



## April 20-21, 2022 Council Agenda

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### Wednesday, April 20, 2022 9:30 am

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**Session Status:** Recessed

**Council in Attendance:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

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

Items 294 and 296 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 12:38 p.m.

### Communications

285

[Request of Skye Walker to address Council regarding a ban on foie gras products](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 285-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

286

[Request of Kaiti Bestor to address Council regarding a ban on foie gras products](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 286-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

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[Request of Rachel Watsky to address Council regarding a ban on foie gras products](#) (Communication)

**Document number:** 287-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

288

[Request of Brenna Bell to address Council regarding shade equity and investment in tree maintenance](#)  
(Communication)

**Document number:** 288-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

289

[Request of Nicole A. Lorg to address Council regarding homelessness solutions and a new way of eating](#)  
(Communication)

**Document number:** 289-2022

**Disposition:** Placed on File

## Time Certain

290

[Accept the 2021 Annual Report of the North and Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy Oversight Committee](#)

(Report)

**Document number:** 290-2022

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Time certain:** 9:45 am

**Time requested:** 30 minutes

**Disposition:** Accepted

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

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

291

[\\*Authorize grant funds for the East Portland Action Plan 2022 Special Appropriations Grant Program for \\$150,000 to improve livability and increase civic engagement in East Portland](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190780

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler; Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

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

**Time certain:** 10:15 am

**Time requested:** 20 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

292

[Proclaim April 26, 2022 to be Frederick Law Olmsted Day](#) (Proclamation)

**Document number:** 292-2022

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Parks & Recreation

**Time certain:** 10:35 am

**Time requested:** 20 minutes

**Disposition:** Placed on File

## Consent Agenda

293

[\\*Pay property damage claim of Joshua Newmister for the sum of \\$9,664 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190774

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

294

[\\*Pay settlement of Charlie Ollinger property damage claim for the sum of \\$49,833 involving Portland Parks & Recreation](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190786

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Item 294 was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

295

[\\*Pay workers' compensation claims of Mary Wyss for the sum of \\$85,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190775

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

296

[Accept the Chief Procurement Officer's recommendation for contract to SP+ Municipal Services for SmartPark Garage Operations](#) (Report)

**Document number:** 296-2022

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Item 296 was pulled from the Consent agenda for discussion.

**Disposition:** Accepted As Amended

Motion to amend the report to state "upon City Council approval and mutual agreement of the Parties the contract may be extended up to two additional option years, for a total term of five years": Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to accept the report as amended: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler.

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

297

[Authorize a 65-month lease extension with Three Nineteen Washington, LLC for office space at The Spalding Building at 319 SW Washington St for the Office of the Portland Children's Levy \(amend CLM Contract No. 10022 formerly MM No. 30000628\)](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190776

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau:** Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 266.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

298

[Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program](#) (Resolution)

**Document number:** 37571

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Disposition:** Adopted

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

299

[Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service in the amount of \\$72,500 for fire lookout services for the Bull Run Watershed](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190788

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

300

[Authorize Bureau of Environmental Services Director to execute certain real property agreements to allow the Bureau to carry out its functions and business more efficiently](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190777

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 268.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

301

[Authorize grant agreement in support of Westside Watershed Outreach through Neighborhoods West Northwest Review Board for two years beginning FY 2022-23 for total cost not to exceed \\$153,200](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190778

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 269.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

302

[\\*Approve annexation to the City of Portland of property within the City's Urban Services Boundary in case number A-2-20, on SE Jenne Road and SE Platt Avenue](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190779

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Planning and Sustainability

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

## Regular Agenda

303

[Accept bid of Brown Contracting, Inc. for the 4M Bikeway Project for \\$1,282,821 \(Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001795\)](#) (Report)

**Document number:** 303-2022

**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 Ryan and seconded by Hardesty.

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

304

[Authorize Chief Procurement Officer to conduct a competitive solicitation process for a disparity study and award a contract not to exceed \\$1 million over five years](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190781

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Second reading agenda item 275.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

305

[Authorize Chief Procurement Officer to pilot inclusive contracting policies designed to attract firms owned by Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and Women-owned firms to increase eligibility for contract opportunities, expand opportunities for business development, and foster wealth creation through inclusive contracting practices and equitable economic opportunities](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190782

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Second reading agenda item 276.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

306

[Adopt a Regional Workforce Equity Agreement and Equity Contracting Program for alternative public improvement contracts with Engineer's estimate valued over \\$5 million and direct Chief Procurement Officer to implement Agreement requirements](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190783

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

Second reading agenda item 277.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

307

[\\*Amend the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2021-22 Action Plan to adopt and authorize submission of the HOME-American Rescue Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to apply and accept program funds totaling \\$13,567,782 \(amend Ordinance No. 190467\).\(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 190784

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Time requested:** 30 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

308

[Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for SE 27th & Division Apartments located at 2680 SE Division St \(Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 190791

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Dan Ryan

**Bureau:** Housing Bureau

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

309

[\\*Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the SE 155th Ave and Main St-Millmain Dr Local Improvement District \(Hearing: C-10071\) \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

**Document number:** 190792

**Introduced by:** Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

**Time requested:** 15 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

310

[Authorize the Portland Bureau of Transportation to implement an Event Parking District in Lloyd](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190785

**Introduced by:** Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

**Bureau:** Transportation

Second reading agenda item 263.

**Disposition:** Passed

**Votes:** Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

311

[Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Sullivan Pump Station Safety Improvements Project No. E11356 for an estimated cost of \\$1,040,000](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190793

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Environmental Services

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

312

[Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Groundwater Pump Station Motor Control Center Replacement Project for an estimated cost of \\$2,425,000](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190794

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Mingus Mapps

**Bureau:** Water

**Time requested:** 10 minutes

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, April 20, 2022 2:00 pm

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**Session Status:** Adjourned

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

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Megan Lehman, Acting Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

### Time Certain

313

[Renew the Central Eastside Industrial District property management license fee for 10 years](#) (Resolution)

**Document number:** 37572

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 3 hours (1 of 2)

**Disposition:** Continued

Continued to April 27, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. Time Certain.

314

[Authorize agreement for Central Eastside Industrial District Management District Services with Central Eastside Together](#) (Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190790

**Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

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

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 3 hours (2 of 2)

**Disposition:** Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 27, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. Time Certain.

## Thursday, April 21, 2022 2:00 pm

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**Session Status:** Cancelled

## Time Certain

315

[\\*Amend the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map, and Title 33 Planning and Zoning to comply with House Bill 2001 and Senate Bill 458 \(amend Code Title 33 and the Portland Comprehensive Plan and zoning maps\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

**Document number:** 190851

**Introduced by:** Commissioner Carmen Rubio

**Bureau:** Planning and Sustainability

**Time certain:** 2:00 pm

**Time requested:** 3 hours

Testifiers will have two minutes to testify unless otherwise stated during the meeting.

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**Disposition:** Rescheduled

Rescheduled to April 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. time certain

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April 20, 2022 9:30 a.m.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, everybody, this is the April 20th, 2022 morning session of the Portland city council. Keelan, good morning. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Good morning, Mayor and members of council. Ryan. **[roll call]**

**Wheeler:** 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 eGov PDX, [www.Portlandoregon.gov](http://www.Portlandoregon.gov) and channel 30. Public may provide written testimony to our council by emailing the city council clerk at [cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov). If there is any other questions you can reach the council clerk. At council clerk at [Portland, oregon.gov](http://Portland.oregon.gov). With that, we'll turn it over to legal counsel to hear about the rules and decorum.

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

**Hardesty:** It seems we have not updated the council attorney statement. Regarding what the public can testify on. So I just wanted to put that on the record that public testify on reports or whatever else they want to.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Hain:** We do, we do have our public testimony available on resolutions, reports and first readings of ordinances. If there are additional changes, we would be happy to change those.

**Hardesty:** I didn't hear the other pieces so I wanted to make sure, I didn't not hear that.

**Hain:** Would you like me to repeat it?

**Hardesty:** If you said it and we all agree that's the rules, we're good.

**Hain:** Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty.

**Wheeler:** Communications, first individual please Keelan, item number 285.

**Clerk:** Clerk request of Skye walker to address council regarding a ban of foie gras products.

**Skye Walker:** Good morning. Hi. Hello city council members, thank you so much for letting me speak today. It's a pleasure to be here. I'll keep it brief. My name is Skye, I'm a

wrapping up my third year at Lewis and Clark law school. I studied political science at Oregon State University before that. I was born in downtown Portland at the Good Samaritan hospital and lived in the Portland area my whole life. I'm active in government politics, relating to climate change, funding for higher education, as well as pandemic prevention. One topic I feel quite strongly about and I wanted to speak to you about is foie gras production. I think foie gras production is a public policy issue. I think it implicates animal welfare, health and human safety and environmental health. In today's day and age, there is a heightened awareness how we grow, raise and process our food. Young citizens not just in Portland or the US. But around the globe are less tolerant of animal cruelty associated with food production and demanding changes. Cage free eggs, antibiotic free poultry are showing up throughout the country and we've seen a rapid increase to plant-based meat alternatives to meat and dairy. Food production is changing, particularly in Portland. I think it's the job of elected officials to respond to changes in public opinion and legislate where appropriate. Foie gras production concerning to me for obvious reasons it causes immense pain and suffering and 20% increase in mortality among the birds. Those animals are more susceptible to avian influenza, hundreds of bird flu outbreaks across the globe, those are the ones that are reported. Industrialized, particularly air and water, and based on my study at Lewis and Clark, I specialized in environmental law and the EPA does little to regulate the industry. For those reasons, I don't think foie gras production is worth the risk. And I don't think it's worth the harms associated with it. And for that reason, I want to make clear my support for a ban or any sort of restrictions or further regulations on the practice. That's it. Thank you so much for allowing me to testify today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And Skye, we were born at the same hospital, I suspect I may have been born a few years ahead of you. Thanks for your testimony. Keelan, item 286.

**Clerk:** Request of request of Kaiti Bestor to address council regarding a ban on foie gras products.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Kaiti Bestor:** Good morning. And thank you so much for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kaiti Bestor. And I'm a first year student in at Lewis and Clark law school. As a local resident, urging you to ban the sale of foie gras. We are all too familiar with the negative impacts of pandemics, such as the physical, mental, social and economic tools. Because of the overwhelming between consumption of animal products we should eliminate practices that pose health risks, to ban the sale of foie gras to start. Because of the county abuse they endure, ducks and geese have weakened immune systems making them susceptible to bird flu infections. It can lead to disease outbreaks and spread to humans. In 2021 there were 475 outbreaks of avian and influenza at poultry farms, the vast majority from the foie gras operations. To eliminate outbreaks many places have chosen to take preventive measures and the public has been very supportive of that. Portland is behind as New York city and the state of California as well as several countries and others have banned the sale of foie gras. Besides the infections, as we have already heard the production also contaminates waterways and with the slaughter house waste. And there are attempted regulatory protections the EPA points out that foie gras operations have numerous recorded violations of the important environmental laws that we have in place to restrict that. Additionally, the production of foie gras threatened the habitat of endangered species through deforestation. The actual methods used to produce foie gras are horrific and increase the health and environmental risks associated with the pass. Violently inserted a plastic tube down the esophagus and putting compressed air and food via hydraulic pump. They are force fed up to three times a day for several weeks until livers become diseased often 10 times the normal size. This causes the bird extreme pain and suffering. Established evidence we would like to think the US. And other regulatory agencies would not allow these practices to continue. The law is slow on, especially a large scale. Taking action now, the

Portland community can take a stand again foie gras. Protect human health, the environment and lives of innocent animals. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your testimony. Item 287.

