



March 30, 2022 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, March 30, 2022 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: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:34 a.m.

Communications

210

[Request of Maksim Sikorskiy to address Council regarding Division project](#) (Communication)

Document number: 210-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Noelle Studer-Spevak to address Council regarding street tree maintenance](#) (Communication)

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Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

215

[Authorize agreement with Clean and Safe, Inc. to provide policing services for the Clean and Safe Program](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Chief Administrative Officer; Management and Finance; Police

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Second reading agenda item 208.

Disposition: Continued

Continued to April 13, 2022 at 10:40 a.m. Time Certain

216

[Proclaim March 30th, 2022 to be Avel Louise Gordly Day](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 216-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

217

[*Authorize Chief Administrative Officer or designee to negotiate and execute one or more lease agreements for office use for Portland Fire and Rescue Community Health Division program](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190751

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Division of Asset Management (DAM); Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

218

[*Authorize price agreements to procure low voltage electrical installation services to implement an integrated security infrastructure across City facilities in an estimated amount of \\$3,500,000 \(supersedes Ordinance No. 190527\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190752

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Facilities; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

219

[Authorize five-year lease agreement with Home Forward for office space at 326 SE Madison St at an estimated annual cost of \\$1,274](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Division of Asset Management (DAM); Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

220

[Create two new non-represented classifications of Community Health Worker and Community Health Supervisor and establish compensation ranges for these classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190753

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 193.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

221

[Authorize Stewardship Agreement with Halprin Landscape Conservancy for an in-kind donation of repair and maintenance services for the fountains and surrounding park areas in the Portland Open Space Sequence](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 190754

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 195.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

222

[Authorize Chief Procurement Officer to amend contract with AutoReturn Technologies, Inc. for Automated Tow Dispatch Software Services to extend term and increase the not to exceed amount by \\$2,500,000 \(amend Contract No. 30007974\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

223

[*Authorize Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse property owner at 6242 SE Carlton Street for sewer user fees in the amount of \\$5,490](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190755

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

224

[Appoint Alvin Joswick to the Police Accountability Commission and clarify start date](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37569

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Community Safety Division; Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Adopted As Amended

Motion to add the biographies and statements of interest from appointees: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

225

[Accept bid of Rio Underground Construction, LLC for the SE 19th Ave and SE Lambert St Water Mains Project for \\$2,553,920 \(Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001811\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 225-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

226

[Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County District Attorney's Office to reimburse Portland Police Bureau overtime costs on after-hours call-outs on child abuse investigations](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

227

[Extend contract with Versaterm Public Safety, Inc. to July 13, 2025 and increase the not to exceed amount to \\$6,800,000 for application software support \(amend Contract No. 30005161\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

228

[*Provide emergency housing services by extending the duration of a housing emergency and continuing the current housing emergency.\(amend Code Section 15.04.040\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190756

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

229

[*Authorize Bureau of Transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the NE 42nd Ave Bridge over NE Lombard Project through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190757

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 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: Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Time Certain

230

[Proclaim March 31, 2022 to be Transgender Day of Visibility](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 230-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Placed on File

Thursday, March 31, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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March 30, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: Good morning, everybody. This is the march 30, 2022, morning session of the city council. Keelan, please call the role.

Clerk: Good morning, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. Rubio.

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Here.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: 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. The city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel egovpdx, www.PortlandOregon.gov and channel 30. Public may provide written testimony to our council by emailing the city council clerk at cctestimony@PortlandOregon.gov. Council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and to promote physical distancing. Pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you, all, for your patience, your

flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to conduct the city's business. With that, we'll hear from legal counsel.

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Wheeler: Thank you. Next up is communications item 210. Request of Maksim Sikorskiy to address council regarding division project. 210.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Maksim Sikorskiy: Good mornings can you guys here me. I'm a dealership at 100 -- I understand that the city council has reviewed certain parameters and have been trying to making division street say safer place for everyone but we believe that the realities of 180th division street will pose more problems if the divider goes in across from our dealership and a couple to take in your account we deal with lots of heavy instructions or vehicles that deliver parts for vehicles and I understand that the -- across from us has semi- instructions that go in and deliver the gravel and there is two left turn lanes. It's requiring our customers to drive five blocks down to 103rd to make the u turns just to go five blocks backup to reach our dealership and that will cause a massive jam considering how division street it already on a daily basis and the only alternative to get to our dealership is if your heading westbound on

division street would be to go to your neighborhood and maybe that you turn. We do believe that this would actually cause more traffic and potential harm to the customers that are going to our street as well as the issues that loading and unloading. And just the -- it seems unfair that, you know, other businesses that have just as much as we do if not less customers per day are allotted two left turn lanes while our business is allotted none as well as the neighboring businesses. As a minor note it seems like a strange coincidence -- six of them are Ukrainian and Slavic owned businesses and it seems like -- we are just hoping to go make our voice known and have the city reconsider some of these projects that they're doing specifically at least that bare year between 108th and division street and see if there is a fair solution for us as well as the neighboring businesses because it right it seems like on paper makes sense but in practical reality it's going to suppose a lot of problems because of the type of businesses that are in those spots currently. That's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony this morning, we appreciate it. Next up please our next individual 211.

Clerk: Request of Larisa Beynya to address Council regarding Division project.

Larisa Beynya: Good morning members of the city council I work at the Russian market as a manager. I manage 20 workers from the Slavic community. I came from -- 29 years ago. I started to work at Russian market 21 years ago. I started as a [inaudible] and now I'm the store manager. All employees are like family. We started with four employees and now we have two new Ukrainian refugees. It will be easier for Ukrainian refugees [inaudible] today we have scared that we will lose our jobs because of a street medium in front of our store. My husband is on disability, and I am the only person who supports my family. My employees and their families will be homeless if they lose their jobs. I'm -- we will not. This is unfair. I beg you to save our stores and treat our Slavic community the same way as businesses across the street. They were working with the city years before we even had any idea about the construction. They got their access for trucks and customers when Slavic community got medium. Obstructing our access and making -- is this because we're the minority and they are not. Our store is asking for easy changes. We're asking to have the ability to make our -- just like businesses across the street who got special treatment. We worked [inaudible] of four block detours. Detours will scare off a lot of immigrant customers. We need the same as our

customers across the street. We only have a few days before the city block our customers from our store access. Our store may be closed down. Please, pass this construction segment and provide a -- that can be worked out. I beg you, please. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here this morning. We appreciate it. We appreciate your input on the project. Next individual, please. Item 212. 212.

Clerk: Request of Jim Gersbach to address council regarding urban design rules and preserving space for large-form trees.

Wheeler: About morning, Jim.

Clerk: Jim, you're mutes. Are you able to unmute?

Jim Gersbach: Can you hear me now.

Wheeler: There you are.

Gersbach: Lifelong Oregonian and I'm speaking to you from a grass roots group calls trees for life Oregon and I would like to thank you for addressing the lack of sidewalks on the owe Portland's east side. Providing this structure is essential to the residents. However you may not realize that under far too many places the bureau of transportation is locking in inadequate strip width. That is the area between curb and sidewalk. Those guidelines that date from the last century when average temperatures were a fuel degree cooler than now. That narrow minimum width is retained in the guidelines. This is short sided and will prevent the city from realizing its vision to buffer vulnerable population from the live threatening effects from urban heap islands and that's because the city's own guidelines recognize that a 4-foot strip is -- as welcome as a small tree like a dog with a crab apple may be it provides only a fraction of the -- large trees provide two vital benefits to Portlanders of the first capturing pollute ants -- when the time was the air quality was the worse in the world. The trees provide shade and release of water. Such cooling can make the area around the trees 10-degrees cooler or more. Allowing streets to continue to be built with narrow planning strips only 4 feet wide guaranteed that no large trees will be able to be planted in them. So I respectfully encourage commissioner Hardesty to -- so at least six to 8 feet wherever there is enough right away and whether there is no power line to limit tree heights. This one simple step will go a long way to entire that disadvantages Portlanders will have sidewalks but have some protection from excessive heat. The more than 60 heat related deaths that we saw last year

are more than enough. Help us survive future heat waves by wearing planning strips be larger.

Wheeler: Thank you Jim, commissioner Hardesty has a comment.

Hardesty: Thank you Jim and I feel your compassion around trees. As you know we're started and community engagement process at the pedestrian guide that you were just talking about and having you participate in that is going to be really vital and the choice is always between how to people move, how do we have access to greenery and how do we use the limits sidewalk space that we have as we are building out roads. So I appreciate your passion, I just wanted to invite you to participate and the community engagement process and with your passion, we should have a better outcome. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next up is item number 213. Next individual, please.

Clerk: Request of Evelyn Bross to address council regarding landlord not unclogging drain sewage in residence parking lot.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Evelyn Bross: Good morning can you hear me.

Wheeler: Yes, loud, and clear. You sound great.

Evelyn Bross: Okay. I wanted to talk to you about the drain problem outside our complex -- this has been going on since I moved here early last winter. And beginning of 2021. I talked to the maintenance people and the clog gets so high it's almost up to your knees. Okay. And every time it rains be it three or four days up to a half an inch or a downpour of half an inch in one day. The drain gets so high, and the cars are parked on a slant the cars are covered with that drain water. People can't get to their cars without getting their feet wet because of the flood is so high. The closer you get to the drain clog, the higher the water is to you when you walk down there. It gets almost up to your knees. The water gets so high and it's on a slant that it almost touches the top of the sidewalk and if it gets more rain, it will finally happen it will get on top of the sidewalk and enter into the residences apartments and then the residents will have flooding. When I try to sign up for this, I was complaining because it's still not working, and the maintenance guy says we tried to unclog it so many times and now it's the city's problem. I called the city with this clog because the maintenance guy refused to unclog did that day. The city crew came out and tried to unclog and the big shot for the drain

unclogging said this is a residential problem and this isn't a city problem, and you have to get them to do it and they won't do it. This has been going on since last year and god only knows that since they've renovated the complex they put a -- and they're supposed to change that filter every so I don't know what it is but it's a very slow, drainage and I don't know that the city guy manager called me and he says we have to go out there and take a flashlight when it's not clogged up and find out what the problem is. They're still not doing anything. There are residents that have cancer. These residents are disabled, and elderly and they have to deal with walking in the water with the -- there is -- it can ruin your brakes because the water is on your brakes, and I have a problem with your splash guard on your engine.

