



October 27, 2021 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-4 roll call.

Council adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Communications

761

[Request of Kate Merrill to address Council regarding safety in Central Eastside](#) (Communication)

Document number: 761-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Lindsey Crawford to address Council regarding safety in Central Eastside](#) (Communication)

Document number: 762-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Kim Malek to address Council regarding safety in Central Eastside](#) (Communication)

Document number: 763-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Nyla Clark to address Council regarding safety in Central Eastside](#) (Communication)

Document number: 764-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

Corey Evans presented to Council for item 764.

765

[Request of Aubrey Russell to address Council regarding Regional Arts and Culture Commission's request to conduct monument removal process](#) (Communication)

Document number: 765-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

766

[Accept Travel Portland Tourism Improvement District Progress Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 766-2021

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Chief Administrative Officer; Management and Finance

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

767

[Accept Portland Parks & Recreation Board 2021 Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 767-2021

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

768

[Proclaim October 2021 to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 768-2021

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 10:25 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

769

[Proclaim October 2021 to be Filipino American History Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 769-2021

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

770

[*Pay property damage claim of Joshua Behrends in the sum of \\$10,366 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190585

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

771

[*Pay property damage claim of Humberto Gomez Jr in the sum of \\$6,034 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190586

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

772

[*Accept and appropriate a grant from United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address health disparities and inequities in West Portland Town Center and authorize the Director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to execute agreements with Oregon Health Authority and Unite Oregon for project support](#)

(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190587

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

773

[*Pay settlement of Francis Gehman lawsuit in the sum of \\$15,000 involving the Portland Housing Bureau](#)

(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190588

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Previous agenda item 760.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

774

[*Accept grant and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet not to exceed \\$348,000 for design and construction of capital improvements to improve transit speed and reliability](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190589

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

775

[*Amend Bureau of Transportation Administration Code to clarify purpose, organization, vision and mission, duties, and administrative rules and procedures to better align with current practices and policies \(amend Code Chapter 3.12\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190590

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

776

[Proclaim October 2021 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 776-2021

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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October 27, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: All members of the council are attending remotely and the city has made several avenues available for the public to participate in meeting is available. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and need to limit physical contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is emergency that requires us to meet electronically. Thank you for your patience as we manage through to conduct the city's business. With that we'll hear from legal counsel.

Anne Milligan: To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communication it speak briefly about any subject. You may sign up for resolutions or first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. The presiding officer determines the length of testify. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the officer will ask you to conclude. If there are disruptions, a warning may be given and result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the meeting. All council meetings are recording.

Wheeler: First up is communications.

Kate Merrill: I'm the executive director for central Portland east side. Our enhanced services. It's been over two years since we came to our enhanced district east side. Our safety for all teams have had over 30,000 interactions with individuals, housed and unhoused. We started peer work programs to restore our bio swells. Is we are seeing a steady increase for our demand for both housed and unhoused and

increased our hours to almost 24 hour coverage? We're facing significant challenges. We had ten fires reported to us that were suspected arsons. Most likely camps. I'm bringing two well-loved Portland manufacturers based on our district and safety on their team to share their stories and propose solutions. We need improvements in these areas. Improvements to the 911. The immediate expansion of Portland Street response and temporary affixes to alleviate the stress on the street while this is being built. We know from our own experience that expansion to safety services can take harm. More ps3's to let police get to solving crimes and create pathways for increased police force. The arsons and investigation units. All investigators are currently overwhelmed with caseloads. The behavioral health unit increases with people wanting to get into recovery programs. We are still unable to quickly get people into shelter and services which our safety for all presenters will address in their testimony. It's going to take the help of this entire community to get us out of this housing crisis. We thank you for your time today and listening for our call for help to make our city safer.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Next individual please.

Clerk: Address council regarding safety and central east side.

Lindsey Crawford: Good morning. I'm joining you from downtown coffee roasters. We're located in the CID. We have a cold brewery. As you may be aware we also have four cafes within Portland. On behalf of the CEIC and police I urge you to take immediate actions to make the city safer for our employees and businesses. The urgency of my ask for all of you. Our city is an interwoven part of our identity. We moved our roastery to the CID one decade ago. It was the perfect place for us to grow and expand and reflected much of what we care about. A slightly rough around the edges realness that we love about our city. We have depth and soul. The central east side in our home. Our emotional connection to the neighborhood continue to dampen. The frequency of concerns have increased at a pace we can't keep up with. Employee vehicles have been broken into in broad daylight. Our employees are scared. These are front line workers that have already navigated the weight and risk

through the entirety of the pandemic. The mental health crisis -- individuals walking down the street with machetes. These situations have real costs. Thousands of dollars in damage to our fleet and buildings. We need to increase our video and surveillance systems and other security measures which we'll spend up to hundred one thousand dollars to implement. I'm asking for intervention to rechart this course. I urge you to improve the 911 unit. Alleviate the stress on this community while this is being built.

Wheeler: I'll have some response to this at the very end. I want to hear all of your presentations first. Next individual, please. 763.

Clerk: Address of Kim Malek to address council to address the central and east side.

Kim Malek: We have about 200 employees in Portland which we're incredibly proud of. One hundred or so work there in our headquarters and kitchen and office. In our current facility at second for about four years. I love Portland. I moved back to Portland specifically to start salt and straw. It couldn't have given birth to anywhere else. Our values are ethos. When we expanded manufacturing five years ago. We worked so hard to stay inside the city. We had factories all over the place and made an intentional city to be where are. It's been really challenging to make it work right now. Given the particular camps surrounding our building, I'm not here to villainize the people in the camps outside our business. I respect them. At the end of the day my job is to provide a safe work environment for my employees. I'm honored they choose to be a part of our company. Right now, they do not feel safe. We cannot keep up the rate of issues that are mounting. My team members have been held up and assaulted multiple times. Their cars have been vandalized. Graffiti on our building, fires on our property, we've had to shut down on multiple occasions. People are shooting up as we walk around to go to work. Our team is propositioned regularly on the way into work. Our compressors and freezers have been damaged. We've lost candidates who have come to interview for positions and considered moving to Portland because they were so upset and uncomfortable with the working conditions surrounding our corporate headquarters. I'm afraid of what headlines could be coming if we don't address this. In addition to the thousands of dollars in

repairs we're paying on an ongoing basis, we've installed and private security. I just want to reiterate and be perfectly clear that I'm not here to complain. We want support for the people in the camps. I'm here to ask that you support the programs that are being brought forward to provide safety for everyone. It's just not safe for many populations. Please let me know and how my company can continue to help for these efforts. Giving answer to all the people who are in need including our company.