**Clerk:** Request of Rachel Watsky to address council regarding a ban on foie gras products. Rachel hasn't joined yet.

**Wheeler:** Very good. The next individual please. Item 288.

**Clerk:** Request of Brenna Bell to address council regarding shade equity and investment in tree maintenance.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, Brenna.

**Brenna Bell:** I'm the forest climate manager for 350 PDX and alum of Lewis and Clark. I suggest you listen for the ban for foie gras. That was a nice surprise. You have seen me twice talking about the need for the city to make a long-term investment in maintaining street trees to ensure Portland has a thriving and equitable urban canopy. I hope the funding will include this and maintain the trees into the future. As I said before, time is of the essence and we cannot afford delay. I covered that on Saturday. Today I want to talk about planning for Portland's future. The beginning of the session, Mayor Wheeler, you didn't want to budget for 2019, you want to budget for the next 30 years. Commissioner Hardesty, you reminded us the budget a moral document. How can we stand the moral judgment of Portlanders 30 years hence. I know you are facing so many diverse issues and all of them are competing for limited funds. I want to make a case for you to invest in the overarching issue that effects us and harder to address each year, climate change. And to be clear, climate change effects marginalized communities the most. We've seen the unjust effects of climate instability and way behind in creating resilient community. I encourage you to think about every issue as it relates to climate change and ask yourself three questions. One, how does this decision mitigate the extend to happen Portland contributes to climate change? Two, how does this decision help people adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change. And three how does the

decision ensure the city's actions and resources support first and foremost those who have been and continue to be exploited and oppressed. Mitigation, adaptation, and justice. To ensure they have a place to call home. And I want to close by asking you all, please dig up vision PDX and see what the Portland of 13, [background noise] would be. I was part of the committed team that engaged 15 thousand Portland residents about hopes and dreams for the city. And an amazing vision that unfortunately lost momentum when city leadership changed. If you want a budget for the future, take inspiration in for the future in a hopeful time. Google vision PDX that resonates today and helps guide you through the decisions hard. [background noise] Portland.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Brenna. Appreciate it. Next individual, please, item 289.

**Clerk:** Request of Nicole A. Iorg to address council regarding homelessness solutions and a new way of eating. Nicole has not arrived yet.

**Wheeler:** Did the other individual, I think Rachel, did she show up yet?

**Clerk:** No.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Very good. Why don't we go to the consent agenda? One item pulled off of consent?

**Clerk:** Two items, 294 and 296.

**Wheeler:** 294 as well as 296, call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda. [roll call vote]

**Wheeler:** Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. We'll return to 290.

**Clerk:** Accept the 2021 annual report of the north and northeast neighborhood housing strategy oversight committee.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you, Mayor Wheeler. And thank you, colleagues, housing bureau staff and Dr. Holt and fellow committee members for joining us today for the report on the north-northeast housing strategy. About seven years ago, Portland city council approved this and now the housing bureau are exceeding the goals set at that time. The overall home

ownership goal of the north-northeast housing strategy is 210 new homeowners by 2022. 98 new homeowners have been created since 2017 and on track to meet the goal of 110 this year. Let's talk about the 98 new homeowners. 96% of them are BIPOC Households. They have been created through a combination of down payment assistance and new construction of affordable homes. The annual number of new homeowners, four in 2017 during a ramp up to 37 in 2020. There are still more than 300 households on the waiting list for home ownership as part of the strategy. The Portland housing center is working with 152 households to become mortgage ready with 10 who are ready right now to become homeowners and 33 within six months, hence the confidence in being able to exceed the goal. The remaining resource is the interstate urban renewable tax increment. Enough to support 16 new down payment assistance homeowners. Colleagues, I want to be clear, even though we're confident we'll reach our goal in 2022, there is more work ahead. I want to highlight and focus on land use and public funding to create more low to moderate homes in the city and ways we can partner to be more intentional about focuses policies and resources about closing the home ownership gap and intergenerational wealth. I believe the city can achieve goals through strong partnerships with housing providers and authentic relationships with community. I'm excited for the presentation today. That will include data through December 2021 and the preference policy and minority owned and women owned business participation. I'm going to hand it over to dr. Steven holt who serves as the oversight committee chair to take us forward. Dr. Holt, please take it away.

**Leslie Goodlow:** Good morning, Commissioner Ryan. I don't see dr. Holt on. He was in another meeting that may have run long. We can go on ahead and do the data presentation and come back if that's your preference.

**Ryan:** You got this. So I will follow your lead.

**Goodlow:** Okay. If we could have the slides pulled up please. Good morning, Mayor and city Commissioners. The equity and business manager for the Portland housing

bureau. And I am one of the executive sponsors of the housing strategy as well as I staff the committee for the oversight committee. So next slide. We have a committee of nine members currently. And we are going to be seeking four more people for the committee as we can go up to 13. And I will let Dr. Holt when he comes on talk about his committee. Next slide. So first off I'm going to talk about a few of the accomplishments of 2021. The housing bureau was able to provide rent assistance to all six of our preference policy buildings in excess of a million dollars of assisting 261 residences. Kaiser Permanente donated a piece of property on interstate for affordable housing. Working out a deal with whatever developer is select for that site. And the unit -- units are subject to the north-northeast policy. The preservation pilot served 45 households with assistance around wills and passing their property onto their families and how to protect their property moving forward. And then in 2021, we had 29 more preference policy families become homeowners, increasing us from the total from 65 to 94. And that's through December of 2021. Next slide, please. This map shows where we have invested funds from the housing strategy. The blue are sites that are currently vacant 5020 was going to be our condo project, it fell through due to pricing and funding related to covid. But the red dots are our rental properties and the green dots are home ownership developments that we have supported. Next slide. So going into strategy one, preventing displacement, this slide shows the number of unduplicated grant and loans that we have given since 2015. Even during the pandemic, we have been able to assist families with needed home repairs in order to help them stay in their homes. Next slide. The first, the slide on the left shows the race and ethnicity of, for the grant we have awarded. Overwhelmingly, they have gone to people of color, specifically black residents. And for home repair loans, we are just about equal between black and white residents. We have found that a lot of folks have color have not been able to qualify for the loan program due to having reverse mortgages and we are currently evaluating both the loan and the grant program to determine whether we continue to

do loans or move to an all-grant program. Next slide. This is the asset preservation program. Some statistics, we had a goal of doing two webinars for estate planning, we ended up doing 20. We wanted to serve 40 people. We served 229 that participated in the workshops. And we have 31 people that fully enrolled in the program to get their estate planning done. And the slide on the right is the race and ethnicity of those program participants, 28 of 31 have been black. Next slide. So creating new homeowners, the slide on the left shows the funding sources that have paid for the new homeowners. We have several of these that are TIF, paid for by TIF. North northeast TIF, which is interstate, prosper Portland TIF, which is also interstate. The OLEN project and Kent commons paid for out of interstate TIF. And we had two homeowners able to use Lents TIF. The slide on the right shows the progression of the homeowners as Commissioner Ryan mentioned in 2017 we had four and now we have 104. And we are sure to meet our 2022 goal of 110. Next slide. This is some new information. We for the AMIs of the home buyers, you can see we have folks from 111 to 120% to less than 40%. Most people between 61 and 70% of AMI, which is pretty significant people below 100% of AMI were able to purchase a -- purchase a home in Portland's market. The race and ethnicity. 80 of 104 have been black. And 90 or most folks were BIPOC. Next slide, please. Some information about the homes that are preference policy folks were able to purchase. 83% of them were able to purchase a home with three or more bedrooms, 71% had more than one and a half bathrooms. The average sales price was \$359,972 and ranged from 250 to 522 thousand. Next slide. This map shows where our 104 folks purchased the homes. Most of them are in northeast and within the interstate corridor. The folks in southeast or outside of the district were able to purchase using either CET or short-term rental funds that we put into down payment assistance. And then that red area down at the bottom, that's Lents, that's the Lents TIF district. Next slide. So these are two of our home buyers, one of which you will hear from in a little bit. Farrah Kelly, I have known her since I was about 13 years old. We lived down the street from her

parents. And she sent us a statement and said she's happy with her new home. It is small but it's enough. She's grateful for the preference policy program's assistance, which created an opportunity for her to live five minutes from her mother who is legally blind. Living in the community where she grew up is meaningful. It -- I wouldn't want to live anywhere else but northeast Portland. Next slide. This is an update on the preference policy buildings that all have who have been opened in the last couple of years. They have all fully occupied and you can see that we've added the status, the percentage of BIPOC Residents in each of the buildings. Charlotte B Rutherford is 94% BIPOC -- King Park 93%. And the lowest Renaissance Commons at 79%. Next slide. We have three new projects subject to the preference policy that will be closing and starting construction in the next year or so. 5020 North Interstate was originally a condo project, now a rental project. 64 units developed by self-enhancement and community development partners. That's going to be paid for out of metro bond with PHB land. 64 units, PCRI and second story will be building the Alcena, specifically targeted towards seniors. 37 of the 75 units will be subject to the preference policy, and again that's another bond project. And then finally, Albino One with AVT and Edlen and company, 78 of the 94 units subject to the policy. The units not subject to the preference policy either have section 8 vouchers or are PSH and so that's why they are not subject to the preference policy. Next slide.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me, what did you say?

**Goodlow:** Permanent supportive housing. I'm sorry. I know, too many acronyms. Our next couple of slides are around our DMWESB participation. Home repair. You can see the cumulative of the participation of people of color and for our loans. And then on the right, it is for grants. So next slide. This is gender information. So women participation, particularly in FY '21-'22 went up to 19.77%, which is a significant increase of women in the trades. But our entrepreneurship hours went down in 2021-2022 to 4.69. We believe the change was due to some of the projects the apprentices were on and ended early in

'21. And so their hours were finished. Next slide. For rental construction, again, this is apprentice participation by race and ethnicity. We have significant Hispanic participation, African American is a little lower. And then also annual work force participation by race and ethnicity, Hispanic-significant and African American we are a little behind on, but we are working to improve that, and increase that participation. We found that a lot of folks are just really busy and taking on other projects, and so we have not been able to increase that number, as much as we would like to. Next slide. So this slide is unduplicated applicants to the preference policy. We've had a total of just about 6,000 people apply over the course of the -- of the -- of us opening the preference policy lists. 1,622 folks for home ownership, 3,782 for rental, and 612 have applied for eminent domain. And you can see here that over 3,000 of the applicants are black/African American. Next slide. So I -- Dr. Holt texted me that he's now on. So I'm going to let him jump in and finish this up.

