



November 10, 2021 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Ken McGair, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-5 roll call.

Council recessed at 11:17 a.m.

Communications

792

[Request of William Seastrom-Price to address Council regarding public safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 792-2021

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Pamela Couch to address Council regarding catalytic converters](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 793-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Yedidya Tabanpour to address Council regarding Tree Code & trees at risk in Multnomah Village](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 794-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Michael Brown to address Council regarding preservation of the St. John Heritage Association](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 795-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Mike Verbout to address Council regarding preservation of the St. John Heritage Association](#) (Communication)**Document number:** 796-2021**Disposition:** Placed on File

Time Certain

797

[Proclaim November 11, 2021 to be Veterans Day](#) (Proclamation)**Document number:** 797-2021**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty**Time certain:** 9:45 am**Time requested:** 15 minutes**Disposition:** Placed on File

Consent Agenda

798

[*Pay settlement of James Corbell's employment lawsuit in the sum of \\$25,000 for damages related to his employment with the Portland Water Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190594

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 Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

799

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement in the amount of \\$3,536,530 with TriMet for Central City in Motion and Rose Lane projects on SW 4th Avenue, SW Alder Street, and NE Couch Street](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190595

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 Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

800

[Authorize revenue bonds in amount not to exceed \\$47 million to finance transportation projects](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190596

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Debt Management; Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 786.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

801

[Authorize Letter of Agreement between the Bureau of Emergency Communications and the Portland Police Association to recognize employees who worked overtime in response to the Office of the Governor's Executive Order declaration of emergency due to Coronavirus](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190601

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Emergency Communications (9-1-1)

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to remove the emergency clause: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

802

[Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and approve use of the alternative contracting method of Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Carolina Trunk Work Zones 01 & 03 Rehabilitation Project](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190602

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

803

[Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the City-wide Sump Replacement Project No. E11155 for an estimated cost of \\$1,458,600](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety

804

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the South Portland – Burlingame Phase 2 Sewer Rehabilitation Project No E11080 for an estimated cost of \\$5 million](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190597

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 788.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

805

[Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Errol Heights Park Development Project for an estimated cost of \\$7,060,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190603

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

806

[Add Accessibility of Candidate Debates and Forums Code and amend Open and Accountable Elections Program Code to make the program fairer, simpler, easier to navigate, and better optimized to achieve program goals \(add Code Chapter 2.09 and amend Chapter 2.16\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190598

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Open and Accountable Elections

Second reading agenda item 789.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Absent

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

807

[Amend Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveways Code and Transportation Administrative Rules to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways \(repeal Code Section 17.28.100 and amend Code Section 17.28.110; replace Administrative Rule TRN-10.40\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190604

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Wendy Hain, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

Council recessed at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

Council recessed at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Time Certain

808

[Adopt the FY 2021-22 Fall Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours

Submit written testimony via Map App: <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/testify/#/city-budget>

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to support winter and spring public events in the City of Portland: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for the Behavioral Health Emergency Coordination Network: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to costs related to the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to reflect reductions to several line-item allocations: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4 Mapps, Rubio, Ryan, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to add Directive H to the Ordinance related to Portland Police Bureau Retire/Rehire program parameters: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to move the Expand Public Safety Support Specialist Funding to Policy Set-aside, pending the outcome of a program evaluation in accordance with the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget Note requirement: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to eliminate an increase to Portland Police Bureau Current Appropriation Level (CAL) Target for the Public Safety Support Specialist program: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Motion to make technical adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to bureau program expenses in Office of Community and Civic Life and the Portland Bureau of Transportation: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for the Portland Aerial Tram project: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for Climate Emergency Declaration work: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for Parks programming: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to provide relocation assistance for households residing at a manufactured home park subject to imminent closure: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for utility debt relief: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4 Mapps, Rubio, Ryan, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty)

Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for the Human Access Project: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading November 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain as amended.

Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:00 pm

Session Status: No meeting due to lack of agenda

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

November 10, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: Good morning everybody, this is the Wednesday November 10th 2021 morning session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: Under state law the city is holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending remotely via tele conference. And the city's made several avenues available to listen to the audio product cast of this meeting. eGov PDX and channel 30. The public may provide written testimony by e-mailing the council clerk. The e-mail address is cc testimony at Portland Oregon dot gov. Council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and need to limit in person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic requires us to meet by electronic communications. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as well as your resilience as we manage through this challenging time to conduct the city's business.

Ken McGair: You may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The published agenda contained information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city is holding electronic meetings. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or interrupting other's testimony will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning may be given or placed on hold. All council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up is communications this morning, first individual this morning item 792.

Clerk: Request for public safety. This individual hasn't arrived yet.

Wheeler: We'll move to the next. 798.

Clerk: Request to address catalytic converters.

Pamela Couch: I'm Pamela Couch. I run a business and we're a nationwide company. I'm talking about I've spent ten thousand dollars on just catalytic converters this year. Not to go into all the gas lines or I don't know why they would drill into our gas tanks but that has happened also. Curious as to when we're going to see some results, you know, in monitoring who can turn in catalytic converters so it can stop. It doesn't seem like an act of congress should be able to -- you know it shouldn't take an act of congress to make this stop. I'm just curious what the plan is, how long it's going to take and when we're going to see some results. I'm not the only person in Portland or the metro area, like Washington county that is seeing this or nationwide for that matter. Your thoughts?

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you for bringing this important issue to council's attention. I'm sure we've all heard about this problem. Both from constituents and friends. This has been on my radar screen for the 11 months I've been on this council. I want to reassure you that change and action is coming right away. Our state government passed a new law which will basically forbid recycling businesses from taking catalytic converters starting January one, I believe they will only be able to accept from commercial sellers. We should see relief and end to threat within the next two months or so. I also want you to know that this council including the mayor has looked into seeing what this city can do in order to speed up the timeline of implementing this pan on reselling catalytic converters and one of the things we've discovered is given how quickly the state law is given to take into place, there's nothing the city can do to speed up the implementation. I regret that. At the same time, I'm happy to see a resolution coming to this problem. I apologize for the loss to your property.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner Mapps. Thank you for testifying today. You speak for in many angry people. Oregon has had a loophole in its laws that allows people to trade in those catalytic converters the metals in them are valuable. The city of Portland loudly and

aggressively supported that legislation. It was passed and signed into law by the governor. It will be enforceable effective very soon. That is one thing that we are doing. That I believe will make a difference as those who either purchase or sell catalytic converters are held accountable for their actions. You'll see a drop off of that kind of activity. People are trying to make a fast buck here as a result of addiction. That's what we're seeing here as a surge in activity. I hope that some of the other investments that we'll make in our afternoon session around safety and substance abuse, hopefully all of these things combined will continue to make an impact. We've heard from many people on this. My neighbors have had their catalytic converters ripped off and it's not an inexpensive fix. Thank you for highlighting this issue. It's a very important one.

Couch: We have a huge homeless issue. That's part of the reason that the catalytic converter and gasoline threat.

Wheeler: There are many factors, that's certainly one of them. The council today we're taking up our full budget process and probably evening and night as well as many targeted investments around public safety and getting folks off the streets as quickly and humanely as possible. Addressing some of the livability issues. I'm not going to sit here and tell you that it's all going to happen quickly but I will tell you that help is on the way.

Couch: I know that I called in for catalytic converters but if I were to come and plant my tent in front of city hall, would I be moved?

Wheeler: You cannot legally -- commissioner Hardesty is probably about to point out that there are tents in front of city hall. We're on the same mindset. No one wants to see tents on the sidewalks. We all agree that's not a good solution. It's not a good solution for the people in the tents or the people or homeowners. I would encourage you that tune in for this afternoon's session.

Couch: What time is that?

Wheeler: It starts at 2:00 p.m.

Couch: Do I have to be invited to that?

Wheeler: You can see it on YouTube just like this if you go to the city council agenda, you'll see the log in information right through.

Couch: Thanks.

Wheeler: Appreciate your time this morning. Next individual, did William show up, yet?

Clerk: Not yet.

Wheeler: Let's go to 794.

Clerk: Request of Yedidya Tabanpour to address Council regarding tree code and trees at risk.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Yedidya Tabanpour: Good morning city council members and thank you for having me. I'm Dr. Yedidya Tabanpour. I'm here on behalf of a coalition of community members who deeply feel the not care taking and preservation and health of trees in our city. All the trees in the village this week and they were recently cut down because the city didn't take action in a timely manner. I would love for you to change the codes immediately the well-being of our ecosystem and sustainability of sheer life. The life of a single tree interwoven throughout the entire city. The consequences of our actions have been made aware to us through the stories of those who came before us. My grandfather was a pioneer in Africa and saw the corruption, violence, and death from the earnest intent to put a roof over his head. He spent the remainder of his waking life advocating for renewable resources. My advocacy for the preservation of trees in the city may be a different story but a similar one. I walked by the work site where developers were about to cut down the last remnants of old growth trees in area. I find myself living in a home that served as the pioneer as the first of my neighborhood to lay footing on top of the trees that were chopped down to build it. I'm guilty of playing a role in the disruption of our environment. If it weren't for the cutting down of trees we wouldn't have a home to live in and Portland wouldn't exist. I stand here just like you as a beneficiary of the products made by trees and seek a better way. I wish to learn from the experiences from my grandfather and question the impact we're having when developers are permitted to cut down millions of trees to place homes without the consideration for including those trees in the design. It is our generation that impacts are being witnessed and the stresses of those impacts are already being -- there's no need for me to rant on the mental, emotional, physical health of trees or effect trees have on the environment. The scientific evidence is there. The impact is felt. When Portland authorizes the removal of a dozen trees without the thought of health and climate is the result of the city made. I fully intend to take responsibility for my own actions. I believe we all can give a little and a little more. Please do your part in

considering making Portland a hey pioneer in preserving the life of the trees that sustain our lives.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony this morning. Next individual please 795.

Clerk: Request of Michael brown regarding preservation of the St. John heritage association.

Michael Brown: Good morning. I'm Michael brown. It's our role to preserve the proud rich history of St. Johns and the people and it's important to go back to the native Americans and go forward. We're diverse and represent the history. The winters brothers. Jackson winters the first black student at the university of Portland. And you have the Japanese, Japanese American family who were in the internment camp in the war. And those that built the railroad. The history of women. The history of labor as well. The long shore strike. We work with people like Norman, we have that history that's part of our role to preserve that and we're a very diverse organization. We've been in the old St. John city hall at the east end of the St. John bridge for the last 40 years. We were advised to move out of that facility which we did. At the end of we petitioned to use a museum in old town city hall. The city granted permission for the third floor. There was a budget of one point two million dollars which included seismic upgraded and three thousand dollars from the economic development administration was secure. The grant stipulated that the third floor be demolished and accommodate a multi-purpose for a variety of public functions and the police bureau members. The intent is to quote restore and preserve the historical character of the building unquote. An article in 1985 there was an option to buy out of the federal grant if an agreement was made. I realize I'm running short on time here. It's my request that we make the old city hall building into a museum not just for the St. John's heritage museum but others as well. Thank you. If anyone has any questions please ask. It's very important to preserve the history for the people at St. Johns and others as well. It's not just St. John's specific that we extend out. I invite you to take a look or contact me for additional information regarding the history of the people of the area. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you so much for giving us a very concise history of some of the key elements in St. John's. I appreciated it very much. I know we'll have the opportunity to follow-up with you on all of those issues. Commissioner Rubio has been working on that issue as well.

Brown: Thank you so very much.

Wheeler: Thanks for being here this morning. Next individual 796 please.

Clerk: Address council regarding preservation of the St. John heritage association.

Wheeler: Hi Mike.

Mike Verbout: Can you hear me now?

Wheeler: You sound good. Good morning.

Verbout: Good morning. It's always nice to share with our representatives information. In August of 2017 several community members met to have a discussion about what if anything we would want to do about pursuing the preservation of our history. To that point several groups have met between August 2017, regular meetings, minutes and so on. Several pop up museum things and larger weekends at the center. There's a lot of engagement. There are t-shirts, buttons and publications in the St. John's review. As Michael Brown mentioned the extensive work of the St. John's heritage association continues to be extremely important. When we look at the historic building that was formally city hall for St. John's we're wanting to bring together a collaboration of the four or five larger museums that exist within the area plus individuals and groups. It seems appropriate to most people that historic building like the former St. John's city hall built in 1907 would be almost a no brainer for housing a St. John's Museum. A museum that would combine the artifacts and history that is there including the shipyards and the van port and other areas. It seems that we have had good relations, I mean North Portland is not naive about politics and politicians and policing and crime and Columbia pool and schools and so on. We're not naive in that area but we're hoping that we can see a way forward, you know, St. John's has always been looking for destination points for people to come to the area. Certainly could be a marvelous tourist attraction and places for research and small lectures. Our recent experience with your team have not been exactly what we had hoped for. We trust that maybe we can -- we tried to do a positive approach by just letting all of the city leaders know how important it was to us and have conversations. We couldn't even get on the agenda until now but we were evicted out of city hall by the end of October. If you read the letters sent to us by your staff they're not exactly the kinds of positive rapport building that we would hope to see. I hope that you would understand how important it is to us and that we'll be able to find a way to create that St. John's Museum at that historic site.

Wheeler: I'm sorry your interactions with my staff were not to the level that you hoped. I apologize for that on behalf of my staff. I have not personally been engaged with this issue. I have other issues that required my time and attention. I'd be happy to have a call with you and anybody else and certainly get -- make sure that you have the satisfaction you deserve when you speak with my team. I'll make sure that happens; would you please get in touch with this gentleman. Commissioner Ryan, I see you have your hand raised.

Ryan: I just want to acknowledge both of you for being here today. I know I said it would be important for you to sign up for public testimony. I want to acknowledge the long history of leading the alumni association. Thank you for your service to the community. Appreciate it.

Verbout: Thank you.

Wheeler: I couldn't find my unmute. Did the first individual show up?

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: Let's put him on.

Clerk: Request of William Seastrom-Price to address Council regarding public safety.

William Seastrom-Price: Good morning everybody. Thank you for the opportunity to talk. I really just wanted to talk about the state of the city of Portland. I'm just a concerned parent and citizen. I grew up in beaver ton. We love the city of Portland. The city we grew up knowing and the present state are completely different. We won't even take our kids downtown due to safety concerns. I understand covid provides hurdles but it is hard to drive downtown and not see the thriving city we grew up with. Downtown is especially concerning. About a month ago I was walking by target there was an open back pack with empty vials syringes in it. We've come across more needles and human feces. One of my son's rode his bike over a pile of needles not knowing what it was. The kids don't know who to do. They walk up to it, we have to tell them don't touch that. We don't use the max line anymore because we're scared about what we might encounter with everything going on. We've been having serious discussions about moving out of the city and state. I really wanted to express those concerns. I want to see Portland get back to what it used to be so we can enjoy the city and have our kids enjoy the city. That's all I wanted to express. I logged onto a city council meeting a couple months ago with a health care clinic over near gateway. We don't go over

there anymore. We used to go to Fred Meyer all the time. We don't go there anymore. I just want to express my concern and feeling about where we are right now. Thank you for listening.

Wheeler: Thank you. Hang around for a couple of minutes. I think some of us have some thoughts and comments on what you said. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. Thank you William. First let me say how sorry I am that today you're in a position where you have to explain to young children what it is we're seeing on the street everyday all over the city of Portland. Let me say, we need you here in Portland. We need you to help with the recovery of Portland. What we've experienced over the last two years really has been unprecedented. Whether it's the pandemic, racial justice movement, severe weather, wildfires. Portlanders are resilient and when we pull together we do great things. What I have seen during the pandemic is the level of mutual aid that I haven't seen since the civil rights movement in the sixties. That's not what we see in the newspapers. Every community has feeding houseless population, engaging with people trying to help them be share where they are. We have thousands of people living on our streets today and no short-term plan to get thousands of people into housing. We have some plans in the works but they are not enough and don't address what the current need is. We need people like you, William. People who are here because they chose to be here and raise a family here. I don't want to sugar coat it for you. The next couple of years are going to be very challenging. We have people who haven't worked for two years. People facing eviction next month. There's no easy solution to these complex problems. I wish I could say if we do this, we'll be done. I want to end where I started. We need you. Thoughtful community members who are not just pointing fingers. You sound like a compassionate man who cares about the community he lives in and wants his kids to have a positive experience in this city. Don't give up on us yet. We're going to come back. We're going to come back stronger. We're going to be more equitable, we're going to be more fair. Honestly before covid this was not an equitable city. It worked for some people and for some people it never works. With your help, we'll be the kind of city your kids will be proud of. And you can say you were a part of rebuilding that city. Thanks for being here.

Wheeler: I was going to say something similar but not nearly as eloquently as commissioner Hardesty just did. I guess from my perspective I would say is you are not alone. Misery loves

company is not the right answer. That's not the final conclusion for us. It's a start. We all understand that we are experiencing unprecedented public safety, houselessness, economic issues and they've all come together in a perfect storm. Some of the issues we can here locally and we will. Later this afternoon we'll be taking up issues about safety, litter and abatement. Has mat issues that you raised. Keeping our public right of ways clean and safe. We'll have to keep making those investments on an ongoing basis. I think we are already making some progress. We are poised for more progress that will hopefully be obvious to the public. I hope you'll see in your community and less of the kinds of issues that you just mentioned. I hear about it morning, noon, and night. Not everybody agrees on every solution but I have never seen a city council as unified as this one is in terms of urgency. More importantly we can't solve all of the problems that have been identify. This country and city predominantly the i5 cities. All across America we have a serious drug addiction issue. I'm steering everybody I can to Atlantic Magazine's website. Read the article on the new meth. It's depressing as heck. But it gives you some idea of how local county governments, state governments and the federal government need to work together to address addiction and some of the mental health issues that are growing at an alarming pace. In Portland we have to do our part in making sure we have adequate resources to protect the public as well as policing and non-policing solutions and community based solutions. It's an interesting time and I don't want to lose you either. You sound like a decent guy. You're the kind of people we want here. Give us some time to see if these solutions work. I don't want you to leave. I want these solutions to work. I want to thank you for being honest and sharing your experience with us. I say that knowing lots and lots of people in the city feel factually the same way you do. Thank you for being here today.

Seastrom-Price: Thank you for letting me speak.

Wheeler: Thank you. To the consent agenda any items been pulled.

Clerk: No.

Wheeler: Good because it was a tiny agenda. With that please call the roll.

Mapps: Aye.

Rubio: Aye.

Ryan: Aye.

Hardesty: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. To the time certain item please 797.

Clerk: Proclaim November 11 2021 to be Veterans Day.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Let me start by saying happy Veterans Day to many veterans all over the globe. With this one we can honor the end of the war in Afghanistan and celebrate our service members coming back. I hope this time we will fulfill the promises we make to veterans. I remember as a kid when I decided to join the military because I was tired of working three jobs and thought it would be easier. Vietnam vets were coming back. What we know is that America did not treat Vietnam vets very well. We demonized Vietnam vets. Veterans do a job they don't want to do. They are in service to do on our behalf. I want to say that after so many years of veterans coming back and not being treated respectfully, we know after the Vietnam war veterans were living on our streets. We know today, we have veterans living on our streets who need help. They need mental health services, support services, they need housing they can afford to live in. It's ironic for me that we have a Veterans Day holiday but we as a country and this is not -- I'm not blaming the city of Portland, as a county we have really failed our veterans over and over and over again. Veterans are resilient. Veterans are the kind of people that come in where there's nothing and make something. Veterans build community. Veterans are people who listen and work cooperate actively together for the common good. I want to take this moment to urge all of us to thank the veterans in our lives and thank the veterans you see on the street and remember, you can be for peace and still have love for veterans. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner Hardesty. We have some invited testimony this morning. I believe we have two individuals. The first is Chris Sun. Good morning.

Christopher Sun: Good morning mayor and commissioners. I'm a capital project manager in the transportation bureau as well as a leadership team and army special operations veteran myself. Thank you for inviting myself and veteran empowerment team to share our stories before you and our city. It's always an honor to represent the many veterans at the city who I'm proud to work alongside. I want to share a special thanks to commissioner Hardesty a navy veteran herself for championing the proclamation this year. Improve the diverse and

empowered employees of Portland. Providing an inclusive support network of the armed forces and our allies. We are envisioning all that with respect and dignity to be leaders in public service. Additionally, we serve as a nexus between members in our community and the city of Portland and our deep partnerships and non-profit organizations to serve our community at lodger. Other affinity groups at the city to celebrate the diversity of our veterans and highlight the important issues that highlight all of our community. We include all people of veteran affairs to join us at our meetings. The soldiers are friends and family, all volunteers who have stepped up to help our community locally and abroad. These soldiers have stepped up to help with the covid 19 pandemic. Governor brown asked the national guard to assist with the state. By the end of June this year the Oregon guard distributed vaccines and deployed the 211 call centers. As of September 2021 approximately one hundred thirty soldiers have served over seas and more soldiers served on orders throughout the state primarily in hospital support roles. The Oregon aviation unit dropped one hundred thousand gallons of water saving homes. Approximately thirty-five soldiers continue to support the Oregon forestry inauguration of support securing democratic processes on which this country was founded. The mission never ends. Another two hundred solders are distributed overseas to help with the impacted soldiers in the war in Afghanistan. We hope you'll join us in honoring our veterans on Veterans Day this year. To preserve the heritage of freedom and reconsecrate ourselves on the task of promoting peace so their efforts shall not have been in vein. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Chris and thank you so much for your great service. Next up is brent free man. How are you today.

Brent Freeman: Good morning. Thank you Mr. Mayor. Thank you commissioners and commissioner Hardesty for your remarks and providing this opportunity to give testimony as my experience as a GS technician for the environmental services. All veterans share different experiences. I served in active-duty air force. I've been a member of air national guard. I'm a military spouse. Like many veterans our service was dominated by conflicts in the middle east. I served five deployments and an air crew member and helped conduct surveillance and recon sense missions. For the first five years of our marriage we were not stationed together.

Due to different shifts we could count on having different three times a week. The rules of conduct which was required to be worn 24 seven. It was not all bad. Another deployment we were in grease. It ended up being a pretty good time. After that we had our first child. We saw the difficulties of life. I missed my daughters first birthday. I was home for two months. And my wife had to leave. Deployment for the air force after that. In two months I would deploy for four months and way my wife would deploy for six months. We knew this was not what we wanted. We join the air force national reserves. This is not without its own difficulties. The Oregon guard the same can be said for Washington. All while maintaining our normal training to meet federal standards. Four days of training which makes work and training difficult. Although challenging my military training is not one that I would give up. Fighting for what is important. That's best represented by my family and our journey to get to where we are now.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate you and Chris. Thank you for coming this morning. Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty, for bringing this morning. I want to leave some space for council remarks. I see commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you for bringing this forward. Thank you to the veterans empowerment team for city employees. Your stories about the action to keep Oregon as the nations practices to keep the covid deaths below the national average. My immediate family is full of veterans. Navy, air force, coast guard. In addition my classmates from high school found a path forward when serving their country in the military. Vi to remind myself it wasn't a choice myself as a gay man. It wasn't only recently that the government supported discrimination was lifted. Last year I had reported data that 40,000 veterans reported homelessness. People of color compared with eighteen point four percent of the general population. Understandably we aren't doing much better here in Portland. Yet we are making some progress. Permanent supportive housing. All 35 are targeting veterans, veterans at risk of houselessness and dealing with mentality illness. This is a shining example of what we can do. We need to build more supportive housing for communities. We need federal government in the houselessness crisis and continuing to support more housing for all Portland veterans. If you're looking for ways to engage veterans of color tomorrow, attend the soul food loaded kitchen in northeast kitchen. Friends to feed black veterans and a fight to equity. Thank you again mayor Wheeler

and commissioner Hardesty and for bringing this proclamation forward. I hope all people take a moment tomorrow to show some support to a veteran tomorrow.

Mapps: I would like to start out by thanking Chris and Brent for their testimony. Colleagues I'm also honored to join you in declaring the Veterans Day in Portland. Men and women who served in the navy, marines, and coast guard. Of the first proclamation was signed in 1954 by President Eisenhower. Since 1954 the burden has fallen on fewer and fewer shoulders. In 1960 45% of men in the U.S. were veterans. Today less than 10% are veterans. Fewer and fewer Portlanders have a personal connection to a veteran for veteran's day. It's more important than ever that we take a moment to ponder the meaning of Veterans Day. Here are some of the things I will be thinking about this Veterans Day. I want to thank veterans for their contributions to and sacrifices for our country. I would like to thank my colleague commissioner Hardesty. She was one of the first women to serve on a navy ship. This is just one of the many ways. She is a true organ trail blazer. In addition, on Veterans Day we also salute the military families who support our soldiers. We also remember those who lost their lives while serving this nation. Since the first Veterans Day at least 66,000 American soldiers have died in combat. We recommit ourselves that comes from the military but becomes a north star to the community too. Leave no one behind. I want to thank the heroes who devote their time who to giving veterans a hand up. I want to recognize the good work by the veterans administration. The American legion veterans of foreign wars paralyzed veterans of America. I want those groups to know that this council appreciates your contributions to our community. I'm honored to declare Veterans Day.

Rubio: I want to thank commissioner Hardesty and all the veterans that have bravely brought our veterans home and continue to be public servants. I want to join my colleagues in appreciating our own esteemed colleague Hardesty. You've broken through so many barriers. Your dedication to our country and communities is a huge sacrifice and one that results in a life and service. We owe that and their family and loved ones an endless debt of gratitude. The Latin PDX in mid October. These two groups decided to uplift military service especially the veterans facing deportation. We've all heard other countless stories when veterans coming home from a broad struggle to get the supports they need to get their next chapter. We historically have failed to support them for the physical and emotional sacrifices they've

made. We're obligated to do more. We honor these individuals and learn from our past and do better in our future.

Wheeler: Thank you for your comments. Thank you, colleagues. Again I will read the proclamation I want to thank Chris and Brent and Commissioner Hardesty for bringing this forward and your eloquent comments earlier. The Veterans Empowerment Group. Empower employees in Portland. I want to thank them for drafting this proclamation and thank you all for your service. Without further ado, I'll read the proclamation. Whereas the first Veterans Day was signed on 1954 to pay homage. Caused some concerns from our veterans about our allies left behind. The brave men of our navy, military risking their lives to ensure our freedom. Whereas, wounded military veterans honor us with their dignity, courage and valor. They earned the upmost respect. Those who serve and currently serve. For the freedoms we serve across the United States thanks to the service and sacrifices to the men and women in our military. I do hereby proclaim November 11th to be Veterans Day in Oregon and encourage those who serve and previously served for freedom and democracy. Thank you. We will move now to the regular agenda. Item 800.

Clerk: Authorize revenue bonds.

Wheeler: This is a second reading and had an opportunity for public testimony. Is there any further communication? Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The Ordinance is adopted.

Clerk: Authorize letter of agreement between letter of agreement and Portland who worked overtime in response to the governor's letter of declaration of emergency.

Mapps: I would like to make a motion to remove the emergency clause from this ordinance. Can I get a second.

Wheeler: Second. Any further discussion on the removal of the emergency clause.

Clerk: (roll call).

Wheeler: The motion passes. The ordinance is now amended. This is the first read of a non-emergency ordinance. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: The ordinance before us today comes from the bureau of communications. They are asking for reimplementation recognition overtime pay for dispatchers or will work seventy hours

or more in the current fiscal year. Employees would be eligible for up to two five-hundred-dollar bonuses. Estimates will cost the bureau between twenty and fifty thousand dollars. This is to recognize the sacrifices our call takers and dispatchers have taken this year. Colleagues as the commissioner in charge of the bureau of communications I'm obliged to be blunt with you. Our 911 staff are worn out. They will answer more than one million emergency and 911 calls. That's a 20% increase in call volume. We have lost a dozen employees. Many more have taken administrative leave in order to heal from job related stress. There are three reasons to reinstate overtime pay for the current fiscal year. The benefits of the system are high. The price tag for this system is low. Less than \$20,000. Third this is the right thing to do. Here to tell us more about this letter of agreement is resource general analyst.

Wheeler: I see commissioner Hardesty has her hand raised.

Hardesty: Commissioner Mapps I want to say that the employees are excellent employees, I had had them in my portfolio for over two years. If I had a magic wand, I would give all of them extra money. However, I have fire fighters that have responded to every emergency we have had. I have maintenance workers that had to work a different shift for physical distancing to ensure they continue to do their jobs. The work forces I mentioned none of them have missed a beat since covid began. If this is passed. I can assure you every other labor union will want the same thing. The cost may be minimal but not for fire and rescue. I think this is a good idea but I think that this is absolutely the wrong way to approach this. This was something that was not in the last bargaining agreement that they bargained for BOEC. This will supersede a bargaining agreement and will not be fair for all other employees that have been on the front line since covid began. I really hope you will table this measure until we have a much more thoughtful approach. I have fire fighters that are burnt out. This is not an effective solution and will create conflict throughout all our labor agreements.

Mapps: Thank you for those thoughts. I agree with you. I know to the employees all throughout our community have been working hard throughout the pandemic crisis. You raise many important concerns which I would like to turn over to staff to address. I would like to turn over to Jamal who I believe will be able to address your concerns.

Jamaal Anthony: Good morning council. It's a pleasure to see you all. It's a pleasure to have the floor once again. Commissioner Hardesty I appreciate the comments. Commissioner

Mapps I appreciate the discussion. I'm not here today to speak to the asks of other unions. What I'm here today to speak to the ask of the current union. This is a resin statement of the language that existed in the 2016 to the 2019 bargaining agreement. I'm not here to agree or disagree with you. I'm here to make some points with the bargaining agreements since March of 2020. The remainder of the maintenance workers. Neither of those have made similar asks. They should not have the same leverage should they seek to make the same asks. This comes from the bureau not the union. It was the bureau that that this was the correct direction to go in. With the fact that they have lost over 12 employees. I want to speak to the bureau that I best understand. If we lose an employee, it can six to eight months to lose that employees. We're at a greater deficit where they have better recruitment issues. I only want to speak to the area where I have expertise. This is language we'll be reinstating. There's a defined expiration which will be just for this fiscal year to recognize the work the employees have done during this drastic time where call increase has gone up significantly where they have been subject to news and things of that nature. Those are my thoughts on the matter. I do hear your concerns commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I want to be clear. This was taken out of a labor negotiated agreement and we want to insert it back in outside of a labor negotiated agreement?

Anthony: Outside the normal terms of the bargaining agreement. Front line workers and maintenance workers. Would counter and say when covid began we entered into a memorandum of understanding with countless unions that allowed to settlement agreements and all unions which we did provide deferred holidays because of the work they did because of covid. I would classify this as potentially congruent during this covid time based on the needs of the bureau and work group. Again, if you counter, I respect that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that complete your presentation?

Anthony: Yes. I was not aware that were going to remove it from emergency. I will follow-up on any other points that commissioner Hardesty may have.

Hardesty: I hope this isn't just a commissioner Hardesty concern. We're making a policy decision on the fly with no information. It showed up on the agenda. Nobody talked to me about it. I would raise these questions if I had an opportunity. It showed up as an emergency. I have no qualms rewarding employees due to covid. We have so many other employees who

are worthy as well. We do it for all employees or none. It has to be fair. This feels like somebody lost something in a negotiation and we're trying to slip it back in under covid. I'm really offended this came with so little feedback.

Ryan: My office would like to have a dialogue with you before this comes back to the dais.

Rubio: I would appreciate the same briefing.

Wheeler: Do we have any public testimony for this item?

Clerk: We have one person signed up. Walt Nichols. It looks like Walt dropped off the call.

Wheeler: This is the first reading of a non-emergency Ordinance, it moves to second reading. Next item, 802 please.

Clerk: Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and approve use of the alternative contracting method of Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Carolina Trunk Work Zones 01 & 03 Rehabilitation Project.

Todd Martinez: The red line is interstate 5. Our project is the magenta and blue line that goes from west to east. The near the right side of the map. As commissioner Mapps stated, this is an old trunk. Reached the end of its life. It's only about 1600 feet total. As stated -- which includes a new crossing, the blue line. A downstream, which is on the right side of the screen, open cut construction. And rehabilitation of the existing trunk on the upstream side, the left of your screen. There is also a storm water separation component as well. Some of the challenges is the existing trunk is deep. You can see the profile, 70 feet next to interstate 5. Limited access because of topographical features, very dense part of our city. Also, this is a critical infrastructure. This is a trunk system. By-passing existing flows and combined flows is difficult given the network of streets, and the obstacles including the freeway. This is complicated with permitting. Lots of public involvement because of the neighbors and business owners and O.D.O.T. And P.B.O.T., there is night work and impacts to traffic. And will have to be easements to get access to the existing system. So we broke this into phase 1, the new processing and this map is the orange line, the rehab, and replace the downstream. Phase 1 is up stream, the rehab, and the storm water separation we've talked about earlier. This is approximately \$20 million, we're early in the planning. The estimate is planning level speculate. So it is a range. It's approximately \$20 million. We expect to start design next

month. We have done a lot of planning work already. We hope to have that guaranteed maximum price November of 2023 and starting construction in that same month of 2023. As mentioned, key advantages to having a contractor, manager, general contractor, there is a lot of complicated pieces that needs to be designed. We get the contractor input. A project of this size would have the ability to mold our equity goals into 1 plan with 1 contractor. And that's the ends of my presentation. We recommend you accept the factual finding and low bid procurement. If there are questions, myself and the design manager are here to answer. This is south Portland from the '30s. It's changed quite a bit. It's got a lot more dense over time and complicated factors for this project. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, colleagues. Any questions? Keelan, is somebody signed up for public testimony?