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that conclude the testimony on central east side?

Clerk: Mayor, I think we have one more.

Wheeler: 764, please.

Corey Evans: My name is Corey. I'm the assistant coordinator for the safety for all team. The safety for all team currently works to address many of the issues stated today in that we provide a service removing barriers between potential resources and the individuals currently experiencing houselessness in the central east side. I have ten years' experience of social work with justice for all and people with mental illness. It is difficult to go into all the things that my team did out there in the name of removing those barriers. A short list includes connecting people with the resources needed to acquire ID's. Scheduling and maintaining appointments and communication between mental and physical health providers, as well as assisting individuals in making it to those appointments, transportation and communication acquisition. Despite all the things we do, I sincerely believe that the strongest impact we've had with the individuals experiencing houselessness is providing consistency to individuals who experience so little of it in their everyday lives. We're out there every day learning their history and the barriers they face. I would like to share a story that my team experienced. A woman approached me telling me she needed help. She was being abused by her partner and on the street and didn't know what to do because the only housing that was available to her and her two year old daughter was the suspected abuser's mother. She had to spend another night on the street with her suspected abuser. We did get a call back the next day saying a shelter

opportunity was available in five days. That kind of delay goes up against what we consider a window of actionable goals. When you miss that window, you'll find that people's success rates of completing those goals drops drastically. Calling the front desk rarely yields results. We're put on wait lists and spend more time waiting than getting anything done for these individuals. It's not until we begin to know the names of the players in the field that we contacted Brian that contacted Casey from central city concern that placed us in shelter. It needs to be protected for those most in need. When you put in place artificial barriers, we work every day to remove those barriers. Whether it's artificial barriers from lack of resources people are not being served out there. I want to thank you for giving me this time. I encourage you to do whatever you can to help these people. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. I have some comments but I'm going to let my colleagues go first.

Mapps: I just wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation to everyone who provided that powerful testimony today. I want the central and east side industrial council to know that I see the work they do and appreciate it and I heard you. I am dedicated to supporting your very important work. I also want to let the businesses that testified today know that I appreciate what they do and bring to Portland. I think we'll have significantly improved services even by the end of this year. I also heard a call for expanded 311 services. I'm working with the mayor to make that happen. I heard a call for increased investigations for arson and that is an important issue which I will support too. I heard a call to expand the behavioral health unit and the service coordination team, I very much agree with that proposal. I heard a call for more shelter beds. I know Commissioner Ryan is doing innovative work on that item too. Part of our process, I would like to invite all the speakers to come back in early November and share these stories again as we think about how to invest the resource that's we have to make the city better. Again, I want to thank everyone for their testimony. I look forward to hearing from you again at our upcoming budget work sessions. Thank you Mr. Mayor, I'll hand it over to Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: I almost put my hand down because what I wanted to say was very well articulated by Commissioner Mapps. With the five, zero vote that was unanimous from this council. We are doing a lot right now to secure sites for safe rest villages, restore active places where people can be in privacy, receive services. So when they do move into an apartment they end up more successful. I just want you to know that we're working with other municipalities to provide property. We've been in long conversations with metro. We all have to show up right now to respond with solutions and be innovative and that's what we're up to right now on this city council working with all of our partners. Your testimony really does help. It was so honest and something that we all can get behind. Our best days are coming if in fact we all seize this moment and lean in to the shared sacrifice that leads to the opportunity that we have at this time. It's affirming why I'm working my tail off to find these villages.

Wheeler: Thank you. I think you both said very well what I was going to say. We absolutely need you to come in to testify on our full budget process, if you'd be willing to do so. If not, we'll certainly accept written testimony. I'll reference some of the testimony we heard this morning. I want to assure you that has challenging as things are on the east side, it's not just there. I assure you that this council is unified in it's priorities around addressing homelessness meaning getting as many people off the streets as quickly and humanely as possible. We're dedicated to improving public safety. The incredible epidemic of gun violence we're seeing but what you have raised such as employee safety, petty theft and other criminal activity that also takes a toll on the fabric of this community. Improving livability and covid and the economic recovery we want to employ you to be successful. All of the items you mentioned the policing as well as the ps3's and the continued work on the 311 system. The expansion of the Portland Street response model. Shelter and humane alternatives to people living on our streets. I believe this council is unified and not only supporting those items and providing those items urgently. You'll see me make good on my words when we pass the budget. We had a bit of a wind fall that we

didn't anticipate we would have it comes at a time where the city is demanding these actions. I know that you will work with us as well as hold us accountable. We lack forward to continue to go partner with you. We see you; we hear you, we understand the challenges that you are facing. You are not facing them alone. We have a duty to lead and we will. That's my commitment to you. Thank you for being here today. I hope we have many more interactions to come.

Clerk: Regional arts and cultural commissions to conduct monument removal process.

Aubrey Russell: I e-mailed to you a memo to parks and others to remove the city statues in nine weeks with no public review or neighborhood contact. In recent weeks rack has been telling untruths about your city council. Because you adopted that plan, rack attributes that to you. The south park plan does not recommend replacement. It's confirmed by a parks board member. Has Park staff objected to rack's untruth? They have their own deception. The plan appendix tells us that there were many comments related to statues. I asked Mrs. White how this constitutes many. Had he quote, we can't talk to every person in the city. It is very complex, the conversations that we're having. Would Park staff have continued this sort of deception for a year had the parks board been made aware of rack's July 2020 memo. Park and art staff have been working with rack to advance monument removal. Instead parks are reevaluating the relevance of statues and monument,' – it's in a footnote. To explore "potential replacement" of "art" – subtle, not overt. Would this have been approved if it was clear? Already the Oregonian reported that the statues were not coming back, the only question was "what should replace them?" I hope the process looks less like advocacy and looks for like the public involvement. I want to thank you for the work that you're doing. I'm not here to complain. I want to be a part of the solution. I understand the stresses and I appreciate your efforts in all these matters.