Hardesty: Excuse me. I'm happy to get Ms. Brass's phone number and have any office follow-up with her. This sounds like we won't be able to solve this in communications.

Evelyn Bross: Yeah, because I need someone from the city so help.

Wheeler: Very good it sounds like you should expect a call then from someone from commissioner Hardesty's office or pbot. Next individual key land item 214.

Clerk: Request of Noelle Studer-Spevak to address council regarding street tree maintenance.

Noelle Struder-Spevak: Good morning I'm speaking on behalf of a shade member coalition. In my former life when I worked in the Seattle department of transportation city arborists office while studying urban forestry and public administration. But when I moved today Portland a couple of years ago, I was reluctant to jump into tree care. It needs a systemic overhaul and public street maintenance is left to adjacent private property owners. Some can afford the maintenance burden, and some just forgo the shade and -- are expanding and there is a 13-degree summer disparity between low income neighborhoods and wealthy neighborhood trees. This fall I decided that I can't stand by anymore I'm a mom and moms investigate naturally situations. And because it impairs the future of our children all children. This is what I've observed so far relationships among tree related bureaus are badly erodes. There is insufficient public oversight. The scope of the urban forestry commission should cover all work related in the city not just parks. Solutions lie in moving toward a deeply collaborative -- urging the city to resume the process of implementing the tree assessment process first proposed in -- I submitted that letter to public record today. As a small first step commissioner Rubio we're requesting that your office earmark \$50,000 of the proposed 3

million aarp tree budget request and come up with the best ways to -- maintain inning public tree infrastructure is not a new idea. Most cities of Portland's size have been caring for trees as public assets for more than 40 years. The following cities also re-tear tree related sidewalk damage. Boston -- Los Angeles. I shared a table with hyperlinks so that you can really look at all those programs that are doing so well across country. We do not expect you and your staff to be experts in this area, but we will not rest until you devote some attention to preventing future heat related deaths. Currently no bureau is charged with curbing heat islands. Members of our coalition are ready to meet with you. My -- has been attempted to get on your calendars. You can reply to or messages. Thank you so much today.

Wheeler: We I don't know where you got that thing this reminds me of the gong show. But good memories all around.

Rubio: Mayor, I would like to respond to Noelle. Nice to hear from you. I want to just assure you that we are very much in agreement that we need to revisit this issue and we're already in talks about this and we welcome connecting with you on it. My staff person, Steven Herrera will connect with you and make sure that we're hearing directly from you, and we can give you an update on what we're doing and where we're at.

Struder-Spevak: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you all for your testimony during. And with that we'll move on to the consent agenda.

Clerk: No items have been removed.

Wheeler: Please call the roll. [calling roll]

Wheeler: The consent agenda is adopted to our first time certain item. Item 215.

Clerk: Authorize agreement with Clean and Safe, Inc to provide policing services for the Clean and Safe program.

Wheeler: Colleagues I'm going to continue this item to allow for time for the public to weigh in before the vote. We heard considerable testimony on this item last week that there are a number of people that would like to be heard prior to the council's making its decision. The office of financial will hold a public listening session on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. And one presumes one can go to the office of management and finance website to get the details

on how to participate in that forum. We will therefore continue this item to April 13th. Next item please item 216 time certain.

Clerk: Mayor we are not quite yet at the time for that one.

Wheeler: Thank you. One moment. How many minutes do we have?

Hardesty: We have a lot of time mayor.

Wheeler: Okay. Let's go to the regular agenda. Item number 224. Commissioner Hardesty if we're ready for that.

Hardesty: We are ready for that.

Clerk: Appoint Alvin Joswick to the police accountability commission and clarify start date.

Wheeler: This is to appoint Alvin Joswick and here to present the resolution is our director of community safety our director Mike Myers.

Mike Myers: Thank you, mayor. I am here today to discuss item 224 opt council agenda. This resolution to appoint a community member to serve for the remainder of the 18-month term replacing a member who has resigned. This is the fourth resolution 37548 and 37547 related to the police accountability commission and the second following 37547 appointing member to the commission. This resolution also clarified the start of the commission's work. I have me with Sameer Kanal and Alvin Joswick who is the applicant for the vacant position.

Sameer Kanal: Thank you mike and mayor and commissioners for the opportunity to discuss this resolution. I'm a member of the community safety commission and we support the work of the police accountable commission. The commission has been hard at work since meeting in December and all members have put in a great deal of time. We did have a resignation of neck oh cabbage and I would like to thank commissioner cabbage. As the commission completes its organizational phase of work. And creating a community engagement framework they will move into discussion of the current police accountable systems and what need to be done to improve them. This is a way point for the commission who will benefit from having all 20 positions filled going in the next phase of work. Let original recruitment efforts were very successful yielding over 100 applications and reviewing those applicants and choosing the appointee now before you a great deal of work was done by council staff from all five offices and who supported this commission and its work and we would like to thank all five members for their work on this appointment. Alvin Joswick is a Portlander who

has worked -- in particular his work with community out racism programs and building shelters for houseless Portlanders and food ensure Portlanders will help the commission connect with all populations of the city and make sure that the work is community led. Alvin Joswick is with us today and I would like to invite him to say a few words on why he wants to join the commission today.

Alvin Joswick: Good morning commission. Thank you mayor and thank you commissioner. It's an honor to be sitting here with you today. My name is Alvin Joswick and I'm a resident from northeast Portland. I've lived in Portland for almost three years now and I love the city and the people that live in it. I want to start by saying thank you to all the folks who worked hard to put this into fruition. I think this program is vital to bridging the gap between law enforcement and community members. I have experience with hopeless community assistance and -- and I'm excited to learn and grow with you all and to give back to my community. Thank you.

Kanal: Thank you Alvin and I'll pass it back.

Myers: Thank you after ballot measure passed in move 2020 with the intent of giving the commission 18 months of work. The commission began meeting on December 9th. With the approval addendum on the ninth which is intended to be enter into the court in April. The resolutions can be presented to have a start state of -- December 9th when they started meeting or April twenty-ninth of this year next month when the settlement agreement a bend um is likely to be entered into the court. They didn't have although members were appointed at the end of July 2021, they didn't have the ability to start working until much later. Members were all in their email accounts until October 15 and the first time the group even met was a private meet and greet on December 2nd and the first public meeting was -- this work is important to the city and needed to be given the full -- in crafting a new system to avoid ambiguity and clarifying the council's resolution. December 9, 2021st. Staff recommends a motion to have this information added as an amendment. This concludes my testimony. Thank you, mayor and council, for having us here today.

Wheeler: Thank you director Myers. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor I move that we amend it to reflect the end date of this commission as well as to appoint the new member as presented today.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty moves the changes to the resolution. There a second. I'll seconded it. Any further discussion. Please call the roll on the amendment to the resolution.

Clerk: Mayor, may I request a clarification.

Wheeler: Yeah, of course.

Clerk: So it looks like there were biographies and statements of interest from the appointees that were going to be added to the resolution. I believe that was amendment that was going to be proposed. Commissioner Hardesty does that sound familiar.

Hardesty: My apologies. So you needed this amendment as well as that second amendment or are we go to go do it all in one package.

Clerk: I think the first resolution itself is capturing the first motion that you made.

Hardesty: Thank you I amend my motion to reflect what Keelan just said.

Wheeler: I will second that. Please call the roll. [calling roll] [all vote aye]

Wheeler: The motions passes are there any public testimony on the motion as amended.

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: Let's go ahead and hear from the testifiers. Three minutes each for the record.

Clerk: First up we have Dan Handelman.

Dan Handelman: Good morning mayor Wheeler commissioners. Can you hear me all right?

Wheeler: Loud and clear dan.

Dan Handelman: Thank you, my name is Dan Handelman I'm speaking on behalf of Portland cop watch. And just for the record I did try to get other members of Portland cop watch to testify but because they occur during working hours, and I happen to have this time available. Portland cop watch has in -- however to be notes the other advisory groups that the -- have at least some parts in the selection of new members and in the spirit of the community driven Portland cop watch thinks council should let the commission participate in selecting its members the other main top sick the start date for the commission's work. A while back Portland cop watch pointed out to -- set their start date to July 2021 when the appointments were made rather than when the first meeting was held on December 9 last year. In the interim city council -- after the police sponges to racial justice protest in 2020. One of those called for the commission to finish its work within 18 months from when the judge approved -- the amendments is not happening until April 29. Having observed the commission's work

so far Portland cop watch members are concerned that having taken -- the commission will need more time. The next phase where the commission will need more time to -- will likely need the full amount starting from whenever the judge approved the amendments, we say this bearing in mind that when I joined the commission that I expressed that we should get the work done in less than 18 months. It has taken council eight weeks who resigned in early member. As the commission moves forward the draft bylaws defined as 50 percent plus one of the 20 seats will be problematic. This indicate that's the commission will -- finding a quorum as 50% plus one of the active groups and slow down or stop work if more members need to be replaced. The commission discuss on this commission -- as a sign of if pcc which was created over three years ago is already down to a bare medicine umph 13 members and may wish a similar tweak to their forum requirements and I thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual please Keelan.

Clerk: We had a couple of people sign up but they're not on this call.

Wheeler: So there is no further discussion on this item.

Clerk: That's correct.

Wheeler: Seeing none please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I would like to thank the director for bringing this forward and I would like to thank Alvin for participating in this process and your willingness to serve. There are so many moving pieces in this area and the city must get this right and now that we have the membership in plagues and a clear timeline set up, I look forward to the final product that you all will propose. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you director Myers for that and framing this in the way that did you. There is a lot of moving parts and there was a lot of to take in over the last 15 minutes. So I appreciate the further explanation and mostly Alvin I want to welcome you. You look ready. You look ready to do this work. Your eyes are wide open. I can see your heart and your head are connects and welcome to the work. Welcome to the work. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I want to start by thanking Sameer and director Myers for the incredible leadership they've shown to get us where we are today. I want to thank Alvin for stepping up to this volunteer role. 80% of voters are depending on you to come one a just fair -- and I look forward to continuing the work with you and help you provide us the pest best public policy possible as we see the very first oversight body. It's hard work and it's not going to be easy. But I have confidence in the leadership that we will get a good result and I just want to reiterate that it doesn't matter what the end date is what's important is that you with a quality policy that the community will respect and trust and will utilize and I'm very happy to most aye and I look forward to meeting with you later this month. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I also express any thanks to Mr. Joswick. Thank you so much. I voted aye. The resolution is adopted as amended. Next item. Item 225.