**Dr. Steven Holt:** Good morning, everyone. Actually, Leslie, I'll let you do the summary. I'll come in on opportunities. This summary speaks more to PHB.

**Goodlow:** Okay. So for the 2021, we were really excited that PSRI were able to lease their retail space to a black-owned daycare from. It was included and will be funded out of metro funds with seven enhancement and community development partners. We were able to use the plans and the permits that were already developed from the condo project. We were able to fund over \$1 million in rent assistance to preference policy tenants. We hired the two preference policy staff that counsel approved in last year's budget. We assisted 30 families to become homeowners. Renaissance commons. We were able to get fully leased are with a joint effort between the joint office and the urban league to assist folks that were homeless or -- to move into those units. And then we -- we did have some issues of some complaints from some of the buildings about packaging grocery delivery, building safety, office hours and so PHB and the committee discussed those things with renaissance specifically, but in general working

with our rental partners to ensure that folks that move into those buildings have the best possible access and can feel safe in their buildings. Okay. Dr. Holt.

**Dr. Holt:** Thank you very much. And good morning everyone. It's almost comical that the very first time that we're actually on time for our time-certain, I'm late. So that's comedy. But good morning. Good to see you, Commissioners. And Mr. Mayor. Good to see you. It's been a little bit. If you go to the next slide, I would appreciate that. Let's talk a little bit about the opportunities, and then I want to make sure we hear from some other members and then homeowner. Through the waiver with home fuller, as you can read, there was an opportunity for someone to actually use a section 8 voucher to purchase a home. I think this creates a great opportunity for us to think about how to help bridge this winding gap of home ownership opportunities for black and brown people and other communities of color and specifically those who are under poverty level or in the median income. With the challenge of what's happening in the city, if we're going to make sure promises made become promises kept, we have to think about ways to expand. And one of the things I appreciate, Mayor, was early on, as you stepped into the seat, it increased the subsidy to support this effort. The distance is widening, and so other ways we can lean in and leverage that opportunity would be significant. Again, promises made become promises kept. We're looking forward to setting some new goals with the dollars that have been allocated through the tax increment set-aside. This maximum indebtedness which we supported 100% and that city council approved last year. So we're looking forward to some creative pathways in order to solidify how we help people become homeowners. The community engagement for the land-banked opportunities that have already been set aside, we're going to begin early this summer, fall or continue to think through how many to get the community around these opportunities with these new sites to accomplish the goals that have been identified. Keep creating homeowners. We understand that that's central. That communities enhanced, that children do better, schools do better when

we have got homeowners. We understand that. Of course, it's affordable rentals and so forth, but home ownership is passion for us. Another opportunity. The preference policy, it continues to demonstrate that people want to live in north-northeast Portland. There are over 6,000 applications through the duration of the time. So we've had this as an opportunity, so people continue to be involved. One of the greatest things we were able to accomplish is having this ongoing, open list so that people can continuously apply and get their names in the loop because of the value and the significance associated with it. I've mentioned that we've got a gap. And the gap is widening. I've brought this up before, about creative ways to leverage how we can secure other funding and other ways to help people get into home ownership, and I don't know of all the possibilities, but I would love for us to explore and explore it collectively. To help in this process. And we're looking forward to continuing to hear from Portland state regarding their own ongoing research, supporting empirical data that tells the story of preference policy. So in front of us, the work continues, for some of us it's been the entire time. I got involved in 2014, and the committee was set up in 2015. And we're committed to rolling our sleeves up and staying involved to the end. And to that extent, I would love to hear from Jillian Saurage, who has been part of this work, and then we'll have an opportunity to hear from one of the homeowners. So Jillian?

**Jillian Saurage Felton:** Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to be here today, Mayor, Commissioners. I'm excited to share with you -- for us to share with you the success that we've had. Some of you may know me already. I've been on the oversight committee since 2016, and I also developed affordable housing as the housing director of SEPA. This report is mostly about our successes, which have -- which I won't reiterate, as Dr. Holt has already spoken eloquently about that. What I would add is that this policy and my time on the committee was an opportunity to draft the impacts of housing inequity, specifically in a displacement of black Portlanders from north-

northeast Portland due to gentrification as a direct result of city policies. What I would like the council to reflect on is that this success took time. It took ingenuity, it took guts and chutzpa and grit. There was a time when this strategy was called a failure in this council meeting. But few things that are worth doing are easy, and often need trial and revision to get it right. It took initiative and required funding. As this council continues to address the impacts of white supremacy on housing in Portland, I hope that you will remember, real change and lasting impact take time. And that we shouldn't consider policies and programs failures before they have had a chance to succeed. Finally, if I learned anything in being on this committee, it's that the victims of the current housing crisis are not affluent white homeowners like myself, but those people who are houseless, who are displaced from their homes and neighborhoods by gentrification, who are from marginalized communities and communities of color, whose voices are rarely heard. Housing is a human right, and I thank you for giving me this time.

**Dr. Holt:** Thanks, Jillian, you speak perfectly, as a segue to introduce Ta’Neshia.

Ta’Neshia has come through the process as a new homeowner. We celebrate that with you, Ta’Neshia. Congratulations. Please share.

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**Ta’Neshia Renae:** Thank you. Can you hear me well? I just want to make sure. Oh, perfect. Good morning. Thank you for having me. I am a member of the north-northeast Portland housing unit. And my journey to home ownership was difficult, challenging, but it has been so rewarding. I went to Portland in the fourth grade. My mother was highly addicted to drugs, which led to a lot of housing instability. I'm the oldest of four. We moved around a lot. My mother was not anywhere for more than a year. So we would be displaced in different areas and it was extremely challenging. By

20, had had custody of all of them, and the one thing I had to think about was how to create stability. How to break these cycles of poverty, domestic violence and drugs that have run through my family. So I joined the militant, and it gave me so many resources and taught me so many things. I learned discipline, about stability. All of those things. I moved back to Portland in 2012. And it seems like I have had a series of losses following immediately. I got a divorce, I took a pay cut and that led to me filing bankruptcy. I also got remarried. The marriage had a lot of domestic violence in it, and I finally left in 2019. And what I do know is that the hardest lesson is conflict. So while I couldn't see it at the time, I was laying the foundation to get me to where I am now. I filed bankruptcy. I had to learn a lot about financial education, which I did not know. It was not something I learned in school. And I know for a fact that poverty is generational. It continues to go from child to child. Sorry, I lost my train of thought a little bit. Coming back. So I moved back to Portland in 2012, and I think around 2013 and 2014, I had saw something -- I don't know if it was online, but it was talking about applying for a grant to help residents stay in northeast Portland. I had kind of forgotten about it. Again, like I said, in the meantime, I filed bankruptcy, I got hooked up with the Portland housing center, and Shawanda was the first person that I worked with. I was fortunate enough to -- I was a participant for a very long time. So we know each other well. I purchased my home in 2021. Sorry, I joined in 2015. So she -- when I joined, I had bankruptcy. She has seen my growth through so many things. In that time, I researched everything, growing up with my mother, I figured people knew more than I knew so I put my head down and learned everything I could. My credit score from 542 to 715. I was debt-free. It was an amazing feeling. I had two 13-year-olds, and my son's teacher came to me and told me how they were teaching this class on finance and she was so impressed that my son knew these answers. And I was really proud. That was such a moment for me to say, wow, right? That's how I -- break poverty, because now they have the information. Information is key. Knowledge is power, and I constantly say

that life-long learning is amazing. And to that point, my -- I never had that foundation. So going back to what I thought. In 2019, I went out and approved early. I was house hunting, I was so excited, everything was great. My family and I went to Disneyland, where my second marriage fell apart. I came home and it was like a collection hit my credit and everything was done for me. Then COVID hit. And it was really like, oh, my god. I started to feel extremely defeated again. I do know that I couldn't see it, but I really was laying the groundwork for that. So everything happened extremely quickly. 2021, the collection went to my account and I randomly saw on April 1st, I wrote to Shawanda -- everything was perfect. And she was like, okay. Go apply. April 1st, I applied and got approved for a loan. April 2nd, I reached out to a -- three real estate agents who wrote me back on Friday at 7:00. We emailed for four hours. It clicked. Everything about that fell into place. We saw the first house April 3rd. By April 8th, I had found my house. I had only seen four. I put in an offer and by April 9th. It was accepted. By May 26th, I was getting the keys to my house. I doubted it until it happened. I didn't get excited. Everything had kind of fallen apart. So when it did happen, it was a very, very proud moment for me and my children. And in that year, I have a ton of unfinished projects, because now I'm a homeowner. I know my way around. I found some new passions, such as gardening and wood working. I didn't know but getting home ownership really showed me those things. I've watched my equity rise. I've continued to learn financial education. And everything I wanted, I've pretty much got. I live in historical Vanport -- there are so many wonderful things that have happened. In this time. I got to work with a team of all women. It happened the way it was supposed to happen in that time. No matter how much I tried to force it before, it fell into place as it should have. The grant, I'm able to do that. I'm on a fixed income, so had I not had to bring -- it definitely would not have qualified for anything in northeast Portland. It was just discouraging. It's discouraging now to look at home pricing. The interest rate. It was amazing. I work in northeast Portland. It was the community that we lived in.

Growing up that was so supportive and a sanctuary for us while my mother was in and out of rehab. We were in the schools. So to be back where I had such an instability in my childhood, and to gain housing and change that for myself and my children, I feel wonderful. So the grant has meant everything to me. Not only my life, but my children's, as well. And that's how I got there. Thank you so much for the time and letting me share.

**Dr. Holt:** Ta’Neshia, that's amazing. And, I mean, phenomenal. You perfectly state to why this process and this commitment is so valuable. Thank you. Thank you for being here. Thanks for sticking with the process.

**Renae:** Thanks so much.

**Dr. Holt:** Yeah. A couple things I want to say as we wrap this presentation up. Before I give my closing thoughts, I want to give thanks to Dr. Lisa Bates, who is no longer on the oversight committee. For her time and commitment. I also want to thank Marlon Holmes for his exemplary service, the housing strategy. He volunteered in many of the subcommittees. While we celebrate what we've accomplished, we also acknowledge that the ground that's been gained still keeps us behind. We cannot relax. This work has to continue. The demand far outweighs the availability of funds and land. We've already talked about how many people applied. We've already talked about the great need. We know this. So we must consider how to address the distance of supply and demand. We have to consider how to leverage other possibilities, such as bank foreclosures, zombie homes, private/public partnerships, et cetera, et cetera. Tough times call for tough people. Ta’Neshia is an example of that. She was tough enough to stick it out. So we have the intelligence, we have the creativity to solve our own issues. Information in this report demonstrates that with a shoe string budget, we can do amazing things. Let's get beyond the shoe string. And let's continue to invest and invest significantly for what the future holds. I say this all of the time. The promises we've made have to become the promises that we keep. City leadership, we're looking at you. We're

looking to you to help guide this process and be invested in it. That's the report for this year. We're open to questions.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Dr. Holt. Colleagues, questions for any member of the committee? Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. Good morning. First, let me just say thank you to everyone who presented. I did review the report before today, and some good work has certainly been done. And -- but I can't help but have a heavy heart when I realize that home ownership is becoming less and less optional for so many people in our community. And so why I can applaud the incredible work that we've done with the limited resources we have, this is just becoming something that's just out of reach for 90% of the people in Portland today. So thank you for your work. But Ta'Neshia talked about joining the military, but she did not share what branch of the military she served in. Would you mind telling me what branch you served, Ta'Neshia?