Wheeler: Thank you. Thank you for passion on this. I think Commissioner Rubio and I are meeting with you at some point in the very near future.

Russell: That's true. That's November first.

Wheeler: I'll look forward to having a more in depth on this conversation with you. I appreciate your testimony on this today.

Russell: Thank you.

Wheeler: That completes communications. Have any items been pulled off the consent agenda.

Clerk: No.

Wheeler: Call the roll please.

Clerk: (roll call).

Clerk: Accept travel Portland tourism improvement district progress report.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Give me a moment to find my notes. The item before us right now is an update from travel Portland on the returns on the investments from Portland's tourism improvement district three percent fee on overnight stays at hotels and vacation rentals. Travel Portland reinvest these revenues back to get Portland as a tourism destination. I bring this item before you because I serve as this council's liaison to tourism and hospitality industries. I would like to take a moment to share with some of the lessons I've learned. First I have good news. People all the world are curious and interested in Portland. I have rougher news. Around the world have questions - too many people associate Portland with homelessness and homicide. A significant chunk of humanity is afraid of spending time and money in our city. This is a significant factor of holding back our city's cultural and economic recovery. This is a new problem for Portland. Historically people associate Portland with good things. That's less true today than it has been in a long long time. The tourism industry is one case study that tourism is holding back our city's industry. The third point I want to share with you which I've learned as a product as the liaison to the industry is this. Consider this, in 2019 tourism supported 36,000 job in the Portland metro areas. 10,000 of those jobs disappeared. Portland will not recover until we get these jobs back. The fourth lesson I've learned is that travel Portland is doing amazing work helping the hospitality industry navigate these challenging

times. Cutting edge work in each of these areas. Here to tell us more about the travel efforts is to make Portland a more destination.

Jeff Miller: This report was going to be a barn burner. We remain honored by your support. Together we can regain the momentum. The new percent took effect in July. We're just beginning to see the flow of funds. The delta variant hobbled us to a degree. We're hundred million dollars less in revenue than we expected to be in the first part of this year. Because of past good governance we can do just that. I'm pleased to introduce you to Angela Nelson.

Angela Nelson: Good morning. Thank you. I've been a lifelong Michigander. Moving to Oregon is my experience living out of the state despite being well traveled. The safety and security of the city, I accepted this role with no regrets and have appreciated the warm welcome from everyone. I'm still an outsider looking in, but I'm learning more about Portland's unique and no so unique challenges and opportunities. What I have learned is your spirit of hope and promise. Community building work is hard and often emotionally exhausting. I'm eager to do the hard work and necessary work with which I'm not a stranger to. Progress to collaborative efforts to prosper Portland and my people's market to ensure equity consideration when consulting vendors to being intentional about board and staff representation. Bei is more than a social imperative. Just a good thing to do, right? The organization and leadership understand that dei must be a key priority embedded in each facet of its operations. I will serve as a thought leader and organizations manager for equity and inclusion. Travel Portland's operational plans and processes. As well as actively collaborating with the convention of sales and services team to market Portland as a destination for organizations and communities of color and women. That's just a few. I will be responsible for building strong relationships with local community neighborhoods and non-profits and religious organizations in order to fulfill the mission of travel Portland. I'll oversee the tourism stake holder that include racial equity and stake holier programs. This is to ensure travel Portland is engaged in dialogue that support their economic fingerprint growth and opportunities. As I

navigate my way here in Portland and this beautiful city. I look forward to meeting you and connecting myself with your interest and discuss the ways we can work together to strategically advance dei initiatives to better attract and meet the needs of all visitors.

Miller: We reviewed much of this with Commissioner Hardesty a week ago and she seemed pleased with our progress. I'll go over the questions. What have been the results of the outreach? Tracy Chapman for city wide conventions. Self-contained hotel pre grams. Travel Portland works to identify opportunities to create strategic partnerships to support Portland's communities. Travel Portland's continual diverse business. NCORE, the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity returns to Portland for more than four years. Future bookings has forty-five thousand room nights and \$16 million in estimated economic impact. Question two and three are similar. How are businesses of color being supported in helping to bring back tourism to the city. I'm really excited to share our answers to these questions. In doing so it's important to understand that these results don't just happen. We a play a dei lens in everything we do. Positive media coverage. This work has never been more important for difficult to execute. Our team has risen top the challenges. We created story pitches that focus exclusively on minority owned businesses. We've engaged with three hundred content creators. This is proactive and intentional coverage - there's one terrific clip. Ranked Portland number one on their list of global destinations this fall an explained why this is the -- all the positive things that await visitors to Portland. The breadth and depth of Portland's minority owned businesses. Another result of our effort. A journalist of color who traveled to the city due to Portland's efforts. Leverage the buzz around top chef Portland with minority owned rest republican. We partnered with Vice, promoting creatives of color. We invested in firms owned by creators of color. A minority owned and led firm. We identified three black owned firm for which we contracted to make videos and channels. A dei consultant who is the interim executive director to evaluate and improve our overall approach to content production. Ensuring we're providing a dei lens and giving people of color

decision making power of every step of the editorial process. We have synced our website of data to cover bipoc individuals and maybe neighborhoods of color. Also as part of the summer campaign we partnered with local influencers that shared their minority owned businesses. Portland's food cart scene offers delicious foods from around the world. Personal outreach to many of the food cart pods continue strong. Travel Portland is a founding member and we promote their virtual workshops to their partners which total over 1300 right now. We remain a supporter of my people's market and expanded our investment to local chefs, wine makers, brewers. Who is benefiting from the new one percent? Here you see the very first report on the taxes and tid fees collected from travel Portland. We'll use these to benchmark our set from the city. This comes from a new software. We don't have historical information. We'll set the mark from here. We expect the central city percentage to increase while the east side percentages will likely fall even as the dollar amounts increase. Our board approved the position of a new board position. I joined the Asian American hotel's association to introduce travel Portland. We are actively working to ensure we make connections to the broadest hotel community possible. Question five, with staff layoffs has this one percent changed the demographic. We currently have 45 employees and 11 are multicultural. Of those we hired back 33 percent are from diverse backgrounds and all are women. Diverse leadership matters. We focused on board diversity to ensure broad representation. The board of directors column includes the three elected officials-- you can see our statistics there. Question six. Federal support has travel Portland received. We received a ppp loan which has been forgiven. Travel Portland deferred some payments in order to protect our cash reserves -- for a quick update on some other efforts effecting tourism. City wide convention groups are slowly starting to come back given covid restrictions. The impact on meeting and convention in fought you're months and years as Portland hotels continue to include attrition their focus for Portland will be on adding room nights through these events. Amateur and sporting events at the level of communications for sport's tourism events. You'll see some of the successes already.