Clerk: Yes, we have 1 person signed up.

Wheeler: Why don't we go ahead and have them come up first and then we'll get to commissioner Hardesty.

Clerk: Walt Nichols.

Wheeler: Yes

Walt Nichols: Is it working?

Wheeler: Yep, now it is.

Nichols: Great thanks. I was really wanting to address public safety. So anyway, I'll back out of this at this point until the next one comes up. Thank you. I was having.

Wheeler: Because we're in a charitable mood, take 30 seconds and make your main points.

Nichols: Great. 9-1-1 desperately, the emergency response desperately needs something done. I had an incident, I had a lady with a compound fracture in a parking garage, it took way too long because of the response time. When I hear there are 12 employees under, I can't imagine how burnt out they are. I hope the council will do something to retain the people. The same with our fire department and police department. Public safety for 30 years in the city has been the first on the block to be cut. And I knew there was going to be a day of reckoning, and the community policing meetings we would be where we are today. It's by far worse than I think anybody imagined. This whole movement to defund the police I could have told was a disaster to begin with. And I really believe there is a great many of you on the

city council that won't be reelected. When I ran against Nick Fish, one thing I noticed being chair of Mount Neighborhood Association in years past you end up being preached to you the choir and it's not the vast majority of Portlanders that vote.

Wheeler: Walt, thanks, I strongly encourage you to tune in this afternoon for the fall budgeting process. The items you ticked off from police officers to improvements in the 9-1-1 call system, to alternative service providers, all of that is on the agenda this afternoon and I think you will find it interesting. So I encourage you to tune in. I think you will be pleased.

Nichols: Thank you very much.

Hardesty: Mayor, if I may, Walt, before you go, there was never an effort by the city council to defund the police. And I say that over and over and over again. Because people over and over and over again misinterpret the fact we cut three programs that had racially disparate outcomes from the very beginning of those programs. And when we cut those programs, we made 45 officers available for patrol. So nothing the city council did last budget session had any impact on the number of police personnel who are retiring or the lack of our ability to hire new police officers. So please help me, Walt, tell the real story and not just reinforce the rhetoric we see in headlines. Thank you.

Nichols: I would like to disagree briefly.

Hardesty: That's okay, come back at 2:00 and you can be part of that conversation. This is for me, and this is for the public record and this is not a conversation between you and I. This is just a public statement to correct the public record. Thank you.

Nichols: I'm making a statement, it's been 30 years.

Hardesty: I'm sorry, sir. You are done.

Wheeler: Back to Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Mapps, any further discussion on this particular item?

Hardesty: Actually, mayor, I had --

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, go ahead.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor and Commissioner Mapps. My question is what will be better? Because we have allowed you to not use the normal process for contracting. What can you guarantee me today that will be different? Will we have significantly more people of color

subcontractors, the work under budget and under time? Why would we give you the flexibility for 20 million bucks. I was the staff. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: I was going to turn it over to staff. Todd?

Martinez: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. We've talked a lot about this at the staff level how we can make promotes pressure improvements and make changes. This project is significant, not only dollar value but because of where it's at. We want to make sure the product deliverers on equity goals. We're mindful of that and we want to make sure this is different. We're trying to implement different outreach strategies. We're trying to make sure that we have a general contractor that by the -- a two-step process for procurement. 1 qualifications and request for proposal. And will include their building proven history of including minority women subcontractors.

Hardesty: So again, so I heard you say you are trying different strategies. How will you know you are successful before we invested \$20 million in this project?

Martinez: That's a great question. I want to understand if the chief engineer is on the call to help answer that question, commissioner Hardesty.

Paul Suto: Chief engineer of BES. Great question, commissioner Hardesty. I think we've encountered your points on some of your prior finding to -- notably the price agreements for the pump station. In this case we'll have definitely more certainly than we will in the low bid environment. So comparatively speaking, as Todd mentioned, we'll have selection criteria. As we're developing the design of the project, so the bulk of the cost are construction. We'll have a contractor onboard during design and working toward this community equity inclusion plan. We'll have that developed in process and we will be coming to council for the guaranteed maximum price to gmp before we go into construction. So we will have another stage gate for you to see the plan. For it that, you know, the 20 million, the big use of this budget.

Hardesty: So Paul, I'm hoping that this project gives you an opportunity to come and strut your stuff in front of city council. To say, because you have given us this flexibility, we have a fine contractor that actually has created not just covid-certified firms but non--covid certified firms that represent minority women and other businesses. I hear the rap and nervous of giving someone authority to spend \$20 million as a test of what they have done in the past. I

know this is a necessary important project. We need to do it. We will do it. I want to know how this is going to actually rock my world. Right? Because I've been here for 3 years and seen no \$20 million project rock my world. And you know what will rock my world. Opportunity for people who have not had opportunities in city contracts before. Am I getting a guarantee today when you come back you will be able to rock my world?

Suto: We will do our best to achieve that, commissioner Hardesty. I think we'll definitely need partners to do that. We need partners in the contracting communities. We're working on outreach certainly. And --

Hardesty: I'm sorry, it sounds to me like what we always say. Honestly, it sounds like the same rhetoric. We tried. We can't make them. I'm not comfortable saying okay, here's 20 million, do the best and we'll see what we end up with. I'm concerned about that. You are not speaking to me with confidence. And I need confidence if I'm going to give you \$20 million and you promise me we'll have a good outcome.

Suto: I hear you. And the best, I guess, the best I can offer is when we come back for the gmp, we'll have that confidence because we will have worked through that with our partners once we get a contractor onboard. Right now we're in the outreach phase. We've been loud and clear with the contracting community about the city's goals, our council's goals to do more for contractors of color and build capacity. It's not just one project. We expect a sustained contract in this computer ongoing. We need --

Hardesty: Yeah, we have billions of dollars in transportation projects that are going to be in this region very soon. Right? If we haven't figured out how to create the pipeline by the time we get the billion-dollar federal contracts for a transportation improvements, we're going to be way behind the curve. And Paul, I'm not mad at you, you know we've had the conversation many times. Certainly not mad at you, Todd or commissioner Mapps. I expect more when you ask me to give you authority to spend \$20 million. That's where I'm at. Thank you very much.

Suto: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. All right. Anything else on this item? This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance, it moves to second reading. Next item 803.

Clerk: Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the statewide replacement e11155 for an estimated cost of \$1,400,000.

Mapps: I pulled this item back to my office.

Wheeler: Without objection, commissioner Hardesty, do you have your hand raised for this is or no? That returned to commissioner Mapps. 804. This is a second reading.

Clerk: Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the south Portland Burlingame phase 2 sewer rehabilitation project number e11080 for estimated cost of \$5 million.

Wheeler: This is a second reading. We heard a presentation and opportunity for public testimony. Seeing none, please call the roll. [roll call vote].

Mapps: Aye.

Rubio: Aye.

Ryan: Aye.

Hardesty: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 805 please.

Clerk: Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Errol Heights development project for estimated cost of \$7,060,000.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: I would like to thank the parks. By moving forward, Portland parks and rec will deliver a park for the Brentwood Darlington neighborhood. These improvements will provide traditional park features and enhance habitat and natural areas. The construction will coincide with the early heights led road curbs, storm water and sidewalk. The operations and maintenance for the park will be funded initially through park's levy and develop a successor resource. Whether it be the renewable of a levy. Ross Swanson is here to present and answer your questions. I'll turn it over to ross.

Ross Swanson: Thank you, commissioner Rubio, council, thanks for your time today. Is there my presentation be brought up? Thank you so much. Okay. We're here today to request council authorization for competitive bid and solicitation for the lowest responsible bidder for Errol heights projected. Next slide, please. Errol heights is a 16-acre park located in southeast Portland, between southeast 45th and 57th avenue. Southeast Harney drive and in the Brentwood neighborhood. Parks and rec completed a master plan. And a long process with the community to update the plan and define priorities for what we should build first and

those priorities are what we're going to discuss today. The vision for the park is a place of active recreation and play and a relaxing place in a natural setting. Next slide. The park property has two distinct areas separated by an elevation a large bluff that bisects the park. The upper topography you see on the left, is a mix of open meadow and willow tree stands. Also a popular community garden in the upper right. The community garden will remain through the project. And this upper section will be developed to be more what you would expect to see in a traditional neighborhood park. And it's going to be the community gathering area for the park. The lower section is a natural area aril creek. It's associated wetlands. It has a beaver pond, an actual beaver pond and accompanies trails and overlands. As commissioner Rubio mentioned, also of note building this PBOT. Will run the lid construction for the adjacent streets with the neighborhood. Both teams have been working to make sure the design and coordination works out well. Next slide, please. What you see is a rendering of the upper portion of the park. The more traditional based section of the park. Based on the 3 years of community engagement, what will be part of the park, will be the enhancement and paths in the lower second and newer and improved paths in the upper section. New plantings associated with it. A natural play areas which is most people might associate west Mooreland and now we have others. An escape spot, a basketball and pick nothing and gathering areas and the Portland lieu. 7.60 million paid by parks fcc. The maintenance budget is \$426,000, initially paid for by levy as commissioner Rubio mentioned, working with council through our sustainable futures evident for future funding. We're here to request authorization for competitive bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsible bidder for the project. With the -- acceptance of the authority by council, we'll proceed with bid advertisement this winter. The parks team and partnership is communicating with the nomack, and other business associations to spread the word about the list. We anticipate construction starting in early 2022 and over a year later, we hope to open in spring of 2023. I'm here to answer any questions. And thanks for your time.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions at this particular juncture? Keelan, any public testimony?

Clerk: They are not on the call.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you for the presentation. This is a first reading of nonemergency order. It goes to second reading. The renders look fantastic. What a great park this is going to be. Can you give the timeline again? When you would envision it?

Swanson: We're hoping to start construction probably February, hopefully. And it will take just over a year, so spring of 2023.

Wheeler: That's great. How great is that going to be. Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty has a comment or question.

Hardesty: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for moving the project forward. I'm so pleased we're able to partner together so that PBOT. Can do some of the road improvements also that will make it safe in that area. So this is a team effort. I would love to see city projects come together in a timely manner so that we are working more effectively. So look forward to voting yes on this package.

Wheeler: Thanks, moved to second reading. 806.

Clerk: Add candidate debates and forums code and open and program code to may be the program, fairer, simpler, better optimized to achieve goals.

Wheeler: This is a second reading. Question for legal council -- counsel. We had a couple of individuals declare conflicts. It's a second reading, therefore, we've had the presentation and opportunity for public testimony. Just want to get a little guidance on this one.

McGair: So the way I understand it, mayor, there are potential conflicts for all of you. And a script has been circulated that each of you should declare before voting on this. Some of you are in a different posture than others in terms of seeking reelection or not. But in any events, the safe thing to do is to declare the potential conflict with the script circulated to you all.

Wheeler: I don't have the script. I never saw it. My staff is not aware of the script. I'm going to wing it. I'm not running so I will not financially benefit from this in the near term. However, I'm an elected official. I could run for re-election in 3 years should I so choose. I could benefit from this program at that time. Does that work?

McGair: You ad-libbed that pretty well. That works. What the script I was given says either I am running or plan to run for re-election and --

Wheeler: I never make those announcements this far out that would be ridiculous.

McGair: And if you plan to use the open and accountable elections program, however, none of the amendments before the council today will result in my financial benefit or detriment, nevertheless, out of abundance of caution, I'm disclosing this as a potential conflict.

Wheeler: Yeah, what you said combined with mine. Commissioner Hardesty. You have your hand raised?

Hardesty: Yes, mayor. Thank you, I think, ken, because I also did not get that notice. But I will say that I am qualified as a candidate for open elections for this current season and use the system currently. And therefore, I will not personally benefit from any changes that will take place outside of the rules of the open and accountable elections process. Is that okay, ken?

McGair: Yeah, that -- that works.

Hardesty: Okay.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

McGair: You have a potential conflict of interest and you may or may not choose to participate in the program at some point essentially.

Hardesty: Well, I am choosing to participate in the program now. I'm certified for my re-election campaign using the open and accountable elections process. And so I -- is that a personal benefit? I'm unsure. Because anybody who runs for my seat has access to become available to use that system. So I'm confused. Is this a perceived or real conflict? The way the.

McGair: The way I understand is that we don't believe there is an actual conflict of interest but you need to make that determination on your own. But there is a potential conflict of interest that you need to declare. If there is an actual conflict of interest, if you believe, then you should not participate in the vote.

Hardesty: Well, you know, now that we're as clear as mud in this conversation, I am going to declare that I believe I have a personal conflict of interest and therefore will not be participating in the vote on this matter.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Okay, it's my turn. First of all, this is a script we got from you, ken and your colleagues. I thought I would put that out there. I am running for re-election and I am participating in the open and accountable elections program. However, none of the amendments before the council today will result in my financial benefit or detriment. Nonetheless, out of abundance

of caution, I'm disclosing as a potential conflict of interest. And therefore, I have chosen to abstain from voting on this item today. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: So ken, I declared a conflict in the first reading on the record. Does that still up hold?

McGair: Yeah, I mean, if you want to do it again before the vote --

Rubio: I don't have the script in front of me. But --

McGair: I think --

Rubio: I'll do my best to say what my colleagues said. I'm not currently a candidate running for re-election but I don't believe I have a conflict. But I am declaring a potential conflict out of an abundance of caution.

Wheeler: All right. Very good. So we got that taken care of.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor? I would like to add something to the conversation too. I want to announce I have used the open and accountable elections program in the past. I am not currently running for re-election. However, out of an abundance of caution, I'm disclosing this potential conflict of interest.

Wheeler: Very well stated. It looks like you got the script. I never got it script so I had to wing it.

Mapps: It's in the chat now.

Wheeler: Please call the role, Keelan.

Clerk: [roll call vote]

Mapps: Aye.

Rubio: Colleagues, I want to thank you and your staff for your patience on this ordinance. The open and accountable elections program is such a new program it requires fine tuning and focus. And the ordinance before us today will ensure the years continue to turn while hopefully and ideally minimizing the conflict exposure that still exists with this council. I also want to acknowledge the great work of the open and accountable elections commissioners, who have undertaken the work with diligence and a high degree of care. And I have high confidence in the members and work with them. Lastly, I want to thank director motet for the dedication. The oae commission did a significant rather in shaping but the director work tirelessly over the last month and we're grateful for that. These are needed changes to the

program. We trust the commission and the director to come back to address any unfinished business. Thanks.

Clerk: May I consult with legal counsel? Ken, are you there? Do I call everyone?

McGair: Yeah, I think call them and have them abstain on the vote. [roll call vote]

Ryan: I abstain.

Hardesty: Abstain.

Wheeler: I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you.

Mapps: I didn't get a chance to vote.

Wheeler: We forgot Mapps. You read it script better than any of us.

Rubio: I vote aye. I forgot to say aye. [multiple speakers]

Mapps: I'm going to pause here and let council reboot us. Where are we?

McGair: Everybody voted except for you, commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Wheeler: As a dress rehearsal, that was terrible. The ordinance is adopted. We've got a really practice before this afternoon. Next 807 please.

Clerk: Amend sidewalks, curbs, and driveways code transportation administrative rules to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, save us, please.

Hardesty: Absolutely, mayor. Thank you so much. This item will ensure that the driveway code is consistent with the residential infill project as well as the better design, better housing by design work we did last year. This will make sure there are no wiggle rooms and ways to not make sure that we are all operating innards the same policies. Under the -- if there is questions, we have staff here, I believe curt is here from the bureau of transportation to answer any questions you may have.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues any questions? Keelan, do we have anybody signed up to testify for this item?

Clerk: They are not on the call.

Wheeler: All right. Very good. This is a first reading of a nonemergency order -- ordinance, it moves to second reading. With that colleagues, we're adjourned and see you at 2:00 this afternoon.

At 11:17 a.m., Council recessed.

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November 10, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Wheeler: Good afternoon, everybody. This is the Wednesday, November 10th, 2021, afternoon session of the Portland city council. Keelan, good afternoon. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Good afternoon. Mapps?

Mapps: Here.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Here. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference, and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio of this meeting. This meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel, egov.pdx, www.PortlandOregon.gov/video, and channel 30. The public may provide written testimony to the council by emailing the council clerk at [cc_testimony at PortlandOregon.gov](mailto:cc_testimony@PortlandOregon.gov). The council is taking these steps as result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in person contact and to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, welfare, and safety which requires us to meet by electronic communications. Thank you for your patience, your flexibility, and your understanding as we

manage these challenging circumstances to conduct the city's business. And with that, we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules ordered in the court. Good afternoon.

Wheeler: We can't hear legal counsel, you're muted.

Wendy Hain: Thank you, mayor. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or for first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at PortlandOregon.gov auditor contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary, please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have 3 minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. Today, I believe the time limit is 2 minutes. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: All right, thank you. We have one item on this afternoon's agenda, it's item 808 please.

Clerk: Adopt the fy20 21-22 fall supplemental budget and make other budget related changes.

Wheeler: Houselessness, community safety and livability, and shared economic prosperity. These are my priority areas as mayor and they are the key areas we agreed to prioritize as a council in spring of this last year. With \$62 million to allocate as part of our full budget monitoring process, Portlanders are relying on us to lead this city through these increasingly challenging times with the funds that we have available. We know our houseless community should be able to connect more easily to local resources and have access to sanitary and stable shelter. People in crisis situations need to know that when they call 911 or 311 an emergency dispatcher will answer their call for assistance quickly and send the right

responder in a reasonable timeframe. Small business operators need to know that their shops won't be broken into and they won't be repeatedly shuttered by shattered windows and vandalism. Employees of businesses all across our city, large and small businesses, they need to feel comfortable coming and going from work and customers should feel and be safe supporting our local economy. This fall bump funds are not the final answer to the challenges we face, but they are a significant step forward towards needed changes and improvements. My proposed bump invests over \$18 million to help address houselessness, more than \$7 million to improve our public safety system, and \$2.2 million to strengthen our shared economic prosperity. These unexpected funds provide us with a crucial opportunity to help address our most urgent needs while upstream investments we made earlier this year take shape. With regard to houselessness, we need to get as many houseless Portlanders off the streets and out of the elements as quickly, safely, and humanely as possible. \$18.4 million creates a cleaner and more compassionate homelessness response in Portland. Last Monday I joined Multnomah county Chair Deborah Kafoury and commissioner dan Ryan to announce a joint partnership to align city and county fall budget resources. With this partnership, the city's investment in addressing houselessness is nearly doubled. These funds will help alleviate the unsanitary and dangerous conditions in which members of our community are struggling to survive. It will help get people out of the elements and into safe shelter by creating nearly 400 new shelter options. This comprehensive 11 part plan increases campsite cleanup while new outreach workers connect houseless individuals to critical services and resources. It funds greater capacity within the behavioral health unit to improve our response to acute mental and behavioral health crises. And it aligns city and county operations to allow for real time management of shelter bed availability the creation of a new street services coordination center ensuring that no shelter bed goes unfilled. I want to offer my special thanks to commissioner dan Ryan and his team for working around the clock to develop this proposal in partnership with my team and the great team at Multnomah county. And special thanks to county Chair Deborah Kafoury and the county commissioners for this unprecedented joint investment. With regard to public safety, Portland continues to suffer from the worst rates of gun violence our city has ever seen. Having passed the historic threshold of 70 homicides and 1000 shootings this year alone. This is unacceptable and it

requires an urgent and effective response. I've always said the community safety means different things to different people, and therefore our approach to public safety must be comprehensive. We need first responders who are equipped with the tools, the training, the resources, and the personnel that they need to be effective in their roles. We need upstream community-based investments to reduce the need for emergency intervention, and we need our public safety bureaus to be transparent and accountable to the public that they serve. My proposed fall bump adds over \$7 million to improve expand a public safety system who works towards prevention and intervention. Our actions and investments fall into three categories: Refocus, reform, and restaff. With regard to refocusing, in 2020 there were over 1,000,000 calls to our 911 system. We anticipate even higher numbers in 2021. My proposal expands the 311 program to appropriately triage 911 calls to reduce call wait times. We also need to make sure the colors are connected with the right response. We know an armed police officer is not always required. This proposal allocates funds to expand our public safety support specialist program and the Portland Street Response, both of which are successful alternatives to a traditional police response. With regard to reform, police Chief Chuck Lovell and his colleagues know it's a new day in law enforcement and that requires deeper transparency and accountability. The public expects nothing less. This package funds greater transparency and accountability in three ways. First, we will hire our first ever civilian dean of training to teach best practices to our new recruits and seasoned officers alike. Second, we will find an independent assessment of protocol and procedure for crowd management and implement the recommendations. Third, we will fund body worn camera equipment for our officers with regard to restaffing. Portland police bureau staffing levels are at record lows and staffing levels will continue to decrease due to projected retirements in the years ahead. It's clear to me that based on our call response times, overtime costs, and officers per capita that the Portland police bureau is critically understaffed. It took us years to get to this point and it's going to take all of us working together to turn the tide. Starting in fiscal year 22-23, my goal is to bring on 300 staff through the Portland police bureau over a three-year period. 200 of the staff will be traditional, trained, certified, armed officers and 100 will be unarmed community safety specialists. I'll work with my council colleagues to meet this hiring goal. Portland must compete with other cities to recruit top applicants who mirror the values of our

city especially anti racism, transparency, and equity. Our approach to compete be that through recruitment or retention bonuses, longevity pay, or other measures will be determined as part of our collective bargaining process which is underway now. The recruitment, however, needs to start now. As part of this fall budget process I'm inviting recently retired or soon to be retired officers to serve their city once more. We need you. My goal is to bring back up to 25 officers this fiscal year and an additional 25 next year to serve for a maximum of two years through a retire/rehire program. I want to extend my thanks to commissioner Hardesty and to commissioner Mapps for working with me to help shape many of these public safety proposals. With regard to economic prosperity, one of our council's stated goals, we know that income inequality has deepened during the pandemic. Local businesses are facing unprecedented competition from national and international online sales. Hybrid work models are challenging the future of our local business district all across the city. Given the exponential changes that we're facing, we need to chart a course that prepares our city for economic success in our region in the years ahead. This proposal puts 2.2 million dollars into supporting more equitable and sustainable economic prosperity programs. My proposals funded development of a five-year inclusive economic development strategy to guide our city's work. It's crucial that our economic future aligns with our climate goals. This summer's extreme heat waves emphasize the urgency of the climate crisis and -- the disproportionate impact it has on communities of color here in Portland. This investment is key to laying a foundation for a carbon neutral economy and continuing our work in economic and climate justice. I'd like to extend my special thanks to commissioner Rubio for her tireless advocacy to promote a just carbon neutral economy. We have the opportunity, here colleagues, to make lasting change through thoughtful and intentional investments. This proposal better coordinates and increases our ability to provide sanitary and safe shelter to those experiencing houselessness. It diversifies, expands, and reforms our public safety response efforts and it supports equitable economic opportunity for working families and small businesses. To my council, colleagues, I want to thank you for the incredible collaboration that went into crafting a proposal that's rooted in our shared priorities. My thanks is to you personally and your entire staffs. The need is urgent, the issues are critical, and our time to act is now. Before I turn this over to Director Kinard, I want to just quickly

review the order of events today. Director Kinard will review the fall supplemental budget ordinance, she will do so briefly, there is a more extensive review from last Thursday's work session that people can look up online followed by invited testimony. Then council will introduce and second amendments for consideration, after which time will hear public testimony. We currently have 279 people signed up to testify today. That's obviously a sizable number of people and we want to ensure that we hear from everyone who signed up. This means we'll be strictly enforcing the two minute speaking time limit for each individual. For those of you testifying, each of you will have two minutes to speak, please set your view settings to gallery in order to see the virtual timer that will countdown your speaking time. The timer will flash red when 15 seconds remain. At the end of those two minutes, the council clerk's office will mute you and we'll move on to the next individual. I'll reiterate this before we start public testimony and periodically throughout testimony. Once public testimony is completed, council will deliberate and vote on the amendments. Director Kinard, welcome. Please take us through our next steps and introduce invited testimony.

Jessica Kinard: Thank you, mayor and good afternoon to you and to our members of council. For the record, my name is Jessica Kinard, I am the city's budget director. As the mayor mentioned, we held a work session last Thursday on November 4th where we reviewed the mayor's proposed supplemental budget in detail. Given the large number of people who have signed up to testify, I will keep the overview brief but I'm happy to answer any questions should you have them. My overview focus is on the general fund, but I assure that the entire supplemental budget is open for discussion today which includes a total appropriation increase of 517.7 million dollars across all funds. The bulk of total budget changes are due to fund balances between fiscal years. Outside of the general fund, the largest adjustments are in the citywide grants fund which includes carry over of federal relief dollars. This is followed by the Portland clean energy community benefits fund which is recognizing a beginning fund balance of over 73 million, followed by the transportation operating fund, and sewer system construction fund. For the benefit of our listeners on the line and at home, I assure that the fall bump is the first of three budget monitoring processes that we undertake each year. The fall bump is primarily meant to provide prior year reporting, make current year budget adjustments, and true up costs between fiscal years. In the fall

bump, we also true up the general fund ending balance from the prior year. After accounting for various types of carryovers and other technical adjustments across fiscal years, we deposit any excess fund balance into the city's capital set aside account and into contingency for one-time expenditures in the current year. As the mayor mentioned this fall, we're recognizing an unprecedented 62 million in excess general fund balance. This excess balance is almost entirely due to higher than anticipated business license tax revenue, which is our city economist peter shared last week, is one of the city's most volatile revenue sources as the bulk of the revenue is dependent on a relatively small number of taxpayers. It's not clear to us at this time how much of this increase revenues is one-time in nature, but we do you have it available now for appropriation. Per city financial policy, half of this excess balance was initially deposited, capital set aside, and the other half into unrestricted contingency to be available for current year urgent and unforeseen needs. The mayor's proposed supplemental budget as filed waves this portion of city financial policy to make these resources available for other high priority investments that are included in the filed ordinance. The proposed supplemental budget as filed includes over 44 million dollars in new general fund allocations which the mayor highlighted in his opening remarks. There are also 2.1 million in proposed current appropriation level target adjustments that preemptively allocate ongoing general fund resources for next year by increasing the ongoing base budget for programs and positions starting in fiscal year 22-23. For those watching who would like to review this in further detail, please see exhibits two and exhibit four of the proposed ordinance. With the changes included in this ordinance as filed, the total general fund unrestricted contingency and contingency set asides currently stand at 37.7 million with the following contingency account balances. 8.1 million will be in unrestricted contingency for known and unknown current year needs, 5.2 million is in the compensation set aside account to support current year bureau inflationary costs, 20.1 million will stay in our policy reserves for pacific policy direction by council, and 4.3 million still remains in capital set aside but again with the waiver of financial policy around capital set aside, this balance could be appropriated for general priority needs. These are the balances that exist before the proposal of any amendments which may be offered and considered today. You all have seen the proposed fall supplemental budget and I'm happy to walk through any of the exhibits or answer any

questions before we move to invited testimony. I will pause now to see if there's any questions from our councilmembers. Yes, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. [clears throat] excuse me. Director Kinard, and as always, I'm very appreciative of the hard work of the budget office. You mentioned that we have 62 million in unanticipated one-time money, that is a direct result of some corporations making a gazillion dollars since the pandemic began. And you also made the point but I want to reemphasize it, that this is one-time money. My understanding of a fall true up process would be that we would not make policy decisions that would have an economic impact moving forward. Is that -- this is what I was told last year, it was mansplained to me that we did not do policy development during fall true up, and what we're being asked to vote on is actually moving significant policy. So as the budget director at the city of Portland, and as a commissioner who has a bureau with a \$5 billion maintenance backlog, I want to know how you are anticipating the unanticipated ongoing expenses. That if this budget is voted on as it has been presented. What are the implications on the general fund? And what are the implications on staffing next year at the city of Portland?

Kinard: Thank you, commissioner for the question. So as filed currently there's over a little over 2 million dollars as I mentioned in ongoing cost increases that that will be as soon as -- if this is passed as filed. Those cost increases will be built into our forecast in December and sort of take first claim of any available resources in our forecast. The answer to your question is a challenging one to answer because we don't have our December forecast yet, we don't know yet what we're looking at for next budget season. So the any addition of ongoing costs or any sort of implied expectation of ongoing cost will have to be figured out as part of the next budget development process and depending on the magnitude of expectations around how much of what's being included currently is expected to continue. There may be a need to find reductions within current city programs in order to fund these items. Now, again we don't have that information yet, we're not certain of how things are going to shake out, we're just going to have to adjust to the best of our ability when we have more complete information next spring.

Hardesty: Thank you, Director Kinard. Let me say that I think the reason is city of Portland is in such good financial health, not great but good, at this moment was because of the

thoughtfulness of your office at the very beginning of the pandemic. We were fiscally responsible, we cut budgets, we were intentional about not making promises we could not keep. We have a significant list of mandates that are either federal mandates or state mandates that have not been considered. And as someone who's voting on this budget, because I've had maybe a week to have input into this budget, I am feeling very conflicted because I know we are in crisis right now. I am in support of the money that we're using with the county, that makes sense, but some of these as I read it, there are almost 24 million in potential ongoing costs that we've had no policy conversations about. So I am very troubled about where we are and how this has been presented because again, a partnership, we would have started much earlier with the entire council being able to weigh in. And thank you for the memo that I shared with my colleagues because I have a responsibility to be fiduciary responsible and this does not appear to be that process. And again, thank you, Director Kinard. We are in good financial health because of your leadership and I am concerned this budget will take us in a direction that will be painful as we move into the next budget process. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Yes, a question for Director Kinard. Just a clarification, I think I heard two different numbers there about ongoing costs that are baked into this proposed budget, can you repeat what the number is?

Kinard: There is a cal target adjustment of 2.1 million dollars. 2.1 million dollars will be the automatic cost that will be incurred immediately on an ongoing basis as a result of the ordinance as filed. What the commissioner is referring to is that there are a number of packages that are included that have the potential to have ongoing or second year cost implications, but that will be up to the council to decide around the continuation of funding for programs that are initiated through the ordinance today.

Mapps: Thank you, that helps.

Kinard: All right, so...

Hardesty: Excuse me, I have one last question. My apologies, my last question is, I recall a budget note to Prosper Portland but they were directed to come back to council prior to the next budget process with a plan around the fact that we're facing a --, and what I've seen

being proposed in this particular budget actually is counter to what the council voted on just in June. So I'm very concerned, again, we're making a policy decision with one-time money and its counter to direction we gave to prosper Portland just in June. Can you weigh in on that for me please?

Kinard: Sure, commissioner. So I believe that the budget note you're referring to was regarding the return of the expiration of urban renewal areas and the return of those resources to our assessment roles into the general fund. And the issue, as you'll recall, is a little complex and involves of course prosper Portland with their --, the housing bureau is also experiencing a --, and then there were other interests including build Portland for allocating some of those resources. The first step is actually for my office to determine and be able to communicate clearly with the council how much of that resource will be available as excess once it is factored into and considered as part of our regular five year balancing plan. The funding is coming into the five year horizon, it has been coming to the five year horizon, and it's factored into our prior five year financial forecast. So we need to update that forecast and share that information with you first, and then we need to have a conversation with the council around where your priorities lie and how to address the -- in both the housing bureau and prosper Portland.

Hardesty: And thank you. And you're correct, I think we've identified a set amount for the second year but there's also some anticipation that some of what we are funding will continue on into the future. Some of these things, let me be clear, I really, really support. I really want the training to have staff, but I also don't want us to predispose what training will look like before we actually have a training need. And so I am concerned that if we pass this package as it currently stands, we are locking ourselves into commitments that as a full council, we've had no dialogue or conversation of. How do you recommend we move forward as a council to really make sure that we are not locking ourselves into long term deals with one-time money?

Kinard: It's a challenging question commissioner. I think at any time, my guidance, my advice to the council is at this point in the process to allocate ongoing resources in permanent position authority. The council should feel confident that whatever they're supporting with ongoing resources of permanent position authority is a high enough priority

that they would be potentially willing to take reductions from other bureaus to fund that item. There, as I mentioned, those types of adjustments are to the tune of about 2.1 million dollars. The other option is to initiate funding for and start the plan for a new policy or a new practice with one-time resources and limited term positions, and then come back and reevaluate it as part of the budget process next year. And that is what's occurring with a number of the packages that are included currently.