Clerk: Accept bid of Rio Underground Construction, LLC for the SE 19th Ave and SE Lambert St Water Mains Project for \$2,553,920.

Wheeler: The Portland water bureau has identified a need to change aging pipe. This report authorizes the installation of 5,000 feet of new water main. Six in fire hydrants and new sidewalk rams adjacent to the projects. Today we have Kathleen Brenes-Morua here. She's the design and products procurement manager welcome.

Kathleen Brenes-Morua: Thank you, mayor. For the record I'm Kathleen Brenes-Morua. And I am here to recommend authorization to enter into a contract with Rio underground construction and water mains project. On -- secretary of 2021 council authorizes us to solicit the project and the water bureau rates the confidence level as high. Procurement services issued and invitation to bid and bids were hoped on March 1st. And we received four bids. Rio underground construction submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$2,553,920. The city's aspirational contractor and supplier you utilization goal aligned. They have agreed to contract 2887 percent for diversity as outlined in the report before you. Rio underground is supplying the rest of the work. They are in compliance with all city requirements, and I hereby recommend that you authorize this contract.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor and thank you director. I am curious, can you tell me over the last five years how many contracts this prime year contractor has had with the city of Portland.

Brenes-Morua: Commissioner Hardesty, I don't have the correct amount, but Rio underground has consistently performed projects for the city of Portland. So they have had numerous projects.

Hardesty: And I ask that because as I look at the details of minority and women participation and this particular contract at 2.5 million less than \$100,000 is going into the pocket of minority own firms and so for a firm with a long history of doing business with the city of Portland I find it sad that we call this success because that's a very low -- that's -- we're not helping build small businesses if we call this success. I'm happy that the director Taylor is trying to work on making our system more accountable, but I just wanted to take a moment to point this out that in our current system this is a successful majority contractor who is supposedly making opportunities for minorities and women owned firms and again this is not the standard that I'm looking forward to. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues any further comments or questions if not I'll a motion -- sorry Keelan do we have anyone signed up for public testimony on this report.

Clerk: No, we do not.

Wheeler: I'll entertain a motion. I move acceptance of the report. Is there a second.

Mapps: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps seconds please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you mayor and commissioner Mapps for bringing this forward. I share the -- while we technically met the goal, I think the desegregation matters. So I'm looking forward to making progress as a city on this. But at the same time I know this work needs to continue and for those reasons I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you Kathleen for stepping in for director Taylor. I trust the director when he said he's digging in here. So I do support this report. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: This is critical work that has to be done in our city. But I can't help but continue to point out what we call success as a city. Today I'm going to vote yes because again I have confidence that we're going to be moving in the right direction quickly but since I arrived in January 2019, I've been asking questions about how the city measures success, and I look forward to us having a day where the measurement of success looks significantly different. Today I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye the next item number 226.

Clerk: Authorize an intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County district attorney's office to reimburse Portland police bureau overtime costs on after-hours callouts on child abuse investigations.

Wheeler: This will allow the Portland police bureau for overtime costs on after hours call outed on child abuse investigations during evening and weekends. The bureau partners with the office to conduct these investigations. Here to speak about the program is lieutenant and drew and thing and lair me with the Portland police bureau financial office operations unit. Good morning.

Nathan Leamy: Good morning thanks so much for the introduction. I'm Nathan Leamy This is a reimbursement that the bureau has had ongoing for over 25 years at this point. Reimbursements range from between 30 and \$50,000. Lieutenant Andrew is going to speak more about it.

Lt. Rachel Andrew: Good morning. I am a -- and I currently supervise the child abuse team. So we're working in concert with our partners cares northwest, dhs, obviously Multnomah County district attorney's office on the investigation of indications regarding neglect and abuse of children and this grant gives us the opportunity to invest those after hour call outs on emergency basis for kiddos to help in the investigation and in a timely fashion when they're occurring.

Wheeler: Do we have any questions. Colleagues any questions. Do we have public testimony on this item Keelan?

Clerk: No, mayor.

Wheeler: We're working through some bugs here in the office so bear with me commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you for the presentation. I'm curious lieutenant Andrew what's changed in child abuse since March of 2020.

Andrew: Yes. We have quite a change. Covid really dampened because kiddos weren't going to school, and we found that our numbers were a little lighter now that kiddos are back in school we're finding quiet and uptick of neglect and child abuse reports. So our -- have risen over this past year.

Hardesty: I suspected that that was true because the domestic violence numbers were way up during covid, and child abuse was done because reporters were not engage withing kids. Is there something unique that we're dog as we're trying to reemerging from covid. There I guess how can the community be helpful, right. And really trying to help identify when a young person is in need of help?

Andrew: Excellent question. So we have so blessed to have a great relationship with the schools and the school districts in addition to a great relationship with our medical community. And so I think our outreach in some of our communities of color or immigrant community and educational pieces and partnerships seem to be getting a holistic approach to these investigations and we're lucky in that we're able it moves forward and tight timelines and still able to accomplish the task.

Ryan: I think mayor would say commissioner Ryan go ahead and ask your question. I just want to put, and exclamation point on something that was said and you got there with your final response. When we were locked down and children weren't going to school, and I hear people say that isn't it odd that child abuse cases were down. I knew it was because they weren't at school, and they weren't being seen by their teachers by their counselors or the lunch ladies or the janitors. The people that see our children daily. And so that's why they were down because they weren't being reported and so my heart was breaking during covid hearing about the spike in domestic violence knowing that there were kiddos in those homes. It's one of those truths that I didn't feel was being told enough during the first year of the lock down when kids weren't in school. So I just want to make sure that we give more attention to

this and how grateful we are about the partnerships with you are owe schools and our thanks for wringing that forward and messengering that in this report and in your dialog. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner Ryan. Any other discussion. Keelan, do we have any public discussion on this nonemergency ordinance.

Clerk: No, mayor.

Wheeler: This will move to the next reading.

Clerk: Extend contract with Versaterm public safety, inc. to July 13, 2025, and increase the not to exceed amount to \$6,800,000 for application software support.

Wheeler: Is this will authorize the -- with versa term public safety to extend the software service and increase the not to exceed value to \$6,800,000. Here to speak about the change are tammy mayor and director causey from if the office of communications. Good morning.

Tammy Mayer: Good morning. My name is Tammy Mayer I'm the senior program manager with Portland police and one of the programs that I run is the rms the records management system for the police bureau. Today we're asking to extend the current contract. We've had a contract with versa term since 2014. The first one is a five year and last year we extended it one year and now we're asking to send it for three more years. There is two other parts to this ordinance request. We're asking to upgrade to the b cloud option which will -- do canning the calculations we believe will save us about \$400,000 a year plus eliminate the down time required for the monthly up grades or updates. And the third piece of this is for bow wick -- it's a module edition that can't be added to the bow wick and it can't be added to the rms and that's why it's being added to the ordinance.

Bob Cozzie: Good afternoon I'm director Bob Cozzie and I'm here to apply some context to the pbbp request. As you're aware versa term is the vendor for the rms system and it's also the vendor for a different platform that is in use by bowac. And I would not be involved in a conversation with the rms but as it typical for many software providers versa term offers some solution that's tie together. In this case versa term is offering bowac a unique solution to help address our call volume. This crosses in the rms realm because case service is a tool that is tied directly to their rms system. As stated on the case service website I have a few talks offing points here that outline exactly what it does. Versa term case everything us is a nonemergency on reporting solution that allows citizens to engage police services through

their choice of communications options including voice, text, web and mobile applications. Using community members they communicate directly with case service and reducing wait times. The response is immediate. And citizens are automatically updated as their cases progress. Case service incorporates an automated and friendly interaction rather than the traditional fill in the blank report. Using the conversational format case service guides community members through the investigative interview allowing them to tell their story. While the virtual officer gathers the necessary information to complete a police report versa term cad and rms add power to case serving us through deeper integration. It can automatically redirect callers and provide a text message and link to it the caller. This caller response provides timely service and updated and improvements dialog with our community and one thing that versa term has offered bowac is the ability to beta test this system and the beta test if we're able to get this contract extended with rms we're able to begin the beta test starting in July and going all the way through the end of the calendar year to make a determination if this is going to fit the bill but not r only for bowac but also for bpp.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you director causey and Tammy Mayer. Tammy and I spent quite a bit of time on the phone this week and she really helped me understand the extension. It's been challenging to weigh the transformation to a new system and getting on with the system that we have and so I am comfortable with this extension understanding all the technology changes that are coming forth as it relates to community safety. I just want to continue to reinforce that with Tammy was hoping that she will be more of a partner with the technology oversight committee so that they are looking holistically at the technology needs of the Portland police bureau because I worry that we're continuing to go down siloed drabbing and we're going to continue to make sure that even now with the body worn cameras rfp is in I really want to make sure that the technology and oversight committee members are reviewing those initial applications. We need to look at technology as a -- the technology that we're building for the future and not the technology that's being rebuilt in the past. Right and so I'm really happy to see the interconnectedness of this but without the technology oversight committee actually being overall these technology programs, I'm very concerned that we'll continue to do this one off that don't give us the information and the

data that we need. And so excellent work on this particular one, and the timeline under when you were working on it, but my caution continues to be that we can't continue to do these as one offs. Thank you.

Wheeler: Go ahead Tammy.

Mayor: Yes ma'am -- or yes, sir sorry. Commissioner Hardesty did have a good conversation this week and I want to ensure everyone that we have included the technology oversight committee in the rms upgrade to the cloud which is part of this ordinance and I've done any initial intake with them and they are in the process of reviewing it and such. And bts is involved as well. So we've got it going forward and the body worn cameras and we have a meeting in the future to talk about future projects and how this is all incorporated and we move forward with that plan in the future and make sure that we look at all these things appropriately and do the right thing.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this item Keelan?

Clerk: No mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. This is the first reading we'll move this to the next meeting for a second reading. Rather colleagues than start a new ordinance out of respect to our guests who are here for the second time certain, why don't we take a recess for six months -- six months [laughter]. Pack your bags. For six minutes. We will be back at 10: 35. Six minutes from now. We are in recess. [meeting in recess, return at 10: 35]

Wheeler: We have a quorum, and we are back in session. The second time certain item is item 216.