Can you see clearly the delta variant and other Portland specific factors continue to hamper us. The number that you and we depend on is hotel revenue for our portions of the lodge king tax. I've shared consumer info in other meetings. If you've been here, you're likely to come back. We saw significant drops in yes and a spike in no, I'm not likely to come pack. The yes lane ticked up to 64 percent. Reputation matters and reputation recovery only happened when real change happens on the ground where people can see it. The visibility of racial and social protests represents likelihood to ascend. We need to make more change happen in the city we love -- our success depends on it. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that complete your presentation?

Miller: Yes, it does.

Wheeler: Well, it wasn't uplifting but I wasn't expecting it to be. You've made it clear we have a lot of work to do. I'll turn it over to my colleagues.

Mapps: I want to take a moment to thank Jeff and Angela for the presentation. I think there's a lot of good news there. The thoughtful and equitable way they have invested our tourism fees. Travel Portland for the amazing work they've done. I would like to take a moment to welcome Angela to the team. I look forward to continuing to go work with them to address the challenges facing the hospitality industry and our city. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you Commissioner Mapps.

Ryan: Thank you for supporting the work and partnering with travel Portland. It's always good to see you jeff. It's wonderful to meet you Angela. I really do look forward to meeting you, I let my team know that. It was refreshing in many ways because we had the meeting back in March. I recall all the question that's were asked of you. Basically you came back with answers. That shows a lot of willingness and accountability. It was really wonderful to listen to some of the proactive marketing and work you're doing with the media. Now is the time to visit. Pivoting the financial data. The information about reputation was not surprising but profound to see the graphs and see the data. I know I have a dear friend who volunteered at a convention

about a year ago. She was texting me from her point as a volunteer. She said it was really depressing to have so many approach her that were angry and we allowed ourselves to host the convention. We weren't ready for it. Many people felt unsafe. We have to feel honest about this truth. Our part of this is to focus on our top issues that are the big barriers from having someone spend their free time and money and business conventions here in Portland. We need to focus on houselessness and reputation feedback. I want to partner with you. Thank you for being responsive to our concerns about how you can knit together the right thing for racial equity. Lean into justice and how it's good for everything. The balance sheet as well. We will come back and get back on the top of that list. Thank you for coming back and telling us the truth as well as for your sincerity for following through with the questions we asked back in March.

Rubio: I'm excited for the coming conferences that you outlined and look forward to the continued conversation. I appreciated your answers and the work you have done. Welcome Angela! Thank you for coming back and I look forward to hearing more.

Wheeler: Thank you. I want to add my thanks to you for your partnership. I want to thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the city. You have provided us with data, we're not surprised by it. It's data we get from you on a regular and ongoing basis. We appreciate you fulfilling your obligation by presenting this testimony publicly. As you look at the city's reputation, it's badly damaged at this point. We have to be honest at this point. What do we need to do to fix it? I've come to the conclusion; I think it's Commissioner Ryan. We're not ready for marketing. People don't buy it. What they want to see is results and action. This is my fifth conversation today on this topic. The issues are related. Reducing unsanctioned camps, continue to work to on our public safety functionality and livability. Where we're headed but some of the complexities, I believe some of the economic recovery will follow. A key component has always been travel tourism. Right now that piece is in significant jeopardy. We do agree as a council. We're unified on these priorities. We're unified

on the specific strategies. We're certainly unified on the urgency. Primary concerns of people who responded to your surveys. We're going to continue to push resources into these areas. I appreciate your acknowledgement that was neither created nor can it be solved by Portland alone. There are some societal issues. Portland has become an epicenter. A bunch of kids with hammers can damage a reputation of an age old positive representation of a city. They can. Particularly in in a city where it becomes a national story. That's on us. That's on public safety. This is a long way of saying; we need you and your partnership. You have an outstanding team. We look forward to doing that work. Continuing to partner with you an seek the necessary actions to get the results you need to rebuild the public's confidence that Portland is a safe and great city to travel to. We've got a long way to go. The part that I found the most interesting in your presentation wasn't that people are concerned about safety or homelessness or livability. I already knew that. What's more interesting is your data starting to tell us how long it's going to take to recover the reputation. There's an old saying, it takes a lifetime to build a reputation and a moment to ruin it. That's true of cities as well as people. I share the optimism and hope for the future. We're going to have to keep our heads down and do the hard work. This is a report. I'm entertain a motion unless you have any further questions or comments?

Mapps: I'll move that we accept this report.

Ryan: I'll second.

Wheeler: Please call the roll. (roll call). The report is accepted. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you probably sooner rather than later. Next item also a time certain report. Item 767 please.

Rubio: Parks and recreation has a highly engaged board with members who bring a broad set of skills and expertise. They are passionate about parks, recreation areas and the commission of the bureau to bring meaningful actions for Portlanders. Prepare an annual report for council which summarizes the board's activities during the year and includes the board's recommendations for addressing these concerns in the coming year. Bonny is joining us for activities, accomplishments. Thank you for

your work on the budget advisory committee and providing feedback on various efforts. I'd like to introduce bonny to review the board's report.