Hardesty: I promise this is my last question. For my newer colleagues, how long have we funded the joint office of housing services with one-time money?

Kinard: We have had, since their inception, I believe it was the first year that the joint office was fully up and running, I believe it was fiscal year 2016-17, and for the entirety of that time we've had we had a significant amount of ongoing allocation that we have provided to the joint office, but we have also had some level of one-time funding that we have provided to that bureau. That's several millions of dollars of one-time funding that we have provided every year since that relationship started. Okay. So hearing no other questions, I would like to turn the floor over to the individuals who've been invited to provide testimony as part of our presentation material today. We're very fortunate to be joined by a number of esteemed colleagues and members of our community in addition to the, of course, dozens and dozens of folks that have signed up to testify later today. So we have 10 individuals who will be providing an invited testimony and I want to turn it over first to our first participant, the Multnomah county Chair Deborah Kafoury. And then the chair Kafoury, you will be followed by Tavo Cruz and representative Pham. Go ahead, chair.

Deborah Kafoury: Thank you, Jessica. And thank you, I'm sorry, Director Kinard, and thank you everyone who's on the call today. For the record, I'm Deborah Kafoury, I'm the Multnomah County chair and I use she/her pronouns. I know you have a lot to get through today and that the joint city county package is just one piece of a larger after proposal, so I'll try and be brief. In March of 2020, the Multnomah Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the first permanent update to the county business income tax rate since 1987. And with the proposals before you today, I couldn't be more grateful that we did. Just weeks after that vote, everything was turned upside down as covid-19 transformed from a headline into a tangible threat to our collective health and safety. In the 20 months since, we've seen the

pandemic magnify existing disparities and inequities, upend the lives of many, and stretch our safety net to its limits. Funding infusions from the federal government and from the state of Oregon have been critical in helping both the city and the county respond to the multiple crises that have grown alongside the pandemic. Interventions like rent assistance, shelter capacity expansion, vaccine incentives, and small business grants have all been made possible through this additional funding and support. And now thanks to an unexpected surplus from the business tax revenue, our jurisdictions have the opportunity to make significant and immediate midyear investments into strategies that can help us address our most pressing challenges and make a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors. Within hours of agreeing that aligning our surplus investments would lead to better and more effective interventions, city and county staff got to work identifying the areas of our service where a surge of combined funding could be best put to use. The knowledge, expertise, and community connection among the program staff who helped shape this proposal were essential to ensuring that our investments were responsive and strategic and that they would lead to meaningful support for our neighbors. These emergency interventions are designed to meet the most acute and urgent needs of our neighbors surviving outside through programs that can reach them as soon as possible. And we'll work toward that goal by bringing our resources together to jointly invest in 400 new shelter beds along with a bigger team of navigation outreach workers and a sizable expansion of storage and hygiene services for people who are living without a home. We also know that there is a growing number of people who are experiencing severe and persistent mental illness out on the streets, or their struggles are made even worse by the trauma of homelessness. Multnomah county is funding an urgently needed expansion of our behavioral health services to offer more connection and more de-escalation, particularly in Old Town Chinatown. Our public health team will also see an increase in funding to add capacity for vector control which will help address the increasing need to reduce the risk of vector-borne disease, especially downtown. The trauma that our neighbors experiencing who are living outside only ends when people are connected to the places, the services, and relationships that move them closer to the safety and stability that only housing can provide. These investments are aimed at keeping our neighbors experiencing homelessness safe and engage with services but only as a temporary

measure while the programs, outreach, and permanent housing made possible by the metro supportive housing services measure work to connect them to homes of their own. We've remained mindful throughout this process of developing this investment package, that this surplus money is one-time only funding, working diligently across all of our allocations to be smart about our commitments, taking care to balance immediate and ongoing service needs. And I want to be clear that we're under no illusions, that these investments are enough to end the challenges in our community challenges once and for all, but we do have an obligation to use resources that we do have in a way that results in more accessible help, better help, faster help for our neighbors who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and get it to them as quickly as possible. I believe that this county and cities shared investments reflect that commitment. I want to thank you both, mayor Wheeler and commissioner Ryan, for your partnership especially over these past few weeks, and I'd also like to thank the entire City Council for your ongoing support and collaboration. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, chair Kafoury. Thank you for your collaboration on this, we appreciate it very much and I want the public to know it was actually the chair's idea. She reached out to me and commissioner Ryan suggested this partnership, and it's been very positive and very productive and I appreciate you being here today to support. Thank you, Chair.

Kinard: Next we have tavo

Tavo Cruz: Thank you, Director Kinard, and thank you, mayor Wheeler and members of the city council. My name is Tavo Cruz and I serve as chair of the prosper Portland board of commissioners. I'm here on behalf of our word to express our strong support for the funding of the inclusive economic development strategy in the fall bump. After the great procession, despite the city's strong economic growth, Portland faced persistent racial and ethnic inequities and we saw a changing geography of affluence and access. West of 82nd Ave, where the population is almost 80 percent white, median household income rose to more than 150 percent of those east of 82nd Ave, where the population is only 63 percent white. In 2015, prosper Portland and the city of Portland embarked on a 5-year strategic plan to focus on widely shared prosperity to be achieved through healthy neighborhoods, business growth, job and wealth creation, partnerships, and a deep commitment to equity and sustainability. Between 2015 and 2020 we invested more than 71 million dollars, the

neighborhood redevelopment. From over 250 new housing units and the completion of the gateway discovery park to the launch of the Alberta Commons. We provided more than 6 million dollars in business assistance grants and nearly 70 percent of those going to black, indigenous and other business owners of color. Traded sector and small business growth along with workforce program job placements resulted in more than 14,000 new jobs. Prosper Portland form the inclusive business resource network which now serves 1000 businesses each year to create a stronger small business environment and started its mercados in my people's market initiatives to celebrate and support Portland's multicultural entrepreneurs. During the pandemic the Portland metro area last where the 150,000 jobs with disproportionate impact on low wage workers. In the face of acute impacts to small businesses, the lifeblood of the Portland economy, the city and prosper Portland guided by our 2015 2020 strategic plan priorities, pivoted to address urgent needs. More than 15 million dollars in cares funding assisted more than 1300 small businesses provided block grants to community partners using the city's equity toolkit and the knowledge that black people, indigenous people, and all people of color experience disproportionate impacts from the pandemic. The 2015 to 2020 strategic plan set the course for the essential work the city and prosper and completed over the past five years. As our economy begins to emerge and recover, Portland's public private and community partners must work together to forge a new economic development path that adapts to a new reality shape of a pandemic, to redouble our focus on inclusive prosperity and to advance the transition to a zero carbon economy. To achieve that vision, we need an innovative post pandemic strategy to help all businesses and residents compete and thrive in the face of rapid acceleration of e-commerce, increasing global interdependence, flexible workplace, k-shape recovery, disproportionate impacts to communities of color, migration from cities like San Francisco and Seattle, along with urgent challenges posed by climate change. Prioritizing allocating resources to an inclusive economic development strategy is an investment with a high yield. A stronger more resilient more equitable economy and a healthier city and sustainable economic future. While I have the floor for a moment, on behalf of the board, I would also like to recognize executive director Kimberly Branham and her team for their outstanding work under very difficult

circumstances over the last year and a half. Thank you to the council for your consideration and your ongoing partnership in this essential work.

Wheeler: Thank you, Chair Cruz. We appreciate everything you do. Thanks for being here today.

Cruz: Thank you, it's my pleasure.

Kinard: Next up we have Representative Pham on the line. Okay, we will come back if I notice her joining. Next, we have Reverend Haynes.

Reverend Haynes: Yes, I'm here. Thank you so very much. To the honorable mayor, Ted Wheeler, and the distinguished commissioner of the Portland city council, I am the reverend doctor Leroy Haynes junior, president of the Albina minister alliance and chairperson of the Albina minister alliance coalition for justice and police reform. The ama is one of the oldest ecumenical alliance of pastors, ministers, and churches in the city of Portland. We have been serving this city for over 70 years. The ama coalition for justice and police reform has advocated for police reform and transformation of the culture within the Portland police bureau for more than two decades. Each of the present oversight systems of police in the city of Portland, as well as the new bounded oversight measure, and the us department of justice settlement agreement, have been impacted by the ma coalition for justice and police reform. Since 2003 with the killing of a black woman named Kendra James by a Portland police officer, we have spirit here the struggle for police reform and transformation of the culture. Today in the great city of Portland, we face a critical crisis that Dr. Martin Luther King Junior would often say that every crisis present two options, chaos or community. This shows hold true for our beloved city of Portland. There's a narrative that is being fostered in our community that if we just increased the number of police officers in our city, we will solve all the gun problems in our city. Such speaking fails to understand that policing cannot be effective without building community trust and support, as well as addressing the root causes. We must begin to start thinking about policing as a component of public safety in a comprehensive and holistic way. Also we must begin to start thinking of police officers as guardians rather than warriors. Yes, we have a great need for adequate police staffing for our city, but the problems we face in Portland are bigger than staffing issues. Yes, police are a vital and fundamental component to resolution of gun violence and crime, but the policing

component must be always within a larger company instance strategy. This city has dealt with a crisis and gun violence, gang violence, increased crime, and epidemic of drug addiction in the 1980s. We did not solve this problem by police alone, there was a concept of community policing and partnership that resolved the problem. There were prevention programs and intervention programs as well as policing. John lock the great French writer and author said there's a social contract between the government and its citizens. In a similar manner, we need to think beyond the tradition policing box and look towards a 21st century policing. We need to look to new and innovative ways to do public safety. The city council has taken a major step in addressing the engagement of policing and the mentally ill by a program called Portland Street Response. Instead of having emphasis the receive and respond to 911 calls, they are trained professional engaging the mentally ill. The 21st century perspective can be used in drug addiction and other areas of policing. The same is true in response to gang violence at one-time in our city, we had national recognized gang violence prevention and intervention programs. But as soon as the shooting number decrease, the city council shifted funding. Now those who promote a narrative that we can only do gun violence and not focus on gestures and police accountability and reform. Justice is both a god given right, and a constitutional right. The issues of justice and police accountability and reform cannot be swept under the rug or passed up for another time. It is neither an either-or proposition, but it is a both end proposition we cannot have a healthy wholesome and striving and peaceful with just one. We need public safety and police accountability. We need citizens and others to feel secure in our city from gun violence and criminal activities, but we also need citizens and others, especially black and brown people and mentally ill persons, to not have to live in fear of dread of unjustified police violence, who are sworn to protect and treat fairly our citizens. In the midst of this crisis we have an opportunity to create a better Portland, a greater Portland, and we must choose between chaos and community. I pray and many others pray that we choose community, a better, a greater Portland. I pray we strive to us the beloved community of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Thank you very much to the mayor and to the commissioner and to you. Amen.

Wheeler: Thank you, Reverend Doctor Haynes. Thank you for being here today.

Hardesty: Mayor, if I may.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, thank you, thank you, doctor reverend Leroy Haynes. Every time you speak, I could listen to you all day and I appreciate all you've done over the generations to bring justice to Portlanders. Thank you.

Haynes: Thank you.

Kinard: Next we have Kaia Sands.

Kaia Sands: Good afternoon, I'm Kaia Sands, I'm the executive director of street roots. She/her pronouns. First, I just want to recognize with gratitude this council's support of funding Portland Street Response to scale up citywide by March because this is a significant milestone in our city's work to reimagine public safety. And I want to recognize in particular the leadership of Commissioner Hardesty to get us this far because she's been working on it since her first days in office and she's never wavered in her commitment to seeing it through. Street roots has been involved since the beginning, we've always maintained that Portland Street Response needs to be big enough to be effective, nimble enough to be effective, and separate from the police to be effective. In this regard, we're on the right track. Be assured though that come spring, street roots and people all across this region will be back loud as ever to make sure that Portland's street response is fully and permanently funded for the next stage. I also want to lift up the importance of funding the bureau of emergency communications so that people are trained, the software is there on the back end, to affectively re-route the calls and I can't touch on all the portions of the budget with the time allotted, but I do need to know that the city does continue to follow a false destructive siren song in terms of camp sweeps rather than investing in a thoroughgoing system of garbage service. This is just simply damaging and superficial. But in this time allotted I do want to lift up one more win, when I learned about the one-time revenue my hopes went to the city using that one-time funding to purchase more livable spaces, motels, housing, land, as an important use of one-time funds. We are tens of thousands of housing units short and what that means as you all know is that people can't afford to rent or buy so they live in the streets, they also live in their cars, on peoples sofas, on the brinks of eviction in unsafe living conditions. So I'm optimistic about that 18 million dollars including the 13 million dollars from the county that's been targeted toward this, and I really urge the city to buy the lands, the

motels, and the buildings to make sure that those livable spaces are permanent. And I've been saying livable spaces to recognize we're talking about a continuum shelters transitional spaces permanent housing and I want to emphasize that it's really important that that the city is strategic about this to make sure that this is not just simply leased space, but that we are transitioning more and more of our deeply unaffordable city into affordable places. And so that in this budget is a win. Thank you so much for your time.

Wheeler: We appreciate you joining us today.

Kinard: Next we have Dr. Vernon Baker. Dr. Baker...

Hardesty: You're on mute doctor.

Dr. Vernon Baker: I apologize for that, I thought I was taking off. Yes, my name is Dr. Vernon Baker. I want to first say I'm here on behalf of cag which is the coalition of advisory council groups under the Portland police bureau, I just want to acknowledge the mayor and all the council members that are here. Truly I appreciate this opportunity, as I was saying I'm here on behalf of cag who is a representation of the African American advisory council, which I'm the chair, the Asian and pacific islander American advisory council, the Latino advisory council, Slavic advisory council, the Muslim advisory council, the alliance for safer communities' advisory council, and behavior health unit advisory council, and finally the training advisory council. As I think I mentioned I'm the co-chair and Layla is the other co-chair for the cag our mission of the cag is to enhance collaboration and support among duly recognized police advisory groups in the city of Portland enhancing their ability to act and as an avenue for collective community input to the Portland police bureau program and the city leadership regarding policies, directives, and programs involving policy and safety. Our focus at this particular time, for cag, we have identified our top three community-based action items for the ppb to be implemented and to consider. Number one, we believe that the ppb should strive to employ officers that reflect the communities they are serving in, that ppb recruitment of police officers should have community involvement, and at the cag will work with their volunteer communities to assist with recruiting ethnic community members to apply to become new officers by interfacing, identifying, and providing a list of ppb officer candidates. And any retire to hire programs should include community input and participation. Second, we believe that the bureau should increase staffing and utilize the

behavioral health response team, bhrt, to respond to more referrals and utilized ps3 police safety support specialist in responding to calls when applicable. And finally, ppb training must include community focused and community-based curriculum that should include interactive training with community members. I just want to say I really appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to share and to bring awareness to the coalition of advisory councils under the offices of the police bureau. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you, Dr. Baker. And just in case people are wondering how people were invited for testimony, each of the commissioners had the opportunity to bring up to three individuals in for testimony and the hope here was we would get different perspectives from different individuals. So far, we're hearing some great testimony. Thank you, doctor baker for joining.

Kinard: Next we have Don Osborn.

Don Osborn: All right, thank you very much. I appreciate it. Thank you for having me, those who invited me. If you don't know me my name's Don Osborn, my brother-in-law was murdered about a month and a half ago at the district of silver peace dollar. So I'm kind of concerned what I'm hearing. I do hear you guys are trying to come up with more holistic ways of trying to make things better, now we all know that everybody's not perfect, we know police officers are not perfect because they're human beings, but I see everything I've heard so far is reform of the police but no accountability for criminals. When the police levels were much higher, there was much less shootings. That was obvious in the numbers. So it seems to me that the city council and many here are more interested in about defending criminals and more about villainizing our police officers, than really making real change. Let's talk about laws. I've heard that officers cannot pull over my people from minor traffic stops. Everybody knows, you go back to any stats, that's the way you get criminals or people with warrants off the streets. This is where you keep future events from happening, by getting criminals off the streets. I've heard that possession of hard drugs is not even a crime on the streets of Portland. Me and my wife were there walking through the downtown district, we saw somebody slamming. They were probably slamming heroin, I'm not sure. Because there's no fear recourse, there's no cops, they don't care. And you don't think that gangs don't see this? The gangs see it as their customers are not even going to be arrested for utilizing hardcore drugs.

These gangs are going to fight for that territory and to say anything different is just being delusioned. The gangs are taking over Portland and they know that they're protected there. I even heard there's officers that these criminals can track by their cell phones because of the decisions the judges are making. There's been no justice for my brother-in-law Jacob yet because of these laws being enacted and these decisions being made. The people right here on the city council, some of these decisions are coming from here, this directly led to the murder of my brother-in-law. I heard about defunding the police is the most ridiculous thing I've heard in my life. We take the advice of criminals rioting to making decisions how we move forward, we ran the police out of the city. Let's have common sense show solutions and talks. I know we can't go back to where we came from, I don't have all the answers but how about quarterly PTSD counseling for our officers because these people are human beings. If you're in that situation, you never been a cop or whatever, there's PTSD, there's stuff that happens to these police officers. Let's talk about term limits on how long police officers are on the streets. Let's bring back the gang unit that had term limits inside the gang units. Yes, I believe in community outreach also, both phase into that, I don't know. There's a lot more common-sense situations, we need to increase funding, you need police officers -- tie their hands to do their jobs. To think that we're going to have a drug society where everybody's going to circle around a sing kumbaya, it's just not reality. I hope the city council and the people on this board make common sense decisions, because we will fight for it. One way or another, we will have justice for Jacob and all the other Jacobs out there who are being murdered. Thank you, guys. I'm sorry for being emotional but this has been heart wrenching for our family. Jacob moved out to Portland because of the ideology and a new start in life and he was murdered because of that decision. Because the people who are in power making decisions and they're being motivated by criminals, they're allowing Denver dictate the policy. Thank you.

Wheeler: Don we've never spoken, Ted Wheeler, mayor, I just want to express my condolences to you for your brother-in-law and thank you for being here today to provide your perspective.

Osborn: Thank you.

Kinard: Next we have Tiffany Hammer.

Tiffany Hammer: Hi, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is Tiffany Hammer and I'm the co-president of PSAC, which stands for the Portland safety action coalition. And I'm here today to represent the members and residents and businesses across Portland who attend who are part of our peace act coalition. We put together a list of recommendations, I will go through them now. Number one, allocate some funding to proven programs like the Bybee lakes hope center, they just put together a new drug treatment center. This is good for Portland; we have a drug crisis right now. Number two, increase shelter bed capacity for all areas especially areas that don't have shelter bed access at this time. One of the concerns we have is we need real time census capacity; we need transparency with our city and our county. We need to know exactly at every minute how many shelter beds are available. It's quite frustrating to Portlanders, especially like myself, who see beds go unused every single night in our crisis. We need the software system to work on this. We don't need just outreach workers to have that real time capacity number, we need the public to know it as well. Number three, the proposal to create a service coordination center was on the table, all that we ask is this yes, we need a service coordination center but we need it to be able to triage people at the door. Our unsheltered folks do not have abilities to use phones and outreach workers are not able to reach everyone. We need people to it actually have a place to go like TPI on the other side of the river for equitable access. Number three, safe parking program. Our Portland residents biggest concern right now is the loss of the expo center in north Portland. Our east Portland folks are upset too because their Portland communities are swelling up with folks that are trapped in their cars, in RVs, with no safe parking program. This is a shame for Portland. We need this now; this could work now. We're in a shelter crisis, we need it now. And Beaverton has five safe parking programs, all that I ask of today is smaller scaled locations at this time to quickly get up and going now for our people. Number four, increase foot patrols for high impact areas that are disproportionately impacted by violence and crime like old town Chinatown. We need either ps3 officers or detailed police officers. Every single day we're seeing someone shot, killed, or victims of burglaries, theft, and violence and assaults. This has to be addressed by increased, directed, foot patrol services. Yes, PSAC does support the next one. Technology and staffing needs for services, most definitely. Many of us cannot even

get through the 911 nor the non-emergency, ask a business owner in downtown Portland. Next yes, we definitely support the full expansion of the Portland Street Response program citywide, do want to recognize that downtown's in crisis. We need it now, so we have to figure out how to get those needs met now. Yes, next year is great, but we need it now in downtown. Next, psac supports equipping officers with body worn cameras, and then next we support a policy recommendation. Due to the high recidivism rate and because of individuals who cause communities harm that are being put back on our streets within hours, we recommend that the city work with the county by committing some of the budget line items to fund and expand jail capacity for beds, up to 50 if possible. We all know of communities; we're seeing the most violent offenders being released immediately and this is something that should be addressed. Especially if they are illegal, if they are possessing an illegal firearm, or a known felon with a firearm they should not be released into our community to go get another gun. Next, we definitely support the expansion recommendation from the mayor's office and of the 80 sworn officers to the retire/rehire program, and we do agree that down the road the 300 additional officers for the next three years is essential for us right now. And that looks like -- oh, and our finale. We support the staffing and trash cleanup disposal services programs to be expanded. Thank you so much for your time, we appreciate it.

Wheeler: Thank you, Tiffany for being here today. Appreciate it.

Kinard: Next we have Michael Maggard.

Michael Maggard: Can you hear me? Hello?

Wheeler: Yep, we can hear you. Can you hear us? Michael?

Maggard: Thank you, thank you. My name is Michael Maggard, thank you everyone for having me and inviting me to come on. I am the owner of five-star cleaners, I have two business fronts in northeast Portland by the Lloyd center and 22nd and Hawthorne. I have experienced in the last eight weeks two robberies, two shootings with four people injured on my property, my building taking nine bullets, my van taking two bullets, the food cart in our back lot took bullets with people in it barely missing the propane tanks of the kitchen. I have 10 broken windows, I've lost two employees, mind you this is all in eight weeks' time, lost two employees because they felt unsafe coming to work in both of my locations, one at each

location. I concur with the -- and my heart goes out to the gentleman who lost his family member. What a tragic story and it's -- I talked, literally had 50,000 people in my database, I literally talk to hundreds of people in the community every single day and there is a sense of desperation and a despair in the city on the ground level that's never been here before. And if this council does not take this action and it -- well there's so many people that are telling me every day they're going to leave the city, they're going away, they can't deal with this, they're angry at the city council because this perceived lack of action and to the idea that this proposal could cause further pain down the road on the budget, etc. I'm fond of my wife who tells me, with her history degree, that wars are not won playing defense. Wars are won by taking the offense and we really need to take back the streets. And the citizens of the city are telling me every day we got to do something, we've got to take back the streets. A couple of ideas that I would like to throw out to the council would be to take some of the money and to create a rewards program, whether it's 10,000 dollars, 50,000 dollars, 100,000 dollars per conviction guarantee anonymity to informants who will go after the head of the snake, so to speak. The gang members, the people that are violating our city. I agree and I did not vote for decriminalizing the drugs on the streets, that's a formula for disaster. I think that the treatment programs absolutely necessary, but the way that that law is playing out is a disaster. I've also suggested to the many politicians I serve that we embrace the federal government and get the domestic terrorism task force involved and make highly visible prosecutions of the people who are terrorizing our city through destroying business fronts. Many of this is politically motivated, we need to find out who these people are, and let it be known our city will not tolerate this. My analogy is that when you let children misbehave that there's no boundaries, they're going to seek out the boundaries and keep misbehaving in worse and worse ways, and that's what's happening. I think that we should fund, take some millions of dollars, and fund to take back the streets campaign. Highly publicized in the media and with all of the group leaders who I've heard speak so far today, trying to bring these groups together to take visible, meaningful action to take back our streets and clean them up. Finally, with the homeless issues my 65-year-old wife was tussling in the streets with a guy who robbed us twice in the same day. The mental illness is apparent and getting people off the streets and getting them sheltered is one thing, getting them integrated into society is

another. I just received an email from the state of Oregon saying that there's money available as a tax break for employers who will hire difficult people, you know people maybe with criminal background under hard to hire people. So I got ahold of the state and said how do I get ahold of these people? How can I hire somebody? You know how can I help employ somebody? And they said that the database doesn't exist. There's a tax break, but you got to go find somebody yourself. Another idea is to put together that database of people that would need to move to employment and it would be -- employment crisis businesses like mine are having finding people, there's a potentially low hanging fruit for that as well. Thank you again for having me. It's disheartening, but I'm interfacing like I said with hundreds of people every single day and people want action and the worst thing that could happen in this situation would be no action to be taken. Please take action and make it loud and make it heard and make it effective. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Michael for being here and Commissioner Hardesty had a comment or question for you.

Hardesty: Yes, I have. Michael's last point I can help him with. Southeast uplift has a program, there's a gentleman named Joe Bergersen who works there and they are desperately looking for employers that will take people who are in recovery. It won't cost the employer anything, Joe says give him a call, he will help connect you.

Maggard: Thank you.

Hardesty: You're welcome.

Wheeler: Thanks, Commissioner Hardesty. Thank you, Michael for being here.

Kinard: Next we have Mike Marshall followed by Teran Evans.

Mike Marshall: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you, mayor Wheeler, commissioner Ryan, and all the other commissioners for inviting me here today. It's both eye opening and disheartening to be involved in this conversation. My name is Mike Marshall, I have the honor and privilege of serving as the executive director of Oregon recovers. I'm also a person in long term recovery which for me means I haven't had a drink or any crystal meth in almost 14 years. Oregon recovers is a statewide advocacy campaign that came together five years ago to address Oregon's addiction crisis. We are consistently ranked third or fourth in terms of addiction rates and generally, I think the last time we were evaluated we ranked 47th in

access to treatment that was pre-covid. During covid, we have gone from 690 residential treatment beds to 488 statewide for adult residential treatment beds. And I believe the numbers for juvenile treatment beds, youth treatment beds, has fallen from about 120 to 44. So we lost 40 percent of our adult residential bed capacity and about 60 percent of our youth can treatment capacity, and we're already last in access to treatment. And so I bring those statistics up not because that's your responsibility, but that's the backdrop against which every city in this state is trying to address this crisis. And so I'm really, really grateful to all of you for figuring out how best to take this one-time money and invest it in efforts to mitigate the current crisis. But at the end of the day, you need to call the governor to task. This is the governor's responsibility and from my perspective she has abrogated that responsibility since before covid even started, and as yet to really respond to the crisis during covid. I also want to just point out that we are an addiction recovery organization, houselessness has its own set of issues, but houselessness is a symptom sometimes for those of us that suffer from addiction. And so you take that into consideration when you're allocating resources and I just want to applaud you for doing that. I'm hardly an expert on houselessness or recovers as it, but the investments as I can see them that you're making in terms of the houselessness this go round are extremely important. And there's two that I want to really give kudos to you for. Investment number seven on the sheet that I got which is about hiring retention bonuses, this is hugely important. One of the reasons we're losing all the treatment beds in this state is because of the workforce crisis and it's something the state should be doing in terms of providing and giving treatment providers the ability to provide bonuses or pay for tuition or whatever the case may be, but they're really tying treatment providers hands. And so the fact that you're doing it locally demonstrates once again that Portland and Wilma County are at the forefront of understanding what a system of care is and how to respond. And then obviously the other investment, investment number nine, improving the behavioral health units, hugely important. You know the antidote to addiction is community and at the core of community is human interactions and we're not going to spend our way out of this crisis, we're going to invest in people helping other people. And so these investments, as I can see, are the right allocation of very, very limited resources and I want to applaud you for that. And again just conclude with two things . Number one, I urge you to hold the governor to account

on this. Alcohol related deaths have increased 71 percent during the pandemic, drug overdose rates have increased 38 percent, and the state's response was to bend over backwards to promote the sale of alcohol during covid. Complete opposite of what every health organization has suggested. Two years ago at the start of covid, a 75 page plan was delivered to the governor and the legislature on how to address our crisis with the goal of reducing our addiction rates to the 10th lowest in the country and increase recovery rates by 25 percent. It's very outcome oriented. The governor has not taken any action on it and the legislature just distributed a lot of money that will be used for good things, but it's not aligned with any outcomes, it's not about investing in a comprehensive system of care. The governor needs to hear from Oregon cities and elected officials and be held accountable for that. Sorry to get on my soapbox about that but we're not going to solve this problem at the local level. There has to be a statewide system of care and a comprehensive plan, and a person or an agency needs to be put in charge. We cannot continue to silo responsibility and that is by far the biggest challenge right now. Every time we try to fix one part of the system, we have to talk to two or three people who aren't communicating with the other folks. And under covid that's understandable, I get it everybody is overwhelmed, but if we put one person in charge of solving the crisis, we can then hold that person accountable. Lastly to the public watching, if you are struggling, if you know someone struggling, please go to Oregonrecoverynetwork.org, Oregonrecoverynetwork.org, and there's all kinds of resources on there available or information about resources. And you can also be connected to someone with lived experiences, certified peer, within 24 hours will get back in touch with you to help you navigate where you are at in your substance use and any solutions that might be available to you that you're interested in. Thank you again and I honor all of you for the hard work, the important work, and the really difficult work you're doing.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here today, thanks for sharing your perspective, and also putting the help line information out there for people who might want to connect, and congratulations on 14 years. Well done.

Kinard: All right. Next, we have Taren Evans.

Taren Evans: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and commissioners. My name is Taren Evans, I'm here today representing the coalition of communities of color. The ccc supports a collective

racial justice effort to improve outcomes for communities of color through policy analysis and advocacy, environmental justice, culturally appropriate data and research and leadership development and communities of color. I'm here today to support the bureau of planning sustainability funding request. Over the past couple of years we've seen all too well the impacts of climate change. We've seen crisis after crisis, from devastating ice storms to raging wildfires with smoke engulfing our city, to unprecedented heat. When we talk about climate change, we're not talking about something abstract or theoretical, but about the real-life experiences of people who are impacted by this crisis. We know that black indigenous and people of color communities disproportionately bear the burden of this crisis. A long history of structural racism and disinvestment in our communities has made our communities more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. -- communities are more likely to be in neighborhoods with less parks and green spaces and tree canopy coverage, causing temperatures to be even higher in these areas during extreme heat events. Our community members are more likely to live in older housing that lacks proper sealing and ventilation, resulting in bad indoor air quality and adverse health impacts. There are also economic impacts as community members contend with higher utility bills because of the quality of their housing and have to make difficult decisions between paying utility bills or for the cost of food or medication. These are trade offs that no one should ever have to make. The same community members are also more likely to live in rental housing and lack the ability to make upgrades to improve the quality of their housing. For the past year and a half, the climate crisis and racial justice have been front and center. Right now in Glasgow world leaders are convening in an effort to reduce global emissions. Recently the intergovernmental panel on climate change released its latest report which was a dire warning to humanity that if we do not act right now to lower emissions, we'll have irreversible changes that will alter life on earth as we know it. We're in such a critical moment right now and the urgency of the moment must compel us to act differently, to challenge of existing systems and innovate. The bureau planning sustainability is working to do those very things. To innovate, to develop new models, to challenge how things have been done, and work toward collaborative solutions that have the most impact to communities at the forefront of developing those solutions. CCC partners with BPS on several projects that are working toward achieving this,

including building community shifting power. -- is a group of bipod community leaders convening to work on developing new standards for buildings that center health, reduce energy burden, and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change. The enormity of the problem that we're facing demands that we all work together to develop collaborative solutions bringing both the resources of community-based organizations and government together. A few months ago we came together to talk about the climate emergency declaration update. We talked about the important work that is being done including the work of build ship and the climate justice initiative, but also talked about the scale of the work that needs to be done and the need for more resources to achieve the goals outlined in that declaration. Ultimately how we decide to allocate resources in our city reflects what we value as a city. I encourage you all to make a decision that values climate justice and racial equity and supports this ask by the bureau of planning sustainability for additional funding to support this critical work. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate you being here today.

Kinard: All right, that concludes our invited testimony. Mayor if...

Wheeler: Director, did we know -- I know Representative Pham was not originally on, has she logged on?

Kinard: I have heard that she's not, but she confirmed that she is unfortunately not able to attend.

Wheeler: Very good. Okay, good. So that completes, thank you Director Kinard for your presentation and invited testimony. We have 279 people signed up today, but I think -- yeah, we're going to go to amendments first and Director Kinard, were you going to walk us through the amendment process?