Clerk: Proclaim march thirty-first, 2022, to be Avel Gordly day.

Wheeler: Colleagues we're here today to recognize and amazing -- she has a long record of volunteerism in our community in many, many different capacities. She has and accomplished record of activism particularly around civil rights and she's well known as the first of Oregon's black women's senators in our state senate and so many other things. And so we felt it was very important for us to acknowledge her outstanding contribution to this community and we're so grateful senator Gordly to have you here with us this morning at this point, I'll turn it over to commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor. And thank you council colleagues. I am excited to proclaim today Avel Gordly day. I'm going to tell a story. And at the end we'll read the resolution. We had a run of shows. So we have some uninvited guests who want to share their own personal experiences. But let me just start off by saying Avel Gordly was my state representative. And what Avel Gordly decided that she was going to run for the senate, by first thought was oh, my gosh who is going to replace me, and she said you. I fell on the out floor laughing and I said there is just no way that I could run for public office because when people ask me what I think I tell them, and I don't know that that's a good trait for public office and I remember to this day what avel said to me. She said two things to me that this conversation she said one you're either part of the solution or part of the problem and two call 50 people and tell them that you're thinking about running for this seat. By the time I was finish with her list I in fact was a candidate for state representative. And like me, I'm not unique because Avel Gordly has inspired several generations of Portlanders to be more and better than they ever thought they could be, and she does it not just in public. She did it in private. She's a community mom. She's a wisdom seeker sharer. And she is someone that I aspire to be on my worse day. Sometimes I have to channel Avel Gordly so I can stay calm and focus and I can stay in love. And if I can say anything unique about my sister Avel Gordly is that she exudes love wherever she goes and she is centered in love and faith and justice. And so we've invited a pam of speakers today and all my colleagues just be ready we're going to have the invited speakers and then you will have an opportunity to share any remarks that you would like to make. I want to start with an apology. I had arranged to have the infamous Shirley Nanette to actually center this conversation this morning and she text me a while ago that she wouldn't be able to join today, and I told her that we have her spirit with us today. So without further ado I'm going to ask if pastor reverend from highland Christian church is present and if he would like to lead us off in his remarks? Keelan, do you see him on the list?

Clerk: I'm sorry commissioner Hardesty, will you repeat that name.

Hardesty: Yes, the last name is Neyland.

Clerk: I don't see them on the call at this time.

Hardesty: Okay. I'll go to the next. Gloria Glassno.

Clerk: I don't see Gloria either.

Hardesty: Okay. I see Ms. Antoinette Edwards and I'm going to turn it over to her.

Antionette Edwards: [inaudible] I'd like to share this my sister [inaudible] you are my [inaudible] laughter joy and piece --

Hardesty: We can't hear you. I hate to interrupt. Is there a way to turn up your volume or get you closer to the mic? We want to hear those beautiful words.

Edwards: Can you mere me know. Thank you. My sister friend decades of love. My sister friend you are my dreams. You are my sorry laughter and piece. We are kindred spirits soul mates. Whether I know I can't do it all you say yes you can sister. You are my confident aunt. You tell me the truth when others wouldn't dare. When I didn't believe could make it or do it or be it, you always did. You can magically see the lonely times around my I'm okays. You hold me together when things don't quite go my way. Oh, and that love thing, when moving, when nothing made any sense and every thought was confused, you allowed me to stumble. Your promises are never empty avel. You embraced me. Encouraged me. Acknowledged me. Pray with me. And for me and ensure my spirit with me. You give me so much that words could never say. But I love you dear sister each and every day. Keith.

Kieth: I would first of all like to start off with three people that I revere. Bringing the gift of my ancestors --

Hardesty: Excuse me. You're also having the same issue can you get closer to the mic.

Kieth: Yes ma'am. Beloved community. A community in which everyone is cared for. Reverend dr. Martin Luther king junior and life for my isn't been in crystal clear. You are the miracle of birth that is manifested in a very special person known as Avel Louise Gordly. You are the harvest of our investors. You are the inspiration that makes us all better. You encourage us to dream and hope for a brighter tomorrow. You Avel Louise Gordly are the one who reminds us to work hard and to never give up to become a beloved community. You Avel Gordly keep us focused and task without distraction. Thank you, avel, for your love, your kindness and your wisdom and your quiet leadership. Love you sister.

Hardesty: I'm so glad that we could here both of you with those powerful words. Thank you so much. Next, we're going to go to Carmen Thompson.

Carmen Thompson: Thank you. When I think of you avel. I think of justice. And I think of peace and justice for all people, and I think of the way that you worked so hard and fought

too hard to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and in particular black women and black girls. And you're not afraid to be on your own skin to draw on the spirit world and to draw on your ancestors and the work you did around the free South Africa movement. You have put yourself out there doing things that other people or women may not have done but you paved your own path. You're always and encourager to me and in every step that I've taken. Countless others giving the wisdom and advice and being that centered person that cares for other people that looks to reach out and offer blessings to everyone. I think it was mayor Wheeler who said one time he said I feel that every time I'm in the presence of avel that I've been blessed, and you have such a blessing. You feel like I've been blessed because you put out blessings and that is because you are so in tuned with your ancestors and the spiritual aspect of life and you don't see a lot of leaders draw on that and make that so public and make it in the way that you live and be in the world that is really encouraging and it just provides another context and another layer to the idea of what a true leader is and what a true woman is and a black woman in particular who is not afraid to draw on her African ancestors for help and support. And then I would also say that's Keith said from reading your memoir I learned that life for you has not been a crystal stair but yet you put on those heals and walked up those stairs and ran up them and down them in a way that is encouraging and for us to know that, you know, people and women in leadership it's not always going to be easy but yet and still you've managed to find your voice and make your voice heard and to make other people feel heard and loved and respected and feel comfortable in their own skin and that just because you may do something different or think something different or be different that your way is okay and that who you are is okay and it's okay to be your full self in the public. And there is not a lot of people who exude that or who encourage that and in you, it gives me encouragement to just be my full self because you've model that for me and for others and with that I just want to say that I love you and glad and honored to be in the presence of all these people here today to give you your roses and your flowers. So I love you, avel.

Hardesty: How beautiful and I didn't mention at the beginning mayor this is a whole day of celebrating Avel Gordly because Portland state this afternoon has another program where

they're going to be celebrated Avel Gordly as well. So I'm really excited that we picked the right day to make this and all-day celebration. So Lakeitha Elliott you're next.

Lakeitha Elliott: Good morning mayor and councilmembers. Thank you for this opportunity. Thank you especially commissioner Hardesty to honor mama avel. I'm train and born and raised here and I'm one of the community daughters of mama Avel Gordly. One of the greatest joys is being nurture and mentored and encouraged by her. It's something that a lot of the young women of our generation can say. In my great work I work in the legislature and so I do community engagement work for the house majority office and I know I get to do that work because the work and barrier that's mama avel broke. And I get to walk into that capitol and it's a place for he many and it's a place for black folks and black women. I'm here today in mama avel's childhood home. I'm surrounded by her friends and family including her daughter and I'm grateful to be in this space. And in my role as a community servant and servant leader something mama avel always talks about, I've been proud to -- black leadership and civic engagement. And so this will be a place where we will honor the legacy to leaders like mama avel and we'll develop the next generation of leaders here in the center of the black community and so that's a great joy of mine. We're here because of her but -- and thankful to the city for purchasing the home and giving it back to the community and recognizing the important and value of that. And I also wanted to say that so often when I'm talking to other leaders of my generation. We always talk about mama avel and which we have celebrations, you know, a few weeks ago the urban league had and event in the capitol for honoring the black legislators and the -- they sent me' picture and let her know that we're here because of hear and we're having those conversations and recognize that you've paved the way for so many of us and we're grateful. So with that I would like to share and excerpt of a poem, kind of, like Keith. And it calls we speak your names. We are here because we're your daughters always surely as you conceived us nurtured us and sent us out in the world to make our mark and see what we see and be what would be a truer and deeper. We are here to speak your name because we have enough sense to know that we did not fall flew blown from the forehead of Zeus or ride on the scene like topsy. We know we're walking in footprints made by the confident strides who parted the air before them like the force of nature that you are. We are here because you taught us that sister speak continue to be our

native language no matter how many languages that's we learn as we move throughout the world. We are here to speak your name because of the way that you made for us because of the prayers that you prayed for us. We are the ones that you conjured up and hope that we had nerving enough to step in the light and smile just a while. We are the one that's you hoped would make you proud because all of your hard work make as all of your parts something better truer deeper. Something that lights the way as a -- and steady as the unforgettable beat of our heart. We speak your name. Thank you. I love you.

Hardesty: That was absolutely beautiful. Thank you so much. Thank you for mentioning Fay Birch and they worked with closely with her sister to make today happen and I do want to appreciate fay birch. And all the hours that they spent on the phone with me trying to make this day a success. Now I want to give my council colleagues and opportunity to share a few words. Who is the brave first soul? I if I commissioner Mapps hand went up first and then commissioner Rubio.