Bonnie Gee Yosick: Thank you. I have the privilege of chairing the Parks and recreation board. The board is composed of 15 voting members. As Commissioner rubio stated we're required to bring an annual report. We submitted a written letter and a peer before you today to deliver this report. As you know the board was established in 2001 to ensure that Portland parks and rec related program it ensure that parks, open areas, and recreational facilities are advanced in planning and design. Bringing both a city wide and long term perspective. All the board's work is driven by the values of equity, inclusion, and accessibility for parks and recreation services. Extending those services to all Portlanders especially to those who have been historically under served. Portland must have great parks, open areas and recreation opportunities. Equitably distributed an access in to all. The bureau is facing a crisis both in bridging a deferred maintenance gap and relying on systems that have not provided financial sustainability. The covid pandemic has provided a needed refuge and even serving as refuge in times of crisis. The pandemic also fundamentally altered the bureau's operations. Board activities during the 2020, 2021 fiscal year, we've been developing a new strategic plan framework. With the return of the 2020 vision plan now in the past, the city council is aware of this new strategic planning framework. With particular emphasis on equity of availability of parks and programming. Board members have also become members of three work groups supporting three aspects of the plan. Through land use and infrastructure working group has reviewed and provided comments and recommendations including the i5, green loop. The board also reviewed and responded to the initial shelter to housing continuum proposal and provided the city of a letter of support. Highlighting community needs that have yet to be adequately addressed. Through the sustainability working group, the board and members participated in a variety of way it address concerns facing the bureau including reviewing and commenting on internal and external financial reports. Researching and reviewing possible revenue

sources for long term sustainability. Assuring adherence of care, safety, equity, environmental and financial sustainability. In accordance with the request of late Commissioner fish. The parks power oh on an improvement plan. A forum to voice any concern about any parks facility or program. Our virtual retreat in June of 2021, the board identify the following priorities. We hope to continue to support financial sustainability. As i stated before, financial sustainability is one of the most pressing issues facing the parks bureau. We hope to become involved in the process earlier. Continue to provide a forum for review and input on ideas for the future of financial sustainability -- we hope to stay involved in major infrastructure projects such as the green loop and ready side earthquake bridge. With particular focus on racial equity an equality of access from historically marginalized groups. Assisting the bureau as it engages with members of the community. Informal day-to-day contact. Healthy parks, healthy Portland was originally based on vision 2020. It will be unique to the board but harmony with the mission and vision of the bureau. As part of a revised mission statement, we'll draft a revised equity statement that will guide the board in each of its activities. We hope to meet with you in the coming year, we welcome you and your staff to attend any of our meetings which are held every month. I'm happy to address any questions you may have.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you very much for this testimony. I'm not sure if this question is for you or park staff. I'm wondering if there's anyone on this zoom call who can expand on the board's recommendations regarding the earthquake ready burn side bridge. That proposal sparked my interest as this being a downtown project. How does this insect with parks and recreation?

Gee Yosick: I can start. Often times if there are outside projects, they do come to the parks board April parks bureau because they do have impacts on the park's assets. In this case. burnside bridge project, their consultant and Multnomah co staff it the land use infrastructure working groups. If Director Long would like to expand on that.

Adena Long: Regardless of what type of bridge is chosen there's going to be impacts on both sides of the river where we hold assets. We'll continue to have conversations with the county about mitigation that would be required. We're also particularly interested in how the bridge lands in access from the bridge down to the east bank, there's a lot of conversations around what would be the best way, elevators, ramps, various styles of ramps. The bureau is well engaged with the county on that. The parks board has a land use and infrastructure subcommittee where we bring these projects on a monthly basis. The parks board very much engaged in those conversations. Thank you.

Mapps: Thank you for that clarification it's very helpful. When the county builds a ramp. New facilities on the water front?

Long: It's a little more complex than that. I think that the city in general has had some experience around elevators versus ramps both as it relates to access and safety of pedestrians. A ramp situation -- my understanding is that the current price tag well exceeds the funding in hand. There's not funding in place to make any improvements on the other side. It's going to be a very important conversation moving forward especially as it relates to resources to get the work done.

Mapps: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. If there's no further questions, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Rubio: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Any further discussion. Seeing none. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Rubio: Thank you so much. The board's dedication to the Portland community parks and recreation system is deeply appreciated. We're actively tracking and engaging on these issues. Our focus is always on the long-term sustainability and access. The board recognizes that central cities discussions are equity and access for services to all Portlanders. This is the lens that we use and who is at the table. For that I'm

greatly appreciative. We continue to look forward to working with you on these issues. I vote aye.

Ryan: Thank you for bringing this forward. The 2021 annual report for Portland parks and rec. I want to thank you for your leadership. I just want to say it was so wonderful to hear from board leadership. Needing refuge for walks in the parks. These very complex challenges are met with some not so complex solutions and reactions. We leaned into the crisis that we're all dealing with. Part of that was mentioned earlier with you all leaning in when we did the shelter to housing continuum work. No one wants our parks to be taken over by unsanctioned camping. When you say it's been healthy parks and healthy Portland? That's a true statement. It's not just a slogan. I want to thank you as partners as we do some shared sacrificing as we move forward and out of this crisis. We're well aware that there is an intersection and we're doing everything we can to move from unsanctioned camping to safe villages so people can move out of the deplorable conditions they are in. I wanted to connect those dots because it was fresh on my mind. This presentation has really if then through it the heart of the matter. I'm looking forward to being very supportive of all of you in the parks family. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Thank you for your exceptional leadership of the parks bureau. It's a large bureau. It's one that's watched very very closely by the people of Portland. Our parks are beloved. You've done an exceptional job and a quick study. Director long, we are privileged to you have in the directorship position of what is our most beloved bureau. Was a good day when we recruited you from New York. New York has never been the same since. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the report. This has actually been a good year for the parks. When Nick Fish was the Commissioner in charge of the bureau, we were looking at significant budget short falls. That was raised as an issue today but the parks commission is looking much much better when we were thinking about closing as much as 15 percent of -- not only you have persevered but a significant ballot measure went to the public. Even in uncertain economic times, we want to support our parks and continue to invest in them in the

future. That really speak it the community in which we serve. This was a good report. It shows the highlights, the good. It shows some of the ugly and the work that we need to do fiscally. We'll continue to do that under your leadership. I'm happy to vote aye. Thank you the report is accepted. With that we'll move to item 768 which is a proclamation, time certain.

Clerk: Proclaim October 2021 to be breast cancer awareness month.

Wheeler: We're recognizing the annual breast cancer awareness month. I want to thank the pink lemonade project for helping to draft this proclamation. The pink lemonade project is a community-based non-profit that serves people affected by breast cancer. This organization offers a range of services. Pink lemonade is stepping up especially to those living with metastatic breast cancer for care. We're all grateful for that. I would like to introduce two guests joining us today for this proclamation. We have Mayor of Ridgefield Washington who also serves as board chair of pink lemonade project. And the CEO of pink lemonade project. Mayor, where do you find all the time to lead all these significant community efforts. It's beyond me but speaks to your values as a human being. Thank you so much for your leadership. Susan thank you for your continued leadership for your continued support in this region.