Kinard: That's right, mayor. So, we have a handful of amendments and the processes for members of council to make a motion, then second the amendments to put them on the table for discussion, and then we will hear public testimony, and then council will come back together and deliberate, discuss, and vote on those amendments following public testimony. So, we have a number of amendments, these are in our typical budget fashion fairly complex and technical. So I am going to read the language based upon what council offices have shared with me and then I will pause and look for the sponsor to -- I have the folks that I've

listed as sponsors, but my understanding from the clerk is that we should pause, look for the sponsor to say they make a motion, and listen for a second and then I'll move on to the next. So the first item is from mayor Wheeler and I understand that it may it may be co-sponsored by commissioner Mapps, it's a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to support winter and spring public events in the city of Portland. So this is to increase bureau program expenses and special appropriations general fund by 315,000 dollars for a grant to pioneer courthouse square for additional winter and spring events on pioneer square director park. The funding will be used for events planning, equipment programming, marketing and consultants. 50,000 dollars of the total will support the Portland winter light festival, this will also reduce general fund unrestricted contingency by 315,000 one-time to fund this change and will update exhibits one to five as needed to reflect the change.

Wheeler: I'll move that, obviously.

Mapps: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion and a second.

Kinard: Great. Wheeler two is motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for the behavioral health emergency coordination network, also known as beacon. Will increase bureau program expenses in the office of management and finance community safety division on a one-time basis to help support the beacon project. Will then reduce the general fund policy set aside for the sobering center contract replacement by 750,000 in one-time to fund this change, will update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change, and I will clarify for the council that this is not a new expense this is funding coming from a policy set aside and ongoing funding that has been set aside for a similar purpose in the past.

Wheeler: Thank you. I move.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Second from commissioner Hardesty.

Kinard: Wheeler three is motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to cost related to the department of justice settlement agreement. This is to increase bureau program expenses in the Portland police bureau general fund by 111,514

dollars in one-time resources to fund three regular permanent FTE support staff for the dean of education and for the department of justice settlement agreement. We will reduce general fund unrestricted contingency by 111,514 dollars one-time to fund this change, we'll amend exhibit two to include the following current appropriation level target adjustment. So we'll increase the cal target in the Portland police bureau by 401,057 dollars for these three support staff costs to support the dean of education and the department of justice settlement agreement, and we'll update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect these changes. So this includes both a one-time allocation of funding to support the current year costs of these three new positions and an ongoing allocation to make sure that those positions can be authorized as permanent on a continued basis.

Wheeler: All right, I move that.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty.

Kinard: Lost my mute there, and I'm having trouble with my screen. There we go. All right, we have Wheeler four is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to reflect reductions to several line-item allocations and this is a small reduction to a number of items that were included in the mayor's proposed as a way to fund other amendments that are forthcoming. The first is an impact reduction team, decrease bureau program expenses in the office of management and finances general fund by 500,000 reducing the total one-time investment from 6.5 million to 6 million dollars. Another is within the inclusive economic development strategy, will decrease bureau program expenses in prosper Portland general fund by 100,000 reducing the total one-time investment from 850,000 to 750,000. Next is within the equitable development outside of tif districts line item, the proposal is to decrease bureau program expenses in prosper Portland's general fund by 250,000 which will reduce the total one-time investment from 450,000 to 200,000. Next, a reduction to the line item for police bureau's basic training academy. This would decrease bureau program expenses in Portland police bureau's general fund by 100,000 reducing the total one-time investment from 856,000 to 756,000. Next is a reduction to the department of justice settlement agreement related to crowd control. This would decrease the bureau program expenses in the city attorney's office general fund by 100,000, which reduces the

total one time investment for this crowd control assessment to be from 400,000 to 300,000. Next is a reduction to the line item for the office of equity in human rights lgbtqia plus study. This would decrease the bureau program expenses in the office of equity and human rights general fund by 100,000 dollars, reducing the total one-time investment from 330,000 to 230,000. Next is a procurement position addition line, it would decrease the program expenses in the office of management and finance general fund by 250,000 reducing the total one-time investment from 500,000 to 250,000. The next is... I'm sorry.

Wheeler: Go ahead, I'm sorry.

Kinard: So those are the total reductions, those reductions all total 1.4 million. So we will offset this by increasing our general fund unrestricted contingency by 1.4 million one-time to balance the change, and we'll update exhibits one through five as needed.

Wheeler: I move this.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan seconds. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I think the last thing that Director Kinard said corrected my -- I was wondering why these issues were put into this one amendment and now I think I understand it better, so I'm good.

Wheeler: Yeah, just to clarify, these programs were carefully evaluated. We believe that these programs can operate sufficiently with the funding that's being allocated even with these revisions and these revisions were also necessary to fund some of the other amendments my colleagues are bringing forward.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Kinard: Okay, those conclude the amendments that I have listed to be sponsored by the mayor. Next, I will move to amendments that I have listed under commissioner Hardesty's sponsorship, and I believe this first one is actually co-sponsored by the office of the mayor, by the mayor himself. That is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to add a directive, directive h, to the ordinance related to the Portland police bureau retire/rehire program parameters. So we'll be adding this language to the ordinance in a directive, and it will say release of funding and hiring of officers, whether just before retirement or from current retirement status, shall be conditional on bargaining

language with the PPA that limits the rehiring of retired officers to a one year assignment with an option at the discretion of the chief of police to extend the assignment by no more than one additional year. No contract shall be offered under this program after June 30th, 2023, and all contracts shall expire no later than June 30th, 2024. Council further directs the chief of police to adhere to the following parameters in rehiring any program eligible candidates. Specifically, the chief shall not hire any officers who have or will retire in lieu of being investigated or with a pending investigation or disciplinary matter. Any officers where it has been determined that the officer intentionally trained other methods known to be unconstitutional crowd control practices, any officers who were found to have violated city policy by cooperating with federal agents to attack Portland residents, any officers with sustained complaints in their personnel file within the last ten years for use of force, unconstitutional policing, or human resources administrative rules 2.02. The chief will further prioritize any eligible officers who reside in Portland.

Hardesty: I move.

Rubio: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio seconds.

Kinard: We have Hardesty two, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to move the expand public safety support specialist funding to a policy set aside, pending the outcome of a program evaluation in accordance with the fiscal year 21-22 adopted budget note requirement, and I have this noted that this would also be cosponsored by the mayor. This would decrease bureau program expenses in the Portland police grew by 448,257 in one-time resources for the expansion of the public safety support specialist to reduce position authority for eight limited term FTE, and it would increase the general fund policy set aside by 448,257 one-time to balance change, update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change, and I will also note that there's a companion amendment coming next to this with relation to the ongoing cal target for the ps3s.

Wheeler: Thank you, all. Second this.

Kinard: We have Hardesty three, which is related to Hardesty two and it is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to eliminate an increase

to Portland police bureau current appropriation level target for the public safety support specialist program. This would amend exhibit two to strike the following cal target adjustment, increase ongoing general fund discretionary resources in the Portland police bureau to support expansion of the public safety support specialist program by 900,000. We would update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Hardesty: Move.

Rubio: Second.

Kinard: Hardesty four is a motion to make the following technical adjustments with supplemental budget as proposed, and this would decrease bureau program expenses in the office of community and civic life in the amount of 636,000 dollars in one-time general fund resources to come from the 3.4 million dollars that was allocated for graffiti and appropriated in the fiscal year 21-22 adopted budget. We will then increase bureau program expenses in the Portland bureau of transportation, transportation operating fund, in the amount of 636,000 dollars funded by this one-time cash transfer from the general fund to increase the towing of fully unoccupied abandoned autos, help move inoperable cars and RVs to safe auto camping spots, and assist individuals living in RVs with repairs to their waste system so they can function properly and can be moved. Update exhibits one through five as needed.

Hardesty: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Kinard: We have Hardesty five which is a motion to make the following adjustments to supplemental budget as proposed for the Portland aerial tram project. This would increase bureau program expenses in the Portland bureau of transportation, transportation operating fund, in the amount of 1.5 million dollars funded by a one-time cash transfer from the general fund to fully fund Portland aerial tram project. Would then decrease general fund unrestricted contingency by 1.5 million one-time to fund the change and we would update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect the change.

Hardesty: So moved

Kinard: Do we have a second?

Wheeler: I'll second this.

Kinard: All right, next I will move to amendments offered by commissioner Rubio. The first is a motion to make the following adjustments in the supplemental budget as proposed for climate emergency declaration.

Hardesty: Excuse me, Director Kinard, I have motion six that you skipped. Did that disappear from today's list?

Kinard: So commissioner, I think we accidentally included an item on the Tuesday Memo that there is not sufficient resources currently in the balancing plan to support. If you would like to include that item, I've communicated with Kristin offline, she has some potential language for you, and we can come back to that at the end of -- my suggestion would be to come back to that item at the end once we run through the rest of these amendments.

Hardesty: Thank you, Director Kinard. I will say the second highest cost of death in the city of Portland today is vehicle or homicide, and if we are supposedly addressing the emergencies on our street with this emergency one-time money, I just find it inexcusable that we're not actually investing dollars and making our streets safer. So and the fact they we're taking money back that as promised just like a day ago...

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, if I could turn this over to Bobby to resolve this issue. He's the one that keeps me straight in these meetings.

Bobby Lee: Commissioner Hardesty, sorry for the confusion. Let me sort of clarify.

Hardesty: You're on mute bobby, and please identify yourself when you're off mute.

Lee: Sorry about the confusion commissioner.

Hardesty: It's okay, bobby would you identify yourself for the record?

Lee: Bobby lee, I'm the chief of staff to the mayor. Sorry, I can't quite hear you through our system here, I apologize. So originally your request was for 2.2 million and we bumped it up to 3 million in the original request, so this item got taken out. So it is at 3 million not at 2.2 million, this was a procedural typo. This shouldn't have been included, it's in your other supplemental list. Apologies for the confusion.

Hardesty: Yeah. Okay, thank you. That helps. Continue director, my apologies.

Wheeler: Thank you, bobby.

Hardesty: Thank you, bobby.

Kinard: All right, so commissioner Rubio one is the motion makes the following adjustments to supplemental budget as proposed for climate emergency declaration work. This would increase bureau program expenses in the bureau of planning and sustainability's general fund by 300,000 dollars in one-time resources to help further the cities work is outlined in the 2020 climate emergency declaration including two limited term FTE. The first position will provide analytical and policy development support to buildings and energy to carbonization work including implementation of key climate emergency declaration commitments and help to implement the internal cost of carbon policy passed by city council in December of 2020. The second position will implement building reporting programs, which is home energy score and commercial energy reporting, which establish foundational information for the city to take the next step in establishing energy performance standards for buildings called for in the climate emergency declaration. We will then reduce general fund unrestricted contingency by 300,000 dollars one-time to fund this change and update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect the change.

Rubio: So moved.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty seconds, just ahead dan.

Kinard: Rubio two is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for parks programming and it is increase the bureau program expenses in the parks and recreation general fund by 1.5 million and one-time resources to explore interim solutions for north Portland aquatics multi-year service interruption. We will then reduce general fund unrestricted contingency by 1.5 million in one-time to fund this change and update exhibits one through five as needed.

Rubio: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: I'm giving that one to Ryan.

Hardesty: He's being generous by giving it to you.

Ryan: Noted.

Kinard: Next, we have commissioner Ryan as a sponsor. First one is the motion to make the following adjustments with the supplemental budget as proposed to provide relocation

assistance for households residing at a manufactured home park subject to imminent closure. This would increase bureau program expenses in the Portland housing bureau general fund by 600,000 in one-time resources to help support low- and moderate-income households with one-time costs related to relocation and stabilization. The housing bureau will partner with a community-based organization to assist in relocating the remaining manufactured dwelling units to new locations or provide assistance in finding new housing with up to 12 months of assistance for housing costs after relocation. We will then reduce general fund unrestricted contingency by 600,000 one-time to fund this change and update so it's one through five as needed to reflect the change.

Ryan: Moved.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: We have a second from commissioner Hardesty.

Kinard: And then finally we have amendments from commissioner Mapps. The first is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for utility debt relief. This would increase bureau program expenses in the Portland water bureau water operating fund by 500,000 dollars in one-time resources to help support a utility debt relief program which will provide utility debt relief for customers experiencing hardship and having accumulated significant arrears. The bureau will be using equity committee to ensure that the funds are distributed to the most vulnerable populations. This program will be funded by a one-time cash transfer from the general fund and then we will reduce unrestricted general fund contingency by 500,000 in one-time to fund this change and update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect the change.

Mapps: Moved.

Wheeler: Second.

Hardesty: The mayor was trying so hard to be second that he actually beat the first.

Wheeler: We need like a little starting line here or something so we don't jump over it. I'm happy to second that one commissioner Mapps, thank you.

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Kinard: Finally, we have Mapps two which is a motion to make the following adjustments with supplemental budget as proposed for the human access project. This would increase

bureau program expenses in the bureau of environmental services sewer system operating fund by 20,000 dollars in one-time resources for human access project to help support a cost estimate of leveraging the earthquake ready burnside bridge project to develop improved pedestrian biking, water, and natural area access on the east side of the Willamette River. The cost estimate shall include options for completing the work in two phases, one an east side ramp to provide pedestrian and bike access to the area, and two placemaking to improve access to the river and natural areas along the east bank of Willamette River. We'll then reduce unrestricted general fund contingency by 20,000 one-time to find the change and update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect the change.

Mapps: So moved.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty seconds.

Kinard: All right so that is the list of amendments that I have. Are there any other items that members of council would like to put on the table at the time?

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Director Kinard, this is a not a normal process so I'm a bit confused because am I able to put amendments on the table to remove things from the overall budget? I know what would happen during a normal budget process, but I'm really confused about how this process came together because there's some really great things in his budget but there is really some things that should wait to the regular budget process. Will we be entertaining motions to set aside some of these dollars if in fact that's what the wish of the council is? I'm feeling like this is up or down with no conversation and no deliberation so.

Kinard: So, I may need to lean on the council clerk for advice here, we are at this point just putting on the amendments for discussion. On the table for discussion. I do believe, should you want to take public testimony and think about the package of amendments that are in front of us, I do believe you can offer additional amendments and seconds as part of our discussion after public testimony as well. And so if we want to take this time to think about and we will be deliberating and having discussion around the amendments following public

testimony. Okay, all right. So, with that I believe we are at the point in the agenda where we should be opening things up to public testimony.

Wheeler: I was just considering that. I mean if legal counsel has a difference of opinion, then it would be my understanding that the council has the opportunity to shape this budget right up until the time we vote on the amendments. It isn't that accurate?

Hain: That is accurate, mayor.

Wheeler: All right. Thanks, appreciate it. Good, all right so --

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor?

Wheeler: Yeah.

Hardesty: We've been sitting here for almost two hours and we're going to be sitting in for a while, would it be okay to take a quick break before we jump into public testimony.

Wheeler: That'll be fine. It's 3:45, why don't we reconvene at five minutes till. We'll take a 10-minute break; we are in recess. [recess]

Wheeler: And we're recording again. So, we want to ensure of course that we hear from everybody who signed up which means we will be strictly enforcing the two minute speaking limit for each individual. For those of you testifying today, please take a moment to switch to gallery view on your zoom setting that will allow you to see the timer. The timer will be set for two minutes for each speaker by the council clerk, you'll see the timer flashing red when you have 15 seconds left. So, I would encourage people to make your summary argument that last 15 seconds to just nail it in, and at the end of the two minutes the council clerk will mute you and we'll move on to the next speaker. We don't mean any disrespect it's just there are lots and lots of people signed up and we want to make sure that we have a chance to hear from them all before the council concludes its business tonight. So with that, Keelan please call the first individuals.

Clerk: Thank you, mayor. I will call three people at a time. First up we have Tim McCormick, Jesse Burke, and Matt Huff.

Tim McCormick: Hello, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

McCormick: Good afternoon, mayor, councilmembers. My name is Tim McCormick, I'm here representing housing alternatives network and the village collaborative national group,

both of which I direct. First, I want to thank city officials and staff for their hard work on this and for making homelessness the top priority as it should be, also for making space for the uninvited. However, what I see in this budget revision is a huge expansion of street outreach and cleanup services and policing, but still no provision of secure, legal places for unhoused people to be at anywhere near the scale of need. The new funding for shelter is mainly congregate shelter which we know large portions of the unhoused will not choose to go to for valid reasons. Secondly, it's unclear to me how the city's policies will pass muster under Boise versus Martin and Oregon HB 3115. We see planned a 5x expansion of camp clearances in the clear absence of sufficient legal alternative places to be. HB 3115 in 2023 will make any city law generally allowing this subject to wide legal challenge. Thirdly, we see longstanding broad community support for clear alternative direction, which is citywide safe areas or villages, which would give all residents of our city humane non-criminalized places to be. Polling indicates 85 percent support among Portland likely voters for quote 50 new safe sanitary villages with housing for unhoused residents, that was People for Portland. We see within PDX and Harbor of Hope building innovative programs for this and we see them struggle to even be recognized. The key need and moral obligation is city support and cooperation including support services to all villages, including these community-driven efforts, not just restricted to city-selected sites. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Jesse Burke.

Jessie Burke: Can you hear me? My name is Jessie Burke, I'm the owner of the Society Hotel and chair of the Old Town Community Association. I suspect my name may be becoming all too familiar with everyone here on this call, but hopefully it's as a partner to all of you and an advocate for positive -- to rebuild the city we all love. I'm testifying today to express my gratitude to city and county leadership for -- and for the city -- coming together in this important moment to find tangible, measurable solutions to address the needs of the community. Recent calls of Sam Adams and Todd Miller have provided meaningful on-the-ground information and feedback -- the hope is we are able to build on this call to get even more work done. The city has resolutions. And Tom Miller provided meaningful communication from the team. And they're able to build on these and get even more work done. These specific items, beyond central database of available shelter beds. One is that I

want to make sure that the shelter we do have in town, we're receiving feedback that people are not going because they don't feel safe. We want to make this -- we do have safe there. Second, jay house and the proposal or concept for the crisis response teams and support the project. I would ask the house be awarded the pilot contract. We need the community that is here every day for the changing needs. We found solutions to be -- on top of the community, we want leadership to know that we're ready for these works and ready to establish a baseline for where we are and where we need to go. And work together with the government and this great thoughtful conditions. We're at your service to make sure that we don't miss [indiscernible]. Thank you all.

Clerk: Next up, Matt Huff.

Matt Huff: Hi, my name is matt. I'm with shelter now, a group advocating for more shelter opposites for our unhoused community members and I'm pastor at the church here in east Portland. We're hosting a winter shelter and have a village on the property. Involved heavily in the community. We need more beds. We want to make sure that these beds are diverse and that they're new year-round beds and there's not other sites that are closing, it is 400 additional beds. It is a diverse need and diverse population. It is going to require a diverse set of solutions. Congregate works for some but not everyone. It would be nice to see more shelter options such as tiny house villages. We propose mental health and behavioral health services. We think it is critical to adequately fund and expand the county wide on the ground and trauma informed crisis teams like Portland Street Response. This is just not adequate. Last week or Monday on our property, we ended up having to call for help eight different times for individuals in mental health crisis. We're never able to get a crisis team onsite. The police came and were helpful but not the type of help these folks needed. We want to make sure they're fully funded and serve the people on the streets in our community.

Clerk: Next up we have Michael Wallingford, Eric Johnson, and Steve Jackson. And Kat Wilson is here and will make a statement on behalf of those three speakers.

Kat Wilson: 12.9 Portlanders live with disability. 7.1 have ambulatory problems. 2.4 percent of Portlanders have a visual impairment. We have ability training that takes between 10 and 12 weeks. Training to maintain our ability and independence never stops. Many choose to live in Portland because of its transportation system helps us live independent lives. The privilege

of driving does not extend to those with visual impairment, for obvious reasons. Walking is the gateway to the world. This is imperative to the mobility and hard-won independence. Your constituents with disabilities, we're not here to rouse your pity or ask sympathy. We ask for compassion and solidarity. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Michael Wallingford.

Michael Wallingford: I receive for the commission for the blind and orientation to mobility. I can't get around town. Every bus stop I get asked for a cigarette or a light or money. Walking down the street, I step on people that are there and sleeping or just out of it. When we walk -- when there's a bunch of us to go to the Joe in Hollywood, we walk into -- right into the door and there's bodies on the alcove. We continuously have to clean up their excrement and needles and what not. All their stuff.

Clerk: 30 seconds remain.

Wallingford: Oh. It is safety and security.

Clerk: 15 seconds.

Wallingford: Not sure where to go at this point.

Clerk: Next up we have Eric Johnson.

Eric Johnson: Can you hear me? I'm coming through. Hello council members, mayor. The rest of the folks listening in on the call. My name is Eric. I was diagnosed with narrow tunnel vision at age 11 and getting worse over time. I moved over to Portland in 2011 to go to the commission for the blind to learn mobility skills at a youth adaptive software for computers and we get back in the workforce. With life moving forward with this. There's an issue with sidewalks in Portland. It might be different to see if someone is laying out on the sidewalks. For folks not expecting that and you step on somebody sometimes there's no responses at all. Being blind, you don't know who is out there to help you. It is a serious issue. Between that, stepping in human feces. Mike and I both go to a martial arts school over there and volunteer. The kids class and my instructor was stabbed with a needle trying to clean this up. Letting this behavior continue is unacceptable. I strongly encourage we enforce those laws on the books as opposed to what we're paying. Yeah.

Clerk: Next up we have Stephen Jackson. Are you able to unmute? Maybe we should move on to the next group. Next up we have Marie Lynn Clair and Scott Thurman and Elizabeth Nye. I'm not seeing Marie. Why don't we go to Scott?

Scott Kerman: I'm executive director of the house. I'm happy to speak with you today for your support for blanch house. The neighboring districts is well documented. I want to make something clear, the housing insecure people that they serve are not dangerous criminals. People we serve are not dangerous criminals. They're suffering and despondent and scared. The past 20 months have been brutal. Their need for compassion and restoration and healing is extreme. The joint package contains an initiative that I developed in collaboration with the agencies that seeks to provide this feeling. This creates a consortium of care among agencies in old town and districts. They serve many people experiences mental health and substance abuse disorders. This provides greater continuity of care to shared teams for peer support special I haves. Imagine if we work across agencies and when they build trust with the clients across the course of a single day and over weeks. Such continuity of care and familiarity could be a game changer for the people we serve, helping them to prepare for better outcomes that may include permitted supportive housing. Because these shared teams will be scheduled at agencies when they need the support moe, and because these specialists will get to know our clients well. They will de-escalate situations before they become disruptive or even unsafe. By preventing situations, this will help the services flourish. Providing a compassionate dignified experience for those we serve and the staff and volunteers. Thank you. Next up, Elizabeth Nye.

Elizabeth Nye: Hello. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today. I'm Elizabeth Nye, the executive director of Chinese Garden. It is a jewel supported every year by more than 5,000 local volunteer staff board members and community donors. You know the situation in old town is dire. I'm grateful for you allocating this budget package to address the public safety and security in old town specifically. Over the past year, we have seen dangerous forms of methamphetamines on old town streets that lead to psychotic episodes. Nobody feels safe in old town now. Nobody. We have to do something. I urge you to dedicate services. I believe the teams can be effective in de-escalating situations before they become violent. I want to close by emphasizing two things. One and you heard me say this before, the need is urgent. If

this crisis had been created by an earthquake or damaging storm, we would find ways to help people that are hurting now and that's the ways we're in every day, counts and matters. And the second thing I want to say is that in order for this significant investment to make any chance, to have any chance of making a lasting difference, we need your continued leadership well after these votes are passed. I know that these have been challenging times and that your leadership has been tested over and over again. I can't imagine what it is like to be screamed at day in and day out. That being said, if all of you and our county leaders commit to working together as a team, I know we could make -- we can have a city that works for all of the residents. Thank you for listening.

Clerk: Next Roberta Jantz. Roberta, are you able to unmute? Why don't we go to Alex Stone. You're muted Alex.

Alex Stone: I'm Alex Stone. First and foremost for those present, especially Portland's elected representatives I would like to say thank you, this is a hard time to serve. Again, thank you. I have been houseless twice in my life. Once as a child which resulted in a separation of me from my family and my siblings as well as my entrance into foster care. My second period was when I was an adult where I lived in my vehicle for more than two years. Today I'm here to be a voice for the houseless. This is what I hear from felicia. What I don't need is another facility far from my camp. I don't want to steal a shopping cart, pack up my house and leave it to be robbed just to walk into -- in the rain or snow to get to a building where I stand outside all day. I can't do it anymore. I'm tired of being robbed. You come by my tent four to five times a week making sure I'm okay and giving me food, water clothes. No one else will do this. No one comes to where I live to see me. My question is to ask those present for mobilized service units that meet people where they live. My purpose, the purpose of these units should be the purposeful establishment of genuine relationships with the houseless. Get to know those before you offer us your services and ideas. Unless they're on the street and any attempts to offer shelter would continue to be unattainable and condescending. The service should be a relationship. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up we have Vadim Mozyrsky.

Vadim Mozyrsky: Portlanders like all Americans expect certain basic services. We want the litter to be picked up so the streets and parks are clean. We want to feel safe in the

neighborhoods so we can work and live and play would you tell fear of being victimized. We want to be able to pick up the phone and have first responders arrive in time to help. In exchange for this, we work, we uphold our specific responsibilities, and we follow the laws and pay our taxes. This is the covenant between the government and its people. Portland has done its part. We're witnessing the highest murder rate. 2019 to 2021 homicide are up 110 percent. In east Portland, the first nine months of the year from 2019 to 2021 shooting injuries up 250 percent. North Portland 400. And shooting injuries are up a staggering 800 percent. Other crimes such as arson and kidnappings up 94 percent and car theft up high, 23 percent. The list goes on and on. We have the lowest police staffing levels in 30 years. You don't have to be a statistician to see the cause and effect there. Portlanders are resilient and do their part. It is time for our government to do its part. Expand trash and graffiti pickup and the response so the two-year-old promise for those experiencing mental health crisis is fully realized. Expand the police force so it is where it has been in the past. Thank you very much.

Marih Alyn-Claire: Good afternoon mayor and city council members. Maria Lynn Clair with organ renters in action. We propose the fund for the establishing of seating for a permanent tenant fund. We have presented this concept to advocates and advocacy organizations and they agree that a fund is critical for creating long-term housing stability, especially for hoe income renters. It would be separate from the pandemic fund and help renters to stay housed over the long haul. As we know many low-income tenants and other vulnerable tenant communities were barely hanging on before the pandemic. The escalating annual rent increases make it impossible. Tenants expressed a strong need in the tenant communities. We ask the mayor and city council to use the portion of the surplus dollars to cede the way. I'm happy to meet further for discussion and thank you for your time and attention.

Dan Lenzen: Hello. I'm a business and property owner. I acknowledge we're in a challenging time. I find solutions to the challenges. The many groups I'm involved in and I am in support of the proposed budgeted items. Referencing the safety items. This is a zero sum budget that would slow the issue it intends to address, unless there's a plan for retaining good officers within the ppb still needs to be developed and funded. With the number of officers retiring and quitting and lateral transferring, the man is critical. Homelessness and mental health require a long-term plan for housing and people with severe mental health

issues. Some may have heard this. There was a person named Jasmin that was naked and laying on a mattress in old town. They knew who she was. She was abused. Naked flinging feces. She finally got a reprieve from her family. Until then she had for future alive. Fund the future for the jasmines, please. We're in a life stealing state of emergency in our proud city. You could slow it. This budget update, possibly more than ever in the history of Portland by know it takes longer than intended. Don't let the analysis slow our healing process. You're making perfect decisions. The budget choices you make are not just about what you want to do, they're about what you want to be. This budget is a chance on a rocket ship, don't ask which seat. If you do nothing else, decide to move forward. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is TJ Browning.

TJ Browning: Hello. I don't think any of us realize that Portland is not in a crisis. There needs to be an urgency. I was so hopeful, mayor Wheeler's priorities that he laid out were right on point. We have to address homelessness. We have to address public safety and economic recovery. I don't see this budget filled with exclusively those items. Anything that doesn't belong and -- under this definition of these priorities shouldn't be in this budget. We're in crisis. Where is the triage center? Officers, first responders have nowhere to take somebody if they're a danger to themselves or others. First responders have no safe spot to take them. That would help the person in crisis and that would help the -- the people who are frightened by the people in crisis. That would help the first responders. Where is the funding for the triage center? Why is that budget not huge? May I remind commissioners, this unit is a police reform. It was brought about because of the DOJ. This is specially trained police officers and mental health clinicians. They don't deal with armed people. Who does? We need the behavioral response unit beefed up. It doesn't help to have long-term vision. That's like planning the new roof. We need action now. Please fund the police.

Ann Kasper: Reverend Hayes, thank you for attending. We chased a person down that is low about Portland and that's public safety. Thank you for your service in Portland in this deep time of trauma. I don't agree on mental health. I see humans I appreciate you. Unfortunately for us the mental health community, we're not a community that we think of as being equal beings. Again and again, our community is using ponds for politics and other agendas for many years now. We could see this in the outcome of the DOJ settlement and Portland

planning and now the response. I don't think you know what our agenda is. I understand ccit and nyc and mention Scott, a proposal sounds good. Nervous because city hall makes me nervous. I request you do not give more funding to the Portland Street Response. What I like to highlight is fund the teams for the behavioral health unit. We appreciate them and they work with us. If you do important response, get measures that we agree to and an independent study. Or don't call it a mental health program at all. They're not ready to go into homes. Please pay us, 30,000 dollars less than mental health workers. Equal pay for equal work. Thank you. One last thing, it -- a quote, you come here to help me and you're wasting your time. You come here because [indiscernible]. Let's work together.

Clerk: Roberta are you able to unmute?

Roberta Jantz: Yes. Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Jantz: I had stuff written up. I'm Roberta and I'm a former teacher and active community volunteer. Union welder. I was going to talk about different stuff and then hearing a lot of people's concerns, I feel there's one piece that is missing that seems to me to be the glue that is tying ideas and proposals and different methodologies and providing housing. It seems anyone that spent time living and working in shelters which I have pretty extensively knows they offer very little in terms of a stable existence. It is nearly impossible to do demanding work in a place like that. Their restless policies often do more harm than good. It seems to me like we're not looking at housing first methods that are being implemented in other parts of the country and across the world that are widely successful and much less costly. The need for emergency services dropped and dramatically reducing healthcare costs. I looked up a study that was done by the Massachusetts housing and shelter alliance. The cost per person is 30,000 dollars annually. Then it drops to 25,000. Roughly about a 12,000-dollar savings annually per person. I don't know. I urge the council to look at services and rather than temporary shelter and beds. Keep in mind the concept of moving through different stages of temporary housing while you attempt to get your life together is absurd for most folks. You don't have to get your life together to get a home but here's a home.

Clerk: Let's go back to Steve Jackson. Are you able to unmute?

Clerk: Looks like you're unmuted. Are you there? We'll move on and come back to steven. We have Desiree Eden Ocampo and Jessica Shellhorn and Sally Mize.

Desiree Eden Ocampo: My name is Desiree Eden Ocampo. I'm the director of rehab sisters. For 19 years we build with radical hospital. Sisters never missed a week since we opened our doors in 2003. Through the pandemic, we fill the gap. Not once did we close. Sisters is a major role in the city and up and down the i205 corridor. Until a few years ago, we're an all-volunteer organization. And the coronavirus saw our base decrease as people at the door more than doubled. 80 percent of the guests are unhoused. No matter the particular situation at any given moment, one that has been tried and true is no barrier access works. It is the minimum and lowest and highest bar if we see our communities out of a houselessness pandemic. It builds trust so we have grounds to grow where each houseless neighbor has seen and acknowledges another member of the city, regardless of the circumstances, unique human being worthy of dignity and love and not a case to be solved. In two years, we tripled our budget for licensed counselors and informed care. Cost of hygiene supplies have quadrupled. Sweeps ramped up. How do we meet the need of the community is unsustainable? The people on the ground that built for the houseless allow us no barrier access to sustain a model that works, if only we had the resources. Two hours ago I learned one of the houseless neighbor died. He used a wheelchair. He didn't have the opposite to meet on a schedule or meet sobriety standards. We have to do better.

Hardesty: I just want to really appreciate the last speaker. Thank you so much for being leer. I wanted to say thank you for what you're doing and ask you if you're aware of an Oregon -- an office of violence prevention grant that we put out which is a request for information from groups just like yours who have been doing the work on the ground and never been able to achieve public funding. You can find that online or on the commissioner Facebook page. You're exactly the kind of organization that we need to invest in, because you're the type of organization that is invested in people with no voice since the pandemic began. Thank you.

Clerk: Thank you, commissioner. Next up we have Jessica Shellhorn.

Jessica Shellhorn: Thank you for seeking input on how to spend the fall bump. I'm here to voice support for the safety and traffic proposals, mayor Wheeler and Mapps put forth. I'm

five months pregnant and we only feel safe in our house and don't leave. My breaking point was last summer when I tried to take my stepson for a walk and I had to steer him home as quickly as possible and I navigated his little sandaled feet around glass and feces. There's gunshots, fires and violent crime and theft every single day and night. I barely have words to express at this point. I try to do my part. I'm five months pregnant. I clean up meals, broken plates and dead rats. I cleaned up a sidewalk near a 55 and older complex and the elders were driving their wheelchairs in middle division for safer passage. Portlanders have been on our own and pregnant moms that work 60 hours a week and barely have time to get dinner on the table for our families and Portland safety is an idiotic plan. We want to leave Portland and can't afford it. We're stuck. It is clear at this point that the decisions made in the past year and made with good intent had opposite impact on Portlander's lives. This could be part of the public policy regardless of the good intent. I can't think of a better example and the city abandoned regarding violent crime and bolster the number of police and increased trash resources. Commissioner Hardesty, under the Portland Street Response that I support.