Mapps: Thank you commissioner Hardesty. I am honored to join you to proclaim today as Avel Gordly day here in Portland. She needs no introduction. This activity and a community organizer and a legislator and educator. And to me Avel Gordly is also a role model and inspiration. My first exposure does Avel Gordly came back in the early 1990s when she served in Oregon's house of representatives and I had a very humble job that brought me in the state capitol building on ocean. Now back in the 1990s there were not a lot of black people in the capitol. In fact in those days there were only two black elected officials -- representative margaret carter Avel Gordly. Both women inspired me that there might be a role for me in public service too and that's why I serve on this council today. It's because of the trail blazed by senator Gordly and her influence on me goes even deeper than that. After I received this seat, I received advice from dozens of colleagues. And by far the best advice that I received was this. Mingus when you're on city council be like avel. And I knew what they meant by that. Being ache avel means do the public work with a heart and it means bringing humanity and empathy to your work and being like avel means being a lifelong learner. Now as of today I have served on this council for one year and three months and every day I am conspiracy to be like avel and on my best days I get close. Colleagues for these reasons and more I am

proud to join you in proclaiming March 32,022nd to be Avel Gordly day here in the city of Portland and I encourage all Portlanders to observe this day by being like avel. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you. I'm so incredibly honored that you're here with us this morning senator Gordly and that we're appreciating you and lifting you up for your tremendous impact not only on our city but in our lives and that includes your impact on my life. When I first met you, I was a young staffer working for -- and mayor potter I was so inspired by you and all that you were doing on behalf of our communities. But I was deeply inspired by your strength of character, and you taught us about servant leadership and you are actually the embodiment of it and what I learned from you leadership is not about posturing and ego and it is about standing up for what's right even if it's not popular. It can be a strong voice for justice that is grounded in love and grounded in community. And that being vulnerable in our truths can bring us together and you have taught me that. And so I look up to you my whole career. I've sought your counsel over the year because I truly, I believe that you represent the conscience of our community and you inspire people like me who never saw themselves in roles like this. Many of us have stepped up because you showed us how to bring our full selves because of you and I also want to lift up how very important your leadership has been over the years when you chose to stand alongside my community and other communities in solidarity when it matters. You helped others to see that while our communities have different histories of oppression and marginalization, we -- for access to quality bilingual and after our black and brown leaders. So from the bottom of my heart I just want to say thank you for keeping us accountable to what's right and thank you for the gift of your work and what you've given to this community. Your leadership and your service have forever shaped this community and it's shaped me and a whole generation who looks up to you. So gracias. Thank you so very much, Ms. Avel and may God bless you.

Hardesty: Mayor Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. And I want to start by thanking you, commissioner, for all of your work on this, and Faye, thank you for your work in helping to draft the proclamation. And I believe it very adequately covers the breadth of the accomplishment is your amazing sister avel. Avel, I have come to learn the older I am, that it's

not what you do in life, it's who you are. And you have done so many things. And I outlined just a few in the proclamation that commissioner Hardesty will read will outline others. You have done more in a lifetime than ten ordinary people in my estimation. But that's not what I love about you. What I love about you is who you are. And I want to be very specific when I say that. You have been in politics a long time and you understand that when things are going south for an elected official they lose their friends right away. They become very lonely pariahs. And I look back on some of the things that we experienced together in my so-far-relatively-short ten years as the mayor of this city. Record ice, record smoke, record riots, the loss of our dear mutual friend commissioner fish, record homelessness, record gun violence, record homicides, on top of that a global pandemic and now the threat of a war that could potentially engage larger portions of our planet. I do not mind confessing that I have experienced some very low lows over the course of my tenure as the mayor of this city. I've also experienced high highs. But during the darkest times when people were turning away from me, you turned towards me because you believed in me. And because you believed in me, I believed in myself. I looked to you for that strength, for that confidence and for that resilience. And you provided it when frankly few others were willing to even be seen or photographed with me. And here we are today, having put a lot of work in often together on some of the same issues that you are passionate about, that I'm passionate about. And I am seeing the green sheets of progress. I feel like we're coming into the springtime and starting to see the fruits of our labor taking hold. And that's how I view you. I view you as somebody who sees the good in people and has the ability to bring out the best in each and every one of us. You are a good person and for that I love you. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you so much, commissioner Hardesty, for bringing this sacred proclamation to city hall today and hello, Avel Gordly. What joy and gratitude and love we're feeling because of you. And the party on north Williams, y'all look so happy. It's great to be brought into the household. Thank you for all of your comments about your dear friend and colleague. Allow me to first dive into some biography about this amazing person that we're honoring today, Ms. Avel Gordly, and I want to thank my staff for providing this. She was born in Portland in 1947. Avel graduated from the girls Polytech high school, later became the James Monroe

high school in 1965. In 1981 she was reported to the house of represents and later elected to serve three terms representing north and northeast Portland. '86, the first African American woman elected. Avel is a life-long activist community organizer. In 2008 while serving as a senator ohsu opened the Avel Gordly center for healing which provides mental health and psychiatric services. Avel is the author of remembering the power of words which recounts her personal and professional journey as the first African American woman elected to the Oregon state senate. Avel, you witness and connect with so many. You actually watched channel 28 and you would listen and reflect. Sell.com offering what I should do rather to help me explore the complexity and not miss anything that was relevant. You're a true seeker. You're a true restorative justice pioneer. You cross aisles to keep the community focused on what is right and what are the next steps. You've been welcoming to me in public, in church and at dinner tables. I'm thinking of the Sunday supper tables at Ms. Cora's home. You're a guiding light for so many and definitely for me. Happy Avel Gordly day. I love you.

Hardesty: Thank you. I'm going to give Avel Gordly a few minutes to say something if she would like and then I will read the proclamation.

Avel Gordly: Thank you. Thank you commissioner Hardesty. Thank you, mayor. I thank each and every one of you. When there's an African proverb that says when the heart is full it comes out through the mouth. And so let me express a couple of things that I would like to see happen in our beloved city while I'm still here. I believe that we have the collective opportunity to really build the lovely community that dr. King taught us to envision. And as we do that, as we do that work, let us do it with more, more love and more kindness cemented in everything we say and do. I would like to see Portland become the city of kindness and roses. And I would like to see -- there's a song that I would like to see lifted up. The song is by our very own Grammy-winning songstress Spaulding. And that song is called "city of roses." and as you read the lyrics, if you've been here for three years or 30 years or, like me, a lifetime, you'll know that she's put her lived experience as a child of this city into that song, "city of roses." so mayor and commissioners, your assignment is to adopt that song and spread the lyrics and let us all find some joy in what she has gifted us with. My other request is for all of us who participate in the civic life of our city -- and right now I'm thinking specifically of here together, I'm thinking of people for Portland, I'm thinking of the Portland business

alliance, I'm thinking of all of our mental health-serving organizations, I'm thinking of all who are involved in trying to bring desperately needed humanity back to our streets and neighborhoods. Let's own what is happening. We are in a mental health crisis and it's claimed too many people and it's claiming too many of our young people right now. Let us come together on one accord, all those aye named, organizations and individuals, let's come together on one accord and recognize that the crisis that we are in has to do with our wholeness, our mental health and well-being. And so more resources need to be put toward that reality. As we say, we are rescuing people from our streets and wanting them to be treated with dignity. Let us just not forget or downplay that this is a crisis that we all must claim a part of dealing with. That's what's on my heart this morning and I thank all of the folks who are gathered now in our family mayor, my sister, mayor Paul, everyone at the table. I was born and raised at a time when community meant you really knew your neighbors. You don't have to lock your doors. The adults took care of the children. All of the adults were your parents. That's our history. That's who we really are. And I want you to know that I'm sitting right now with my son, Tyrone, we call him ty, and it is a moment of great pride for me to be in the same space with him to acknowledge his courageous journey over these many years and to acknowledge that he is now my caregiver. And so I feel his presence and his love every day. Let us share more love and more kindness with one another. Let us be known as the city of kindness and roses and let's thank Esperanza for giving us that theme song. I thank you one and all and I send you love and hugs. Tell somebody today that you love them. Tell somebody. Don't put it off. Thank you. Thank you one and all. Thank you. Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you, avel. And I'm acknowledging mayor Paul and I see the whole gang over in the window there. Let me just say before I read this proclamation, my mom said give people roses when they can smell them. And today was really important to me to be able to make sure you could smell the roses and know what an impact you've had on my life from the very first time stuffing envelopes for your election campaign up until just a couple of days ago, you will continue to inspire me to be better than I think is humanly possible. And I just want to say thank you to my council colleagues, thank you, mayor Wheeler, thank you to all of the fabulous people who came out and provided testimony today, thank you to all of the folks gathered at the house to celebrate today. It is now my honor to read the proclamation

declaring today Avel Gordly day. Whereas, Avel Louise Gordly was born in 1947 in Portland, to Beatrice and Fay Lee Gordly into a working-class family, her father was a union pacific pullman porter; and whereas, Avel Louise Gordly was educated in Portland's public school system; her mother enrolled her at girls polytechnic high school where students were offered college and vocation track education; as one of 20 African American students; Gordly blocked attempts to put her in a vocational work track; and whereas, Gordly entered psu's administration of justice program in 1971; her career in public service started in 1974 at the Oregon department of corrections, and she would later go on to earn an honorary doctorate of humane letters from psu in 2014 and she is senior fellow of the American leadership forum of Oregon; and whereas, Avel Gordly was recruited by the urban league of Portland in 1979 as director of youth services; later as director of American friends service committee, she traveled to south Africa and other countries as part of the free south Africa movement seeking to end apartheid; and whereas, Avel Gordly has a long history of volunteering for community causes including but not limited to her work with the black united front, black women's gathering and Portlanders organized for southern African freedom and the national black united front; and whereas, senator Avel Gordly was appointed to the Oregon house of representatives in September 1991, while working for the house of umoja; as a legislator she led a trade mission to south Africa and Zambia and participated in a trade mission to South Korea; and whereas, Avel Gordly served three terms as a state representative and made history in 1996 when she was sworn in as the first black woman Oregon state senator; and whereas, senator Avel Gordly in 1999 became the chief petitioner for the constitutional amendment that removed the state's black exclusion laws from the records. Oregon's territorial assembly had passed the laws 150 years earlier to forbid blacks from settling in the territory; and whereas, senator Avel Gordly left public office in 2009 then continued as an associate professor in the black studies department of Portland state university; and whereas, avel has been a mentor to generations of black women interested in entering public service and politics; and whereas, senator Gordly has volunteered her time to over a dozen regional community groups many of which focus on raising the voices of black Portlanders including black united front, black leadership conference, national black united front, and the black women's gathering; and whereas, in 2008 Oregon health and science university behavioral

health unit was renamed the Avel Gordly center for healing, the Albina early head start center is also named after her, and the Oregon community foundation is creating a scholarship in her name to benefit black women; and whereas, in 2011 senator Gordly opened up publicly about her own struggles with depression in her memoir, remembering the power of words; now there i, not ted Wheeler, mayor of Portland Oregon, "the city of roses," do hereby proclaim march 30th, 2022, to be Avel Louise Gordly day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Wheeler: Deftly handled.

Hardesty: Thank you, everyone. I want to end by saying, you know, I am so honored to have had decades to learn from your wisdom, your kindness and your love. And I look forward to where this journey takes us next. Lots of love. Thank you all.