Don Stose: Thank you Mayor Wheeler. I'm the share man on the board for pink lemonade project. Thank you for your support. Breast cancer effects men and women indiscriminately. Our team of volunteers are proud to help those with breast cancer. We look forward to expanding our support programs in the future. Susan.

Susan Stearns: I'd just like to add -- thank you for your time on the agenda today. There's always so much going on. We appreciate the time to talk about breast cancer awareness. Pink lemonade project stepping up. It's significant that our region has lost of the local affiliate. It was a fantastic organization that served many. With Komen leaving we are lacking to step up and everyone -- a terminal diagnosis, those are women who need additional support to help get them through their final years. Thank you for your time and attention on the issue. We're doing our part to take our organization and grow it across the Portland and Vancouver metro areas.

Mapps: If this is an appropriate time to share some thoughts, I'd like to do that. First let me start off by thanking Don and Susan for joining us today. Thank you for your important work on this crucial topic. Colleagues, I'm delighted to join you in proclaiming October 2021 to be breast cancer awareness month in Portland Oregon. We stand with those who have been diagnosed with that dreaded disease. We honor those who have lost the battle. My own mother has lost the battle to breast cancer. I am not alone. By the end of this year more than 280,000 women are likely to be diagnosed. 90% of women diagnosed with breast cancer today will survive for the next five years. The key to survival is early detection. Regular breast cancer screening is the most reliable way to detect breast cancer early. That's why this breast cancer awareness month is more important than ever. Over the past year and a half many of us have missed doctors' appointments including breast cancer screenings. One of the sad side effects of covid is likely to be an increase in undetected breast cancer. I would like to encourage the women of Portland to schedule their next breast cancer screening.

Rubio: It makes it very personal to all of us and we've all in one way or another been touched. One of the many adverse effects is the pandemic. Adverse effects about how many individuals have been delayed their preventative health appointments including their routine mammograms. Proclamations like these bring about important awareness and the reminder to watch out for one another. It reminds about the spirit of hope and resiliency for those battling and the families who support them as well. I appreciate the advocacy and public health workers and those effected by breast cancer. You remind us that awareness an action starts with us. We need to take notice. Thank you for your hard work and reminder to check ourselves and remind loved ones..

Ryan: It's very important that you did bring this proclamation forward. It's great to see you again Mayor sterns. I think I saw you last year at this time. It's great to have ridge field in the house. I think all of us know that not a year goes by that someone we love is not impacted and effected by breast cancer. It's another reason we must

keep covid numbers down so screening can remain robust. We're all in this together. Public health is going well beyond yourself. Thank you to this committee for bringing this to our attention. It's important to bring it here to the dais and remember the importance of breast cancer awareness month. Thank you for this important proclamation.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues, it's my honor as Mayor to read this proclamation on behalf of all of us. As Commissioner Mapps just reminded us, this is an issue that has the potential to touch each and every one of us. It's such an important issue and I really appreciate you all being here today to honor this moment.

Whereas, October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness using pink ribbon imagery, which aims to offer support for those courageously battling this disease; to recognize the many survivors, their supporters and loved ones; and to honor those lives lost to this disease; and, Whereas, in the Pacific Northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer while the national average is 1 in 8 women; breast cancer also affects men; new breast cancer diagnoses occur over two times more frequently than diagnoses of second leading cancer; and breast cancer is the second, most likely cause of death for women in the United States; and Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted progress made in cancer treatment by creating a dramatic drop in mammograms in spring 2020, which led to later stage diagnoses, more aggressive treatments, and ultimately more, breast cancer related deaths; and, Whereas, the closure of the Susan G. Komen Oregon SW Washington affiliate in March 2021 created new gaps of programs and services to critical segments of breast cancer patients, like those with metastatic breast cancer, those with geographic barriers to care and others affected by the social determinants of health; and, Whereas, Pink Lemonade Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization, has the mission "to educate, empower, and support those affected by breast cancer" and is committed to working to address these gaps, and aims to bring attention to both this important community health issue and to the disparities of women and people of color who are affected by

this disease; and, Whereas, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread the important message of early detection, screening and prevention to women and men in order to prevent additional diagnoses, or even breast cancer deaths; Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October to be

Thank you for being here and sharing this. Commissioner Ryan did you have a follow-up comment.

Ryan: No. I forgot to put my hand down.

Wheeler: Thank you for this testimony. Thank you for your words on this. Especially Commissioner Mapps. Thank you. This is a time to remember your mom and so many others who have been taken by this disease. The work we're doing here hopefully we'll see a reduction in breast cancer. Thank you all. Next up. Is another time certain item, this is item 76.

Clerk: Proclaim October 2021 to be Filipino American History month.

Mapps: I'm happy to join you in proclaiming October 2021 as Filipino American history month. Filipino American history month is celebrated in October to commemorate October 18th, 1587, that's the day the first Filipinos arrived in America in a place called morrow bay. The history between the Philippines and these United States is long, complicated, occasionally tragic, an often triumphant. The first permanent Filipino settlement as what we now know as the United States was found in 1763 in Louisiana. In 1898 the united states purchase the Philippines from Spain for -- the insurrection known as the Philippine American war. More than 200,000 Filipino civilians perished in that war. The Philippines existed as a colony in the United States. Here in Oregon the first Filipinos arrived in the early hundreds. Filipinos largely consisted of two groups. Farmers and students. Fish canneries in Alaska and pineapple and sugar plantations in Hawaii. Filipino students studying in these states. This brought many Filipino students to the university of Oregon and Oregon state. More than 4.2 mil live in the U.S. and 42,000 live in Portland.

Tabitha Ponciano: Portland human rights commission passed the resolution condemning the human rights issues in the Philippines. Our representatives have signed onto an important piece of legislation. Called the Philippine human rights act. Calling the suspension to the military aid. These are critical steps towards creating a new history. We must look back through Oregon's past. The soldier's monument in downtown honors soldiers sent to fight wars in the Philippines. As we fought for independence hundreds of thousands of Philippines were subjected to torture and ultimately death. A celebration of this long-standing partnership. It is complex, however. The U.S. Has been using the Philippines as a launching pad for military discretion for decades. Filipino history to me is one of resistance, one of bloodshed and human rights not just for Filipinos in the Philippines but Filipinos in the United States as well. I appreciate the recognition of that here. This Filipino American history month. I'm asking Portland to commit to writing a new history of solidarity. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you very much for your testimony. Commissioner Mapps, does that complete the presentation.