Clerk: Next up, Sally Mize.

Sally Mize: Thanks, thanks to all of you. I know you made some very well laid sustainable plans to help our houseless which is what I want to address today. I'm out on the streets 10, 15 hours a week volunteering, trying to help now people living on the streets. In my opinion, I'm not going to use the word crisis anymore. The people on the streets and the masses on the streets for everyone is a state of emergency. We need to change that. We need to prioritize clean-up. If you wait it is like a wildfire that you cannot stop. It is already a wildfire and if you don't treat it as a state of emergency the two with the planning of your good temporary shelters, whatever is never going to catch up with what keeps. We to get them cleaned up. Even if we call FEMA and national guard. They know how to clean-up and protect at the same time, thousands, not hundreds. Maybe that way we could stop the wildfire on the streets. They don't need and they -- it is not their fault they're there. Campers stealing from them. They have weapons. Thank you for everything you do.

Clerk: Let's start with Steve Jackson.

Steve Jackson: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Jackson: I'm sorry, technical problem on my device settings. My name is Steve Jackson. I'm legally blind. Taxpayer in Portland and lived here 31 years. I received training for the commission for the blind to help me get a job. I've been riding the max this whole time. I just want to say that the sidewalks are getting harder to navigate. I find tents in back streets, even near residential areas where I used to walk on sidewalks to get away from traffic and I just -- I feel horrible running into people's tents and not seeing them until the last minute. Like my other blind friend said, walking to work, small story, I missed the bus stop. I get off and walk down grand. I kick somebody in the foot and step on his shin. He doesn't move. He was laying there and I at any time know. It freaks me out and concerns me. Why is he laying in the sidewalk perpendicular? I two to work and I'm leaving and I come down the stairs off the stop. There's a guy that is always camped on the stairs and I almost fall over him town the stairs. He yells at me, because I hit him in the back with my cane. All I'm trying to say there's so many obstacles already as a blind person. It is hard for me to navigate. Not anybody's fault. They need more space. Like everybody said, we need to help each other here.

Wheeler: I think we need to take a break to change closed captioning. We will take a break in 15 minutes or so.

Clerk: Thank you, Mayor. Okay. Frank Blackston?

Frank Blackston: Hey, there. Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. The sidewalks are not available. I support police. Public safety reform is a long-term goal. We need that and we need more police on the ground now in my opinion. It is obvious. We can't get help with 911 and 311. People and businesses are suffering. I know it is a hard job and these are trying times. The crime goes unpunished. Citizens are not your priority. The city feels lawless, and we feel abandoned by our elected officials. You could continue reform and police accountability. These are the no mutually exclusive. They require action. I support more police now, in addition to continued public safety reform and increased police accountability. Caller 20, I empathize with what you said. It broke my heart. The city council, I hope you hear what we're saying and you move forward with the initiative. Thank you.

Clerk: Sorry about that, next up we have Sean Flynn.

Sean Flynn: Thank you for allowing me to testify. On the cusp of veterans days I want to thank commissioner Hardesty for her service. I'm in the city of Portland, entrepreneur, veteran

and grandfather to one-year-old grandson. This is out of a Portland can't wait longer to get this right. People dying that look like me and my family. I constantly worry about my son driving in the city and wonder if one day he won't make it back home safely. As you mentioned, we passed a terrible milestone, 1,000 shootings and many lives ended. Many look like me and my son and my grandson. The crises we face cannot be solely fixed by adding police. In conjunction with bringing the police, we must address our mental health crisis and find ways to bring police officers into our neighborhoods via housing programs like in Atlanta so our officers are a part of the community they serve. We must address and work on reconciliation and those victimized by violence. This is healing and our community needs this in order to address police efforts. We must address bias that exists in the institutions. Like the military, I could imagine these institutions are reflections of thoughts and beliefs we see in the society today. We must hold accountable racism. We won't tolerate it in our york and must not tolerate with the police. We must have adequate staffing and training will give them the opportunity to serve these communities more effectively. We cannot afford division that contributed to the crisis. Let's come together along with the public safety professionals that provide solutions that will move us forward out of the crisis together. Reinvent and reinvest.

Hardesty: If I could jump in. Sean, thank you for your testimony. I want to let you know the mayor and I last year actually -- worked together to get funded a truth and reconciliation process. I think that is going to be vital if we're ever going to build a police force that the community trust and that the police know they're partners and community crime solving. I want you to know that I'm committed to that before the end of the year. I'm happy to say Steve is a strong partner in this. The police have done what they had to do internally before they're ready to actually participate in a real truth and reconciliation process. I'm committed to the process. We never get to a new case force that the community wants as part of our system with -- without their hard work that it will take to rebuild those relationships. We have not forgotten the promises that we made last year when black lives mattered and, in my mind, they still matter. I'm still committed to the fundamental changes that we as a council took up last year. So I appreciate you being here. I want you to know I not forgotten anything that we promised the community we would do. Thank you.

Clerk: We have Marc Davidson.

Marc Davidson: Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to address you guys. You have impossible jobs. I had a written -- I had something written out. After listening to Sean speak and the mother who is five months pregnant speak, all I could do is add to what you already know. Many of us are afraid to leave our homes. Our lifestyles are destroyed because what is going on. That includes the awareness of known felons who fall under the category of houselessness or uninvited. It was a nice term to describe many, many people who are on the streets right now who are gang members, ex-convicts, they harbor stolen goods that are at times publicly displayed outside their tents. I want to devote the rest of the time to any one of you to tell us what you're going to do tonight and tomorrow. To help clean up the streets. A couple of weeks ago, four new tents showed up across the street. Judging by their actions, it is highly likely they're drug dealers. They go unattended. They go today and tomorrow to get our lives back in order. You have 30 seconds to give us some sense of leadership to what we have when we wake up in the morning.

Clerk: We have Lance Goldenberg and Anna Kemper.

Lance Goldenberg: Am I on?

Clerk: Yes.

Goldenberg: I echo what the last speaker said. I had something prepared. Many points I wanted to make have been made here. If anything, I feel like a lot of the people -- still -- strongly represent the bulk of Portlanders. The bulk of what we're seeing. I think people are actually being too nice to maybe Portland nice. I've seen way too many people that are disabled in wheelchairs, blind people unable to walk on the sidewalks because of one group ie, the homeless or houseless or whatever the correct term is you want to use at this moment. As a privileged group in many ways, I know that's a horrible thing for a lot of you to hear. They're allowed to stay there so that people that can't see, that can't walk are put in unsafe situations. Somebody is going to get killed if they haven't already. Their death is going to be. I think you know whose hands it will be. We're in crisis. This is a dysfunctional situation. I'm emotional about there too. Something has to be done now. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Anna Kemper.

Anna Kemper: Hi, commissioners and mayor Wheeler. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm here today representing over 400 business and organizations that comprise business for a better Portland. Our members know that businesses are not able to thrive unless they're doing business in a thriving community. I want to say that we're thankful that council is addressing the crisis on the streets which hurts the most vulnerable among us and those that are trying to stay afloat during the recession. I'm here to express the deep disappointment that out of 62-million-dollar surplus to the proposal contains no relief for small businesses. We're in support of the budgetary request that will fund our city's economic growth strategy and analyze needs of businesses and neighborhoods throughout Portland. That being said, we're truly shocked to learn despite a need for continued life raft for small businesses, the current proposal abandons the community at this critical time. Last year we had a survey about how unsupported businesses feel. Many brick-and-mortar have behind in rent. It is estimated that roughly 11 million in requests went unfulfilled. The design of the neighborhood and the Portland brand who have been critical for tourism are not back to normal. They're struggling. We acknowledge a package a few months ago include economic support. And given the small role, it is shocking you would not include business relief. The budget changes don't include small business support, we have been in urgent conversations. We're currently working in collaboration with them on a letter to detail our specific proposal which offices will receive by Friday. Thank you for the hard work you're doing for the city. Please consider Portland small businesses during the recession.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Thanks for your leadership. And bringing small businesses together. I want to be clear that the priorities that are fundamental to this it package, homelessness and addressing that issue, public safety, addressing that issue in multiple different ways. Finding ways to help people get off the street as quickly and humanely as possible. Increased support to abate litter and graffiti. These were priorities that were reflected to us by small business owners and operators throughout the city. I want to state that clearly and unequivocally. Secondarily, I was trying to be shorter in my remarks. This is of course one budget process out of men. We had the spring bump process and last year's annual budget will go into the annual budget process immediately following this. We have small business support in the cares act. The ARPA funds have not been fully distributed. So, I

just want to be really clear, if you're not seeing exactly your program or your priority elevated in this particular budget package, that does not mean that we're not supportive of it or it isn't being funded somewhere else or we won't fund it going forward. But I really just wanted to get the point out that a lot of the priorities that are reflect here and are funded in the fall bump package are priorities that we heard very specifically, loudly and uniformly from small business owners and operators. Thank you for your testimony.

Clerk: Next up Keith Comess. Keith you're muted.

Keith Comess: Department of management and the evaluation of research unit estimated that 240 million dollars were spent on homeless services between 2014 and 2017. Last year' metro tax will add 210 million dollars per year for homeless services. There is now a 62 million dollar budget surplus to add to this. The homeless emergency was declared in 2015. Two questions. One, how do tri-county taxpayers get accountability and itemized reporting and successes and failures. Number two, where and when will we see tangible evidence that funds will be used to effectively reduce tents, trash and homelessness. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, I call the next three. We have bonny. Michelle wolf. And Debbie kay.

Hardesty: Time check.

Wheeler: I'm okay to go through three more if that works with the closed captioner. I want to be cognizant that they asked for a 5:00 switchover.

Clerk: I'm happy to break and make the switch now and then we could come back to the three I just called.

Wheeler: Why don't we do that. We'll take a ten-minute pause and reconvene at ten minutes past five. We're in recess. [break taken].

Bonnie Leiser: I'm Bonnie, I'm a citizen that cares deeply about Portland. Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Leiser: I have a different approach. I wrote a poem in the spring. I heard promises and rhetoric and yet as I look around, things only got worse since that six months. So here's my poem. Portlander gone. Tents, tarps and shopping carts and garbage slime and crime, gun violence and death and danger abound. It is time to act to turn this around. This northwest city once a sparkling jewel has become a cesspool. I lived here for 50 years watching this happen just brings me to tears. We must speak up. Something must be done. Feeling this

sadness, I'm not the only one. Every night it is another riot. The time has come that we cannot keep quiet. Violence, destruction, small businesses closing and while this is happening, city leaders are dosing. Wake up and do something right. Look at this terrible plight. We're angry dear leaders. Our family and children deserve to be safe. Because of this mess, many people are leaving. Do we care enough or are we just grieving? Beloved Portland, where have you gone. Our decision is to bring Portland back. I support the proposed budget that is being discussed. I hope it brings some action. Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up we have Michelle Wolf.

Michelle Wulfe: Good evening, my name is Michelle Wulfe. Life in Portland is difficult. As a member of a large 55-plus community we bond together through covid. We helped each other by making mask and register for vaccines and running errands and taking care of each other through all of this. We've been very isolated. Staying home day after day in your house by yourself is very difficult. Now we're staying home for a different reason because we're scared. It is -- it is -- it is -- the crime has -- has really increased in our area. We -- we've seen a rise in stolen vehicles, we had several break-ins to our RV lot recently with two trailers stolen and catalytic converters stolen in the last 2 1/2 weeks. Plus vandalism and road rage. Many residents are terrified. Homeowners are being taxed and priced out of their homes. The majority of the residents here are retired. We're on fixed incomes. Our money is getting shorter and shorter. People won't be able to live in their homes anymore where we plan to spend the rest of our golden years. So seniors account for 13 percent of the population in Portland. We need to know that we matter and are remembered and are thought of when all of these changes are made. We need to do something about the homeless and it need to be done now. Thank you and I appreciate your listening.

Clerk: Next up we have Debbie Kaye.

Debbie Kaye: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Debbie Kay. I'm president of the league of women voters of Portland and I want to express the league's support for the Portland Street Response and the public safety support specialist programs. First, we strongly support the continuation and the expansion of the Portland Street Response program. The league was impressed with the results of tsu's evaluation of the first six months of operation. We agree with their

recommendation that psrv be expand city wide. The report identified strings and -- and including a staff -- a staff skilled in communicating with individuals in distress, the capacity to spend time with each person to address their need and the coordination with other organizations for follow in-services. We also support the mayor's request for more funding for the public safety support specialist program. Support specialists are authorized to do a variety of tasks that while essential do not need the presence of an armed officer. Their training time is shorter and their salaries are lower than sworn officers. Overall costs are less. This is a cost effective way to free up officers for duties better suited to their level of expertise and training. It demonstrates that the ppb leadership recognizes the stress that the officers are experiencing and is taking steps to provide assistance. The Portland league recently adopted an advocacy position that states in part, quote, the city and the ppb should invest in programs held by appropriately trained civilian employees. We understand improving public safety is complex. There's few simple solutions. Thank you for this opportunity to share our recommendations and for your work.

Clerk: Next up Sharlyn Penny and Daren Campbell. Sharlyn, you're muted. Let's go to Ed and we'll circle back.

Ed Arinello: Good evening, thanks for taking time to listen to the testimony. I know there's many and it has been a long day. My name is ed. I'm a 50-year city and area resident. I grew up serving and taking care of houseless and ill people in downtown Portland, places like the chapel. I also have a brother that suffers from addiction to methamphetamines and his house often looks the same as our streets. We are in downtown Portland. I purchased the business to save it from closing at that time and invested my life savings in it. We're relocate in pearl. Like many we regularly have drawn and depend on customers from roughly the 24-mile Portland metro area. This is essential for our restaurants and businesses. Due to declining security and safety and claiming families and customers and their willingness to shop and live in Portland has had a dramatic decline. This was magnified by the pandemic, the riots, the lootings. And customer safety and such forced us in a position to decide the close forever, illegally restructure and vacate a legendary location and an iconic building and move to a safe and clean environment as we hope we found in the pearl. Today we remain a bit unsure. Portland can appear to be a mild improvement over downtown or old town. However, the

unchecked vacancy has been spreading. We alone have suffered five more break-ins here in this buildings and massive losses. Our insurance company has us on hold. Our customers and Portland communities are fearful and avoid Portland. We hosted five events in the Hoover area, all we heard is never will I go to Portland again. Please save us.

Clerk: Next we have Daren Campbell.

Darin Campbell: Good evening, mayor Wheeler, members of the committee. I appreciate you staying late tonight and listening to us all. I'm registered state lobbyist with radio cab company. I'm also as of this morning been informed, I've been accepted to be on the higher transportation advisory committee through the city of Portland. You may see more of me. I want to address or at least bring to light a little bit of some inequities among the disability community and it has everything to do with the private transportation in our city. Simply we just do not have enough wheelchair vans to take care of those that need mobility assistance devices aka wheelchairs, scooters, that type of thing. I hope to get an investment in the future to be able to off set the extreme costs of putting those vehicles on the road. Typically when a new cab goes on the road, it is the driver's investment. If we can find a way to off set the difference between a regular taxi and wheelchair van, I think we can take care of a lot of inequities and get people out in the community that otherwise wouldn't be able to. Right now we're barely able to take care of the required medical trips that people have to attend. Even then we're woefully short on the ability to meet the demand. I've got some ideas. I love to send them your way. I think investment of this type and grant through PBOT and I love to work with you Hardesty on this. It is a pilot project to get this off the ground would be great. I appreciate your time tonight.

Clerk: Let's try Charlene penny, again.

Hardesty: I just wanted to -- before you leave, if I may, I know that -- that the cab industry has been devastated by covid and -- and there are very limit opportunities for -- for -- for a cab owners to actually be able to make money. And some in of it has to do with the ride share companies and some have to do with other economic issues. It costs a lot of money to be a cabdriver. I'm absolutely hopeful you and I can look at this transportation package and some of the other packages that are coming in. Maybe through some opportunities for partnerships. Not too long ago, maybe members of city hall actually had the very first African

owned medallion company. That is no longer in business because of covid and most of the other cab companies. You tried to call a cab; you get an 800 number. It is because -- there are not as many companies as there used to be. I'm aware of the impact that this pandemic has had. We do need to -- to continue to work for solutions for these independent business owners. Thank you.

Clerk: Am pierce and drew golden. Sam, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Let's go to Jenna Golden.

Jenna Goldin: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Goldin: Okay. I wanted to start by thanking stone for making houseless folks visible and human. I co-own shift accounting llc and do taxes for hundreds of small businesses in the city of Portland. I spent 14 months doing outreach with 75 houseless folks in north Portland. This is dedicated to Laurie and diamond, both hit by a car and Laurie lost her life. You're supposed to serve the entire population and not just big business interests. Spending money on temporary shelters has proven time and time to be successful. The article just yesterday it was reported that according to ppd's own data officers do not correlate with the decrease in crimes. According to the research on housing first models to address homelessness, there's not only a cost service for shelters but 71 to 91 percent remain housed a year after being rapidly rehoused. Like Roberta and desire say. This reflects about values of optics. Why do you use tactics that fail? It looks like you're intentionally limiting beds. A camp pa theme call homes for two years. I was told after I left, they stole items and were aggressive with residents. Scattered around the city and none offered housing. They it get at least 100,000 dollars. If you get case workers and sisters and the informal case workers that do the work the entire pandemic, you have our e-mails through the joint offices of homeless services, we show up every day. We believe wrap around services is the most sustainable solution. Thank you, Joanna, Hardesty.

Clerk: Next up, we have Drew Smith.

Drew Smith: Thank you. My name is Drew Smith. I'm a homeowner in Portland. Thank you to the mayor and esteemed council members for taking time to listen to my story. Our family recently took a trip out of town after staying close to Portland for over a year. And upon

returning we were struck by how degraded the city appeared. It seemed everywhere we looked there was gravity and training camps. The fixes have been slow in coming. And more than these, the problem with escalate crime and gun violence rests on the shoulders of the city council. In union of 2020, we ceded to protesters and defund the police. Unsurprisingly crime skyrocketed. When the council had an opportunity to fix the mistake, you would continue to deny resources to law enforcement. To defund the police may be a snappy slogan but it is a terrible basis for policy. We need to provide the Portland police bureau with more sources immediately as well as providing funding for community based preventive programs. There's no doubt that policing in Portland has myriad of problems, bias, racism and accountability. This won't be fixed by denying funds. We should support the police. Our city government doesn't seem to be representing the people. Reform the police and reform the city government. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up let's try Sam Pierce again.

Clerk: Sam, are you able to unmute? We call the next three.

Eboni Brown: Hi. My name is eboni brown, I'm a member of the shelter now coalition. I also am an executive director of a nonprofit greater good northwest. I like to speak on the hygiene and storage proposed plan. We support the strategy and recommend implementing an urban rest stop model similar to Seattle. And it is important to remember, though, that we need to make sure that these places have not marginalized the houseless community of people to insure safety. The next is navigation. We want to similar outreach models will change as the existing models are not working. We need to make sure we're gathering more resources before going on to the streets. Al, we -- we are stating the issue as outreach and navigation workers in which this community no longer trusts us because they feel we're in cahoots with the city and the county. It makes us hard to do our jobs and makes our jobs unsafe. We want to make sure that we're investing in ground score and peer supported initiatives. We want to make sure that these are trauma informed outreach services and -- and -- and that those who meet the need should be -- should be prioritized and come first. We also want to make sure that there are actual spaces for people to be moved to once we're sweeping them. When we sweep them, we're asking them to go nowhere. We had somebody reach out yesterday, a deaf individual who said they been swept almost 15 times since the pandemic began and

they have nowhere to go. They lost everything in that time. So what are we doing? Another thing we want to make sure that retention and its incentives for staff are a key component of this. We want to make sure that we're paying for the trauma work we have to do out here.

Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Dan Handelman.

Dan Handelman: Good evening, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. I'm Dan Handelman of Portland Copwatch, in the interest of time I'll just list quickly about the proposed budget around policing. The line-item budget for the police bureau is very unclear, supposedly there's money for overtime pay for training but that's not listed. There is one item for 244,000 dollars listed as ppb related subject to bargaining, but it's not clear that overtime pay, money for the attorneys to negotiate a contract, or something else. Our group put out an analysis on Monday showing that 18 officers involved in deadly force recently resigned or retired, we contend that they should not be part of the retire/rehire program. There are also 92 more officers who've been involved in deadly force still with the bureau who should not be considered for this program if the city intends to build community trust. While it's understandable the city is looking for solutions to fill officer vacancies, the retire/rehire program one amount to double dipping by the cops who take their pensions and new salaries at the same time, and two has produced two to three officers who committed misconduct after being rehired in the past. If the bureau can't fill the current 120 plus vacancies, why is there a plan to hire dozens or hundreds more officers before those positions are filled? It seems more like a political gesture to calm people who still after a year of racial justice protests in 2020 think adding more police will solve the gun violence in the city. It's not really a wise expenditure of tax dollars. Does the city think the institutional problems that were identified over the months of protests and hundreds of years went away because you disbanded the gun violence team and police? While we welcome hiring more unarmed police, the public safety support specialist needs to be allowed to engage in more activities. This may not happen so long as they are in the same collective bargaining unit as officers keep objecting to work being taken away from them, at the same time they complain about being short staffed. Finally, we hope the body camera money is not going to be spent until the -- have been established. As a reminder in 2016 stakeholder group was supposed to be

created to review such policies when the ppa contract was approved. It's five years later, we hope that group is still going to be created. And thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up we have Forest Tyler.

Forest Tyler: Councilmembers, my name is forest and I am here is an advocate for the houseless community. The idea of using tax dollars for any city program that doesn't put the needs of houseless and low-income people first, is absurd. I am a member of the overdose prevention collective and also access the job supply outreach office biweekly. Myself and others bring supplies to an area of old town every week including things like blankets, tents, hygiene items, and we offer a satellite exchange. Every week we were down there we hear about the atrocities committed by city funded programs that are legally questionable. The nonstop sweeps of people's homes and constant harassment from bureau such as Portland police, fire and rescue parks, and -- make daily life that much harder for people living in tents or in their cars who are fighting the elements. I'm not here to go into details about the illegality of sweeping a camp without notice or the lack of humanity associated with the evicting people from a very shady park just before a record breaking heat wave, I'm here on behalf of those who are victims of this constant city funded harassment and my neighbors experiencing any form of housing insecurity to object to using any amount of funding for any type of city to find homeless service, that doesn't center the needs of those living on our streets and in our parks in a trauma informed way. We don't need sweeps and we don't need unsafe and crowded shelters; we need housing first models and direct rent relief so no one else is stuck under the threat of being forced onto the street simply because they cannot pay their rapidly rising cost of rent in the city that seems determined to kick out anyone in the lowest tax bracket. Councilmembers, I ask you at what point will you start to see the people who are forced to live in cars and tents as actual human beings and begin to support them as such? If you want to make lasting change through thoughtful and intentional investments, the obvious choice is to assist people into permanent housing programs with housing first models as well as safe consumption sites and safe supply. With a feeling of distaste and disgust for sweep funding to even be proposed, I yield my time.

Clerk: Next up we have Demetria Hester, Jennifer Krzyzewski, and Kaylin Custer.

Demetria Hester: My name is Demetria Hester and the budget that you're proposing is typical for colonizers like you to propose. You're taking the money that you know supposed to go to our community and pretending to do what you say you're going to do which is a lie. Capitalism is what you're doing, the social system characterized by socialized production and private ownership of the means of production and exploitation. [audio cut out]

Hardesty: Demetria, we've lost you. We can't understand you.

Hester: -- it comes to an existence through what might you created and that you're continuing to do. You're naming the things that you might, can, should, when you -- if you were in the community, you would know what we need, but you're not in the community, you're colonizers, and you sit here and say what you think is best for our community of color, African people. Then you sit and act as if you're helping us with coming up with the plans. That is not helping us. You're commending each other for the time you spent, the money you wasted, the time you've wasted, this is what you're telling us. Is that worth taking your lives and we're still going to make money off of your lives --

Clerk: Next up we have Jennifer Kruszewski.

Jennifer Kruszewski: I'm Jennifer Krzyzewski, I'm a small business owner and I help run a Jewish mutual group that also supports the houseless community. Ted Wheeler, it's a complete gross failure that you want to use any part of the surplus towards the rehire bonuses for the police. A large cash bonus shouldn't be needed to take back a position that you're passionate about and that means cops will be driven by the desire to receive a large chunk of money rather than being driven by the values of wanting to serve and protect the people of Portland, which is pretty typical. If police are quitting in groups because they're being held accountable, then they are proving they should have never been in that position to begin with. You want to solve a large part of the lesser crimes while having a smaller police force? Put the surplus funds towards immediate housing and services for the houseless community and low income families. Direct the police that you do have towards these violent crimes you keep talking about instead of punishing houseless people.

Clerk: Next up we have Kayleen Kusterer.

Kayleen Kusterer: Hi, thank you for the opportunity to talk today. Portland is at an inflection point created by the 62 million dollar windfall. We all know that inflection points are more

significant than the small day-to-day progress typically made in an organization and the effects of the change are often well known and widespread. Mayor Wheeler and the city council have agreed and aligned on the city's priorities, if the council is not willing to flow resources to the priorities, you're sending a clear message to the voters that these are not your priorities they are merely a wish list. Three major needs stand out to me. Hire additional police officers, they are desperately needed we are currently 400 officers short. Portland needs behavioral health units with sufficient funding to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Having a specially trained police officer teamed with a mental health partner available 24 hours a day is necessary. The current funding proposal only has enough funds to staff the bhU Monday through Friday, 8-5, and we know that the issues extend far beyond these time limits. Portland must have detox and triage facilities available, access to treatment beds is an important part of addressing the addiction and mental health crisis in our city. This is the time to act, to change the trajectory of our city, to make it safer and more livable for all of us. It is the time for bold action, it is the time to lead from the front, it is time for aspirational, inspirational leadership. The people of this city want it and we deserve it. It's time to get our priorities straight.

Clerk: Next up we have Kelly Reilly, Jasmine Dean, and Hank Barton.

Clerk: Kelly, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Let's move to jasmine dean.

Jasmine Dean: Hello?

Clerk: We hear you.

Dean: Okay, perfect. I just wanted to start off by saying that my name is jasmine dean and I've lived in Portland, Oregon my entire life and I just want to point out how on this call I'm hearing a lot of what I'm assuming since only a couple of people are identifying themselves, as black or person of color -- I'm just hearing a lot of white people going against black and brown people and what we were saying throughout the uprising. I do understand this is a challenging time for folks, I have spent my entire life living in deep southeast Portland and I do see the difference of late, but also I am here to say that just because we are in a moment of fear and it seems as though crime is rising, studies are showing that from 2016 until 2021 police staffing has been consistent and crime has always gone up and down, this is nothing new. Also I just want to point out that we shouldn't run back to a system that holds its knee

on a man's neck for 8 minutes and kills him in broad daylight, and how not a single officer during that time before he was convicted was able to come out and say that this was -- clearly heinous act. I'd to point out how officers were able to break into people's homes and shoot people while they are sleeping and we are still not seeing justice. I do understand it is scary, this is a scary time, but we need to invest in non-methods. Non methods of guns on our streets, on them allowing who can and cannot be shot and killed. We need to invest our money in nonviolent methods of community safety, and I say community safety because this is community safety. I do understand that police are out there, and I do understand and I do feel for a lot of people echoing that mom who was pregnant, I was pregnant living in between 125th division and stark, I do understand the danger there, but I also do understand as a black woman with black family members and black brothers and cousins and uncles, that it is not safe to please officers to come back to this streets and it is the council's job to find alternative method then policing. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have hank barton. Hank, you're muted.

Hank Barton: Can you hear me now?

Clerk: Yes.

Barton: I want to start by saying that I am a lifetime resident of Portland and I think that any mission impossible endeavor could be accomplished with a passionate leader and a well-organized brand strategy and competent improving what others have already done. At Portland state, I was a business major in marketing and branding and brand development, I've had a couple business associations and experiences in my life that were led and I learned from passionate leaders. After Portland state I found myself at the Miami dolphins and that was 72 when don shula went undefeated and he had great success because he wasn't afraid to copy what others had done and then come up with innovative things, I was a part of his no name defense. From there, I went to a manufacturing company in newburgh where I worked for 28 years and saw joanne austin build her company up and do amazing things. After that I had my own business, manufacturing business in hillsboro. But what i'd like to say is I jump up in the balcony, I look around, and I see what the world is done with housing first, it's an incredible success story. I don't know why we just don't look around and copy what has already been done successfully. I think that we have all kinds of opportunities to

run our city like a brand and manage it with brand slogans such as Portland back to the future help the homeless eliminate crime, housing first managing our homeless back home, and on and on. I've written pages on it, I don't know if I've ever said anything completely --

Clerk: Let's try Callie Riley again.

Callie Riley: Am I working now?

Clerk: Yes, I hear you,

Riley: Great. My name is Callie Riley, my pronouns are she and her and I'm testifying on behalf of the anti-displacement PDX coalition which I facilitated my role as an organizer for unite Oregon. Portland must ask a fundamental question, who is this city for? Will this be merely a playground for the wealthy tourists, gentrifiers, white nationalists, developers and landlords, or will we build a city that's for all of us where everyone is able to thrive.

Anti-displacement PDX believes that Portland is for all of us and that the proposed budget amendments tonight fail to meet the challenges that our communities are facing. Every night thousands of our neighbors are forced to sleep in tents and on sidewalks because of this city's decades long failure to build affordable public housing. This budget proposal would instead dedicate money to short term shelters and violence sweeps to uproot our unhoused neighbors, treating human beings as a cosmetic blight on the city's image and not as people. Thousands more Portlanders have been gentrified out in the outskirts by urban and old programs which have remade large slots of north Portland and inner northeast into neighborhoods for middle and upper class gentrifiers after pushing out people who lived, worked, and built community there. Instead of repairing that history of harm, this budget dedicate scarce public resources to policing and advertising on behalf of downtown business. After nearly two years of pandemic related economic hardship, the number of people unable to afford to continue living in the city has never been higher. Rents are going up, people are struggling to make ends meet, and we are approaching a devastating tipping point. Without immediate action from the city, thousands of community members will be at risk for addiction and homelessness in what could be one of the most significant waves of residential displacement we've seen in years. Invest the full 62 million dollars available to you in programs to stabilize at risk communities across the city. That means rental and mortgage assistance and funds to help tenants pay background they've accumulated during the

pandemic, means permanent supportive housing for folks who are unhoused, that means addressing a shameful history of gentrification and displacement which put so many Portlanders into precarious situations and exacerbated the crisis we're faced with today. Let's build a city for all of us. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Julie Perko, Glenn Traeger, and Sarah Drescher.

Julie Perko: Hello. Hi, my name is Julie Perko and I have been a citizen of Portland for 21 years and the city has changed dramatically in the last couple of years, and I know a lot of people are testifying to that. It's become a place that I'm scared of, walking around it in certain neighborhoods. My daughter takes aerial lessons off of Broadway and MLK, not always been a great spot but during the pandemic one of her instructors almost got carjacked. Now that is not normal, I know someone on here said all crime goes up and down and that's normal so I've never experienced that and it was really terrifying and now the business has a lock on the door and lets the girls come in and locks the door behind them. My neighbors have had their catalytic converters stolen and our car has been broken into and I just -- I want to see you move forward on these ideas that you put forth tonight. I fully support that and I want our city to be a community that works together and I am not seeing that right now. So I really want to move forward on solving some of these problems and I appreciate you taking the time to listen. That's all, thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Glenn Traeger.

Glenn Traeger: Good evening, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. My name is Glenn Traeger, as I've been waiting I've been editing my testimony so I'll be short. Walking through my neighborhood today I went by Safeway and saw a heap of trash by the front door right next to three empty jumbled trash cans. Then continuing down the street I saw a building totally covered with new graffiti that was just cleaned up a couple weeks ago. This is a reoccurring movie that happens in my neighborhood and I am confident happens in many neighborhoods throughout the city every day. As a community, we are continually experiencing crime, trash, and graffiti. We are simply wasting the effort of good people and millions of dollars by cleaning up this mess over and over again. Until we can slow this long-ass behavior, we are doomed as a city to regain our once beautiful past. But I do have a simple solution, my plan would cost little money and have immediate impact. Our mayor

needs to announce the gun violence and property crimes are out of control and the people of Portland will not put up with it anymore. Effective immediately with the cooperation of our district attorney, all gun violence and property crimes will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Criminals will be caught, tried, and punished. With the lack of police presence, we can't be Mr. Nice guy anymore. Thank you for listening.