**Renaë:** The air force.

**Wheeler:** Here we go. Here we go.

**Hardesty:** Ta'Neshia let me just tell you a really quick story. I was rejected by the air force, because I was five pounds under their minimum weight. But luckily, the navy was not as discriminatory as the air force was. And they took me. Congratulations for your service. Thank you for your service, and thank you so much for being here and sharing your story. It is a story repeated over and over and over again. But you have what it took to get to -- now be able to stand here proudly and say you are a homeowner. So thank you, thank you, thank you for being here today.

**Renaë:** Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Sorry, Mayor --

**Wheeler:** Yeah, sorry.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I wanted to ask dr. Holt. I would really like to dig into some of this data in a more -- in a more appropriate time. Because there are some things that pop out at me, like the number of black families that get grants versus loans. As compared to white families. I want to learn more about why that spike is so significant. And also want to learn more about why African Americans are not getting the contracts to build homes for African Americans. I want to know a little bit more about that. But overall, I just want to applaud today the incredible good work that's been done. And so I'll have my office reach out so that we can get more information to dig into this report in more detail.

**Dr. Holt:** I look forward to it, Commissioner. Thank you very much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner. Keelan, do we have any public testimony?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan?

**Ryan:** I'll make closing remarks later. I just want to thank everyone for being here. I did -- I want to go back to looking at the data that you presented. I must say, it was really well done. I did have one question. I think the public would like to hear the outreach and the inclusion of the Latino community was much lower than I expected. Can you explain perhaps why that is?

**Goodlow:** For which -- which data point, Commissioner?

**Ryan:** Not obviously for the construction parts. For those that are utilizing the home loans and getting into housing for the north-northeast.

**Dr. Holt:** Okay.

**Ryan:** It was one of the slides that you presented.

**Dr. Holt:** Can I respond first?

**Ryan:** I just want to make sure the public can understand.

**Dr. Holt:** Absolutely.

**Ryan:** Sure, thanks.

**Dr. Holt:** I appreciate that. We targeted and addressed the community that's outlined in the search. And that community was historically the African American community. That's historic albino. That is where African Americans were kept, or allowed to live. If you know anything about red lining. If you know about the racist practices of the city. If you know about the activities of banking. The African Americans lived there. And were then displaced from there, and/or marginalized from there. And so that is the community that was targeted while the preference policy does not identify a racial bias. It is driven by geography to connect people back to that neighborhood. That was the neighborhood where those individuals lived. And so when you look at the numbers and you see lower participation, it isn't that others weren't welcomed or invited, but we were trying to create an opportunity for the most negatively impacted people in this city and state. And that's black people. So that's -- that's my answer to that.

**Ryan:** Thank you, Dr. Holt. I realize this is a restorative justice action, and I really did want you to explain that on a public record to everyone.

**Dr. Holt:** Thank you.

**Ryan:** Because the data was kind of stark there, and I thought it deserved more dialogue. So thank you very much.

**Dr. Holt:** Thank you for the question.

**Ryan:** Absolutely.

**Wheeler:** All right. Colleagues, if there are no more questions, I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

**Ryan:** So moved.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** First of all, thank you all for being here. It was a real treat. And I want to thank you, Leslie, for getting us started. You were really adept to just jumping in there and surely the report was so thorough, and the presentation was really clear. And it's exactly the good government when we behave like that. So I really appreciate that report. Also the Kaiser Permanente gift. That's a really big deal, really big deal for our city. So thank you, Kaiser Permanente. And Dr. Holt, once again, your leadership is stellar, and thank you, Jillian for your storytelling. It's just so great to see the progress. It takes a few years to build a system, and what I noticed is how it's really accelerated the last few years, which is common when you're building something. So anyway -- and I like the fact that family homeless were 83% of the -- of the percentage -- of three or more veterans. I thought that was a very important point and very important data point to bring up. And the personal stories, and Leslie you mentioned childhood friend, and Dr. Holt, you repeated several times promises made, promises kept. That's a great way to keep us accountable. And as someone who has lived in Portland most of my life, and only have lived in north and northeast Portland, I wasn't surprised to hear Dr. Holt saying that people truly want to live in north and northeast Portland. And Jillian, you did say something really that I wanted to reflect on, and that's that things worth doing aren't easy. That's probably the biggest understatement I've ever experienced since being in office and doing work prior to this. It's you've got to be tough, persistent, and you never can give up. So thank you all for hanging in there. Your story at the end was really, I think, all that we really did need to hear. I hope that people do learn from personal stories and your vulnerability and your willingness to tell your story. It was just very compelling. It's powerful. And you are -- you said the hardest lessons are the biggest blessings, and I know that's been my life experience, and thank you for showing up. Thank you for being your true, authentic, beautiful self. You definitely dropped the mic on why it's necessary for us to stay focused on this. You and your children are home. And we're such a better city because of this. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** What a difference a few years make. I remember the very first presentation that you made in front of me in 2019, when we were just getting off the ground. And identifying new challenges that were preventing people from having the opportunity to own a home. Right? Like the significance of the time it takes to clean up a credit background, the continued rising cost of putting down a down payment. And -- and this was -- and let me just say that we have come a long way from our -- our 2019. And we have had great success. It was an investment of TIF dollars. Those dollars are going away. And so we have to think differently about what happens as we move forward. And so, though I -- am very grateful for all the community care and oversight that this project has enjoyed, I also want to be very mindful that, again, the dollars were available because of TIF, and those dollars are going away. And so there needs to be a new plan that actually really does it -- take what -- it has to be something different, and I don't know that it looks like that. Nobody has presented a new plan. And so I look forward to working with Commissioner Ryan and the rest of my colleagues to figure out what is that plan moving forward, and it certainly won't be what it was, because, again, TIF is done. But I believe that Portlanders and their creativity could think about what's important. I will say, as this -- housing at 80 merz still means a family has to have over \$74,000 in income. And that is a huge hurdle in this city at this moment. And so I applaud the folks that stuck with it and made it through to the other side and are now homeowners. And I hope we have the ability to continue to make progress so that anyone has the opportunity to prosper here in the city of Portland. Happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I would like to thank Ta'Neisha, Jillian, Dr. Holt. And everyone else who testified today. Your testimony was powerful. I would also like to congratulate Commissioner Ryan, the north and northeast neighborhood housing strategy oversight committee. The housing bureau and Leslie for a job well done. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you to Leslie, Dr. Holt, and Jillian for the great presentation and also the rest of the committee for their participation and service. And Ta’Neshia, thank you so much for sharing your incredible journey to home ownership with us today, as well. It really -- it really drove the point of why we're all doing this home for us. That was important for us to hear. The outcomes demonstrate that community-centered policy is working. And having that clear lens and data of our impact investment is really important, but it's equally important to recognize where we still need to go. And the housing continuum covers so much areas of stability for Portlanders, and it's under resourced, and thus we're constantly faced with all these difficult choices. But that's why bodies like these are so important. And that's why we appreciate the leadership and vision of the community members that are helping to guide and implement these investments. The strategies outlined are making a critical difference for Portlanders in approximate terms of home sales and generational wealth, which is where we need to be focusing on in these communities. And this is how movement forward happens. So thank you for the great work, and I'm very happy to accept this report. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** First of all, Dr. Holt, I want to thank you personally. It's great to be here today and see strong, positive results, forward momentum, and it makes us all look good. And I appreciate that. But I also want to remember where you have been. And acknowledge that sometime shortly after I took over as Mayor, I heard my first presentation on the north-northeast housing strategy, and my recollection was words like, "debacle" were used to describe that initial presentation. It didn't go as well as I think we had hoped in the early -- in the early years. I know Commissioner Saltzman had worked very, very hard on it, and the housing bureau had worked very hard on it. And you and others had worked very hard on it. But laying the foundation for this project was extremely complicated, because it was new territory. It was new territory

for everyone. And you took some heat back then. And I don't want to flee from that history. I want to remember where we have been. And the sacrifices that you personally made and the criticism that you took at that time. And you could have done one of two things at that point in history. Maybe if you had been smarter, you just would have quit. You would have walked away. But you didn't, because, as you stated at the time, there were values at stake. And there was conviction. Behind the action that you wished to take. And I just want to say that history has validated your faith in this project, in the people who you are working with on this project, and in the -- you know, I'm looking for the right word, and I'm trying not to use righteousness. But the -- the importance of the values that you espoused at that time. It's always great to look back and declare everything a success, but I also just want to remember that there was some trauma long the way. That got us to where we are today. And you deserve personal credit for your leadership of this effort. And I want to make sure you get it. So that's sort of my first point. You deserve it. Thank you. For your great leadership. I also want to thank everybody who has served on this team and worked so hard on this over the years from the housing bureau, our citizens who are so engaged in this process. Who are seeking to make our community a better place for everyone. Thank you for continuing to believe in this project and the importance of it. And as has always been said from the beginning, it's not just the absolute numbers here. Look, absolute numbers, we're not addressing the totality of the problem. Everybody knows it. But the value and the symbolism and the importance of what is at stake here is unmistakable for our community and many people in our community. And you have made that crystal-clear. For this council as well as the councils that will undoubtedly follow us. Last but not least, Ta'Neshia, you are a courageous, awesome person. Thank you. Thank you for being here, thank you for sharing a difficult story, but an important story. You are not alone. As I'm sure you are aware. And you speak for many who will hear your voice and your story and feel courage, vicariously through you. Thank you for being here and

sharing the story. And, again, underscoring the importance of this great effort. I vote aye. And the report is accepted. And I look forward to continued progress in the years ahead. Thank you all. Next item. Let's see. I think we're good to go. Yes, we're going to go on the next time-certain item. Keelan

**Clerk:** Authorize grant funds for the east Portland action plan 2022 special appropriations grant program for \$150,000 to improve livability and increase civic engagement in east Portland.