Wheeler: Thank you, everyone.

Hardesty: I turn the podium back to you, mayor Wheeler.

Wheeler: Thank you. That was terrific. Thank you, everybody. We will go back to the regular agenda item 228, please, Keelan.

Clerk: Provide emergency housing services by extending the duration of a housing emergency and continuing the current housing emergency.

Ryan: For several weeks you have received information and provided feedback. The ordinance in question does two things. It continues the current emergency we are in and extends it for three years. As you recall, we passed the shelter the housing continuum code change which was years in the making to help get us out of a perpetual state of housing emergency. However, sense its passage and through it implementation it's become clear that there are still a few challenges and problems to work out with the code which is pretty natural, and the impact of the ability to build several shelter programs across the city have been challenging. Eps and the housing continuum workgroup is diving into these necessary fixes and it will take a considerable amount of time before we're ready. As such to remain focused required government to be agile and responsive in the humanitarian crisis we're extending the housing emergency so that some of our shelter projects, including shelters in the development pipeline will not fall out of compliance with zoning codes. We're extending this emergency were three years because we near a three-year recovery timeline coinciding

with american rescue plan investments. And while we are dispersing funds accordingly, it's important to ensure we have all of the available tools at our disposal. Mayor Wheeler, back to you.

Wheeler: Very good. Is there any staff presentation on this item?

Ryan: I don't believe so.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any questions on this? And if we do not have any, Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: We don't have anyone signed up.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to acknowledge the work do you know by team Ryan as well as everybody working very hard on this issue. Our neighbors are trying to survive in an economy built on paying people inadequate wages and many are trying to access mental health care in a state that is one of the worst in providing it. And we have a severe staffing shortage relative to all of our needs across the board and we have a federal government that's largely absent in its role right now in ensuring that people are housed. This is a complex and urgent issue that hit so many parts of our city and my office will continue to ensure that my folio plays a part in this. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: I did want to thank all of you and your staff for this engagement on this topic today and I'm very happy to do the right thing right now and vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I just want to agree with a lot of what commissioner Rubio said. This is a complex issue. I'm grateful to commissioner Ryan and his team for really engaging the rest of the council in this resolution that's before us today and I believe that we are on track to do what we need to do to actually solve this most critical issue we are facing here in the city of Portland. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: I want to thank commissioner Ryan for his work in this field. I do feel there's a larger structural problem which I hope this council can come to terms with. I believe this is the sixth

time this housing emergency has been extended. To me that points to the need for deeper structural change in how we go about organizing our attempts to address houselessness. I had hoped that we would have addressed those concerns through our shelter to housing continuum ordinance which we passed last year. I'm glad to hear that the city continues to work on it. But the fact that this -- that we remain in an emergency for frankly a decade points to the need for more reforms and I look forward to partnering with commissioner Ryan and the rest of my colleagues on council to making sure that we actually implement those reforms. And with that I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, for your work on this and your team's work. Appreciate it. Next item, please, the final item for today, this morning at least, 229, please.

Clerk: Authorize bureau of transportation to acquire certain permanent and temporary rights necessary for construction of the northeast 42nd avenue bridge over northeast Lombard project through the exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I believe I have someone here from -- there's Kevin. Hi, Kevin -- that's going to make a short presentation. And I see Winston Sandino is here as well. Take it away, gentlemen. Winston, if you're talking, you're on mute. And Kevin, you're not on mute but you're not talking. Who's first?

Kevin Balak: I'll let Winston go first.

Hardesty: Okay, Winston, get off mute. Kevin put yourself on mute until you talk.

Winston Sandino: So sorry about that. Can you hear me? Okay. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. My name is Winston Sandino, capital project manager for pdot and I'm managing the 42nd avenue bridge replacement project. And I think I'm going to share my --

Hardesty: Screen.

Sandino: Share screen.

Hardesty: Keelan, can you help Winston share his screen?

Sandino: Can you see it?

Hardesty: Just like that, there it is.

Sandino: Okay. Now I need to do the presentation. Okay. So I want to give you a brief background of the project. This is the 42nd avenue bridge, as you can see, it's a bridge over Lombard and the railroad. The bridge is going to be replaced completely and we'll talk about the scope now. The project will be constructing a new earthquake resilient bridge. It's an important emergency transportation route and a key freight connection between Lombard and Columbia boulevard. This new connection will fill the gap between the neighborhood, greenway and the new 42nd avenue project bikeway and provide better access to freight, walking and biking. The project will add a multiuse path and protected bike lane to create low stress conditions for bikers and pedestrians. The project budget is about 17 million. As you can see, the new bridge is going to be only with two spans. The previous pictures that you saw had several columns in Lombard and the railroad. This bridge now is only going to have one middle column supporting the bridge and will have more space for Lombard Street to be widened, and more space for the railroad. This is not just a replacement of the bridge. It's actually going to be adding multiuse path, sidewalks, and bike lanes. This is the cross section for the bridge. On the east side of the bridge is going to be a wide, multiuse path. That's where basically all of the residential and business owners are. And then on the west side is going to be a protected bike lane. This is a planned view of the project. As you can see the bridge is the light gray area and the rest is the project limits of the project. So it's going to be sidewalks, bike lanes on the south side and north side of the bridge. Most of our right-of-way acquisitions or small takes actually are going to be on the north side of the bridge, as you can see, and we have been in conversations with the property owners from the beginning of the project and we had several meetings with them and they are aware of the project. They support the project. And we are going to start doing the negotiations for that. And I want to talk a little bit about project -- public involvement. Pbot has presented the project to the Cully neighborhood association, the Concordia tree team. They planted some trees in an area near the project. Other business owners in the area. We have also coordinated the project with other government agencies such as odot, port of Portland, RACC and internal city bureaus. Pbot has been communicating from the start with affected property owners in regards of the right-of-way acquisitions and they're supportive of the project. The project currently is

working on final design and has been in contact with property owners. I'll give it to Kevin now.

Balak: Thanks, Winston. Good morning, mayor, commissioners. Thank you for your time. This agenda item 229 gives pbot authority to compensate affected property owners for required permanent and temporary easements and if necessary to condemn for these property rights associated with the northeast 42nd avenue bridge over the northeast Lombard project. Permanent right-of-way is needed for new sidewalk and roadway expansion as well as right to access relocated stormwater facilities that are currently in conflict with the bridge. The temporary construction easements are needed for construction support. As Winston noted, all affected property owners have been informed of the project needs and we are going on valuation and negotiations with these property owners. With that we'll take any questions you may have for the project.

Hardesty: I think we can stop screen sharing now.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? I do not see any hands raised at this point. Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Thank you for that presentation. It that was very thorough. Please call the role.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: I want to thank commissioner Hardesty for bringing this forward. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye, thank you, commissioner Hardesty, Winston and Kevin for the thorough presentation. It's a breath of fresh air when infrastructure projects like this one come to council, especially those that have been overlooked and neglected for so long. I know this route well and I thought to myself well before I was sitting here, this seems to be a transportation engineering challenge and so I'm just thrilled to be sitting here today and vote aye on this project. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I want to thank Kevin and Winston for their hard work to get us to this space. I always am appreciative when we're able to negotiate with the rails because that's always

pretty challenging even in the best of times. So you guys have done an excellent job. I look forward to us getting this project up and running. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Glad to see this project on track. Thanks to everyone who made it happen. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Keelan, that completes our business for this morning.

Clerk: Yes, it does, mayor.

Wheeler: Good work everybody. We are adjourned until 2 p.m. I'll see you then.

At 11:34 a.m., Council recessed.

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March 30, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Wheeler: Good afternoon, everyone, this is the march 30, 2022 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Good afternoon Keelan, please call the roll. [Roll called]

Wheeler: Here. The city council is holding this meeting electronically. All are attending remotely, this city has made several avenues available to listen to this meeting. It's available to the public on the city's YouTube channel. The public may provide written testimony to the council by emailing the council as cc_testimony@PortlandOregon.gov. Or the clerk. With questions with how meetings are conducted. We will hear about the rules and decorum. Good afternoon.

Lory Kraut: Good afternoon, 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, reports or the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at www.Portland.gov/council/agenda contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while this city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify, unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further

disruption may result with the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please note that all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. We have one item on our agenda this afternoon. An important item. Item 230, a proclamation, please. A few months ago someone contacted my office. Since then this annual event has brought the community, city staff and members of our LGBTQIA+ and friends and affinity group to celebrate the proclamation. Though the global pandemic in the virtual council setting have obviously limited the size of this in recent years. Celebrating this is by no means lessened. We are witnessing an increase in anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and ongoing violence toward the LGBTQIA+ community. While the work has obviously started, there's more the city must do to fully recognize, support and uplift our LGBTQIA+ in our community. I'm proud to stand by you as the mayor of this city. We are joined by an esteemed group of panelists who will speak on the needs from the city for a transgender community here in Portland. I will turn this over to Lex, our LGBTQIA+ to introduce and emcee the presentation. Welcome, Lex.

Lex Jakusovszky: Thank you, Mayor Wheeler and city council members. I'm the city's LGBTQIA+. As the first position of its kind in the city, my goal is to drive internal policy development and serve as the community liaison for the city. It is in my liaison role I'm here today, while I'm neutral on the policy, I fully support the community members you'll be hearing from today. I trust in their lived experience, expertise and understanding of Portland's LGBTQIA+ community. I'm proud to serve in support. There's a history internationally going back to 2009 and 2019 in the Portland city council chamber. The group of volunteer advocates who come together for Transgender Day of Visibility is the closest we have to a policy think tank and the group has historically brought specific policy asks for council's consideration. I want to take a moment to also thank everybody who has been part of this year's planning committee, as well as folks involved in year's past for their dedication to this work. Before we begin, I would like to give a special shout out and thank you to Seraphie Allen from the mayor's office who is moving on from the city at the end of the week. Sara Fee has made an indelible mark. From my role I've been able to see their ardent support for LGBTQIA+ and specifically the transgender community. As well as the larger work happening throughout the city. I'm so grateful to have been able to work with them and learn from them.

in my last ten months in my role and truly wish them the best in their journey ahead. With that I will turn the mic over to Zelos.