Clerk: Next up we have Sarah Drescher.

Sarah Drescher: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, commissioners. For the record, my name is Sarah Drescher, I'm a resident of inner northeast Portland and I'm a small business owner. My small business is housed in a building on northeast Broadway. Today, I worked on replacing all of the screens on the building and that's because over the weekend a man jumped on top of Elmer's flag and looked like he was carrying a rifle. The police were called and he was taken off the roof and it turned out he had stolen flags from Elmer's and used them to damage all of the screens on my building. The police said that that was the second time they had apprehended him that night in northeast Portland. On Tuesday, I picked up human feces, not just a days worth mind you, from the driveway from my building on northeast Broadway and yesterday I reported the growing campsite that's happening across the street on Weidler and 14th that's beginning to accumulate trash across the sidewalks. A month ago there was a shooting up the block on 14th and Broadway, that was the second shooting in the last two months and we heard from five star cleaners owner, who's one of our neighbors up the street, earlier tonight about the damage to his business. Two weeks ago, a man tried to break into the backside of my building in broad daylight with burglar tools. I've cleaned up graffiti from the front of my building twice in the last week and this morning I spoke with the owners of a business next door about starting our own patrol for the northeast Broadway corridor. And as we're discussing this, I'm thinking why are we, the local businesses, having to create our own patrol? We shouldn't have to do that. It's not our job to do that. It's your job. It's your job to do that. And I know you know that, but the saddest part I think is that people are giving up on you. We've heard you talk and you like to pontificate about whether police are good or police are bad and the truth is the people of --

Clerk: Next up we have Charlene Pennie, Jeanmarie Venice, and Shannon Ferguson.

Hardesty: These seem like abrupt endings but I certainly appreciate us staying on track since we have over 40 additional speakers to listen to.

Clerk: Char, are you able to unmute? Let's move on to Jeanne-Marie Venice.

Jean-Marie Benes: Can everyone hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Jean-Marie Benes: Okay, perfect. Hello, my name is Jean-Marie and I'm a citizen in southeast Portland. During the last two years we've had a struggle with an uptake in gang violence, it feels like the violent criminals run our neighborhoods not our local officials. I've been curious about other alternatives like state fund bulletproof clothing for citizens or materials to protect houses in high gun violence areas. My neighbors and I have lost many hours of sleep due to the sounds of gunshots at night and if I work late, I find it terrifying to go from my car in the driveway to the front door scrambling to get my keys in the door quick enough. Everyone in our neighborhoods are stuck wondering when the next stray bullet will hit them or a family member when we hear about the random bullets that hit cars or houses where our children sleep. I can't imagine having to feel this way in a tent, talk about vulnerability. Mount Scott park has been hit an uncomfortable amount out of times, no one wants to be the next mother and son who recently had their car shot at driving over there. It seems to rapidly be getting worse, people being held at gunpoint in broad daylight, it's insanely irresponsible to look the other way. Are we all so afraid or too nice or cowardly that we just let it happen? I moved to Oregon eight years ago because I felt it radiated compassion, but the lack of acting with loved when abandoning people on the streets because we think it's the right thing to do, to let humans, even those mentally unfit to fend for themselves. This is not love, is this how we would treat her own children? In many places in the United States loitering is illegal and sometimes this is the first step to mandating people to get help at facilities such as rehab for drugs or psychiatric facilities. It amazes me such a loving state has such a quiet voice. We have welfare resources and some rehabs but maybe that's not enough. It's our moral responsibility to make Portland safe for everyone. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Shannon Ferguson.

Shannon Ferguson: Hi there, my name is Shannon Ferguson. I'm from north Portland, I'm a nurse, a mother, a homeowner, and I'm trying to currently help my best friend find housing who's been out priced. I have had my car stolen twice in the last eight weeks and the second time it's gone forever.

Benes: No, that that came off -- that worked --

Ferguson: And so what I'm sitting here realizing as I'm talking and listening to everyone it just reinforces to me that we're not an island, and that everything that we do affects everyone else everything that they do affects us. And that we're all feeling very fragile, angry, upset and this includes our houseless communities that are also feeling the same. One of the issues that I see is I feel like our police have kind of capitulated and when I talked to them, I've gotten a response of, we can't do anything, you've seen what they've done to us, and I saw a lot of the problems develop when we went away from community policing and when the police station in north Portland closed. And when people no longer feel that the police officers that that are serving them are actually serving them in part of their community, and I feel like we all have a responsibility to each other. So I have a responsibility to mayor Wheeler, mayor Wheeler has responsibility to me, to my neighbors. I try to do what I can by picking up trash, by providing people with the support that I can, and I just think that the community aspect has been forgotten here and I think that there is a problem with us helping each other as neighbors and all taking responsibility. My son has asked to carry pepper spray to school on his walk and that's not normal and it's not normal for kids to see this. And I really want us to see us clean up our city in many ways, not just with policing but housing first all of the things go together.

Thank you for your time

Clerk: Let's try Charlyn Penny again.

Charlen Pennie: Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you

Pennie: Oh, great. Good evening, my name is Charlene Pennie I'm the secretary-treasurer of the Lents neighborhood livability association. You have vilified the police and made victims out of the criminals. With your intent to invite criminals here by relaxing laws and decriminalizing drugs, this city has become a safe haven for crime. Good luck on hiring new officers. It takes nearly two years for a new recruit to be ready for our streets. In two years we

will have less officers due to retirement and with the current political climate of not enforcing the laws things, are only going to get worse. It's time to make an immediate change in the way you are handling arrest and failing to support our police officers. It is mandatory that you increase the police budget and reinstate the laws so the police can start enforcing them.

Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Emre Taskin, Ruth Ann Barrett, and to see go ahead, Emre.

Emre Taskin: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

Barrett: Okay. Hi, my name is Emre Taskin, I own a business in central southeast side called wild shaman rugs. We moved here with my wife from Istanbul, Turkey eight years ago for a hope for a better life to start a business which we did out of a scratch and we are really, really hard working people. Since the pandemic started, we had four break in into our shop. The last one was a burglary and it cost us almost 20,000 dollars with the damages. And every day we're in the neighborhood, we live very close by to the shop because we expect the alarm go off almost you know anytime. We have to run to the shop, sometimes we're there before the police arrives. It's frustrating. We have no one here, it's just me and my wife working every day. We just we have issue with the lawlessness, that's our biggest, biggest issue. We have campsites all over the southeast. Some campsites are openly distributing drugs and some people are really in need in these camp sites, and they just kind of make everything look at the lawlessness. We just want to feel to be safe, conduct our business in peace, earn money, pay our taxes, but it's getting harder and harder and harder and we're really tired of dealing with daily struggles. We don't feel safe. Hopefully you guys can figure out something very, very soon because we seriously thought about closing our business and moving out, but we really don't want to do that. We trust you; we love you, we love Portland, please help us and we can help you. Thank you so much.

Clerk: Next up we have Ruth Anne Barrett. Ruth Anne, you're muted.

Ruth Ann Barrett: I'm going to read this. I submitted testimony but I want to do a little something different. I want to thank you mayor and commissioners for the opportunity to express my opinion, and I want to reinforce points raised by tiffany hammer and Michael marshal, Michelle Wulfe, and Jenna Goldin and the others who are coming forward today and

live and work in proximity to the underserved bubble and those living on no or fixed incomes. The comments are thoughtful and the lists are on target. Unfortunately the content isn't new. As the crisis are well known to all of the many activists in our cities, in our city, but been around since 2014. So I would like to express the 45,000 view that I have and I call it the world ors. Police or affordable housing, police or job training, police or mental health workers, police or street response, police or parks, pitting people against each other is the end result of the world of ors. Homeowners or renters, high or low income, seniors or youngsters, white or black, housed or unhoused, business development or community investment, biker or walker, armed or unarmed, east or west, north or south, old town or downtown, English or Spanish, skateboarders or dog owners, walkers or rollers, respectful or disrespectful. It needs to be and no butts. Be in close proximity to the underserved and vulnerable, change the narrative to one of abundance, and to we and us. You all need to practice walk around management. And I owe that to Bryan Stevenson who is the founder and executive director of the equal justice initiative. I have found it to be very good advice. Thank you.

Cerk: Next up we have Tawasi.

Tawasi: Hi, there I would like to first of all acknowledge that this is chinook land. I am not a chinook person, so I just am speaking for myself and not any tribal affiliation. I'm ashamed of you colonizers, I'm ashamed. In large part because of the violations of human rights, they're gross. Gross violations of human rights and at a lack of caring that, in my eyes, is leading to genocide. We already know that being unhoused cuts your life expectancy by nearly half. According to Lewis and Clark College, there are about one percent of Portlanders who are unhoused, that's the equivalent of about 40,000 people. From what I understand, you're talking about adding maybe 50 beds to your jail? You're not arresting your way out of 40,000 people. The only solution as I see it is passing housing first legislation and also immediately passing the homeless bill of rights. It should never be illegal for a person to sit, lay, or stand, eat, drink, or pray. Your leadership wants to make it illegal to sit, stand, or lay, eat, drink, or pray and that's abominable. It's actually against the law under Boise versus martin and you should be ashamed of -- you should be held criminally liable for shortening the lives of people that you sweep under your draconian laws with your beautified, liberal homeless spikes because that's what they are. Horse troughs are homeless spikes and you

know it. I can't believe that you people go to church and pray because you have no spirituality. You're servants of the evil and the darkness and shame on you.

Clerk: Next up we have Indigo Namkoong, Laura Hopkins, and Richard Munson. Indigo, you're muted. Let's go to Laura Hopkins.

Laura Hopkins: Hello? Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Hopkins: Okay. I've heard a lot today and I feel like a lot of what everyone has been saying about what's going on in Portland -- I have a bunch of things to say and then I forgot. I am just a person that lives in a house now and I would like to reiterate what -- Dan Handelman, Forrest, and Demetria were saying, if the escape problem lays with the houseless community, then that's who we should be talking to as city council members. Talking to the people who are being affected in this time and everyone else who is scared and hiding inside of their houses. There's an issue outside, we need to go and talk to them, talk to your neighbors who are living outside in the elements, who have dealt with the smoke last year, who've dealt with everything. If you call the 911 for mental health crisis, in April they came to my neighbor's house and they told my neighbor just to deal with the issue and they would deal with it afterwards. And so I just -- I think what's happening, we just need to take the funding and deliver it to those who are already doing the on the groundwork. There needs to be permanent housing.

Clerk: Next up we have Richard Munson. Richard, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Let's try Indigo Namkoong one more time. Indi, are you able to unmute? Let's go on to the next three and we can come back. Next up we have Sean Jacobson, martin summer, and Shannon gentler.

Sean Jacobson: Hi, can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Jacobson: I had something else prepared and I'm just going to wing it because I've heard some things that I kind of wanted to reiterate. The first thing I wanted to say is that some data has come out recently about the fact that the violence and crime rate in Portland, and in many other large cities, is not related to the number of police officers. We still have 800 police officers, so you know police can do their job if they're allowed to. The other thing that I

really wanted to talk about was that the underlying root causality of the behaviors that we're talking about has nothing to do with the level of punishment or punitive nature of a structure, right? Not only do people need services but it needs to be acknowledged that there only two major factors that determine most criminal violence, right? It's the level of education and the degree of socioeconomic inequality in a society. That's the science. If you're trying to solve this issue you need to solve socioeconomic inequality and you need to make sure that youth education, that child development, is leading to people that do not have the degree of trauma and shame, that socioeconomic inequality and repeated exposure, to the idea of their inferiority, that that's not triggering. I don't know if you can do that in your budget, we're just fighting over scraps, if you really want a solution, it's universal basic income. If you want to make -- if you actually want to get people off the streets, you need to guarantee that they have the resources to get them off the street. You need to build the housing and give people money. That will solve most of your problems that's not going to happen in the city, but I just don't really understand what most people here are talking about. Like it's just not science based and the solutions that you're proposing just don't get to the heart of the issue. Every major city in the country is having the same issue, it's the result of gentrification, economics, and debt and you can't solve that in our city budget, so. I'll leave it there.

Clerk: Next up we have martin sommer.

Martin Sommer: Hey, hi. Hi, thank you. I'm martin sommer, I live with my family in Portland, I work in Portland and our son is in high school in Portland. I'm here to support this plan. My friends do not let their children play outside. A minority female engineer I work with told me I do not feel safe walking outside my apartment. I sometimes take the long walk to the office then besides the terrible humanitarian crisis, I see so many storefronts boarded up and business closed. I've seen people naked in the streets, I've seen people injecting themselves, now we have record gun violence. This high time for this plan, approve it, show the people of Portland that having well-staffed, well trained, well led police department and the other proposals in this plan are essential to a healthy city. Thank you. Keelan, before you get to the next person I just -- it's been a while and some people have probably joined us. I just want to reiterate just because of the large number of people who want to testify and our desire to have everybody have a chance to be heard, we are strictly limiting testimony to two minutes

each. Go to the view on your zoom and pick the gallery view, then you can see the clock, there's a countdown clock, and it'll turn red when your time is nearly up. That might help guide you. And after two minutes the council clerk will mute you, so I just want you to be aware of that.

Clerk: Let's try indi namkoong again.

Indigo Namkoong: Yes, thank you. Good evening commissioners and thank you for having me. My name is Indi Namkoong, I'm a resident of northeast Portland and the coalition manager at 350pdx. Portland's largest budget surplus in over a decade is fueled by taxes and the large businesses that made a killing during the pandemic, while ordinary Portlanders suffered. It's clear that council wants to see this money spent to make our city whole again in safety and stability, the question is how we get there. The budget proposal before you asks for more vacant positions for police and a force that's already struggling to fill its current vacancies, as well as funds to increase camp sweeps five times over. But we know that the size of our police force has no substantial impact on crime rates according to the ppb's own data, neither do sweeps and the houseless as -- and others have already covered. So this begs the question if police and sweeps are provably failing to move the needle on our safety and recovery, what investments would? Commissioners, I'm here tonight to urge you to invest in the community solutions already on the table for public safety housing and climate resilience. This includes support for commissioner Rubio's proposal to allocate 300,000 dollars of the surplus to begin implementing the work of the climate emergency declaration passed in 2020. Frontline community leaders in the planning and sustainability have been working diligently and without the necessary budget to develop plans for decarbonizing the building sector which currently generates 30% of our carbon emissions nationally, as well as transportation industry and our power grid. The climate crisis is here and worsening a present threat to our safety and we cannot afford to lose momentum on life sustaining work already in progress. Expanding Portland Street Response is another major step in the right direction and I ask that you continue to support this program, as well as other non police price responses that support public safety while keeping police out of the way of calls they shouldn't be responding to. Community safety is also about opportunity and stability, investments in land acquisition and affordable housing stock, greenspaces and infrastructure,

resilience and livability, and services to those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The moment calls for us to make a critical shift from superficial strategies like sweeps and police staffing that have been proven ineffective. I urge you to use this surplus to invest in deeper safety and leadership for our communities. Thank you.

Clerk: All right, let's try Richard.

Richard Matza: Thank you for allowing us to give some testimony. I'm a lifelong Portlander, I was born here in Portland, I was a businessman, I created 130 jobs from a startup company, and I sold that company to a larger company that's even provided more jobs. Now I'm a housing provider in Portland and I look at the city and I see the city is in terrible crisis. It's a mess regarding business enterprises, I'm glad I don't have my business today because I think that I would have difficulty in holding employees, I would have difficulty in having a safe business. Our real estate values in the city have gone down, the public presence in the city is very sparse now, you can go downtown find a parking space any place in a minute. And the homeless situation downtown is untenable and I look at this and I ask, what's the cause of this? And I see that the cause of it started back when riots came out of protest. When people protest, they have a right to protest but they don't have the right to riot. And this has given the lawless folks an opportunity and a license, if you will, to become even more lawless, or more bold. We've had a city council that has flip flopped from supporting protests and riots to now saying we need more police. You defunded the police and not you've got to refund the police. It's crazy. The district attorney's in the same boat. So I think the responsibility lies with you, I wanted to admonish that and to tell you the way that I feel. Thank you for listening to me.

Clerk: Next up we have Shannon Dittler.

Shannon Dittler: Hello, I'm Shannon, first of all I've seen a lot of eyerolls and something about mansplaining from out of Jo Ann Hardesty. I'm a registered nurse, community care registered nurse, and I work in a female dominated field, I've never had anybody disrespect me as a male like that. That's almost like sexual harassment kind of shit. Okay, done with that. So I grew up here, my area that I work as community care nurse is from 82nd Ave to Gresham and IE for a foster. I live in the neighborhood. We used to pride Portland on being weird and different, lately though I've heard people say we're just like every other large city across

America with the increase in guns and violent crime. I find that alarming and demeaning that we allow it to be the new normal and I wonder how are we going to get make Portland weird and cool again? Over 2020, during the savage summer riots of destruction, we allowed the demoralization of our Portland police. Precisely when we needed to give more funding to police, we cut their legs out from under them. Ted, I recently heard you say you want to follow evidence-based models for policing in Portland. Depending on where you get your evidence, I've heard city of our size should have between 1200 and estimates as high as 1600 police officers, follow the science. 18 months ago as a nurse, my greatest fear was to catch covid. I learned overtime if I follow the science, I can protect myself from getting it. But gun violence and indiscriminate flag flying, we have no way to protect ourselves. I can only imagine how the residents of these neighborhoods must feel. I believe it is time for more police officers, not just the 300 over three years, that still leaves us behind the curve at the end of your term, ted. That's not enough. A healthy society thrives when they have safety and security. It doesn't matter your nationality, or your politics, safety and security will be the top ranked things people of Portland and their families want. It's time to have more police officers and the health of our city depends on it. Thank you very much for listening and have a good night.

Clerk: Next up we have Diane McMann, Peter Blackstone, and David Dickson. Diane, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Let's try Peter Blackston.

David Dickson: Hello?

Clerk: Just a moment David.

Clerk: Let's go to Peter Blackston.

Peter Blackston: Hello, can everybody hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Blackston: All right, my name is Peter Blackstone, I've lived in Portland for seven years. Thank you for the opportunity to speak and I thank the mayor, the commissioners, and everybody behind the scenes for service to Portland. I'm opening with the average taxpaying citizen does not feel like a priority to the city and does not feel protected. As crime continues to rise and Portland citizens suffer from a short staffed and overworked police force, your constituents are anxious and afraid as there seems to be no end in sight to this painful time.

Dickson: This is David.

Blackston: Sorry shall I continue?

Clerk: Yes.

Blackston: I ask all city councilmembers and the mayor to please work together to approve immediately the use of the budget surplus to get additional police and public safety officers, get body worn cameras for the police, while continuing to focus on reform to build community trust and support. And I have to say, please continue to focus on Portland Street Response, I am excited the prospect of continued success with that program. Regarding the homelessness crisis, Portland continues to get large amounts of money to address the houselessness, but nothing seems to be done. We need this addressed, it's astounding we let people suffer in our streets and as they suffer, the housed residents and businesses near the camp suffer from the side effects of these companies or these people trying to figure out how to survive. One effect are the blocked sidewalks which you've heard about. People were passed out, there are tents, garbage on the street, in addition to a public safety aspect of people doing drugs in altered states or having a mental health crisis. I am personally impacted with a family member who has mobility issues, our sidewalks need to be clear. Support our small businesses, you've heard from everybody how they're impacted. Portland used to be known as the city people want to visit, I now have to go visit all my clients and spend my money in their cities, money that should stay here. Thank you to everybody. Please work hard for us, we appreciate everything you're doing.

Clerk: All right, let's go to David Dickson.

Dickson: Okay. You hear me?

Clerk: We hear you.

Dickson: Okay. I'm David Dickson, co-chair of the downtown neighborhood associations homeless housesless team. For the past year, our good neighbor project volunteers have worked in teams on a weekly basis to deliver survival items, coffee, and support to over 200 unhoused downtown neighbors. A very similar service that Alex stone earlier in the day was talking about just needing to have compassion for neighbors in the community. I commend the city and the county for working together to spend surplus funds to address our homelessness crisis. In spite of our successes over the last seven years in providing housing

and keeping people in their housing, the number of unsheltered Portlanders grows every year. We see this every day. I urge you to expand the vision of a home for everyone that you set when you joined forces with the county in 2014. Houselessness is a humanitarian crisis for the unhoused, but it is also an existential crisis for the entire city. It saps our pride, our reputation, and our quality of life. I urge the city and the county to expand your vision by committing to number one, cutting unsheltered houselessness in half by the year end 2022. And the first person I've ever heard give an actual number was commissioner Mapps, said that we would reduce unsheltered houselessness by 1000 by the end of 2022. Number two, creating sufficient diverse alternative shelters so that no one will be forced to live unsheltered on Portland streets in the future. And three, very important, treating our unsheltered neighbors with compassion and respect. We can do this; we must do this. Thank you very much for listening.

Clerk: Let's try Dianne McMann again. Dianne, are you able to unmute? Okay. Elsie Hanson, Mark Blanchard, and Elle Stanger.

LC Hansen: Hi, there. Am I heard?

Clerk: We hear you.

Hansen: Thank you. My name is LC Hansen, I live in Portland. I'm speaking to support the framework put forth by commissioner Mapps, and I especially favor these two elements. First, to numerically reduce the number of people sleeping in tents and in particular to give extra money to support the coordination that the city has with the countywide or metro wide administrative structure. I think it would be efficient to reduce the number of houseless people on the streets, use a numerical goal please. Second, I strongly support more money for police. All of us should receive prompt respectful assistance if we call the cops, I'm speaking as a radical, feminist, queer, --. Yes, I'm also Asian and white but when I say all of us, I mean people who don't speak English, citizens who don't have much money, people of color with a long invalid negative history with the police, focus on the street and all those humans that so many hours ago the mayor began by listing. I was a letter carrier in Portland and most recently I was a public school teacher, I believe that well-trained civil servants are needed to maintain a civil society. The police need support. I support the practical points raised by commissioner Mapps, thank you for listening, and may your deliberations be productive.

Clerk: All right, next up we have Elle Stanger.

Elle Stanger: Good evening, everybody. I've been on the call since two, thank you for hearing me. Mayor Ted Wheeler the beginning of the call I heard you speak of police accountability and I'm really, really grateful. I'm asking your support everyone to stop funding anti sex work stings under the guise of fighting human trafficking. I'm here as a co-chair of the Oregon sex workers committee or OSWC, my name is Elle Stanger and I've lived and worked in Portland since 2008, I'm certified by the American association of sexuality educators, counselors, and therapist to teach sex education, I specialize in consent communication, trauma awareness, and reduction of STIs. I earned my bachelor's in criminology from PSU, as local journalists have recently uncovered Portland city police and Multnomah county currently fund and operate decoy stings. This is adults looking to sexually interact with other adults, these people are then arrested and sometimes mislabeled in the media as engaging in sex trafficking. 85 percent of the charges made against Portlanders by the human trafficking unit of ppb were actually charges related to buying sexual touch, aka prostitution. Even if you personally don't believe that adult should be able to work sex or purchase it consensually, it is a myth that people who pay for sexual services are inherently harmful and dangerous. Indeed, the current laws criminalizing any aspect of consensual adult labor is what drives people underground and prevents them from reporting actual crimes against them. The people who arrest in these decoy stings are charged 1400 dollars to complete a sex buyer accountability and diversion program. Please do not renew this program at the end of the year, this is inhumane and is an outdated approach to shaming people into obeying archaic laws. Thank you for considering to defund diversion programs and decoy stings in Portland, Oregon.

Clerk: Next up we have Mark Blanchard. Mark, you're muted.

Mark Blanchard: Hi, this is Mark, can you hear me? I just wanted to reiterate a couple things. One is I've also lived in Portland my whole life, I'm an avid cyclist, I ride on a daily basis in the Portland area and as a cyclist you see a lot, both on the streets and the bike paths. I'm also an active volunteer with salt, I've been helping with them throughout the spring and summer. This is the type of thing that I'm seeing on the streets, speeding cars endangering pedestrians and cyclists, cars running red lights, cars making illegal u turns causing confusion and near

misses, cars without license plates, and cars that are not roadworthy. On the bike paths, I'm seeing countless campsites and garbage especially on the 205 path and marine drive path. Two weeks ago I was coming south from marine drive on the 205 path and a -- came across the camp underneath the sandy boulevard overpass that had so much garbage and debris on the path that I had to get off and walk my bike over the garbage to get through it. Traveling further south that same day on the bike path I came across a car on the path coming towards me, I stopped and asked if they were lost and if they knew that this was a bike path, and he said yes, but this is a rental. So I'm not sure what that response meant. Also earlier this summer on the 205 path I came across a naked woman on the overpass division street, I called the non-emergency police, I waited about 15 or 20 minutes, and then called 911. Two of the things I'm asking today is in support of this more police including more police presence on the streets and immediate solutions to the trash cleanup and homeless situation. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Chelsea Wilkinson, Johanna Brenner, and Eric Clark.

Chelsea Wilkinson: Hello, my name is Chelsea Wilkinson my pronouns are she/hers, and I'm an artist in Portland and I also work for a nonprofit called income movement that writes for a basic income, but I'm currently not representing them. I want to ask why we are not seeing the city address the root problem of houselessness which is poverty is the lack of funds to take care of one's basic needs. Individuals know what they need the most and cash transfers provide choice and purchasing power and flexibility. You have to be able to buy your way out of poverty to afford food, rent, household items, clothing, and other essential needs because not being able to pay for these things is what gets people there in the first place. Solutions without including direct cash resources won't be enough. With a 62 million surplus budget, the city of Portland must look at the effectiveness of direct cash transfers as a solution. There are several real-world demonstrations of this such as the new leaf project in 2018 by Vancouver Canada. They gave 7500 to 50 homeless individuals in a lump sum and that came out to about 5800 us. The results make this solution undeniable. The group that received the cash spent 43196 fewer nights homeless over 12 months than the control group that didn't receive cash, and by spending fewer nights in shelters these 50 people saved the shelter system approximately 8100 dollars per person, for a total of roughly 405,000 over the one

year. And to disrupt the myth that they'd spend this money irresponsibly, they saw there was a 39 percent reduction in spending goods such as like alcohol and drugs. Participant stays homeless --

Clerk: Next up we have Johanna Brenner.

Johanna Brenner: Thank you, I'm professor of sociology at Portland state university. We've heard a lot of very emotional testimony tonight that reflects fear-based responses, uninformed by what criminologists and sociologists understand about the drivers of crime, and how little evidence there is that the levels of spending on police determine the levels of crime. There's no doubt the property crime and violent crime have risen, but there is little evidence that the source lies primarily in the expansion of houselessness. According to the Portland committee on community engaged, policing up to 43 percent of all calls for service to 911 or non-emergency calls that have nothing to do with property or violent crime. Clearly to the fact that the police are doing work that does not require sworn officers. We don't need more police. We need to focus the work of ppb away from welfare checks, disorder calls, mental health crises, so they can refocus the work on new public safety problems that do require a police response. Current staffing of the ppb is down to 794 out of a funded 916, position this puts ppb at 14 percent down. However considering that we don't need police for about 43 percent of 911 calls, ppb is overstaffed from a public safety standpoint. Rather than hiring bonuses and lucrative deals for staffing up the police, the city needs to both invest in alternative safety interventions and to focus more of the current one-time budget surplus when increasing alternative shelter models such as motels and supported campsites rather than congregate shelters. We do not more police officers, we do need to invest in hiring and training, public safety support specialists, and boosting their pay and working conditions to attract a high quality and diverse hiring pool. We also need to increase funding for proven community based --

Clerk: Next up we have Aric Clark.

Aric Clark: Mayor, city councilmembers, my name is Aric Clark. I'm a presbyterian minister here in Portland and I'm here today to thank you for recognizing that budgets are moral documents and striving to honor that by using our city's resources to address houselessness and public safety. At the same time, I'm here to urge you to recognize the real nature of the

crises that we're confronting and not to be misled into reinvesting in the failed strategies of the past. In June of 2020, I was here with hundreds of others to ask you to defund the police and invest instead in public safety measures that work like improving access to housing, medical care, mental health resources, and unarmed street response teams. At the time, the police were in the middle of a violent spree that by their own estimates involved over 6000 documented instances of use of force often validated by supervisors with no critical assessment, no discussion of reasonableness, and no de-escalation attempts. This is the same bureau that reports that over half of their interactions with the public are with members of the houseless community, many of which amount to harassment and theft of the property of the poorest people in our city. I've been teargassed, chased, and assaulted by Portland police officers with no badge number visible for being in the street in my clergy investments as a moral witness in trying to provide spiritual counsel to people traumatized by police violence, and these are the officers you're asking me to entrust with my public safety. Police officers have not made me safe, they've endangered my life and the lives of those who I serve. Sweeps will not solve our housing crisis, only housing can do that. Armed officers will not solve our gun violence crisis, only addressing the conditions that lead to violence can do that. Hiring more armed cops will not help those who are having a mental health crisis, it will just end up with more of our citizens dead and more family members in mourning. Please consider revising this fall budget bump so the vast majority of the funds go to programs like Portland Street Response and to permanent housing solutions for the houseless. Do not use this as an opportunity to further militarize our city. The next time I'm at a protest chanting the names of those killed by police I don't want it to be because in a rush to clean up downtown and drawing tourism revenue, our city council hired hundreds of armed cops instead of being visionary enough to imagine true public safety. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Maria Cahill, Jared Kimball, and Bella Michelle.

Maria Cahill: Hello, commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Rossi Cahill, also known as Maria Cahill, I use they/them pronouns. I'm a volunteer spokesperson with pacific northwest family circle which is a nonprofit led by families whose loved ones were killed by police. Loved ones like Terrell Johnson, Moose Hayes, also known only in death as Quanice Hayes, and Bradley Morgan who were all killed by Portland police.

Pacific northwest family circle is not anti-police, we are pro family. Our message is simple. Police beat up 6000 people last year and somehow this didn't put you out of compliance with the DOJ settlement, but not filling out their paperwork afterwards did. Mayor Wheeler spoke earlier about promising to follow recommendations and there's just not a history of that in this city. At a minimum, police should get back into pulling pliance before we pay bonuses for police officers. Hiring bonuses and hiring back retired people, there are enough police in this city at this a lot of people have mentioned. If we fund them now, we're just rewarding bad behavior. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have jarred Kimball.

Jerrid Kimball: Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk: We hear you.

Kimball: Thank you. Hi, my name is jarred Kimball, I'm a resident of southeast Portland and this is my first time addressing you, so thank you very much for entertaining me. I see that there are approximately three topics we're listening to testimony about tonight, houselessness, gun violence, and to a lesser extent, non-gun violence deaths on our streets. I feel pretty confident in some of the work going on around houselessness and the work of ending of vision 0 to a lesser extent, but still feel more confident there. On the gun violence topic, I would like to highlight the testimony of doctor j who presented to this council last year, Sean Jacobson earlier and Joanna just a moment ago about the research around police strength and budgets and their effect on crime and gun violence. And I'd also like to mention the Portland mercury article, which was pointed out by another testifier. Portlanders are scared, they're looking for answers and policing like a religion isn't a comfortable institution to try to cling to. We've been trained this way, we've been told call the police, we're told policing will solve everything and so they've taken on so many duties. But jo anna rightly pointed out that there are many things that we can do outside of that, the research shows that non police solutions are likely to pay dividends over the very expensive short-term effects of police investments. So with only two minutes I would like to say that there is some great work going on at -- with mike Myers, director green at the office of violence prevention, and I urge the council to listen to the research and ask Portlanders to be patient despite their fear in your investments.

Clerk: Next up we have Bella Michelle.

Bella Michelle: Hello, mayor and commissioners. I'm Bella a single mom a business owner and a sex worker. I'm requesting the defunding of prostitution stings in Portland. As a survivor of human trafficking, clients I met through sex work helped me escape an abusive relationship with my kids father who was also my pimp. Although I consented to sex work, I didn't consent to being exploited for someone else's financial gain. Criminalization of prostitution forced me into the shadows unable to seek human resources for fear of being arrested. You see although I'm the consenting adult, I was arrested in a decoy sting, labeled a criminal, my mugshot broadcast across various media sources, I was slammed with hefty court fines and denied a number of jobs and housing because of my prostitution records, I was not offered any social services. Being arrested for prostitution nearly ruined my life and put me on the brink of losing everything, it's taken years to regain stability and sex work is the source of stability in my life. I feel victimized and taken advantage of by the justice system, I live in constant fear of being thrown in jail for simply working to provide for my family. This fear exists for many sex workers. Criminalization the puts the most at risk people at even higher risk. Minorities, trans people, orphans that age out of the system, and are arrested in decoy stings stripped of their livelihood. Oftentimes left with slim options of survival besides returning to sex work because of their public arrest record. Funding decoys stings between consenting adults that throw people in jail and label them criminals is wrong, it causes job and housing loss while offering no social services. Decoy stings tear families apart, sex workers want rights, giving us our rights would ensure our safety and protection from predators. Please stop dehumanizing prostitutes and please stop funding decoy stings between consenting adults. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up we have Danielle Henry...