**Wheeler:** I want to begin by welcoming three members of the east Portland action plan grants team. JR Lilly, advocate, as well as Bobbi Yambasu and Robert Schultz who are grant co chairs. Today they're going to share their recommendations to allocate \$150,000 in grants to organizations in east Portland that are working very, very hard to improve livability and to prevent displacement, to encourage people to be civically engaged, to partner with government agencies that can be allies or provide essential services that the community desperately needs. But before we kick off this presentation, I would also like to turn this over to the co sponsor, Commissioner Hardesty, to present whatever remarks she would like to make up front here. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. And thank you for that beautiful introduction to EPAP. It is the east Portland action plan, because we know how we love acronyms here at city hall. The east Portland action plan came about over 12 years ago, because community members did not feel heard by elected leaders in the city, the county, and it was important for community members to come together and decide what they wanted the city to focus on. I was proud to be a proud member of EPAP up until the day I took office, and I am extremely proud at the great work that JR Lilly has done since taking over as an advocate for EPAP. Let me say that EPAP members are volunteer, community members who care passionately about east Portland and about east Portland getting its fair share of revenue. One of the reasons EPAP was formed was

because once we did the analysis, we realized that the biggest government service we received was placing services. And the community thought we deserved more. We deserved a transportation infrastructure, we deserved to have an investment in our infrastructure. We deserved a lot more in services from our government. EPAP has been an organized voice for the diverse community of east Portland, and I will say at some times the only voices representing the community members who live, work and worship in east Portland. I am proud of the work they continue to do. I am thrilled that with them starting their strategic planning process to ensure that they continue to be a strong voice for east Portland residents. So at this note, I will turn it over to JR Lilly, who will help us get through our presentation. Thanks for being here, everyone. And I believe that Commissioner Sharon Merrin is also here to speak, but probably not part of the panel. I just saw her in chat. Thank you. Take it away, JR.

**JR Lilly:** Wonderful. [speaking Navajo]. For those who don't speak Navajo - Good morning, my name is JR Lilly, I am part of the red water people, born to the cliff dwelling people. My mother is part of the red water people, as well. My father's father is part of the edge water people. Pronouns are he, him, his, and I have the wonderful opportunity of being the east Portland action plan advocate. Thank you both, Commissioner Hardesty and Mayor Wheeler. Both have been very instrumental in helping us continue the work we're advocating for east Portland. So today I want to thank you everyone for allowing us to share today about our grants program. The east -- EPAP is a community-led committee that advocates for strategic investments to provide -- to improve the lives of the neighborhoods, the 13 neighborhoods, in east Portland. Like other organizations, the impact of a global pandemic has shown the need to evolve with the times to better serve our community, which we're making those updates with the strategic plan update. However, despite the pandemic, our grants program remains strong, and it's worked -- it's working to continue to meet the many needs of east Portland neighbors. Today we're asking for your approval for our 2022 grant

recommendations. This will include ten projects for our civic engagement grants, which is \$55,600, be ten projects for our general grants, \$15,100, and currently seven projects with our community support fund with more to come. At \$15,000. We currently have two other grants that are our partnership grant and second round of our community support fund which will round out the \$150,000 through those projects. But we're asking for the current project listed in your packet today. Each year the east Portland action plan gives away half of our budget to support organizations who are working in their own way on the 268 action items in our plan. And now I'm going to introduce our grant co-chairs. First we're going to have Bobbi come and share a little bit. And then we're going to have a video presentation. And then we'll pass it over to Schultz. Thank you very much. Bobbi

**Bobbi Yambasu:** Thank you, and Commissioners. So I am a resident of east Portland, chose to move to east Portland, which not everybody chooses. As we all know, there's a lot of displacement. Originally to east Portland, and then from east Portland, which is part of what we cover in our EPAP items of things that we would like to stop displacement. So I want to give you a brief update on the grants program. This year we finally finished our reviewing all of our grants, and revising all of our application processes. So the last one we had to tackle was what we used to call the municipal partnership grant. We now call it the partnership grant, because many people thought that the only government agency that they could partner with was city government, which was not true. It could be any government agency. So it's now just called a partnership grant, and that's -- they'll be hopefully coming forth later. We -- the grants committee used to meet, just joining the grant cycle. Pretty much now our grant cycle is all year-round. We always seem to have a grant out there. So we now meet monthly, and in addition, we have special session meetings where we swore the grants. So that piece is out there, as well. And we hold open meetings. Anybody can come in. We enjoy getting feedback from community members and if they want to come to our meeting,

that's great. We like to have them there. We also can always use people on our committee, because the amount of time it takes to support grants is phenomenal. I just did a brief thing, and I figured at a minimum that our scorers have put in so far this year is probably 25 hours each. And that's probably the minimum, because many people probably put in more than that. It depends on how fast you score, I would suppose. We have a community support process. One of the things that we have done is to make our application easier to read and to understand, so that there are fewer questions. We -- we hold community support meetings so that those who apply for grants can get their questions answered, because many of our applicants have never applied for a grant before. Don't have professional grant writers. And we feel it's important to make sure that they have access. We also allow our grants to be submitted in any language, which they prefer. And will have the grants translated for those of us -- I personally don't read Arabic, so I was glad they translated that grant so I could read it. We know that -- that the grants -- the needs are great for our grants. It's been extremely difficult during the pandemic. You can't always plan for when you're going to have or if you're going to be able to do things. Our applicants have been very resilient, I'll have to say, and have -- the last -- this particular year, I've -- I've noticed it in a grant applications, they have -- if we can't do this in person, we will do this. So they are -- you know, really thinking ahead about what they will or won't be able to do, and I think that's great. And it was a great need by our communities, especially during the pandemic, that led to the creation of community support fund. There were a lot of small things that needed to be done to, you know -- to support all our various communities. And I have -- I bet you JR has some kind of idea of how many different communities we have out here, but I'm going to say 30 would probably be a minimum, because it seems we have a lot of different communities out here. And they all have their own needs and need to approach their communities in their own ways, and that's with the what the community support grant actually does. And

initially, a lot of it was around the pandemic, but now it's broadened. It's not just pandemic-related things that they can get our monies for. And we have -- as JR said, we have a number of things that are being brought forth today. That's -- as brief as I can make that update. I would like to share two of our grants with you that I'm really excited about. Of course I like all of our grants. We wouldn't be supporting them if we didn't like them. But one of them that I wanted to bring forward was the EPAP general grant for the black youth interactive mentorship project. Which is being done by black men in training. It's a -- you know, it's a great idea, and it's not just mentoring, it's also training. So they're not just mentoring the programs, the black youth, which is important in and of itself. But they're also training them to how to become civically engaged within their communities and within the broader Portland area, which I think is really important. A lot of times, mentorship programs are good, but they don't move that extra step to how do I narrow down now that I have the self-esteem that I need and I have the support I need in order to move forward, how do I do that? And this particular program is actually going to take them onsite to programs and perhaps they'll end up here at city council. Hopefully. But so that they can experience different ways for them to civically engage in our community. Which I think is a really important thing to do. Another one of the grants is one of our civic engagement grants, and it deals with a problem that we all know exists here in Portland, and that's domestic violence. And domestic violence has no culture for which it is, you know -- no culture is exempt, it seems, from domestic violence. And yet, you know, when -- when you have a distrust, perhaps because of where you came from, or your culture itself doesn't want to talk about it, it's not acceptable to talk about it, it can be very challenging to try and deal with all the domestic violence. So one of the groups out here in Portland who have done a lot of projects is the Arabic culture education group. They have done a lot with education, teaching kids how to speak Arabic. They have developed a program that is mostly for the Arabic community. And they are going to be teaching

this in Arabic. They're going to have an Arabic instructor, a trainer, to talk to them about what's acceptable, what isn't acceptable, how to access services, other ways to cope when you have domestic violence and in your home so you can better -- have a better relationship both within your community and can communicate and access those things that are not specifically in your community. And I think that is a great program. It's coming together, and I'm -- I believe that we have a video from this particular group. So I think it's time to play the video.

**Video Presenter:** Hi, my name is Hanna, I'm an advocate for domestic violence. I'm working in this field since four years now. And in Arabic and English. And in this workshop, we are talking about the domestic violence. Trying to get the Arabic community, especially. And we are trying to serve different communities in the community to educate them about the domestic violence. And how that affects their relationships between the families and the relationship between the partners. I will try to define domestic violence and how many kinds of domestic violence there are --

**Hardesty:** Excellent. Mr. Schultz, please.

**Schultz:** Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you hear me okay? Super duper. So good morning, council members. I am Schultz, full-time single father to three amazing youth living in the Lents neighborhood, south Portland. I've been involved in EPAP for quite some time. I love the -- the volunteering within the grants committee, as co-chair with Bobbi and with an amazing group of other volunteers, we've definitely made the changes that Bobbi alluded to with our grants program to make it so that if you've never done a grant before, you have the ability to negotiate a system that will end with funds or at least feedback with education. We definitely changed it from a seasonal kind of scramble to a more year-round stride, if you will. We have three categories, as mentioned. Civic engagement to further community involvement of people not usually included in decision making. It's a big element that you see often reflected in had the groups, our grantees, that you don't see anywhere else. We have

our general grant to improve livability and prevent displacement. Although I'll challenge you guys that livability has now become kind of a very subjective, weaponized term. And really what we've chatted about in EPAP is that we want the lived experience for all members of our communities to be increased. And you see that, again, reflected in our grants. The community support fund is really about the needs of the community members and as Bobbi mentioned, it is a response to things seen with -- with covid, the impacts of covid. It's also -- so EPAP does this \$150,000 each year, and we rarely have any carryover, and that's because we're constantly striving for ways to put that money into our community. The community support fund was also an answer to that. As you all I'm sure are aware, people have great ideas. They apply through the process. And sometimes, occasionally, they can't delivery. Well then those funds get reverted back and the way we handle that is it's a community support fund so it's not lost, it's not put in the next budget cycle, it's put right back in the community. For me today, I was going to talk about three that I like. We all go through this process. We review, you know, many, many grants, and then we find the ones we're like, wait, I really like this one, I really like that one. The I think the best reflexes of what EPAP does with this grant money is the Islamic festival, with the gym arts festival and another one that I'll mention, with the gym pep native arts festival, Jim pepper was a concrete musician, and the festival really inspires indigenous musicians and has spun off into culturally relevant music and education through their speak sing native program. I'm not in that community, so I can't speak to it definitively, but I know that it's an excellent program that's gaining more and more traction and worth being aware of. The Slavic festival this year I think is even more important as we see regional conflicts and we see ex pats that are here suffering some of the impacts. I was recently -- heard a story of a Chinese restaurant that had somebody walk in and say, "we're not going to buy food from you anymore because China supports Russians efforts." and so those conflicts, though they're international, they definitely have roots

back. And so then local events like the Islamic festival help bridge that gap and help the community members here. I think it's important. The other one I wanted to draw attention to was outdoor access. It's listed under our general grants. They are argued, in one-on-one and group outings into the natural spaces in east Portland, with east Portland residents. Of course, that one speaks specifically to me, as I have two sons that just recently completed their Eagle rank in scouting. That is largely outdoor. Our unit has over 65 youth. Literally last night was teaching over 25 kids, the proper care and safety, use of knives, axes and hatchets and saws. Bow saws. A bow saw is different than a saw. At any rate, I won't get into that. These are lessons they don't get at home, or they get at home and they need that reinforcement of coming together as community. These same elements of learned at home, learned from community apply to the Slavic festival, the Jim pepper festival, the Somali, the Arabic, the Rohingya, which I apologize if I said that wrong. They're all present in this grants practice. They're all asking empowerment for them to serve as their own community, which I think is so incredibly important and such a vital element that differs from a lot of other grant programs. Why we see comments like Dr. Holt that talks about a shoe string budget on the larger scale, we also see the very same operational issues with small-scale groups trying to build capacity to support their very own communities. And they are working, as well, with shoe string budgets, but they don't necessarily have the support and the optics of a larger platform like Dr. Holt has worked so tirelessly for, right? Having advocates that can -- that can travel the distance, as mentioned by the Mayor, like, that's a long walk, a long run, a long, treacherous journey, and we have that in our communities every day, and we see that reflected in these grants programs. If I was going to whisper something, it would be that the city would implement our form of processing, where we have community members speaking to the needs of our community, reviewing the grants with that focus. Is it always clean and perfect? No. It's a bunch of community members. Come on, we all know how that goes. But does it