Mapps: I think we have three more speakers today.

Fredi Guerrero: Thank you. My name is Fredi. I'm a community organizer, an organization fighting for Filipino migrant workers. Growing up I always wondered why we had to leave the Philippines. The true conditions that forced Filipinos to leave the country every day. These conditions include lack of industrialization. Instead of finding real solutions to these conditions, president Marcos created the labor export program that encouraged Filipinos to go to work and provide for their families. The labor export remains 30 years later. Working as caregivers, nurses, they are front line workers. The majority of them are overworked and underpaid for what they do because their families in the Philippines need them. When they need support they are not easy to access. The recent Oregon consulate process were not able to renew their passports. They were not aware that it was happening. Many trayed to make an appointment but were not able to, they were not able to access the services they

needed. They did not receive finance assistance at the beginning of the covid pandemic. I learned why their families in the Philippines didn't receive assistance. It's because they have families working a product. First migration and almost four decades of labor export program is why we have Filipino American history month. It's part of the history of all of us living in Oregon. Thank you for having us here.

Rossella DeLeon: Thank you for such important words. Founding executive director for foundation of Philippine progress. I'm humbled to provide a testimony for today's proclamation. A little over three years ago in October 2018 we launched a foundation for Philippine progress. As an immigrant based in Portland led to all these. During a disaster relief mission, I met a kid named TJ. He told me he used to look up to the sky at night where the moon was full and the stars were shining and from there he dreamed that the moon was a big fluffy piece of bread and the stars were rice. This continues to be the story of people in my home town. On the third year of our anniversary of our non-profit organization. I'm proud and humbled that significant impacts were made by our small organizations. Today we engage and give seeds for sustainable livelihood. Here in Portland we engage in culture an arts programs, providing regular Filipino language classes, hosting cultural discussions. The program we're running now. We engage in a conversation not just about the taste of fill pane oh foods but the way it transcends time and location connecting Filipinos by taste of home. It's a history of hardship and tragedy and struggle for freedom, labor and basic human rights. We invite all of you to learn these stories firsthand from Filipinos living in Portland and organizations like us every day. As you continue to learn our history more with adopt the spirit with a justice and equity lens. A full life for every Filipino. Thank you very much.

Jan Mason: Good morning. Thank you Commissioner Mapps and Mayor Wheeler. Thank you for this opportunity and for the proclamation. My pronouns are she, her, hers. I'm the president of one of the minority chambers in our community. We were established in 1996. We celebrate 25 years in the community making a difference in Portland and beyond. As many of you have heard the history of Philippines is

complex as Filipino Americans. However, we have a spirit of resiliency. We build a welcoming and inclusive community organized to promote economic empowerment for every Filipino in our community. All people marginalized and disproportionately affected. Despite the challenges brought on by Asian hate and violence, the corona virus pandemic, and the daily stresses. Paco continues to step in and have crucial conversations with government staff and provide policy and investment in our community equitably. Many have not made it through pandemic and many will continue to shut down if we don't figure out the root of economic -- we disperse more than three hundred seventy five thousand dollars to small businesses. Personal protective equipment. We continue to work with prosper Portland. We work to provide technical assistance to small businesses in helping them find resources and build a community and grow their small businesses. There is much more ahead of development and growth in our economy for more of our individuals to have growth mobile. Using our spirit of -- I want to thank the Mayor and all the presentations. It's -- we cannot achieve economic justice, I appreciate all that was said today and the city supporting this proclamation. Thank you very much.

Mapps: I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the people who helped make today possible. I'd like to recognize the Filipino American citizens employee affinity group who helped organize today's presentation. I'd like to share a story about a local Filipino restaurant. I want to share the story because it's uniquely Portland story and American story an explains where this proclamation comes from and why we do things like this. Fork and spoon is an excellent Filipino American family. Some of you might remember old country sausage. It was run by German American immigrants. Moved to Idaho where they opened a new deli. I'm delighted to report that they appear to be thriving in Idaho. When they moved out of their space, fork and spoon moved in. Fork and spoon is owned and operated by Irena who used to fill the food court. They've become beloved neighbors, a great business. And an important local institution in the park rows neighborhood. That evolution of old country sausage space from a beloved German deli to a Filipino restaurant. It is

also a uniquely Portland story and a uniquely American story. That is what this proclamation celebrates. I want to thank everyone who made this proclamation possible. Thank you very much. I'll turn the floor over to my colleague Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you. First off I want to thank the Filipino Americans to the employee affinity group. Also Commissioner Mapps thank you for your leadership here. I'm glad we were joined by community leaders here as well that have presented more context an history an experience and knowledge to this recognition. There's a long history as you all talked about of entrepreneurship and advocacy and culture and hearts who helped share our country's economy. We're honoring your contribution today. Three weeks ago we proclaimed indigenous people's day. Trauma done by colonialism and injustice. Today's proclamation and the broader history reminds us how dangerous that ideology was and still is. We need to continue to do thing it dismantle and fight it in our eyes. That resilience is still here today. I want to take a moment just to uplift and appreciate the roots that this recognition also has with migrant farm— history and some of the background and context. You are exceptionally gift at that. I want to acknowledge that.

Ryan: Thank you Commissioner Mapps for that history. I supported the decoupling od demographic information in schools which showed disparities in Filipino students that weren't shown with aggregate data.