Hardesty: Excuse me mayor, if I may just before we go to Danielle.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to tell our last speaker that I look forward to working with her in the committee to move that proposal forward in our regular budget process. I explained to them at the fall bump wasn't where we made policy decisions and so I look forward to working with them as we start the next budget process thank you.

Clerk: Okay, next up we have Danielle Henry, advocates for Portland lead free drinking water, and Javier Reyes.

Clerk: Danielle, you're muted. Are you able to unmute?

Henry: Hey, I'm sorry I tried to click out of the thing so that I wouldn't speak because I don't think that I would be saying anything that hasn't already been covered but stop the sweeps and stop criminalizing sex work. All right. Thank you, bye. Sorry I don't know how I ended up actually doing the thing. A lot of people are really awesome, bye.

Clerk: Next up we have advocates for Portland lead free drinking water. You're muted.

Clerk: Now let's go to Javier Reyes.

Javier Reyes: Can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Reyes: Hi, I'm Javier, work two jobs and I'm a student. There's been a lot of good stuff but I wanted to say that there's one thing we didn't need today is for people who live in California and Lake Oswego to come tell us how we need more police violence. Thank you, council, for inviting these two men to speak at the beginning, and the reminder that you can't just repeat something until it's true. There's way too many myths being said about quote unquote defunding. Now on body cameras we already have a lot of videos of law enforcement breaking the law and abusing their power and almost every single one of them got away with it last year. So I don't understand what the point of this is, we have the entire year violence and you want to sign off on giving ppb another tool to abuse. We all saw the exit interviews, the drive to give cops more money based on a myth and rehire the racists who left in the wake of protests with a bonus. It just seems like an expensive, sick joke. And in service of a department that can't even fill its current roster and slow down response times and endangered people as a political stunt, take the word reform out of whatever you're trying to do here because the only thing you've reformed is the racist gang enforcement team. Your plan to increase sweeps fivefold as we can until winter, it's intentional murder. I understand that streets and sidewalks need to be accessible, but you could do that without destroying people's shelter. Opening up 400 temporary beds to use as an excuse for these sweeps is only going to get more people killed and it wouldn't be the first time somebody freezes to death under this mayor. From the 60 million, you could cover 1300 a month worth of rent and bills

for ten months for over 4000 people. You could take a real step to end homelessness in Portland and it would also alleviate many of the issues that like the housed people and a lot of the folks are speaking about today. Turning Portland into a mockup San Francisco only benefits a tiny group of privileged people. So many of the folks in our community, including the anarchist that you love to complain about, work every single day to provide help, comfort, and food to our homeless neighbors. So please mayor Wheeler and your cadre of sexual abusers and cops surrogates, stop basing your policies on trip adviser and actually make the city livable for those of us who live here.

Clerk: Let's try advocates for Portland lead free drinking water again. You're muted. All right, I'll call the next three. We have Michelle Plambeck, Amy Rathfelder, and Sandy Chung.

Michelle Plambeck: Good evening, mayor and city commissioners. I'll keep my remarks fairly brief. Thank you for staying and my name is Michelle Plambeck and I am here today as a registered representative of Oregon smart growth, a group of civically minded responsible developers, investors, and allied industries. Wanted to really take the opportunity to thank city council for working together and with jurisdictional partners to address the city's homelessness, livability, and public safety crises more urgently through strategic investments and specifically we support the following investments made to the joint office and the 6.5 million dollars to the city's impact reduction program for trash and clean up. The expansion of the behavioral health unit increases the city's capacity to address violent higher acuity incidents, resulting from known or suspected mental illness and or drug and alcohol addiction, the rehiring of officers, and investments that decrease 911 answering times. Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up we have Amy Rathfelder.

Amy Rathfelder: Good evening council, can you hear me? So good evening mayor and members of council, apologies I'm a little under the weather so my voice is a little iffy. I'm going to do my best here. My name is Amy pathfinder, I serve as the director of government affairs for the Portland business alliance. The alliance is greater Portland chamber of commerce and represents the largest and most diverse network of employers in the region, we advocate for employer community at all levels of government to create opportunity and advance the well-being for all who live and work in our region and to support a healthy and

resilient business ecosystem. Currently represent more than 2000 members from 27 counties, 13 states, and virtually every industry sector. More than 80 percent of our members are small businesses. I'm really excited to be here today on behalf of the alliance to express strong support for the allocations in this year's fall bump, specifically those historic investments around housing and homelessness services, impact reduction, livability and public safety with a 62 million dollar surplus this year, much about the result the revenue raised from business license tax collections as was stated earlier. The collaboration, creativity, and willingness to listen to Portlanders from all around the city that this council has exhibited in crafting this budget is extraordinary. So we just like to say thank you. We recognize the urgent need that so many of these budget allocations will address in mitigating some of Portland's most prolific problems. We're grateful to this council for coming together to identify solutions to these problems and we look forward to working as a partner with the city in continuing to fund and implement the right kinds of initiatives and programs to address these issues. Thank you, all so, much.

Clerk: Next up is Sandy Chung.

Sandy Chung: Good evening, commissioners and mayor. My name is Sandy Chung, my pronouns are she and her, I'm the executive director of the ACLU of Oregon. The ACLU is dedicated to civil liberties and civil rights with more than 20,000 members statewide. I want to thank you for taking the time today to listen to all of the community members who've spoken and thank prior speakers as well. In 2020 the people of Portland took to the streets for a hundred straight days to protest systemic racism and white supremacy. We protested because it is unjust and immoral for the police to harm and kill black people and we must prioritize stopping police violence. As the city makes decisions about the Portland police bureau, it is important for you to remember the Portland police officers racist misconduct and violence towards black community members. These are just some examples, in 1981 Portland police officers left dead possums in front of a black owned restaurant, in 1985 Loyd Stevenson was killed by police by a sleeper choke hold, in response to public outrage about this most murder Portland police officers sold t shirts in a precinct parking lot with the image of a smoking handgun and the words don't choke him, smoke him. In 2003 Kendra James was gunned down by police during a traffic stop, in 2010 Aaron Campbell was shot in the back and

killed by police during a welfare check, in 2017 Quanice Hayes was killed by police while on his arms and with his arms raised, in 2017 Portland police officers help Westland police harass Michael Fesser with a wrongful arrest because Mr. Fesser's boss wanted to intimidate Mr. Fesser. In 2019 Andre Gladden, a legally blind man with a mental health need, was killed by police. The proposal to add more police officers is a fear-based knee-jerk reaction that is not based on the data and evidence. Data specific to Portland shows that crime rates are not impacted by the size of the police force. The ACLU of Oregon urges you to center racial justice and evidence-based solutions such as Portland Street Response and civilian-led offices specifically designed to minister—

Clerk: Next up we have Bill Resnick, Fawn Abernethy, and Mark Poris

Bill Resnick: Am I on?

Clerk: Go ahead Bill.

Resnick: I'm Bill Resnick, once a lawyer for the poor, for 10 years I was the research and planning director for New Jersey's statewide child welfare program. I want to address where our resources, new money and old need to be allocated to deal with the set of social problems, including mental health emergencies, homelessness, public intoxication and addiction, also youth gang activity and violence. Up to now for a long time the city has relied on law and order approach to police, approach of police courts, incarceration fines, civil penalties, and arrests. Some research shows that the law and order punish them approach to these problems is very expensive, has little success, and indeed is often counterproductive. On the other hand, a variety of helping services can be quite successful when the services are well run and have resources to help people on their way to a better life. And secure housing is indispensable for people to succeed in that struggle. That being the case, I've been wondering why my city would spend additional funds on police, and you've heard that the number of police has very little to do with the amount of crime, when we could free up the police from fighting actual crime by giving responsibility to deal with those mental health emergencies with homelessness, with public intoxication and addiction, with youth gang activity and violence, deal with them with programs employing people trained and disposed to more empathetic and effective responses than the police, -- homelessness. At a time of rising homicides 50 percent of police arrests are of the homeless. What happens after the

arrest? They're processed by the police, the criminal justice system, and then they're dumped back on the streets poorer, more angry, more depressed, more likely to retaliate and do some jail time and come out more bitter. Throughout the country cities have affected programs for replacing the police as first responders.

Clerk: Next up we have Fawn Aberson.

Fawn Aberson: Thank you, my name is fawn Aberson and I'm representing the soul district business association in lieu of our businesses organizational leader John Washington who regretfully was not able to attend the meeting today. Thank you, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan for allowing our organization to represent ourselves. While we understand the complexities of trying to fill and mend the many needs of the city, we find it somewhat disingenuous for you to invite the public to participate in a process that has left little time for public feedback and collaboration. The public's first chance to review the budget was last week November 4th, then you asked commissioners to make adjustments to this proposed budget by Monday November 8th, essentially taking the weekend to think about it. While we applaud the Mayor and the Council persons who've held post-listening sessions between the work sessions and today, it was not enough time for we the people to be fully represented authentically in a final decision you all are making today. We are equally concerned that the proposed investment in this one-time money is currently earmarked to have left out opportunities to make dire and critical investments into our city's small businesses who have already shouldered much of the burdens through both professional and personal philanthropy that have arisen from the uptake in vandalism, violence, and houseless crisis and all the byproducts those conditions accrue. As we review, it looks like roughly only 4 percent of this one-time funding, 2.3 million which was reduced in tonight's council session, was allotted to economic investment. Additionally, all of that funding is going to prosper Portland and zero money is going to other economic development groups who serve low-income, disadvantaged, and minority business owners that continue to face disproportionate barriers to revenue growth while being asked to wait patiently in the face of their demise. We much rather see this one-time funding be used to help infuse small businesses with free technical support, micro grants, and advocacy. We acknowledge that the social service crisis we face is dire and urgent and so too is the crisis

faced by business owners each and every day. Each of these small business owners represents a Portland family and each of these family members have needs and are served, and are not served but --

Clerk: Next up we have mark Poris.

Marc Poris: Thank, my name is mark Poris, I live in northeast Portland, and use he/him pronouns. I'm here for two things today, the first is that I just want to thank everyone on city council for expressing your support for the expansion of Portland Street Response. Now of course special thanks to commissioner Hardesty for leading the effort. When I see this support it makes me think that all of you understand how dangerous it could be for many of our community members to encounter armed Portland police officers. I wish we'd seen this level of support from mayor Wheeler and commissioners Ryan and Mapps during the spring budget process when 2 million dollars was removed from commissioner Hardesty's request for Portland Street Response and added to the graffiti removal program. Had Portland police response been funded in the spring we likely would still have at least one more living community member with us today, my great townsend was shot and killed by a ppb officer in June during a welfare check. We can't keep sending armed police officers out to do welfare checks, so thanks again for getting on board with Portland Street Response. The second reason I'm here is to ask you not to bring back officers who've retired. It's a short-term proposal that that really just kicks the can of re-imagining safety in Portland down the road. The way to get to a safer Portland for all of us is to make sure that everyone has what they need to survive and thrive. Shelter, food, physical health care, mental health care, please use the money that you currently have earmarked for more police to build up systems of support instead. When you do that and when you stay committed to it for the long term, you're going to find out that you won't need as many sworn officers. That's all I've got, have a lovely evening.

Clerk: Next up we have Kris Estes, Tom Perrick, and Brandon Farley.

Kris Estes: Good evening, thank you for letting me speak. I've had the opportunity to listen since 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, I want to lend my voice to the chorus of the citizens who have been advocating the need for increased safety and to cleaning up our city. I'm a lifelong Portlander, I am sharing the broken heart that I heard so many business owners and mothers

and people who are just distressed by seeing the fact that we can't even walk down our streets or be safe in our neighborhoods anymore without the fear of gun violence, without the fear of tripping over homeless people, it is truly a crisis. I have fortunately learned a lot today by listening to all this, so I feel wiser for this experience and just really want to lend my support. I think that things that Peter Blackstone shared were spot on, I loved Bonnie's poem about the heartbreak of seeing just Portland be completely destroyed by the lack of any action on the current homeless crisis, and I just urge you to continue to support that. I am distressed that the meeting started off with amendments taking money out of this program, putting it towards the air tram, putting it towards lights in downtown Portland, I don't see that as much value if people aren't willing to go to downtown Portland. So again, I think that this started off with the recognition that our city is in crisis and wanting to do the things we can to address that, and I would urge you continue to move forward in that direction recognizing that these funds came from businesses that are being devastated by the current situation in our city. If those funds come to you in that direction, it's best to invest them back in that direction.

Mayor: Thank you. And colleagues, just a heads up and to folks still waiting to testify after the next two we'll take a 10-minute recess.

Clerk: Next up we have Tom Perrick.

Tom Perrick: Thank you, Keelan and thank you, Mayor Wheeler and Council. I am Tom Herrick tonight representing the Oregon restaurant and lodging association, I am a registered lobbyist in the city of Portland. I have a written testimony or council packet and I'll just add a few more comments here. I'm representing approximately 60 Portland hotels and 220 Portland restaurants, from exciting new startups to the iconic local hotels and restaurant names that we all know and love. In the last twenty months, no industry has been dealt a more severe economic blow than the hospitality industry. For the lodging and restaurant operations fortunate enough to have survived the pandemic, they've been rewarded with months of violent demonstrations, property destructions, graffiti, vandalism, theft, and more broken windows than we care to count. Add to that the verbal assaults and sometimes physical assaults of our hotel and restaurant staffs, our guests, and our vendors by those in mental crisis or by those in masks just looking to break things and rant. Travel Portland

recently quantified at the convention and conference business in Portland that has been lost. First due to covid, and now due to lawlessness, destruction, and the city's badly damaged reputation. We will never know really how much business was lost by people and companies who just quietly took their business elsewhere. Council needs to pass this supplemental budget, get villages open and functioning, add navigation teams and Portland Street Response teams that work so tremendously in the community, add impact reduction teams for trash removal that blights our streets and hillsides, adopt a citywide real time dashboard for shelter bed availability, and by all means retained, rehire, and recruit more armed police officers and more unarmed peace officers. Law abiding citizens are tired, taxpaying businesses and employers are tired, and you can bet the hospitality industry your best ambassadors to the city is beyond tired. You have our support in passing this supplemental budget and I thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up we have Brandon Farley.

Brandon Farley: Hello, I'm Brandon Farley. Last fall budget a majority of people giving testimony wanted to defund the police and stop the sweeps, this year many are singing a different tune. As city leaders you should have always been in support of our safety and sanitation. First, I want to knowledge the family of Jacob Vasquez and give my deepest condolences for their loss. I hope don's testimony today resonates with the council and the evil act accordingly. Expand our police force, commit to removing dangerous criminals from our streets, and hold traffic violators and open drug users accountable. In the wake of this alarming increase of homeless camp and squatter fires, we need more assistance from Portland fire and rescue. That should include adequate staffing for the fire department on southeast boulevard and Milwaukee. In collaboration with Multnomah County, we will add 400 shelter beds in the near future. That's a step in the right direction. Ideally as a community with self-professed human compassion, we should offer more housing and income opportunities to uplift our financially dispartage citizens but that's not in the discussion at the moment. So let's work with what we have, stop trying to reinvent the wheel, commissioner Ryan safe rest villages are an overhyped and unnecessary expense that not only uglifies the landscape, it merely places homeless people in single occupancy wooden tents and effectively does nothing to end homelessness which should actually be the goal.

The reason you can't find even six promised locations is because nobody wants this in their backyard. We can enforce the code against illegal camping and still be in compliance with hb3115, offer free bus tickets to relocate homeless to other cities that currently have shelter capacity. Finally, we have to look at the data. Acknowledge what isn't working and cut it off by the umbilical cord, I'm talking about Portland Street Response. Stop funding programs that make you as politicians look good to the voting public and actually do something to preserve our future.

Clerk: Mayor, that completes this group of testifiers.

Mayor: Thank you, Keelan. Colleagues, it's about 10 after. We will reconvene at 20 after just to give everybody here a brief break. We are in recess until 20 after the hour. [recess] all right, we are back in session. Thank you, Keelan.

Clerk: Okay, next up we have Wendy Rhom, E FLC, and Sarah Iannarone. Wendy, you're muted are you able to unmute? All right, let's go to E FLC

E FLC: Hello, everyone. I'm E, I use she/her/they pronouns. I volunteer with free lunch collectives, and we are an anarchist mutual aid group here in Portland. We bring food and supplies to our houseless neighbors including sometimes the sanctioned camps when those resources have fallen short. I'm here today to say that sweeps should not be considered houseless services and ask that the proposal of fund of fivefold increase in sweeps be eliminated from the 11-point plan. Sweeps harm the houseless community and mutual aid groups like ours are on the ground every day witnessing that harm firsthand. That 6.5 million dollars could be used to fund long term solutions like transitional housing options in addition to the 400 temporary overnight shelter beds that are being proposed currently. People in the streets need homes not sweeps. These budget proposals are in large part focused on refunding programs and bureaus that have historically been shown to harm the people of Portland. The amount of funding for ppb being proposed during this budget monitoring process makes it clear that the thousands of Portlanders protesting in the streets since George Floyd was murdered have not been heard. Why would funding the expansion of ppb's behavioral health unit be proposed instead of fully funding programs like Portland Street Response right now. In 2020, the people of Portland asked you to defund the police and invest in the community, not even a year and a half later you're trying to refund them. Mayor

Wheeler, we urge you to re-evaluate your priorities and listen to the people of Portland.

That's all.

Clerk: Next up we have Sarah Iannarone.

Sarah Iannarone: Hi, good evening. Thank you for your hard work here. We appreciate you taking time and staying so late on this issue. Behind me I have some good data showing that the amount of police we have isn't going to reduce the crime that we have in our city. You've heard from the advocates, the passionate people working here on the ground, about what will work and I'm encouraging you to listen to them. I want to say sincere gratitude to commissioner Rubio, I think addressing the climate crisis with urgency is important so thank you for advocating for that. And I want to say thank you to commissioner Hardesty because traffic violence, the deaths from it, are almost as high as from gun violence and I don't see people turning out in droves to say fully funded PBOT, open my streets, get me traffic calming, stop the deaths. We had two deaths on Powell just last week. We have to think about these things in context of who is dying on our streets. I watched this whole hearing today and you know what? Not one person was testifying from inside a tent, from under a blue tarp, they don't have wi-fi, they're not here, they see where you're sweeping them, they see when you move them from in front of the raceway because you need to host an event there. I am paying out of pocket to clean up in my neighborhood, I'm paying out of pocket to clean up in Saint Johns, we're delivering water, we're delivering basic services for the amount of every executive that you add to this problem solving, we can fund a whole camp for a whole year at the community level. So I need you to stop throwing good money after bad, paying too much for cops who don't achieve what we need them to especially those very expensive just retired police who are double dipping on us, and let's please get back to what we were trying to accomplish all last summer which was rethinking our future so that it is just. So it is humane, so people are not dying unnecessarily on our streets. Please use our money wisely, invest where it will help, stop funding things that do not help and keep your good work commissioner Hardesty and commissioner Rubio. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Alayna Windham, Samantha O'Reilly, and Seemab Hussaini.

Alayna Windham: Good evening, my name is Alayna Windham, she/her pronouns. I'm a teacher in east county, homeowner, and resident of southeast Portland. I spoke in a prior

budget meeting, spent all of last summer in the streets, and I'm here again today to say that I am beyond disappointed about all the proposals regarding police and Ted Wheeler's continued devotion to the police bureau over the needs of a majority of residents in our city, along with Commissioner Mapps and Ryan. Last summer forever changed my life. We witnessed and experienced war crimes committed by police and unless you were out there, you'll never know the trauma that results from that. I'll never accept that violence from police as normal and with no accountability it has been made so. I cannot and will not move on and when I see some of you are supposed to represent us do so without any hesitation, no memory for what we went through with the city, no memory for what we were and are still demanding, I feel sick. When I see you openly supporting and advocating for the historically racist and violent system, we were beaten in the streets for speaking out about, I feel angry. To be honest, I'm enraged. I get why people break windows. I've tried to participate in every forum I can over the last year and a half to do my part, learn, participate, and advocate for what I now see is the truth, which is that police don't keep us safe or prevent violence. They compound and create more harm. Portland officers in particular have proven themselves to be a danger to the community and I want more of them off our streets. Your dismissals of the requests and demands of thousands of Portlanders who flooded the street last year to not give our money to the police and to reallocate it to alternatives is absolutely maddening, after everything we've been through. The data on police clearance rates don't support that police are the answer. Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty for all your steadfast work especially with the street response team. You're on the right side of history and your name will be honored for that.

Clerk: Next up we have Samantha O'Reilly.

Samantha O'Reilly: Hello, good evening. My name is Samantha, they/she/her pronouns. I am resident in the southwest acres neighborhood in Portland and I also work in northwest Portland. I've lived in Portland for half my life and I have continuously seen the Portland police bureau be a tool of violent white supremacy against the black and people of color in this community. I've also seen them do untold violence against our help unhoused community and our citizens that also experience mental illness and to have this budget surplus and continue to double down on giving more funding to a system of policing that

does not work and does not have good outcomes for the people that they're supposed to be servicing, is just hitting your head against the wall just because. There are other solutions at hand that have been shown to work such as housing first. There are other policy proposals that are being talked about this evening that would have much better outcomes for people, but instead we're dedicating to throwing more money -- for the only real organized crime in this community which is the Portland police association. I would much rather see this funds and this excess spent on real solutions for supportive housing, permanent housing, not temporary solutions, safe camping zones necessarily, but as this temporary solution? Sure. When I hear a lot from people on this call is a staggering lack of compassion and understanding, that just because people are unhoused and living on camps means somehow that they are undeserving of dignity and basic human respect. These people live just like us they just don't have the benefit and privilege of living under four walls and a roof. And they are not criminals because they are unhoused and it's wrong of us, immoral of us to criminalize those people for being in those circumstances. We can do better, we should do better.

Thank you for time.

Clerk: Next up we have Seemab Hussaini.

Seemab Hussaini: Hi, greetings. Seemab Hussein, community organizer cofounder for Muslim civil rights organization in the state. Yeah, tucker carlson, jeanine pirro, sean hannity, donald trump, it's an industry of misinformation which is the base of igniting white fragility, nimbyism, fear mongering, anti-police accountability, and distortion of the 2020 protesters as overall violent. It's been made manifest, all of it, in this in this entire display of the mayor's office through a massive pr push, and it's worked. Congratulations. I'm not kidding, like it it's been very impressive and it's a work. You can hear all the fears and the base nature of which people are now reacting out of pure ignorance without actually being delivered actual data, but between the mayors addressing of these solutions are based on our houseless community, gun violence, and police funding. These set of solutions are based on unsound data and intentionally done so with heavy investment in really nice pr campaigns at the expense of lives that I've buried. Children, three of them in the last two years. Gun violence is not led to the shuttering of gun violence reduction team, which historically has had less than 25 percent clearance rates on homicides at its best. If anything, it's had a proven track record

of profiling young black men and children at their peak of operation. The mirror pedals law enforcement as a deterrent to crime as the only function and appear after the fact, and never have played a function to reduce. With very little time left, I would ask you guys to understand and independent research this week have released data visualizations. Please go to Portland mercury and check it out. This is the truth, this is what people need to hear and see. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Kevin Provost, Oak A, and Emery More.

Kevin Provost: Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk: We hear you.

Provost: My name is Kevin Provost. I've lived and worked in Portland for 20 years and I am against the proposal to add any funding to the Portland Police Bureau. I disagree with the fear-based testimony I've heard here today that frames the city as a war zone, or Portlanders as children who need the parenting of an authoritarian city state with a standing army. I believe instead that we need to fund efforts at civilization and mutual aid. PPB already has budget authorization to fill about 130 open positions, they frequently mention their lack of resources when excusing their failures to serve and protect Portlanders, but I believe they use the word resources as opposed to budget in reference to human resources they are unable to entice. Shoveling more budget into the PPB is a waste, PPB is a failed organization and it's not for lack of funding. More important than their failures though is the corrupt Portland Police Association, or PPA, which has such control over Portland government that is akin to a protection racket. Their contract with the city makes it impossible to simply reform PPB because PPA fights every effort for police accountability or community control and they have the contractual power to win those battles. The only way to break the PPA stranglehold over the Mayor and the city government is to eliminate that organization that will only happen when PPB is reduced or ideally replaced. The Mayor has provided no data to back up the proposal to increase PPB funding, even after arguing that Portland Street Response should not be expanded until there was data to support that expansion. Same should be true for PPB. Defunding the police has been misrepresented as an elimination of public safety. That's false. We all want to save the city, let's start by admitting that PPA has made PPB a public safety failure. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Oak A.

Oak A: Good evening, I would like to first off start by thanking -- for the land acknowledgment earlier. We exist on stolen land, everything we do should be acknowledged that. My testimony reflects a lot of what the last testimony said. So many nonprofits and programs like psr have to jump through so many hoops to be justified, to get their funding, to exist, meanwhile the status quo of armed police officers means little to no resistance. Crime goes up, you add more cops even though the data says it won't do anything, even though there's so many studies showing that the way to reduce crime is to give people homes and to take care of their needs. As someone who's currently studying social work, I can tell you that there has been no class I have gone into that has taught me that more armed people make situations communities better. For the people here who are angling for more cops, I want you to think about why that is. I want you to investigate that internally why they make you feel safe, why your community scares you, why the people trying to survive on the streets scare you. People turn to crime when they're desperate, if you don't meet their needs they will continue to. No police officer can stop that, no police force can eliminate crime in a city, it doesn't work like that. The data shows that, it's been reflected time and time again. These waves of more cops and crime have been repeated so many times. I'm against the budget, I'm against paying cops 25,000 dollars as bonus to sign on, I'm against these armed officers in our streets. The idea that you're going to get foot patrol is ridiculous by the way. Those cops are not stepping out of their suvs. Not unless it's to brutalize somebody. You're not going to get police officers walking down your streets, they're not your friends. To the person earlier who told the story about the guy with the flags on the building, that person had interaction with the police and he was still there. So clearly it doesn't work, I can't believe you'd still testify after that. To my mutual aid community, thank you so much for the work you do. You are seen, your labor is incredible, thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have emery mort.

Emory Mort: Hello, mayor, council. My name is Emory Mort, I am a volunteer amongst the Portland metro people's coalition. For the record, based on just a quick review I want to express my support for the following amendments. Hardesty's one through four, Rubio one, Ryan one, and Wheeler two. I want to address some key misunderstandings around policing

policy and staffing. Like with housing, in policing federal policy is both telling and key. After talks broke down federal qualified immunity remains in place, meaning a massive movement against police brutality failed to move a single republican senator or the police lobby or the justice system. And that hurts us here and it resonates because locally, police have freely offered barely any substantive reforms. On body cameras they have still not accepted policy put forth by the community, yet the city is set to endorse 2.6 million dollars for so-called accountability measures. Imagine a world where the policing industry had come forward offering structural changes or endorsing and acting on a stance of justice. Instead, and this gets to the so-called police staffing shortages, police professionals are actively badmouthing the city. They are recruiting officers away from Portland. They are bargaining hard against Portland Street Response that alleviates their workload. Furthermore, police corruption and racism led to a massive crisis at the state training center, that dpsst, and that has slowed training and recruiting. So the bureau has 127 open positions and for some reason this is being blamed on people fighting for the very policies that we need. I want us all to thrive and heal and I hope the council and county put forth amazing work. And to solve difficult problems, it's made more difficult when we're misconstruing problems and using pain to exploit political ends. Thanks for your efforts. Happy to discuss anytime and let's work better together.

Clerk: Next up we have Noah Grunzweig, Nick Caleb, and Terri Parkin.

Noah Grunzweig: Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes, we hear you.

Grunzweig: Great, thank you council. Noah Grunzweig here. White, he/they, property owner in southeast Portland. Don't spend more money on cops please, don't bring back more or retired cops, a whole lot of things I want to say but I'll just add something that's kind of personal experience. I have a couple of houseless folks who live much of the week and did full time for a little while in my backyard. They're nice folks, one of them was a guy struggles with some mental health stuff and also struggles with my work because of a felony. And sometimes he breaks down bloody screaming and hollering in the back of my house and I send him a text and ask if he's okay, and usually says no, I'm struggling. Thanks for checking in. I should go for a walk and cool off. He and his partner are looking for work that will hire

them and that won't exploit them and you know they really need to get a job? An apartment. You know 62 million dollars could put 750 dollars every month for one year into the hands of 7500 adults and children in neighborhoods experiencing the greatest inequity. That's one full year of relief money that could be spent on housing or whatever things the recipients need to recover and stabilize, not what we think they need. And my experience tells me that human beings know what they need, it's our culture that has taught us that we the haves no better than they have nots because they have not clearly aren't people. People who medicate, self medicate, on the streets are often doing so because there's no stability in sight. People don't choose that when they see that there's a path towards disability and that could stabilize or offer stability to almost every houseless person in Portland, not just 400 so. Last thing I want to say is the time and conservatives are waging, culture war and controlling liberal narratives about policing, and getting hella creative ways to disenfranchise and control others. Like, why is one of the most self-proclaimed --

Clerk: Next up we have Nick Caleb.

Hardesty: Excuse me, before Nick speaks, can I ask where's the clock? I'm not seeing it anymore.

Clerk: Yep, we had a technical glitch, it dropped out. We're trying to get it added back.

Hardesty: Okay, thank you.

Nick Caleb: Greetings Mayor Wheeler and the rest of council. My phone may die, I've been waiting for a little bit here. Thanks for enduring all the testimony. Just quickly I wanted to support and raise up a lot of the testimony that drew into question the narrative around policing and crime statistics. I think it's a false argument that's being put forward and I feel like I'm back in the 1980s or something like that with the tough on crime rhetoric that's being pushed around in the city of Portland right now and the intentional fear mongering and promotion of narratives that are just not defensible by any data at all. I'd also like to say that there are programs available like Portland Street Response and also funding stop positions within the bureau of planning sustainability for climate emergency resolution activities that are going to yield a lot better economic benefits than over policing will. So as my phone dies, thanks again for listening and hope we're able to reallocate funds to areas that are actually

going to support carrying and life affirming activities in Portland and not just continuing cycles of fear and violence. Thanks very much.

Clerk: Next up we have Terri Parkin. Terri, you're muted.

Terri Parkin: Hi, can you hear me now?

Clerk: We can hear you.

Parkin: Okay, thank you. I've got a couple of issues, I'll try to be short. I did some research recently based on the history of homelessness, I found out that across our country we've had homeless problem since 1851 with various iterations on how cities have chosen to deal with it. Since 2004 in our city the problem has become much, much worse based on the rising cost of rent, housing, and so forth. I looked at it like if it is in fact a humanitarian crisis, it should be dealt with as a humanitarian crisis and we could take patterns of approach and from, for instance if we deploy 20,000 military into a different country because there's a humanitarian crisis, how does the military deploy 20,000 people and house them within a few months? If we have a humanitarian crisis such as earthquakes, floods, and so forth, FEMA comes in and is able to house tens of thousands of people in a very short time because they have a method and a mode and a practice. I believe that we should use methods, modes, and practices that are in place that have proven to help people in need immediately within days and weeks and that we could use that as a model. Secondly, I agree, I believe we need more police that are better educated and kinder people. I've waited 45 minutes on the phone before for a non-emergency response when I saw people selling assault rifles on the corner. So that that's not going to work. I think that the whole idea of going completely against police is not going to be helpful, I believe that we do need help and we need different kinds of responders and police methods to get the street people housing immediately. Use models that have proven in our society to be helpful such as the ones that are easy to find on the internet. How does the military have 20,000 people in three weeks? How do they do that? We could do the same thing and work on permanent housing later. Thank you.

Clerk: Okay, next up we have Sam Pierce, Diane McMann, and Wendy Rom. Sam, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Okay, let's move on to Diane McMann. Might not be on the call, let's try Wendy rom. Wendy, you're muted. All right, let's try advocates for lead free Portland. Next, we'll hear from Elliott Young and Tess Fields.

Elliott Young: Hi, good evening. Thank you for staying with us. My name is Elliott Young, I formally was with --, I am professor of history at Lewis and Clark college. I want to start by acknowledging that I believe that all of the commissioners sitting here tonight want to promote public safety and gun violence and make Portland safer. That is the common ground we stand on. If we're going to have a substantive conversation about how to do this however, we need to have a data informed conversation. One of the most frequent refrains I've heard in Portland from the media, politicians, and certain dark money groups and tonight by some of the people testifying, is that crime is way up in the city. This is simply false. According to ppb data, crime since 2017 through September 2021 is essentially flat and in written testimony, I've done the graph using the ppb data and you can see that this is true, you could check the data yourself. It is true that homicides have experienced a recent surge and are at record levels and that gun violence is also up, but in a city that has around 60,000 crimes a year, the 70 plus homicides are not reflective of a general pattern of crime. Something must be done to reduce gun violence and homicides, but what must be done? Some argue that more police will reduce homicides, but where is the evidence? Researchers who have studied this issue nationally indicate that the relationship between more police and fewer homicides is mixed at best. A study by Morgan Williams of 242 cities between 1981 and 2018 -- well let me just end because I see my time is ending, the relationship is not there and more police is going to end up causing more harm. Thank you for listening.