yield excellent results? I think this grants package certainly illustrates that it does yield excellent results for our communities, directed by our community, supported by our community, and through you guys. You guys with the money, right? You guys with the money, you guys with the policy, you guys who we need to help us move it forward. As mentioned, the budget for EPAP, was I believe \$327,000 a year. We could use that just in grants. We go through 150 without an issue much so we are dedicatedly, easily able to find groups to give money to for themselves and improve the lived experience of east Portlanders. As we recover from covid, as we venture out, having events like the Jim Pepper and Slavic to go to, to kind of reacquaint ourselves with, is very important. I don't want to take too much more time here, but I'll leave with this. Our scout troop did our first summer camp. We hosted it ourselves. We had 56 kids. And the first -- it's five days. The first three days -- the first two days, exciting, exuberant, yay! The third day, crash. Everybody was crashing, because they had not had two years of being with people. And being with people a lot. And then the fourth and fifth day were great. They kind of recovered, we talked, we counselled, we coached, we did the job that did you get mentor leaders do, and that's what we needed to cross our systems. We hear it in our schools and we hear it in our community, and they're want and their ask and their desire for these grants. And I appreciate that I've kind of drifted off. I know I'm supposed to be selling EPAP, but this is EPAP to me, this is our grants to me, this is our connection to our community that is so vital. I wish for a better path to city leaders to give the ideas that we hear to help our communities. I wish that there was more that we could do. I and Bobbi, as she mentioned, we put in a lot of time. She was talking about our volunteers doing 25 hours, and I would hazard that Bobbi and I do quite a bit more than that. When you're in that leader position, you guys know how this works, you field audiology the questions and the emails, et cetera.

**Hardesty:** I'm going to ask you to wrap it up, please. We have a very detailed agenda today. If you want to finish that last thought so that we can watch the video. And move on with the agenda. I could listen to you all day. But we have a full agenda.

**Schultz:** Your time is impeccable because I was literally on my last sentence. I appreciate that. We're on the same time frame. It is -- it is with that idea that we have these grants. I hope it's unanimously supported and I hope you guys take a chance and visit some of our meetings. We're always open for input, participation, from any of the community that happens to be watching and for many Commissioners, of course. Thank you guys for letting me talk.

**Hardesty:** This shows -- your enthusiasm is contagious. So I really appreciate you being here today. And now we're going to ask that we could watch the short video, please.

**Video Presenter:** Hello, my name is Hannah. I am an advocate for domestic violence. I am working in this field since four years now. And I'm bilingual in Arabic and English. And in this workshop, we are talking about the domestic violence. We are targeting the Arabic community, especially. And we are trying to serve different categories in the community to educate them about the domestic violence. And how that affects their relationships between the families and the relationship between the partners. I will try to define the domestic violence and how many categories of domestic violence there are, how to stay safe in this situation, and who to contact to get services and support. It is -- is it safe to call the police? Or is it not? We will try to listen to the audience, open discussions about the problems that the community face. This presentation will be in the situation to let the audience participate as much as we can, because we try to listen to them hard, to know what's their problems, and what they can't talk about. Because talking about domestic violence in the Arabic community is a very sensitive -- I think because of the traditions and all that. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much for EPAP presentation. Mayor, I'll turn the program back over to you.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. Colleagues, any further questions on this? And Keelan, do we have any public testimony on this emergency ordinance?

**Clerk:** We're seeing none.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Why don't we go ahead and call the roll, please?

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Oh, be darn it. Bobbi, I really like the name change, as we want our investments to leverage more. To leverage more investments from other communities from the sector. And thank you for also acknowledging the time that you put in. I did notice that Schultz was nodding rather vigorously when you said 25 hours so it's possibly more than that. You mentioned the year-end stride. Thank you both for your public service, the two of you. And also just thank you for bringing more life to the work of your story-telling and we learned so much from your stories. And I'm also really grateful the video was played. It's really compelling to hear the story -- the domestic violence story that was told. Again, thank you for bringing this forward, which supports the community east Portland action plan and definitely brings results. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much, JR Lilly for your leadership of EPAP. Thank you, Schultz and Bobbi. Bobbi, you were doing grants when I was doing grants, so clearly, Bobbi loves doing grants, because we spent a lot of time doing that. I am so proud of the work that EPAP does. You work with some of the newer emerging organizations that will never -- as you said, very eloquently, never hope to get dollars from government. And you're able to help them do an application process that makes them competitive and makes them -- gives them the opportunity to invest in their own communities, and invest in civic engagement as they see fit. I have always been proud of EPAP, and I

continue to be proud of EPAP, and I'm very happy to have EPAP in my portfolio right now. And I will say that the grants that you selected are awesome. But I want to say also that I want to -- my hat is off to the volunteers of EPAP, because I know you saved many lives at the height of covid with your aid, with you making sure you're checking in on our elders and seniors. I see you. And I know the would, that you did, with almost no resources to make it happen. But you did it, because out of love for the community that we live in. I love east Portland, and like Bobbi, I moved here because I wanted to, not because I was forced to move here. And east Portland is my home. And you all make me proud to be an east Portlander. I am very happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I would like to thank the Mayor and Commissioner Hardesty for bringing this item forward. I would also like to thank JR, Bobbi and Schultz for your dynamic presentations today. I know EPAP well. I used to attend the meetings on a regular basis. And I really appreciate the work that EPAP does. And I am also familiar with many of the organizations that are funded in this round of grant cycles. And I'm excited about them, too. Schultz does a much better job at emoting than I do, but, you know, the Jim Pepper fest, history united kingdom park rose, east Portland neighbors, black training, rosewood, Islamic community center. These are great grass roots organizations making a difference in the community for a long, long time. So thanks to everyone who helped provide some support for them. And I'm excited to both attend some of the events that will be coming up, thanks to the dollars that you're getting out in the community, and I am delighted to vote aye this morning. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you, Mayor, Commissioner Hardesty and JR, for bringing this great grant recipients forward for our approval. Again, thank you to Schultz and Bobbi and many of the volunteers who put in so many hours to get here. Our city and community owes a debt of gratitude to you. I also have the honor of working in the past in my former life

with a few organizations on the list throughout my time in the community. And at the city. And I'm so impressed by this community center. I'm also very appreciative of the work of the east Portland action plan to keep council accountable, and also committed to making progress for our east Portland neighbors. So congratulations, everyone and thank you for your work. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Well, I am at a place in my life where I start asking questions like, was it worth it? And I think that about a lot of the work that we do here. And I think it's more than a coincidence today, it's the universe working in the way the universe works that we just have the north-northeast housing strategy come forward right before we have this EPAP proposal come before us. And both of them started in a place of community need. And colleagues, you know there's a familiar story about east Portland not getting the attention or the time or the resources that it deserves. And there's no question that downtown gets the lion's share of attention. That's the center of our city's economy. It's where our large employers are located. It's the hub of travel and tourism and convention business. So, yes, downtown does get a lion's share of the business. But we can never lose sight of the fact that the majority of the people in this city live east of the river. That's where people live. Who call themselves Portlanders. And so the needs of people in east Portland are paramount to the work of this council. And it's ever been so. One of the historical footnotes to the east Portland action plan that I always enjoy is I was there at the beginning. I was there when Mayor Potter and then house speaker, now united states senator, Jeff Merkley, and me in my capacity as the county chair became the government sponsors of a community-driven plan to start working collectively on the east side of the river to drive city hall and the state and Multnomah county government towards a more collaborative relationship with where our people live. And the needs that they have in their community. And it started off rather modestly. And it's been fun for me to watch over the years because I have not been

personally engaged in EPAP, except, you know, occasionally being asked to come and speak and share my thoughts and perspectives of the work we're doing. But it's taken on a life of its own under the leadership of people who live here. Who care deeply about the community and they care deeply about the future. And I look back on some of the bumps and the grinds early on, and I can say now, with the benefit of I don't know how many years it's been, what, 12, 13, 14, 15 years --

**Hardesty:** 12.

**Wheeer:** 12, thank you, Commissioner. Since that first set of meetings. I can say it was worth it. It was absolutely worth the blood, the sweat and the tears. And it's still worth it. And I'm really impressed when I hear, you know, that the hours that people are putting in -- you know, the last two years the media has been asking, is Portland dead? When you have people who are taking time out of their day and away from their families and away from their jobs and they're dedicating it in the hours that these individuals are dedicating it, Portland is a long damn way from dead. Because the people of this city are not even sure that it's not. And that's what I love about EPAP. It's got a spirit to it. And Schultz, you sort of embody that spirit. I love. And by the way, from one eagle scout to two others, please congratulate your kids on my behalf and tell them I'm really proud of them. It's really, really hard to -- with all the different activities and all the pressures on kids today to be able to make that commitment and earn that eagle award, that really is something. And it lasts a lifetime. So please pass on to them the Mayor is super proud of them for the hard work that they put into that. At any rate, I digress. The more important thing is this is about people bringing grants forward to identify the needs that they see in their community. We as a council are being responsive to that. Colleagues, I'm glad to see that we're once again being responsive to what EPAP asks us to do. It's easy to do the right thing. I vote aye, and the ordinance is adopted. Thank you all for your hard work, and we're going to look

forward to seeing you again soon. Thank you. Next up -- ah, this one is a good one. Proclamation. 292, please.

**Clerk:** April 26, 2022, the Frederick Law Olmsted day.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner?

**Hardesty:** She may be frozen, Mayor

**Wheeler:** Let's see if she comes back. Oops. Maybe not.

**Rubio:** Here in Portland, we experience the influence through our park, parkway, and natural area system which is based on a 1903 plan by John Charles Olmsted. Today we have three speakers involved in the local Olmsted 200 celebration. Suzanne Reinhardt Bishop, who will speak about Olmsted's design principles and their influence on progressive social change. Mike Houck who will talk about the place of natural resources in Olmsted's work, and Jan who will speak about non-motorized vehicle plans. I'll start by turning it over to Suzanne. Welcome, Suzanne.