Zeloszelos Marchandt: Thank you, so much, city council and mayor. As a fellow data and policy wonk with lex, I want to up lift the importance of the work of data collection in our community. As well as the work to make the city a better employer for lgbtqia two-spirit and trans folks. One is making sure we have representation in the workforce. It could help move the dial on this. Reginald Crandall Crocker started the day of visibility 13 years ago in frustration that the only well-known day associated with the trans community day was the day of remembrance. That day is an annual observance on November 20th that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. For 13 years around the world we have celebrated the accomplishments of transgender and gender non-conforming people for the work, and the work that still needs to be done. Today we will be hearing from three community members who have been a part of the transgender day of visibility for the past few years. Some cases every year representing the group today. They will be underlining much of what we have addressed at the t-dove and unique challenges on behalf of larger group of advocates involved in this process who are truly ones to recognize. We want to focus the discussion on the vision behind our policy this year. And at its essence we would like to hear a commitment to continue to proactively build the lgbtqia+ and trans equity work at the city, beyond the analyst position we have today. There are models that we can look to across the United States. What is important is a presence of an officer manager with staff. Not all budgets are equal, everyone has specific nuances and demographics. But what we are looking for today is the commitment to work with us to build on these asks we have been asking for several years. With that I would like to pass this to my wonderful colleague and friend, Mikki Gillette, major gifts officer. Basic rights Oregon. She helped form today in 2015. Mikki, I'm going to pass this to you.

Mikki Gillette: Thank you, Zelos. Thank you to the councilors for, again, recognizing trans day of visibility. My name is Mikki Gillette. My pronouns are she/her/hers. We hope to shine a light on the community as well as the stark challenges it faces. Legislature target and persecute trans youth, the need for our community has never felt greater than it has now. Behind the headlines, the disparities faced by trans people tell a story of daily oppression. While

population-wide data is still not collected regarding gender identity, the most recent trans survey conducted by the national center for transgender equality revealed a wealth of troubling statistics. It found that trans people are three times as likely as their cis peers to be unemployed and live in poverty. Nearly one third report having experienced homelessness during their lives. Of those who accessed homeless shelters, 70% reported experiencing some kind of mistreatment because of their gender identities and 44% said they left the shelter they had been staying at due to the severity of the mistreatment. We are aware of because trans acceptance in our culture is relatively new, the depth of the barriers our community members face may still be unknown to us. We want you to hear those barriers are real and ever present though. In 2019 when I spoke to you, I asked that you weave transgender justice in all of the city's equity plans. I still ask that today. Portland is viewed as a haven to trans people around the country. Many of whom feel compelled to leave the cities and states where their leaders are actively demonizing them and travel to a place like Portland. You on the council have the ability to create a Portland that is truly equal for trans people. We look forward to share our vision of how you can do that. Thanks, again.

Marchandt: Thank you, Mikki, so very much, for all you have done. I just want to recognize how much work Mikki has done in this community to get this conversation started. And while doing that, bringing in the black and brown community. Thank you so much. All right. We are going to now hear from Alexxis Robinson-Woods, the executive director of call to safety. Alexxis?

Alexxis Robinson-Woods: Hi, everybody, and thank you for having me, commissioners, and mayor Wheeler. My name is Alexxis Robinson-Woods, I use she and them pronouns. I serve as executive director called safety. I've been part of this planning committee since 2019 and I believe it was Mikki who actually contacted me, so I decided to still be in contact with these folks and still doing the kind of work we are doing and keeping our heads up. For years, the transgender day has highlighted specific to the community, housing, workforce, education, public safety, and healthcare. If council really wants to move the digital dial significantly in these areas. Transgender day asks to elevate and better resource this work within the city of Portland. This is vital to ensure the expansion of the work does not hinge on LGBTQIA+ community volunteers and one city analyst. Year after year can touch every aspect of the

city's operations and beyond. This will become an especially relevant as we approach November and increasingly the way the city works toward lifting up marginalized. It was 2019 when I asked for it to be worked into equity plans, as I sit before you today, that ask hasn't changed. But we have become more granular. We are robustly staffed and resourced office available [indiscernible] which is where we started with our conversation with your office a few weeks ago. After talking with staff, it's become clear it's not feasible this year with the budget situation, but regardless, we are coming to you today to ask a commitment to building something in the office of lgbtqia+ affairs in the years ahead. We are asking committee for a budget note in the '22-'23 budget for an expansion of the lgbtqia+ body of work within the city. In addition, of the budget note and commitment to build this body of work, we would like to see the lgbtqia+ equity portfolio is reclassified and situated within the city, equity infrastructure in a way that signals equal expertise in equity managers, an ability to make city-wide changes. And in our meeting we heard the budget will likely not allow for additional positions this calendar year. But regardless, the transgender day of visibility is requesting the council's consideration to support the current lgbtqia+ equity body of work within the city, even if it needs to be limited to the term aarpa funding. If you hear nothing else from that today, I want to be clear about our ask. The main ask today is a commitment to building stronger and more robust lgbtqia+ equity infrastructure within the city. That has access and authority to cut through red tape expeditiously, make the policy and funding decisions necessary to make Portland a safer and healthier place for all lgbtqia+ and specifically transgender residents, if done well, this will save lives. And thank you, back to you, Zelos.

Marchandt: Thank you, Alexxis. Thank you for framing what this larger vision looks like as well as the opportunity we have together to commit to building this work. Last on our panel today, I would like to introduce Ian Morton, another wonderful colleague of mine who will show what commitment to building this work today can bring to our community.

Ian Morton: Thank you so much, Zelos, and thank you, mayor Wheeler and councilmembers. My name is Ian Morton, my pronouns are he/him/his. I'm the executive director at pdx q center. I like to contextualize things. All of us who are leaders in this room have to make a determination from day-to-day. What is the right choice and what is the smart choice? For me

sometimes that looks like should I be cozying up to rich folks who can help keep my little community center going? Or should I be serving food in the auditorium to individuals who need a hot meal on a cold day. The smart choice is probably chasing the money, but the right choice is serving the community. What excites me about this ask, I feel we are at a nexus where the right choice and smart choice are in alignment. As we come out of covid, certainly so many of our non-profits are understanding our interdependence we learned and how it doesn't make sense for us to try to stand alone. I would love to see the city also embrace that sort of relationship with the community, with their non-profits, with their leaders working tirelessly to make change. To fulfill the dream that so many folks hold of Portland as a lgbtqia+ destination. We have organizations, we have community members ready to move forward collaboratively and create this queer Portland, which is a significant role in being a better Portland. As you may recall, Mayor Wheeler, my discussions with you in your office, the center is dreaming big. We want to see bigger spaces where queer art, and commerce can thrive. When we do work that sees transwomen of color making 6-figure salaries, that's when we will have done the work we need to be doing. We talk specifically trying to cobble together staff from the city, but I hope we can all agree having the infrastructure is what makes sense. It's what helps us realize that dream. We in our community are an interwoven part of Portland's fabric. It beckons, you brought me up from sunny San Diego, California to live here, because I believe in the promise of the Pacific Northwest and the queer community of Portland. I happen to be a gay black man whose skill set, timing and experience brought me into this job. But I have to say, this isn't the story that many of our queer community members, and especially our trans community members are experiencing when they move into our city. Everything that was put out by Zelos, Mikki and Alexxis. The story of folks who come here for the dream, but we don't yet have the infrastructure to create a safe harbor for them to realize that dream. And that's really what we are asking for you all to do today. I personally am a care bear at heart and an optimist and I believe everyone in this room wants to do the right thing for the most number of people. And our queer community is a part of that people. We need this infrastructure at the city level. And we also have a responsibility to our community members. I have it in our little community center space, all of you have it in your jurisdictions. And really, again, I'm optimistic that you will work with us. I'm optimistic

that those of us who came to the table today and others who are starting to have conversations about what this ask will look like, if the city puts in the work, we will come along be so you for this journey to put in the work. On my own end, I have said this publicly a couple times but I want to make sure folks know it. I'm one and a half years to what I have committed to a ten-year stint here at q center. This is not going to be a short-term thing for me. This is a long term. This is the legacy work I hope to do. And mayor Wheeler, members of city council, I want to walk alongside you, hand-in-hand and certainly with all of these esteemed colleagues of mine, who have allowed me, a non-trans individual to even speak at this. I'm here to be beside you and I hope you will take up that call, take up that invitation and walk with us. So thank you very much.

Marchandt: You rock, Ian. You rock. Thank you. To Mikki and Alexxis and Ian for being here today to connect the reality to the vision to today's ask. Mayor Wheeler, council, for the past few years we have concluded t-dov with an ask for you to honor trans day of visibility, not just today but within your work and the city's work every day. We want to do this together. Today's ask provides an institutional ability to do that. But I will offer a personal opportunity to do just that. We know having an established office with more staff and more resources won't be a panacea but it will continue to build on the vital work of the funding of the first lgbtqia+ focused position. At this point I would like to thank the council and the mayor for your time today and everyone's time today in consideration of this ask. I will pass this mic back to mayor Wheeler.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you. Thank you, Lex, Zelos, Mikki and Ian. We appreciate you being here today and the comments and the thoughtfulness of the ask. Colleagues, before the proclamation is read, would anyone like to make a comment or have any questions?
Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You just have a few comments, which I would like to share. If I could, if you will all give me a moment to collect my thoughts for a second. Mr. Mayor, colleagues, I am proud to declare this day to be day of visibility in Portland. We come together as a community to reaffirm our commitment fighting for equality and prosperity for transgender friends and neighbors. And on transgender day of visibility, we recognize that there is much work still left to be done. Transgender Portlanders face shocking amounts of

discrimination. As I believe, commissioner Hardesty said last year, black transgender women are the most brutalized people on this planet. Transgender community members suffer from high levels of domestic violence, members of the transgender community suffer from unemployment and housing discrimination and they are more likely to find themselves homeless. And they are more likely to suffer from hate crimes and our healthcare system continues to bail our transgender friends and neighbors. Portland must do better. That's what transgender day of visibility is all about. That's why I want to take a moment to celebrate the people and organizations helping Portland's transgender community thrive. Let me start by expressing my appreciation to all community members who shared their powerful testimony today. Zelos, thank you, Mikki Gillette, thank you. Alexis Robinson-Woods, thank you. Ian, thank you. Bringing stability to Portland. Portland's Igbtqia+ community came to this council and requested that the city of Portland create a position specifically dedicated to addressing the needs of Portland's queer community. And today, that position exists within the office of equity and human rights. And it is filled by our very capable colleague, lex. However, we also know there is much work left to be done. That's why I want the transgender community know this council is committed to expanding resources for this work in the years to come. I would like to close today by saying this: On this transgender day of visibility, this council sees our transgender friends, neighbors and colleagues. And you look like Portland. Colleagues, for these reasons and more, I'm proud to join you in declaring March 31, 2022 to be transgender day of visibility here in Portland. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Hardesty, commissioner Hardesty and then commissioner Ryan.