Clerk: Next we have Tess Fields.

Tess Fields: Hi, can you hear me?

Clerk: We can hear you.

Fields: Okay, thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you commissioners for all of your hard work. My name is Tess, I'm the executive director for home share Oregon. We're a nonprofit organization working to expand access to affordable housing across the state of Oregon and prevent the rising number of homeless Oregonians as result of the lack of affordable housing. Currently there's 1.5 million spare bedrooms and unoccupied homes across the state and one in every three homeowners are mortgage burdened. A two percent penetration means we could house 30,000 people affordably and keep 30,000 people in their homes who are at risk of a foreclosure. In home share Oregon we call this

underutilized housing stock which is already directed and can be put to use. When we launched our program, we weren't really clear what the response would be. We had people that were really skeptical about whether or not folks would genuinely home share or provide it with encouragement, support tools, and incentives. We went up on television radio and what we learned after that experience was there an overwhelming ask for the number of homeowners across the state and in Portland were willing to share their homes and clearly an amazing number of people who are interested in home sharing as renters is significantly less money to home share than it is to rent an apartment. We had over 2000 people traffic our website, 633 people signed up to home share, and hundreds of emails and phone calls came flooding into the organization. In fact, the response was so overwhelming the organization needed to take the ads down until we could obtain more staffing. Home share programs are up and running across our globe and exist in many, many states across the country and these programs are financially supported with the city dollars. The solution of the affordable housing crisis has got to be approached with innovation, creativity, and courage. Home sharing is a critical part of this solution and also an obvious one because it does expand access to affordable housing for many, many people that are low income and does not require new infrastructure. Thank you for your time and have a good night.

Mayor: Before you disappear, commissioner Hardesty I think has a comment or a question. Commissioner, go ahead.

Hardesty: Yes. Thank you, mayor and thank you, Tess. Before I came to city hall, I learned of a program that echo medical ministries did that was very similar and it was kind of like a speed dating thing where houseless community members would come to an event with housed community members and empty nesters. They'd meet, if they made a connection they would have a contract, and off they'd go, right? When I first got here, I actually approached the joint office, wouldn't it be great if we started a program like this? And needless to say we never did. My point is that you're absolutely right, we need a multitude of solutions. We will never build housing fast enough to house all the people in our community on the street today and certainly not the ones coming as of December 1st. So I want to know more about your program, please contact my office, this is the kind of innovation we need and we need the whole community helping us, not us sitting here as electives saying we've

got the answer. We don't. It's out there in the community and thank you for being here tonight.

Tess: Thank you so much. Thank you so much and thanks for everybody's hard work.

Hardesty: You just froze Tess but feel the love. Thank you, appreciate you being here.

Clerk: That completes testimony mayor.

Wheeler: Well that actually went a little faster than I thought it would. Thank you everybody who showed up to testify tonight. Thank you for making great points in very limited time.

Thanks for making space for everybody to have that opportunity. So colleagues and Wendy our very able attorney, correct me if I do any of this incorrectly, but I believe at this juncture I would ask my colleagues if they have any final amendments that they'd like to put forth finishing that and I assume that we will go through the amendments one by one.

Alternatively if people have questions for staff, assuming we still have staff available, which I think we do, there would be an opportunity to ask questions. And Director Kinard, you're still here as well, correct?

Hardesty: I see you on the screen.

Kinard: Yes, mayor. I'm here.

Wheeler: Okay, good. Commissioner Hardesty, you've got your hand raised, go ahead.

Hardesty: Yes, mayor. We've had a lot tonight and there were some really good ideas presented to us. I am not in a position of formulating my mind, there's too much information rolling around. Amendments for tonight, is this my only opportunity to provide amendments before we vote on this document on next Wednesday?

Wheeler: I'm going to ask Director Kinard. It is my understanding that we are time pressured.

Kinard: So my understanding of the sort of legislative process is that that in order to -- the amendments need to be proposed and voted on today. If members of council wanted to offer additional amendments next week, that would require a continuation to the final votes to the following week which is thanksgiving holiday and to my understanding, council's not planning on meeting that week. So there is a desire to move forward with the vote by next week. There is an option, if there were additional amendments put forward, I believe that council could vote to add an emergency clause next week if there was a unanimous vote.

Hardesty: Mayor, I've heard too much information tonight to really formulate in my head what would be appropriate amendments. Like you, I really appreciate all the testimony that I've heard and I do have some concerns about the longtime implications of some of the stuff that we're doing tonight. I just have -- I've heard too much to actually propose amendments and I'm not sure if I'm in a position to vote on the amendments that we've already just put on the table. Some of those amendments are inconsistent with some of the recommendations that I want to move forward. So again, I'm feeling rushed through no fault of my own. I would have liked to have had more time to have more conversation, but I'm not going to vote on something just because there's arbitrary timeline that I have to vote on it. So I need advice, maybe that's counsel, of how we move forward in a way that is legally appropriate but not forcing us into a little box that I'm not good with. City attorney?

Hain: Sorry, commissioner Hardesty. My understanding is that there would be a vote on the amendments that were put on the table and seconded, but that you could have additional amendments that modified those amendments. But with that in mind, Director Kinard would then need to ascertain whether those amendments had impacts on the budget as a whole. Is that your understanding? Yes?

Kinard: Yes.

Hardesty: I feel I have been put in a box that is very uncomfortable, I'm being asked to vote on long term policy decisions without having enough time to deliberate on it, and I am very uncomfortable with that. There are some things I think we should do immediately, like the 18 million that we're working with the county, but you this is not a good process. So I'm looking for recommendations about how we are respectful of getting to a conclusion in a timely manner, but it is not the council's fault that we are in this time crunch. That decision was made by somebody else, nobody asked me.

Wheeler: Well, I'll speak for myself. I hear what you're saying commissioner Hardesty and I want to respect your needs, I'm prepared to vote tonight on the amendments that have been put on the table. I think there has been sufficient opportunity or at least there is sufficient opportunity tonight to discuss those amendments. As far as additional amendments that might be forthcoming, we've known what the number is and we've provided opportunities for council to provide amendments, we've even collaborated on a couple together,

commissioner, which I'm very grateful for, but I don't know if I can ask the council to delay indefinitely this process. And I guess Director Kinard, I didn't quite understand the answer you gave to commissioner Hardesty about the time frame.

Kinard: So mayor, what I would encourage -- I think it's important because primarily for reasons related to the cal target authorization, the bureaus are wanting to see this ordinance pass so that they can receive their targets for next year's budget process. My concern with the timing is that in two weeks' time it's thanksgiving and council is not planning on meeting and then if the ordinance gets continued beyond that, then we're in December. But that says to me is ideally council would vote to pass the entire ordinance next week. There are two options to do that, one would be to vote on all the amendments today and continue the item to second reading to vote next week. Additionally I believe that folks could offer additional amendments next week and you could hold the vote next week if you were to have a unanimous support and add an emergency clause.

Wheeler: And what if we did not? What if we held the vote till next week and we did not have unanimous support? Let me give you a scenario, somebody offers up an amendment, the amendment does not carry, they say I'm not going to support the total package as a result of an amendment not making it onto the table, then what happens?

Kinard: Then the option is for the item either to continue or to fail. So the item could continue and if council is willing to meet the week of thanksgiving, we could take it up then, or it would continue to December, or the item could also fail. We are not required to pass the fall bump as we are in the same way with our annual development budget...

Wheeler: How much time must pass between a first -- if we were to vote tonight, and I'm just being hypothetical and I'm going to pull my colleagues on this in a minute, but if we were to vote tonight on the amendments and move this to second reading, we have to wait some number -- I guess the question I'm asking is, Friday is off but I'm prepared to work if necessary to get this closed, could we meet again on Friday?

Kinard: I think I would defer to Wendy or Linly to help me answer that.

Wheeler: That may a holiday, I'm not real clear on that but...

Rees: Let me jump in Wendy just because I've been communicating with staff on this. You could meet on a Friday, you have to give 24 hours' notice for any special meeting. I think

we're at a point where because tomorrow is a holiday, that's difficult, it's possible. So you could potentially meet on Friday. You need to have five days in between any amendment and final passage of a non-emergency ordinance.

Wheeler: Okay, I'm trying to get commissioner Hardesty out of her box and I'm not being successful. So I guess what my preference would be, commissioner and people don't have to necessarily agree with this, my preference would be since we've put the amendments on the table tonight, we've seconded the amendments, we've heard testimony on those amendments, my preference would be to vote on the amendments we have tonight, then move this to second reading. If I understood Director Kinard correctly and Wendy and please immediately tell me if I'm wrong, if commissioner Hardesty wanted to bring forth an amendment next week at the second reading, she could do that but then we would not necessarily vote on the entirety of the package next week, it would have to go to another day. Is that correct?

Kinard: That is correct, mayor. Unless the council...

Wheeler: Unless the council can reach unanimous agreement at the end of the next week's session, that we're all in agreement and we're all going to vote for because it requires unanimity for us to be able to put an emergency clause on it for next week, correct? Otherwise we would go to the following Wednesday, which is thanksgiving vacation, but I work every day anyway so I'm more concerned about city staff than I am myself or my colleagues on the city council. But at least it's what I'm hearing you say is it's theoretically possible we could do that.

Kinard: That's correct.

Hardesty: Just to help this conversation, if in fact there are amendments next week, if in fact we end up where I don't feel comfortable that I can vote for this package, my understanding is that if I just happened to be in the restroom when you vote, the four council members who are present will be able to continue to vote and that would be a unanimous vote. Am I accurate?

Hain: I'm going to ask you to jump in here.

Rees: I'll jump in, an emergency requires a unanimous vote of all of those present. So if you are not present...

Wheeler: -- minimum of four.

Rees: Correct.

Hardesty: With a minimum of four, yes.

Wheeler: So nobody wants to say it so I will, commissioner Hardesty, the answer to your question is yes. Commissioner Ryan, I see you have your hand raised.

Ryan: Yeah, I hope this helps. So what I heard is that we're going to vote on the amendments that we listed earlier -- excuse me, that all of us were aware of for the past few days and we've been working on, our staffs have been working on, so none of this is a surprise, however we've heard some compelling testimony and we could bring an amendment next week, but that amendment would have to pass unanimously for it to be considered.

Kinard: No.

Ryan: No?

Rees: Can I add one thing in just really quickly? I don't want to presume what council will do with any amendments next week presented by any of you, but if an amendment were presented and were to fail, there's no amendment to the ordinance. So council could vote on the unamended ordinance without an emergency next week. If there is an amendment, it is supported by the council, then you would have to wait another five days to vote.

Wheeler: Correct. That's my understanding, thank you.

Hardesty: Unless there was an emergency clause, right?

Ryan: I was trying to say, an emergency clause.

Hardesty: Just want to make sure we close that loop, okay.

Wheeler: So commissioner Hardesty, I have your attention, it sounds like this is a path that you would accept voting on the amendments tonight, moving to second reading, this would give you a couple of days to ask questions and potentially enter new amendments, or not, between now and next Wednesday. Commissioner Ryan, does this work for you?

Ryan: Yeah, it's what I've been thinking about all day.

Wheeler: Great. Commissioner Rubio?

Rubio: Yes.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps? Commissioner Mapps, you're muted still.

Mapps: Yes, this is fine.

Wheeler: Awesome. Okay, good. Then with that, colleagues, why don't we just go through, unless there other any other general questions before we do this, we'll just go through each of the amendments in the order they were presented. We'll go ahead and start with --

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor.

Wheeler: Yeah.

Hardesty: I actually do have a couple of general questions and I realize it's a late hour so I'm not even sure if anybody's here that could answer it. This is an overall policy question, not specific to an issue. We've been talking about adding two to 300 staff in Portland police bureau, I heard you say that in several press conferences over the last couple of weeks and this budget of course doesn't fund that.

Wheeler: Correct.

Hardesty: But what I wanted to say is we right now have 130 vacant positions in Portland police bureau and as you know we funded 30 additional positions in the June budget process, so we have 160 funded positions already in Portland police bureau. The issue of course is we have a hiring issue and we also have an issue of training that still needs to happen. As I was looking through the community officer and community liaison report, we're still waiting on information that should inform how we bring people into the police bureau, and I don't see that reflected at all. I see us running to solutions without actually answering the outstanding questions. For example, we will have a report at the end of this year on white supremacist activity within the place bureau and whether or not the police show up differently when black lives matters protest as compared to white supremacist, or soccer moms. The community has strong opinions about what's going on with that so I think it's really important that before we start finalizing plans for a specific number, that we first get staffing study done so that we can actually find out a, what Portland police officers do today, and b, what the community wants them to do tomorrow. And so again, I want to be a partner, I have had great conversation with Chief Lovell, and I think that he and I are in alignment as far as values are concerned. What we're not in alignment on is the rhetoric around what is happening on our streets right now and whether or not police are using the resources they have an inappropriate way. I'm saying this now because we are setting policy with this vote,

otherwise we'd be having this conversation over a few months as we're preparing for the next budget cycle. I also noticed that the use of force has gone up over the last couple of years in Portland police bureau and has gone up with the behavioral health unit. And the -- has asked many questions that have yet not been answered about why that is. And so again, if we're talking about setting policies about this transformation that we're going to do in policing, I'm 100 percent in support of us hiring a civilian trainings -- but I think we should not be deciding whether we set up trainings now before we have a new person in place. So as I look at all the data we're still waiting for, as I look at all the information we don't have, we're still waiting for the august 8th report about why white supremacists were allowed to run free in my neighborhood while 400 police officers were on duty and there was 150,000 dollars spent in overtime. And so, you're asking me to invest in policies before I get the answers to some critical questions as I work with you to do the transformation that the community demanded of us last year when we had 70,000 emails and 700 people testify. I find it ironic tonight at this fall budget bump process everybody's ready to vote, last year though we were too confused, they had too much information and they couldn't vote because they had to process the information. I'm a little emotional about this because I see us going down a path that we need answers before we go down that path. And so I'd love to have a conversation about what is the policy we're moving forward, if we approve this budget?

Wheeler: Yeah, fair question and I appreciate the way you laid that out. I'd like to respectfully respond. First of all, the types of information that you requested and the types of changes that you requested I believe are in fact reflected in this fall budget but let me speak first more broadly to the question you asked. I'm out there talking about an aspirational 300 more officers, 200 who are sworn, certified officers, 100 are the unarmed ps3s, which I think is an important, not only reform for the Portland police bureau, I also see it as an important step in the right direction in terms of effective staffing and filling the gaps with the kind of response we need for non-emergency calls through ppb. There has been some data that I have not had a chance to thoroughly evaluate put forth today about how crime is not impacted by the number of officers. I'm also interested in the question of response, and as I said right up front, I'm concerned about our very slow response times to critical calls. When people in this community call 911 and they say they're being burglarized or they're being

carjacked or there's somebody with a gun in their store, the police need to respond in a timely manner. You have been a leader in questions asking about that response and offering up other alternatives that would help reduce the demand for policing like the street response. I put forth my best effort to the ps3 program, commissioner Mapps is trying to steer us towards an improved 311 non-emergency system so more of those calls are shunted away from the police bureau towards other more appropriate service providers, and from my perspective this isn't an either or. I see this as a both and in a more comprehensive solution, I don't come to this with an activist mentality but there's some peace I just won't accept. I'm trying to look at the totality of the public safety system and I said right up front and I know you have said in the past the public safety means different things to different people and it requires a holistic approach and I agree on that. Some of the things that we are directly investing include the dean of education and training, the civilian dean of education and training, I think that's an important reform, it's also something that you know well commissioner Hardesty, the department of justice expects us to do. The study around crowd control that is focused on 2020 predominantly and what worked and what didn't work and I would expect that we would use, rather than just having a report that goes on the shelf, I'm hoping that is ingrained in our recruiting, in our training, in our directives, and that we get the value out of that consultant report. There is civilian oversight that we are bringing in. One of the things that sort of got lost in the shuffle here is that we are better staffing the Portland committee on community engaged policing through this budget. Separately, next spring I'll be asking for continuing resources for the focused intervention team civilian oversight group, the community oversight group, so that's another level of community engagement. And I agree with you on the staffing study, the funding is here for the staffing study to be conducted by mike myers with chief lovell and I would also assume the fire chief and the director of the bureau of emergency management and others to really get at where do we need to be? I have said aspirationally based on what I believe and what the chief believes that we are about 300 understaffed but we have to fund that study and we should know and have a data driven approach to that. The public needs me to express and state where am I headed and I want to be really open and honest with people about where I'm headed. So I appreciate what you're saying, I believe those issues are addressed in this budget as a first step and I've also agreed

to some of the additional parameters you've requested for the ps3 programs, I absolutely think that is the right policy. So I think there's some good compromising work that you and I have done together on this fall budget process.

Hardesty: Yes. I just wish we could have done more together on this process. There's a little data out of the -- report and just over the last couple of years about racial profiling. As you know committee had worked on that issue for quite a few years. I was actually shocked myself knowing that we've done limited patrols because of covid and other issues defining that all three precincts have seen a rise in African Americans being stopped and if you think about central 2.9 percent of the population is African American, yet 15.9 percent of the stops are of African Americans. East Portland, 5.6 percent population African American, 20.2 percent of the stops are of African Americans. And north precinct, 8.8 percent population African American, and a 20.2 percent traffic stop. Again, I believe that chief Lovell and I believe you, mayor, I believe you and I share a vision of what's possible moving forward. My question is putting 800,000 dollars aside to train officers like we've trained them in the past is not going to get us into the transformative future we want it to go to. I know that you are committed to this like I am and I am terrified that because we're making these limited investments with one-time money, that there's going to be a requirement that that money continues to be utilized in ways that we could utilize it now to help people on the street as compared to using it to build a system that we don't know what the system is we want to build yet. And again, I keep mentioning the reconciliation, out of that, the community will tell us how they want to be policed. It is not up to the police to tell us how we should be policed, or us as a city council, the community should tell us how they wanted policed.

Wheeler: This is a great conversation and you know you and I could discuss this all night because we heard a number of people testify tonight that they believe it's our responsibility as well to come up with this. But you and I have covered these talking points, we should let our colleagues in on this conversation as well. Colleagues, are we ready to vote on the amendments? Can I get a thumbs up for yes or...? Looks like a yes. Thumbs up, all right. So amendment number one and I'll just do a quick review. That's a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed to support winter and spring public events in the city of Portland. This is cosponsored by commissioner Mapps, this is

mayor Wheeler one, any further discussion on this item? Keelan, if you're still with us, I know you are and thank you for your efforts tonight. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Thank you, mayor. Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is passed. Number two, motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed for the behavioral health emergency coordination network, sometimes called beacon. Mayor two, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan:: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye. This is a great investment with one-time dollars.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Yeah, I want a second what commissioner Hardesty just said. We had a number of people testify about the withering need around mental health and crisis intervention in addition to the great work that's being done around the Portland Street Response beacon also offers great opportunity looking forward. I vote aye, the amendments adopted.

Amendment three, motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to cost related to the department of justice settlement agreement. That's a largely technical amendment, any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments adopted. Wheeler amendment number four, motion to make the following adjustments to supplemental budget is proposed to reflect reductions to several line item allocations. Any further discussion on that item? Seeing none, please call the roll on amendment four.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I'll confess, I have some disappointments in some of the choices that were made in this amendment. But overall I think it moves the ball forward, so I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: No.

Clerk: Wheeler

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment passes. Commissioner Hardesty amendment number one, this is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed to add directive age to the ordinance related to Portland police bureau for our retire/rehire program parameters. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Mapps: It's late at night, I would like to have more discussion about this but I am reassured -- well I'm reassured that commissioner Hardesty and the mayor have... Mr mayor, are you cosponsor of this?

Wheeler: This is a necessary must have in order to get the necessary council support for the retire/rehire program so I will just confess I will be voting for it, I will be supporting it.

Mapps: Okay, I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Mayor, I appreciate you working with me to make this motion a good one, one that I think the community who doesn't want us to hire retired cops they can feel comfortable that it will not be cops that had been part of the brutalization of what happened to community members all last summer. So I'm happy that we were able to come to this compromise agreement, I am happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. I vote aye, and the amendment is adopted. Hardesty number two, motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to move the expand public safety support specialist funding to policy set aside pending the outcome of a program evaluation in accordance with the fiscal year 21-22 adopted budget note requirements, and that's regarding the public safety support specialists that commissioner Hardesty and I were referencing earlier. Any further discussion on amendment 2? Seeing none, please call the role.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Mr. Mayor, colleagues, one thing I heard clearly tonight is the public's hunger to see the ps3 program expand. I'm glad to see that we're moving in this direction, I'm concerned that there's some language in here that will slow down the expansion of the ps3 program. If you want to reinvent policing for the 21st century, the ps3s I think are an obvious and important step forward. Again, this is an amendment both moves us I think two steps forward and one step back, but I will take the step forward and vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: The great thing about this amendment is it actually holds the police bureau accountable for reporting back to the city council as we asked them to do in the June budget process. We asked them, what do ps3s do all day? Do they just do paperwork in the police bureau because when it was presented, it was presented that this would be outwardly facing people that would engage with the public. I heard through this budget process that apparently there's a pilot in north Portland I knew nothing about that actually has ps3 storm patrols, we will have to negotiate that. So just because we have ps3s does not mean ps3s will be patrolling our neighborhoods. That is a bargainable issue and the public may not know that ps3s are in the same union as the Portland police bureau personnel are. And so, it makes it a little difficult to be negotiating a change in their job. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: The Portland police bureau is eager to demonstrate the success of this program, as am I, so I'm more than happy to support this. I vote aye, the amendments adopted.

Commissioner Hardesty number three, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed to eliminate an increase to the Portland police broke current appropriation cal target to the public safety support specialist program.

Kinard: So mayor, this is the component of the ps3s in the ordinance you filed, it included a cal target ongoing funding increase to remove that ongoing funding increase for those new ps3s.

Wheeler: Maybe could we get a little more description on this one?

Kinard: Sure, mayor. So the budget which you filed included both funding for limited term positions for -- I'm sorry, the budget that you filed included on going new authorized permanent fte to expand the ps3 program. In order to support permanent fte, it included both one-time funding to support the current year...

Wheeler: Yes, commissioner Hardesty and I discussed this. Good, sorry now I'm tracking. It's been a long day, thank you. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments adopted. Item four, motion to make the following technical adjustments to supplemental budget as proposed this is jointly proposed by commissioner Hardesty and myself and it relates to graffiti appropriation funds. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments adopted. Hardesty five, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed for the Portland aerial tram project. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Keelan please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments adopted. Six, motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget...

Kinard: Mayor, I'm sorry to interrupt. That one was not put on the table.

Wheeler: I'm sorry. I'm putting ghost amendment on the table. Commissioner Rubio one, a motion to make the following adjustments to supplemental budget as proposed for climate emergency declaration work. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for including this, I'm happy to support. I vote aye, the amendments adopted. Rubio number two, motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for parks programming. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye, the amendments adopted. Commissioner Ryan number one, a motion to make the following adjustments to supplemental budget as proposed to provide relocation assistance for households residing had manufactured home park subject to imminent closure. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan, thank you. This is great and we know through the efforts that you've undertaken as well as the housing bureau; the whole subject of manufactured home parks is a very important one. Particular low-income homeowners in the Portland area, the city council's repeatedly identified these important, housing that needs to be protected and I want to thank you for bringing this amendment forward to help further that work. I vote aye, the amendments adopted. Commissioner Mapps item number one, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for utility debt relief. Any further discussion? Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Yeah, Mr. Mayor, if I could. I think I just want to take a minute or two to place this amendment into context. Of the 60 million dollars in this proposed budget, this amendment is the only item that provides direct relief to Portlanders who are still trying to recover from the covid recession. I bring this amendment to council because as of October 15th, I think Portlanders have accumulated more than 24 million dollars in unpaid water and sewer bills. Of that 24 million dollars of the unpaid utility bills, roughly 1.6 million dollars come from people in our low income program, that 1.6 million dollars in unpaid bills is tied to approximately 1600 low income households. While covid clearly hurt the pocketbooks of many Portland families, these unpaid bills are not all due to covid and therefore do not all qualify for relief under our

funding, which requires that of covid be the reason why you're not able to pay your bills. Now of course, the water bureau's working to match our customers who are eligible with our funds with those relief dollars. However, we already know that approximately 8.6 million dollars of unpaid utility bill are not eligible for arpa funds because those debts were accrued prior to covid. If this council wants to use this budget as an opportunity to provide relief to Portlanders in need, this amendment is our last best chance to get that done and that is why I am bringing this item for council today.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Any further questions on this item? Please call the roll.

Hardesty: No I do have a question, commissioner Hardesty. Mapps, have you had any success with the water bureau developing a program to assist low-income people?

Mapps: Yes, I mean we have a robust low income program and in fact many of the folks who I think I just shared the number, I think 1.6 million dollars of unpaid bills come from people who are currently in our program and we have some exciting new innovations coming down the pipeline in the next fiscal year, which I think will do an even better job of getting aid to Portlanders.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. I think I phrased my question wrong. Is this paying our bills? Or is this paying bills of people who are -- are they paying us their water and sewer? Are we taking a half millions dollars out of the general fund and paying ourselves? Or are these utility bills from anywhere?

Mapps: These dollars are specifically targeted toward water and sewer bills.

Hardesty: The city of Portland water and sewer bills.

Mapps: Correct.

Hardesty: So we're paying ourselves basically.

Mapps: Correct and by law and court order we are obliged to charge for water. I have not turned off anybody's water, I have not sent anything to collections, but at some point in the near future we're going to have to return to whatever our new normal is. One of the things I want to do right now is to provide help to our most vulnerable Portlanders so we don't have to send these bills to collections as the recent court rulings suggest that we have to.

Hardesty: I'd like to know more about that recent court ruling, but I can't absorb it tonight. It's been too much.

Mapps: I understand. Well I'll make sure my staff talks to your staff about the background around not giving away water and only spending water repair dollars on repair project, that policy space.

Wheeler: Great, thank you. Any further questions or discussion on this amendment?
Seeing none, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: No. --that we are going to set aside money that we could use for a whole host of thing to pay ourselves and then say that what we're basically doing is taking care of lower income people, we should figure out a way to charge lower income people one cent because they have not been able to afford to pay it. I mean I just think that this is a this is a bad policy decision, so I'm no.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I would also like to know more about the state law because I think we're being put into something like tied into a gordian knot here, and I think commissioner Mapps you've done a good job of trying to untie the gordian knot and ultimately preclude the possibility of foreclosing on individuals or turning off their utilities. I see this as an approach that could help do that, so I am certainly willing to support this. I vote aye, and the amendment is adopted. Last but not least, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed for the human access project. Any further discussion on this item? Commissioner Mapps, you have your hand raised.

Mapps: Yes, Mr. Mayor. This one's a little bit in the weeds, so I think it might be appropriate if I just took a minute or two to place this amendment into context. I bring this amendment to

council because this relatively small investment, this 20,000 dollars, could be a catalyst for fundamentally reimagining and improving Portland's east bank esplanade. As you all know Multnomah county is about to replace the burnside bridge, I think this council should have at least two concerns about that project in its current form. First is the fact that the current bridge design does not include a ramp, which means it will be inaccessible for people who suffer from physical disabilities and tonight certainly one of the things that I heard over and over again, and I suspect you heard too, are the challenges that people with physical disabilities have as they try to navigate our community. I think that it's worth setting aside a few dollars to study the cost of actually adding a ramp so that this bridge could be accessible to all Portlanders. My second concern with the bridge project in its current form is this. Replacing the burnside bridge is literally a once in a century opportunity to remake and reimagine the east bank esplanade. Instead of just replacing the burnside bridge with a new bridge which is more resistant to earthquakes, this bridge replacement project is also an opportunity to reimagine our waterfront so that that space is greener. Those are some of the reasons why environmental services joins with parks and recreations in declaring our support for this project. This amendment will bring other benefits too. It furthers a vision which will number one, improve the quality of life here in Portland, create more connections Willamette river, improve habitat, and offer new access to the waters for Portlanders with disabilities. Colleagues, the next step in advancing this vision would be to produce a cost estimate for adding a ramp and doing some improvements around the base of the bridge. As you know new federal resources are available for transformative infrastructure projects like this, however in order to access and tap into those new federal dollars, the city needs to come up with an estimate for how much a transformational project like this might cost. That's why I hope this council will join me in working collaboratively with Multnomah County to make this transformational vision for a new greener and more accessible waterfront a reality. Thank you, that's all my comments.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor and thank you, commissioner Mapps. This is a project I certainly support. Currently Multnomah County does not plan to as commissioner Mapps said, have a ramp. Instead they want to put an elevator, they also need to raise an additional

500,000 -- 500 million dollars...? They don't have the money they need yet to actually replace the burnside bridge and so they are continuing to demand that the city invest significant dollars. I just want to put on the public record tonight since we're talking about the burnside bridge that -- has already invested all of our dmV revenue into the burnside bridge. By the time the new bridge opens, we would have invested somewhere around 45 million dollars into the burnside bridge. I do not expect the city to invest any additional resources, I do expect us to the county seeking additional federal dollars. And so I just want you to know that I've been working with the county and Commissioner Vega-Peterson who's leading that bridge project, but I do not want to city to get snookered into making a commitment that we don't have the resources to keep. Thank you.

Mapps: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to also just chime in because parks has been consulted and has a role also in some of the planning along with PBOT and commissioner Mapps and I have talked about I'm conceptually supportive and I really love the human access project and all of their community centered work so I completely support their visioning. I just want to state too that it's a separate process than what parks has been doing in concert with p bot and in the bridge, but we're certainly open to seeing where their project visioning leads.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you. Commissioner Rubio -- sorry. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: If anybody's been up to Vancouver WA lately and seen the beautiful waterfront they have, I continue to come back to Portland and say why not us? This will give us an opportunity to start imagining what would life look like if Portlanders got to enjoy the riverfront and they didn't have to own an expensive condo in order to enjoy access to the

water on a regular basis. Human access project is my hero, they do things -- they hear no, and they never hear no. They just go and talk to somebody else, my kind of activist. Commissioner Mapps, this is a good investment and this is a great way to spend 20,000 dollars of one-time money. So thank you for bringing it forward, I'm very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I have long believed that the city's waterfront is underutilized and it is under protected and it's under appreciated. And the human access project and willie levinson in particular who leads that effort have long been envisioning how we can not only activate the waterfront, but also protect critical habitat along the waterfront. This play here happens to be about equity, it's about accessibility and that should also be an important part of our thinking when we're thinking about a broader vision for the Portland waterfront. So I'm very happy to support this, I vote aye, the amendments adopted. And so, at this point I want to make sure I have all my pieces together here with our legal counsel and with Director Kinard. My understanding is we will move this to second reading as amended, my assumption is we'll take this up next Wednesday. Is this a time certain item or will be taking this up during regular council session? We decided?

Kinard: I believe that Keelan was looking at a time certain. Keelan, were we able to confirm that for next week?

Clerk: Yes, there is a 2:00 pm time certain on Wednesday for 90 minutes.

Wheeler: And that's Wednesday, November 17th?

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: All right. So this is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance, it moves to second reading as amended, time certain 2: 00 pm next Wednesday, November 17th. And does that complete our business?

Clerk: It does.

Wheeler: I'd like to thank all of the people who testified today. There's still about 30 of you on the line who have been here with us since 2: 00 pm. I want to thank you for your input and thank you for participating. I want to thank my colleagues for all of their incredible efforts around not only the original bump formulation, but also some of the really good thinking that went into the various amendments that were just offered up. I also want to thank you,

Director Kinard and the budget office. Keelan, you and the clerk's team put in just a tremendous amount of effort today and I want to remind folks that most of our staff have been working on this have been doing it since early this morning. We actually are in our second council session today. I also want to thank our city staff, the bureaus as well as our city council staff who have worked tirelessly on this, many of them are still on the call. I want to thank my team for all the folks who worked on this Sam, and Sarah, and Haley, and Bobby, and everybody in the office who's still there, thank you for all your work. With that, colleagues have a great night. Commissioner Mapps, you get the last word.

Mapps: I just wanted to take a moment and I'm sure this sentiment is shared by everyone on council to thank all the members of the public who turned out to testify today. I'm sure that we all learned a lot and we've heard your passion and we're inspired by your ideas. And given the hour and the day I also just want to wish everyone a happy veteran's day.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Colleagues, we are adjourned.

At 8:45 p.m., Council adjourned.