**Suzanne Bishop:** Thank you, Commissioner Rubio. And good morning, Mayor and city Commissioners. I'm Suzanne Bishop, a member of the board and a vice chair of the garden history and design of the garden club of America. April 26th, marks the 200 year anniversary of the birth of Fredrick Law Olmsted, Sr. a leader in the early twentieth century progressive movement. This year across the nation, public and private organizations at the local and national level are participating in an Olmsted 200 celebration. Through events, education and advocacy, this effort will ensure Olmsted's legacy lives on by renewing commitments to the preservation and maintenance to historic park and places, with the thoughtful procurement of the landscapes for the public's well-being. Prior to central park in New York, there were no public parks in America, wilderness were available for private ownership. No place in rapidly growing American cities to enjoy green spaces and clean air. Progressive public work to bear on this problem. As an author, journalist, a city manager and a leader in the profession of American landscape architecture, he was understanding of the profound connection

between people and nature. And he promoted the importance of regular and easy access to nature as being vital to people's physical and mental health. Olmsted advocated for public ownership of urban green spaces and rural natural areas and universal access to these places. He bequeathed design principles that served as a blueprint for land, water, buildings and parkways for effects that were devised to serve the health and social needs of all Americans. And he showed that thoughtful landscape design would promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities, nurture public health and encourage the development of livable communities. He designed urban parks in an idealized version of nature to stimulate senses. His social theories argued for accessible urban public parks to benefit our physical and mental health and as places in which to practice democracy together. These were revolutionary ideas at the time but now ingrained in our way of thinking. The thousands of city parks, urban projects and state and federal parks he, his sons and partners created across the country designed for us a new kind of America that embraces common ground for all people. For this Olmsted is acknowledged as the first and greatest landscape architect in the American public realm. We would like to invite you to a symposium next Tuesday at 12:30 at the Peninsula Park Center. This is a collaboration between Portland Parks and Rec, the Friends of Parkway, Peninsula Park and Columbia Park. And now, I'll let Mike share how Olmsted's son brought the ideals west and envisioned for us a comprehensive and interconnected park system for early Portland.

**Hardesty:** Is Mike frozen? Hi, Mike.

**Mike Houck:** I'm here.

**Hardesty:** Okay. You can go, I think.

**Houck:** Okay. Yeah. It's great to be here. I don't know if you can see anything I'm showing. I've got a copy of Olmsted's 1903 plan, which I intend to deliver to you. I read it back in 1982, it inspired me to get involved in issues related to parks and related to Portland and throughout the region. The plan called for a competitive connected parks,

parkways and boulevards to be distributed equitably across the city. By the way, he did point out the disparity of west side/east side, as far back as 1903 and advocated on focusing on acquisition on the east side of the river. In addition, he advocated for neighborhood parks, playground arms city squares and natural landscapes, scenic reservations. What struck me most about the plan was the call for inclusion of natural landscapes and protection of urban waterways as essential elements of a comprehensive park system. One passage that stood out to me, I'll quote, "formerly people built rivers and lakes, thus not only excluding the public from continuous access but reigning beauty." embrace streams that carry more water that can be taken care of by drain pipes of ordinary size. Brooks and little rivers, to be put in large underground conduits at enormous expense, pleasure grounds attractive parkways. He was advocating 119 years ago what we refer to today as great infrastructure. He advocated for what parks and recreation and the bureau of environmental services have only relatively recently combined their resources to improve watershed health and protect the city's biodiversity and mitigate and adapt to climate change. I would like to acknowledge, by the way, that Commissioner Nick Fish, frequently quoted Olmsted's 1903 plan. I'm hopeful after I deliver copies to all of you, you will be as enthusiastic about his impact on the city of Portland . In fact, Frederick senior and John Charles Olmsted argued parks were not an amenity. They were essential urban infrastructure. And as you all know, Portland parks and recreation was declared an infrastructure bureau about I don't know, 15 or 20 years ago, appropriately so. Among his many recommendations for protecting city's natural landscapes, create what became forest park, a large watery park in the Columbia sloughs and Ross Island to come into public ownership. We've got 50 acres owned by Portland parks and rec and hope we can expand that in the not too distance future. My pitch to you to honor John Charles Olmsted's plan to ramp up the grown infrastructure. It's critical that Portland parks and recreation and BS continue their collaboration on those projects. And with that, I'm going to pass it onto Jim Sjulín, who

will talk about how boulevards and parkways is interpreted as the 40-mile loop in the modern age.

**Jim Sjulín:** Thank you, Mayor and city Commissioners, I'm Jim. A board member with the 40-mile land loop trust, here to mention three things. The first is the thank you as well as past city administrations for supporting the 40-mile loop since the inception in the late 1970s, specifically, thank you to Portland parks and rec and Portland bureau of transportation for their roles in developing an opening a new section of marine drive trail in the Wilkes neighborhood in 2019. And thanks to the same bureaus for submitted multiple grant applications to metro in February of this year. One, for another section of marine drive trail and the park rose neighborhood and two sections of the north Portland greenway, as well as a grant application for a section of the Columbia Slough trail near the Portland international airport. This slide shows you a map of the 150-mile 40-mile loop compared to the original rendition of parkways and boulevards as the visioned by John Charles Olmsted and interpreted by cp kaiser, Portland park's superintendent from 1919 to 1949. And this map on the inset shows you what he was trying to put together in that time. The Olmsted kaiser inset shows an ambitious goal. The larger portion is the updated version of that, that came out of the 40-mile loop master plan we adopted in 1983, 39 years ago. You can see the enormous in scale of these two ideas that are very similar in their intent. The next slide, please. Is a -- we can move, is a pie graph of progress. After 40 years of work by all of us, the entire 150-mile system that includes the cities of Portland, Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and a portion of Milwaukee is 70% complete. If we include projects almost funded by grant proposals submitted by Portland, by Gresham and trout dale we could be around 75% complete. In closing, the 40-mile loop look forward to continuing the collaboration that has enabled us to achieve these. The goal of the 40-mile loop has always been to provide safe, equitable and sustainable access to nature and public open spaces for pedestrians

and bicyclists. We believe that goal is as relevant today as it was over 40 years ago.

Thank you.

**Rubio:** First, I want to also thank Suzanne and Mike and Jim for their dedication to parks and natural areas and excellent work in lifting up the Portland significance. They help us understand the way Olmsted contributed to the system of parks and natural areas and trails and Portland's commitment that parks should be accessible to enjoy by everyone are rooted within his strong fuse of significant -- views. He challenged parks should be exclusive to only the most elite and should be available to the public. Because of what we know about Oregon's history of exclusion, we recognize the public in those times did not include black, indigenous or people of color nor did it recognize this land as Native American land. Olmsted as an abolitionist and environmental conservationist was a visionary and seeded the roots for today. In the 200 years since generations and Oregonians benefited from the vision, we're recommitting to a stewardship of parks and natural spaces and trails in a manner inclusive of Portlanders in a safe manner that is accessible to all. With that, I will turn it back to you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate it. Commissioner Mapps, then Commissioner Ryan.

**Mapps:** Thank you. I want to thank Suzanne, Mike and Jim for really informative and educational presentation. I'm delighted to you join in proclaiming April 26, 2022, to be Frederick Law Olmsted Day here in Portland, Oregon. I have to confess, when I first saw the item, it wasn't obvious why we were bringing the proclamation forth. Of course I know and admire him. Born in 1822, died in 1903, the father of landscape architecture. Frederick Law Olmsted designed some of the beloved public spaces in America. Even if you don't recognize the name Frederick Law Olmsted, you probably know and admire his work. For example if you like New York city's central park, Boston's emerald necklace, the UC Berkeley or Stanford campus, then you are a fan of his work. He designed all of those spaces and dozens more too. And this year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Those are all things to celebrate. Still, I up until recently I did not think of him as

being a Portland guy. No parks designed by him. But thanks to this proclamation, I believe there is a connection between Olmsted and Portland and it comes through his son, John Charles Olmsted. As we heard today, he worked in his father's landscape design firm. And in 1903, that firm was hired by an early version of Portland's park bureau to develop the first comprehensive plan for a park system. The plan that Olmsted presented to city council in 1904 was visionary, he proposed a comprehensive system of parks and parkways. Unfortunately, most of those parks that were presented in the first plan were never built. But that first parks plan laid the foundation for how Portland thinks about plans for and manages our city's parks. Now, Portland hired Olmsted's landscape and architectural firm because they were the world's leading purveyor of the city beautiful movement. The city beautiful movement was an approach to urban planning which was popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s and helped shaped the way Americans, including Portland, look as the name suggest, this movements was focused on making cities more beautiful. The city beautiful movement was reacting to the fact in the late 1800s, early 1900s, American cities were grim, gritty and largely industrial landscapes. Advocates of the city beautiful movement -- argued it would make for a happier, healthier and more virtuous citizenry well. Prepare to celebrate the life and legacy of Frederick Olmsted I hope we remember his son, who helped create the city we know and love today. I'm glad to join you in declaring today Frederick Law Olmsted day. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Ryan:** Thank you, and now, I know the 40 mile loop 150 miles long and brings together five municipalities, great work. Colleagues I'm really excited to join new this moment to offer gratitude for the vision and his son, apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I want to height highlight his work to establish open space as a necessary part of urban infrastructure tour, so much of what makes Portland this liveable, green metropolis outlined in the 1903 Olmsted report. He advocated to secure the future and to owe

more than Seattle. And that system should be well balanced and we do have a wide variety of expansion of parks and we're doing great works and he advocated for boulevards that led to tree-lined boulevards a lot of us enjoy, such as northeast Ainsworth and northeast 72. In hats off to the team and today, I'm happy to join my colleagues in recognizing contributions of nationally and electrically of the Olmsteds and their family, for securing this future that we live in today. Now, it's our responsibility to build on that vision.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I want to thank Commissioner Rubio and team for bringing this proclamation forward. It's important we understand, and embrace, the history of the city. This an important part of it. I want to thank our guest, Jim, Mike and Suzanne for this proclamation now I'm going to read on behalf of the Portland city council. Where as, Frederick Olmsted fostered equitable parks for all people, considered founder of the professional of landscape architecture, born April 26th, 1822, and support for abolition of slavery gave rise for landscapes that were for all, regardless of wealth or social standing and created central park, prospect park to those lacking the means as a respite from urban life and promote human health. And he documented evils in the institution of slavery and played a significant role in creational of the national park system with his work to establish Yosemite park and promoted parks as a central public infrastructure tour to promote a more healthful city and has a democratic space to create this community. His son, John Charles Olmstead a co-founder of the American society of landscape architects brought to Portland in 1903 by the volunteer park plan to develop a master plan and reflected the same commitments to equitable access for everyone and creation of an intersected system of parks and boulevards for human health and healthy economy. I, ted Wheeler, Mayor of Portland, oregon, city of roses do proclaim April 26th to be Frederick Law Olmstead day and encourage residents to celebrate the birth of Olmsted senior and the contributions to John Charles Olmstead to establishing park and trail land in the city of Portland and

metropolitan region. Thank you for being here today. Thank you, colleagues we'll move to regular agenda. We'll start with item 303 please.

**Clerk:** Accept bid of Brown contracting Inc. for 4M bikeway project for 1,282,821 dollars.

**Wheeler:** The city council adopted implementation strategy report which includes 4M bike way project that will help develop and enhance a connected, low stress bike network between 130<sup>th</sup>-135<sup>th</sup>, 151st and 122nd avenue. Chief procurement officer Biko Taylor is here, to present the report.