Hardesty: I want to thank Seraphie from your office for the contributions made and making sure we were addressing transgender community and community partners. We are going to miss you, Seraphie, you have been at the lead-up of so many things we've done during my time at city hall. I also want to thank you, Zelos for facilitating the conversation today. I don't think the ask could be any clearer, I want to make sure I go through all three asks before I'm done with my remarks. Ian, what a pleasure to have you as part of our Portland community. You fit right in. You came at the right time and to the right community and I welcome you. Let me say that it breaks my heart that the same ask has been asked of this council since 2019

and there's actually been a little progress made, but not enough progress so that we could ensure that transgender both community members and employees feel welcome and their career path isn't hindered by their identity. City of Portland who is not struggling to actually find a place and supports in the system. I will tell you that the ask around making sure that Lex's position is on the same level as other equity directors, makes sense to me. And I want to talk to you about how we make that happen during this budget process. I think everybody has said to you individually, there's \$200,000 in new money that's ongoing. So basically there's no new money. But we could certainly be creative about creating the space intentionally to grow this program over the future. But without a plan, we will never get there. And I will commit myself and my office to working with you to figure out a time line under which we address the creation of the office. During my time at city hall, I arrived at 2019 the same time you started asking these questions of us. What I have found the city does a great job of creating a one-person office. But we don't do a great job of creating systems of support that allow minority and other groups to be able to actually build a power necessary for systems change. And I'm hopeful that as we are going through our transition in government, that becomes part of the core of how we move from the form of government we have today, to the form of government that will be recommended by our charter commission. I just want to be clear on the public record. I'm a supporter. I'm absolutely committed to making sure that all employees at the city of Portland feel valued, respected, and appreciated for their incredible work that they do. So thank you for this opportunity to remind us that Portlanders come in all flavors. And we are better for as many flavors of Portlanders we have. So again, I appreciate your hard work. And I renew my commitment to work with you, both in this budget process but as well as we move forward. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor Wheeler and thank you to the planning committee for bringing this proclamation to council. I also want to add my thanks to Seraphie Allen for setting up a foundation for the work. Congratulations to Zelos, Mikki, Lex and Ian for this presentation. In my role I'm eager to work more closely with the bureau and to explore how my city hall office and the city could be of best support to our transgender communities. I would also like to especially appreciate black indigenous and people of color, trans folks and the distinct

visibility challenges they face. I had the opportunity to meet a few weeks ago with several trans activists many of you here and had a conversation how we could do better. I appreciate the frankness and directness I heard in the discussion about trans justice and what an institutional commitment from the city truly looks like. I agree that the city, and not just the city, but all government institutions have much more work to do when it comes to addressing the challenges specific to trans communities and housing and workforce education, healthcare, and public safety. As I mentioned in our meeting prior, our office, and I am personally, very committed to working together. As well as with the office of equity and human rights to explore how our commitment shows up in funding, policy and advocacy. And explore feasibility. Planning and also a road map to uplifting the work we are discussing today. As elected officials we all have a duty and responsibility to call out, you know, injustices that we are seeing in addressing not just in every day life but also in our workplaces. And also because these are, you know, we are all combating the same thing that has ugly roots in white supremacy, colonialism and patriarchy. I just want to lift up, along with the challenges we are working on, we need to instead create an environment where we celebrate the strength, joy and love that also comes from the trans community and how that translates into positive experiences. Being able to bring our full selves to work and our community lives in Portland. That's really our charge as well. In all of this, as well. So I do want to, again, just say thank you. And I look forward to working with you on these policies to make sure they better include the totality of all the lives of Portland. So thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, thank you. Excuse me. Thank you, mayor and lex for bringing this forward. What an esteemed panel bringing this not just on transgender day of visibility but every day of the year. Thank you, Mikki, Zelos and Ian. You are an esteemed panel. I've been reflecting on it quite a bit. You really brought it home, thank you. You showed up with so much clarity to challenge us that includes more intentional building. Your ask is clear and my office will be collaborating, it sounds like, with a couple other offices so we actually can create a plan. I'm honored to join us to declare March 31st, 2022 to be transgender day of visibility. We don't get to decide other people's identity. In a world where people think they have the privilege to do so, it's over. This is an important day of recognition for the rights of not only transgender

Oregonians but all trans people around the world. Especially thinking of friends and family across the nation, places like Florida, having a constitutional rights challenge at this very moment by discriminatory parents' rights bills that would prohibit gender-affirming teachings. Sorry, I just bumped something. There it is. We know that people, especially young trans and non-binary people, they know who they are. Just wish we had more communication to the masses so they didn't have to hide or educate the masses who they are. For me, coming out took many layers and it took many years to share as a person living with hiv. I had to work through my own internalized shame. This takes so much strength and courage for me, than last year. This was kind of a final moment, I was very inspired to embrace me using the pronouns they and them more frequently, as I embrace my totality as a human being. In my humble opinion, our march throughout has been unsteady. Clearly visible as things continue to unfold in Ukraine. But our collective path as one people move toward the ark of justice where people are more free to be themselves. The transgender day of visibility is an integral part and it recognizes the struggle that brought us to today and the work that still needs to be done. I'm so grateful to live in a city that embraces all the letters in the queer alphabet. Thank you all again for this important presentation. And I look forward to working on how we can better reflect on the experiences of our trans community in Portland. Seraphie Allen, you have made such an impact in city hall, especially raising awareness, and support. I want to close on a personal note, thank you, Alma Reyes, fiancée, soon to be spouse for your courage to be out. When we met four years ago you have been patiently, honest, and persistent with me to honor your truth and in turn is helping me understand mine. With great pride I support today's proclamation.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. And I would like to take my moment to thank and recognize lex for their great works since they joined the city of Portland nearly a year ago. You are the first person to occupy this important role and you are managing a very large portfolio working on lgbtqia+ issues for the city, acting as a liaison between community-based organizations and the city and even working with us to coordinate the show here today. Lex has led the charge to better lead in every aspect of our city's work. They provided educational and technical support to city staff, to elected officials. They have worked to identify and remove systemic barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access and opportunities

for the LGBTQIA+ community. In the past ten months, it seems a lot longer than that, but it's only been ten months. In the last ten months they led the city's work in collecting better data about our LGBTQIA+ community. And designing LGBTQIA+ and transgender specific educational opportunities. Trainings for city staff. They have also led multiple human resources related initiatives including the development of a city-specific landing page to make it easier for employees to learn about gender affirming healthcare coverage and support the design of the culturally specific human resources experience for applicants and current employees. All of this work furthers this city's goal of becoming an employer of choice for LGBTQIA+ community. Fantastic work, lex. We are more than fortunate to have you. I look forward to continuing to support you in your work, so that we can meet the needs of our LGBTQIA+ plus community starting with discussing the requests that were made by the community here today. And finally, as so many have done today, I would like to recognize a very special member of my team. Seraphie Allen. Seraphie has been with me at the beginning of my mayoral career. In fact Seraphie was one of the very earliest volunteers on my first campaign for mayor. And has been a leader on LGBTQIA+ issues and other policy areas including economic development and housing, homelessness. Seraphie's last day with the city of Portland, regrettably, is this Friday. I'm very happy that one of their last pieces of work is the transgender day of visibility. A project they helped create for the city and that is very close to their heart. Seraphie, thank you for your service. And I wish you all the very best on your next role with the city of Redmond, Washington. They are lucky to have you and you will be missed and you will always have a family and a home here with us. Now, I will turn this back over to lex to read the transgender day of visibility proclamation. I think Zelos and Alexis were planning on reading it. But I will leave that up to you.

Jakusovszky: That's correct, mayor. I will pass it back over to Alexis and Zelos.

Marchandt: Thank you, lex, thank you, mayor Wheeler. Whereas, Transgender, Transmasculine, Transfeminine, Non-binary, Genderqueer, Genderfluid, Two-spirit, Agender, and gender non-conforming people have always existed and made important contributions to their communities; and Whereas, Transphobic cultures, including that of the United States, continue to suppress the existence and contributions of transgender and gender non-conforming people; and Whereas, Transphobia requires disparities negatively affecting

transgender and gender non- conforming people in health, housing, employment, and all major aspects of life; and Whereas, white supremacy, ableism, anti-Blackness, misogyny and Transphobia are interconnected and depend on the continued violence against Black, Indigenous, and other people of color who are transgender or gender non-conforming, particularly Black transgender women; and Whereas, houselessness- and housing-services providers consistently fail to provide safe, welcoming, and knowledgeable support for Transgender and gender non-conforming people experiencing houselessness; and

Robinson-Woods: I'm working on two computers, where did you leave off? Sorry about this folks, doing too much at the same time. My work is never ever done. Zelos, I'm going to let you go ahead and finish.

Marchandt: I've got you. And Whereas black transgender people are multitasking as the speed of light [laughter]. And Whereas, among cities in the United States, Portland is home to the second-largest percentage of LGBTQ+ people per capita, including transgender and gender non- conforming people; and Whereas, the City of Portland strives to make our community safe and empowering for its Transgender and gender non[1]conforming residents; and Whereas, the City has not yet succeeded in this endeavor; and Whereas, visibility for Transgender people is complex and nuanced and should not be a precondition for justice; and Whereas, Transgender Day of Visibility is an opportunity for the Portland City Commission and the city as a whole to recommit to partnering with the community to address our challenges and investing in City infrastructure that furthers this work.

Wheeler: Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim March 31, 2022 to be Transgender Day of Visibility In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you. Beautifully done. Thank you for being here. Keelan, that completes our agenda, is that correct?

Clerk: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

Wheeler: Thanks, everybody for an uplifting session. It was really wonderful. Look forward to seeing you all soon. We are adjourned.

At 2:46 p.m., Council adjourned.