Wheeler: I read this proclamation on behalf of all of us. Whereas October 2021 is the 434th anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the unseeded land now referred to as the continental united states. Filipinos' makeup one of the largest ethnic groups with over 23,000 residing in the Portland metro region. The positive impact of Filipino Americans have had on our communities. And whereas in in Oregon, thousand dollars of Filipino Americans made contributions to teaching, business, government service, agricultural, ministry, medicine and other sciences, human tees and the United States armed forces. And whereas, august 30, 2021, was the 70th anniversary of the mutual

defense treaty between the United States and the Philippines making it one of the world's largest standing mutual defense treaties. Wrasse across the country Filipino American front-line workers in the healthcare industry worked tirelessly during the pandemic, accounting for 4% of the registered nurses nationwide, the 25% of the nurses who died during this pandemic. And whereas, a painful history of occupation, war and global trade in the Philippines have resulted in a blended culture and unique identity, Asian, hips, pacific islander and beyond. Whereas, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino history and cultural because the role of the Filipino Americans like other people of color continues to be overlooked in the writing, teaching and learning of the united states history. And whereas, this anniversary originating in 1988 is a significant time to celebrate the advancement and contributions of Filipino Americans, a time of remembrance, reflection and recognition. And relevant time for our community to learn more about Filipino Americans and their part in shaping our nation in Oregon's history. I ted Wheeler, Mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, proclaim October to be Filipino history month in Portland, and encourage all Portlanders to join in recognition of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our community during this time. Thank you, all, very much for your efforts today. We appreciate it. And Keelan, I believe we now go to our one item on the regular agenda today. And that is item 776.

Clerk: Proclaim October 2021 to the domestic violence awareness.

Wheeler: One moment. All right. Very good, colleagues, we are here today to support domestic violence victims and survivors in Portland as well as all across the country. In just a minute, I'll ask my colleagues if they would like to make any comments before I read the proclamation. First, I want to thank you Commissioner Hardesty for co-introducing the proclamation. And a heartfelt thanks to the individuals who drafted and edited the proclamation, Martha Strong Morris, Alex Sanchez in the coordination office in Multnomah County, and Kristen Johnson in Commissioner Hardesty's office. Thank you for your dedication to and advocacy for

domestic violence awareness in our community. I also want to highlight that with stay-at-home orders at the beginning of the pandemic last year, many communities saw a huge spike in domestic violence-related calls for support. The city of Portland is committed to supporting increased prevention efforts and committed to supporting survivors of domestic violence. Again, I want to express my thanks to the gateway center for the tremendous impact you are having in the community.

Colleagues, do you have any additional comments before I read the proclamation?

Mapps: I do have comments and thoughts I would like to share. First off, I am glad to join with you in proclaiming October 2021, to be domestic violence awareness month here in Portland. During domestic violence awareness month we come together as a city to reaffirm our commitment to ending domestic violence and supporting survivors. We honor the advocates and service providers who support survivors. This month we celebrate our community's progress in combating domestic violence and rededicate ourselves to creating a society where domestic violence is not tolerated. Now, colleagues, as the Commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications, I also have the sad duty to report to you that in the last two years our 9-1-1 operators have seen a dramatic increase in domestic violence calls. From 2019 to 2020, domestic violence calls in Portland to Portland's 9-1-1 system increased by 55%. And from 2020 to today domestic violence calls increased an additional 50%. In other words, over the past two years, domestic violence in Portland has more than doubled. These statistics should be a call to action. The city of Portland must work to ensure that survivors and their families have access to the resources, care and support they need. The city should hold accountable for their crimes and we must work to stop violence before it starts. And our programming should recognize that women of color, individuals with disabilities, members of the LGBTQIA plus community, immigrants, and older adults are disproportionately impacted by domestic violence. For these reasons and more, I'm glad to declare October domestic violence awareness month here in Portland, Oregon. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you Mayor and thanks to Commissioner Hardesty for bringing the proclamation forward. This issue is personal to me for so many reasons that touch our friends, family and community and the first reason I want to acknowledge the hope and resilience of people currently experiencing domestic violence and those whom are survivors. We see you and you matter and your stories matter and we honor all the stories told and untold today. I want to extend a that you can to the many organizations in our community that are currently working to support families and individuals in healing and recovery as well as preventing domestic violence from happening, including the gateway center, [speaking foreign language] Bradley Angle, impact northwest, ywca and many others. In times like these, it's more critical to support these organizations, especially those that are using a culturally responsive lens with the expertise that they do have to do what they do best, the life line to so many in crisis. And especially in the midst of a worldwide health crisis. So thanks again for bringing this awareness forward.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you for bringing this proclamation forward. With personal, limited and people-confined to their homes, domestic intimate partner violence during covid-19 is a pandemic within a pandemic, you get the information especially from school districts. In February you see data research would suggest that covid-19 isolation is linked to an increase in domestic violence. In Portland incidents have risen dramatically, especially with those from marginalized and intersectional identities. This proclamation, which recognizes and honors all the organizations and groups that are committed to addressing, preventing and healing from domestic violence cannot be timelier. I join all of you on this council in proclaiming this important proclamation forward and proclaim October to be domestic violence month. Thank you for bringing this forward again.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Ryan. And it is now my honor to read this on behalf of the entire city council. Whereas domestic violence is a crime that touches the lives of Portlanders of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men and

children, especially those with marginalized and intersectional identities. And whereas, reported incidents of domestic violence in Portland have risen dramatically over the course of the pandemic, and whereas domestic violence is leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States. And is a significant contributing factor to unemployment and poverty. Nearly 8 million days of paid work is lost due to domestic violence issues. The equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs. And whereas, Portland is demonstrated a long stand said commitment to addressing this problem in partnership with Multnomah County, the district attorneys' office, and community providers. And whereas, 11 years ago, the city of Portland in cooperation with Multnomah County the Multnomah County district attorneys' office, the Multnomah County circuit court and community partners opened the areas first one stop center for domestic violence survivors, the gate way center for domestic violence services. Whereas children who is exposed to violence from symptoms and much more likely than children not exposed to violence to use or tolerate violence in their adult relationships. And whereas, despite this commitment, far too many people, family and children in our communities are affected by domestic violence. And whereas, the city of Portland recognizes and thanks all of the organizations and groups that are committed to addressing, preventing and healing from domestic violence. Often working directly with survivors to ensure they have access to employment opportunities, housing, legal resources as well as many other services. Now therefore, I ted Wheeler, Mayor of the city of Portland Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim October 2021, to be domestic violence awareness month in Portland. And encourage all residents to observe this month by gaining awareness of these issues and supporting organizations that work to address, prevent, help and heal those affected by domestic violence. Thank you, everyone. Commissioner Hardesty could not make it today but I also want to acknowledge her leadership on this issue as well as and thank her. Thank you, colleagues. I believe, Keelan, that completes our business for this morning, is that correct.

Clerk: That's correct, Mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you, everybody. We'll see you later. We are adjourned.

At 11:52 am, Council adjourned.