team. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** I'd like to thank everyone who testified today. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is approved. Item 504 also an emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** The ordinance is approved. Colleagues, it was a long day but we got a lot done. That completes our agenda is that correct?

**Clerk:** That's correct.

**Wheeler:** Thank you everyone. Thank you congressman. Thank you colleagues. Thank you to our bureau directors. Thank you to all of our amazing staffers and to the public who showed up to testify. We are adjourned.

**At 4:44 p.m., Council adjourned.**