**Biko Taylor:** Good morning Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. Can everyone hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Taylor:** I'm Biko Taylor, chief procurement officer, city council approved ordinance 190249 January 6th, 2021, and chairman services issued invitation to bid February 24th, 2022, with a due date of February 3, 2022, and in total, four bids were received. Brown contracting the low bidder and recommended awardee. The city's equity and contracting aspirational goal of 20% of costs for firms certified for the city of oregon applied to the project. Brown contracting is committed to subcontract 20.05% to covid certified firms and of that, a negligible percentage awarded to MBES. Total covid commitment is \$257,000. Those are my remarks. Any questions?

**Wheeler:** Any questions? Do we are anyone signed up?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** I'll entertain a motion.

**Ryan:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan moves. Can I get a second?

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you, I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I look forward to the day when our new contracting services provides more opportunity for minority owned firms and that is coming up next. For had one, I'm going to vote aye and once again I'm disappointed on what we call equity in city contracting.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I'm glad to see this move forward, I share concerns about minority contracting issues here and I know procurements has plans in place. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I share my colleague's concerns, but looking forward to the next agenda item. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Report is accepted. Next item, number 304. Please.

**Clerk:** Authorize chief procurement officer to conduct a competitive solicitation process for a disparity study an award a contract not to exceed \$1 million over five years.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues item 304, 305 and 306 have never mind this, is a second reading so I'm just going to take second reading and make comments then. Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you. I got lost there just a moment. Are we just --.

**Wheeler:** This is a second reading. Go ahead. Just call role.

**Ryan:** Got it.

**Ryan:** 305? Yes? Okay. Thank you for your work to bring this --.

**Wheeler:** We're on 304.

**Ryan:** 304. Yes I got lost. There we are. Sorry about that. Thank you, Mayor and director bringing this forward today I was surprised to learn it's been a decade since the last study was published. During my time we have had an array of contracts and I've been surprised with the equity goal in our contracting and I don't feel I've gotten a clear answer of disparity. And I look forward to digging into the data and study and recommendations that created. Thank you. I vote aye

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Procurement at the city of Portland is something I paid attention to over 30 years and testified, many times, about the lack of opportunity in the city of Portland. I'm thrilled director Taylor has a vision about how to move forward to become the city we are. Because we're not. Clearly not the diverse inclusive city that we tried to tell people we are. I look forward to this study being used in how we move forward and unfortunately, I was around the last time we did a study 12 copies and spent a few million bucks on it. I'm looking forward to Director Taylor's plan and these three proposals starts us down that path I'm just going say I have been just as brutal. I don't think it's been brutal but kind of clear with procurement about our lack of outcomes. And I want him to know he has my 100% support moving forward to make us a city that walks our talk.

**Clerk:** Mapps

**Mapps:** I want to thank the Mayor. I'm excited about this item and other pack wraths of reforms that we'll hear about shortly during my time on council we've been frustrated on our contracts, it's important to move beyond the old way of doing things and I believe this is the first step towards building a better system and I am glad to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I'm going to make comments for package of initiatives now. Director Taylor your time in our city has not been long but you're taking on major projects to improve

practices and that speaks volumes about your values and I'm excited about this work which these issues have gone unaddressed in any consequential way and I'm thrilled we have an opportunity to improve access to BIPOC contractors and prove accountability and elevate our work force in a way that hasn't been done before. And we have a moral imperative to close the gap to what we inspire to be and what where we need to hold ourselves accountable to, we can never recover decades of lost opportunities in the past but can set a new course for the future to have generational wealth. And to ensure we're keeping integrity so I'm excited to see what director Taylor will do with the package of ordinances and want to thank him and the community stakeholders for this great set of actions. My office is ready to support. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** I'd like to take a moment to thank Biko our chief they've engaged stakeholder groups to develop thoughtful equity centered change for how we're going to do procurement moving forward and they're helping us to move forward in anti-race war on terrorism and equity. This is something we've wanted for a long time. Item 305, second reading.

**Clerk:** Authorize chief procurement officer to pilot increasing contracting policies designed to increase firms owned by people of color and women owned firms to increase eligibility for contract opportunities, expand opportunities for business development, and foster wealth creation for economic opportunities.

**Wheeler:** This is second reading. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call role.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you, Mayor and Director Taylor already for your work to bring this to the dais today. I feel honored to break down barriers on discrimination and feel lucky to be part of a city council that will enact change by conducting business with people who are people of color and women. I want to thank city council for this accountable and transparent contracting policies designed to again rate wealth, a tract firms owned by

black, indigenous people of color and women. I recognize there no single police. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I'm glad to see this pilot move forward and I encourage you to reach out to bureaus so we have a full conversation there and I'm confident this will move us towards a more equitable system.

**Clerk:** Rubio

**Rubio:** Happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler

**Wheeler:** This pilot expands option to attract more BIPOC owned firms creating health building opportunities, something we should support. I vote aye. Ordinance is adopted. Item 306, also a second reading of nonemergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Adopt a regional contracting program for alternative public improvement contracts with engineers estimate valued over 5eds million to implement agreement requirements.

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

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** We've coupled these together and I just wanted to thank you, Mayor and director for bringing this forward for a development an agreement and I'll be an advocate to push upstream to ensure this part of the work. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Today we're signing to create opportunities across governmental jurisdictions for minority business owners to build their businesses, it's crazy it's taking us so long to get to this place that we're looking we help and I'm happy to vote aye on this item.

**Mapps:** This is another reform, feedback is the same as last item and just encourage you to engage in dialogue with engineers over at the infrastructure tour bureaus. And I'm happy to vote aye. I look forward to progress on the project.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Again. Thrilled for this project and I have made comments, happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** This work force agreement centers work force development and better recruits and remains workers and firms and I vote aye. And is adopted.

**Hardesty:** Mayor?

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Can we take a break?

**Wheeler:** Why don't we do that Colleagues we still have eight items left. If those are yours I encourage you to be as to the point as possible. We'll go ahead, how much time would you like?

**Hardesty:** Five minutes would be fine.

**Wheeler:** Very good. It's 11:55. We'll convene at noon, straight up. Thank you. We're in --.

**Hardesty:** Recess.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. That is the word I was struggling to find, recess, thanks.

**Clerk:** > 2021 through 2025 plan and fy2021-22 action plan to adopt and authorize submission of the home American rescue plan to the US Department of housing and urban development to apply and re-accept funds totaling \$13,567,782.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Sorry about that. I just got back from the break. Bear with me, people, I wish we're live at the moment. Thank you, ma'am. Lovely day it is in. Colleagues for joining me today alongside our partners of the housing bureau to bring forward this amendment regarding the home American rescue plan. Colleagues with the message of

the plan U.S. Congress made available \$5 billion for homelessness assistance to its important to note HUD making available to jurisdictions that qualify for the home entitlement allocation. And home art is a formula-based allocation, awarding as Portland home consortium needs to apply in funds in form of a home ARP fund so Portland home consortium prepared such a plan an brought it forward for adoption for submittal to HUD. And the plan was prepared according to the HUD guidelines including consultation processes that are detailed in the plan and includes specifics on the amount of funding and proposed levels of funding by submitting this program is certified actions will further fair housing and funds will be used with the program tests and government. And I'll join director Shannon Callahan interim program director Shannon Singleton and programming as it relates to the city. Director Callahan, take this away.

**Shannon Callahan:** Thank you. And good afternoon. Could we have the slide deck? Thank you. Today we're here to ask for support for an amendment to housing and urban development action plan. Commissioner Ryan has given you an overview. I would like to you understand these are similar to based allocation of home funds but one key difference is that it allows for us to purchase and develop a non-congregate shelter with these funds. So to receive funds, our jurisdiction is to amend an action plan and in 2021 and early 2022 housing bureau held a series of community forums. Next slide, please. We conducted online surveys and there was a clear community immediate for additional shelter programs and shelter supports. The city, and county participate this a local home consortium, managed by the housing bureau. And the city and county are proposing to combine allocations just over \$11.3 million for purposes of providing motel shelter for 37 households. During the pandemic working to identify sites that can serve as a shelter but could be developed into affordable housing. 1 site was roadway in, in the park rose neighborhood in anticipation of the acquisition, using these funds, the joint office entered into a lease

for the motel we wanted to make sure we're moving to get folks off streets and into shelter. I'm going to turn it over to interim director Shannon Singleton to talk about how the shelter is currently operating and how we anticipate it operating once purchasing the site.

**Shannon Singleton:** Thank you. Shannon Singleton. Pronouns and she, her and with the joint office. This current shelter evolved into a longer-term motel sheltering program. We worked with our partners to good Multnomah to transform a shelter and bring their staff, which have experience into this site. I want to note the 82 avenue shelter they transferred from is owned by the county and will be reopening shortly as a transitional facility with people experiencing homelessness and with mental illnesses so we're not losing that capacity in the community. We have a block room agreement and have rooms for individuals and couples. Do good is operating it to serve folks who are extremely vulnerable and to covid-19. They work to provide food services, our street PDX and the funds would allow the opportunity to acquire a site for shelter use and also for that repurposing and it'll turn it over to director Callahan and stay for questions.

**Callahan:** Thank you. One of the key features of the acquisition is that we'll be reserving in a deed restriction ability to land change site and take the opportunity for the future, I'm happy to take questions.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor and director and interim director singleton. Is it 13 million used at this whole report?

**Callahan:** It's just over \$11 million and there is administrative funding but, the entire \$11.3 million is going to acquire the site.

**Hardesty:** The goal is to purchase the site. Is that enough to develop the site?

**Callahan:** It is to purchase the site, own the motel, reduce costs of running the motel and be able to have a site for future development.

**Hardesty:** There is a lot of, like I thought about this small pod villages and it's fine, it's fine this, is 137 units. Right? And he can't help but say it's like a trip in the titanic. Right? When you think about the magnitude of our houseless population and so if there is additional ways to things innovative? Small villages? Etc.? And this I understand is for one property to acquire the report.

**Mapps:** Thank you. Yes. How much is targeted towards Portland?

**Callahan:** So, the total grant, let me go back. Is 10.8 million. Multnomah county half a million and city of Gresham, \$2.2 million.

**Mapps:** Can you tell me Portland again?

**Callahan:** Certainly. Just a moment. 10.8 million. And Gresham 2.2 and Multnomah is 500,000.

**Mapps:** Okay. There might be an error. I have Portland seeing 320,000. But I trust you.

**Callahan:** Sorry about that if there is a documents mistake. No. It's a sizeable amount.

**Mapps:** Okay. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Keelan do we have testimony?

**Clerk:** In one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you director Callahan and interim director singleton, I'm thankful we're taking on this urgent matter today and I have had the pleasure of going to the site twice and I think it's the right purchase at the right time. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I am a big fan of this buying properties rather than renting buildings. I just have to say when I hear \$11 million and only one property what I do math it makes me nervous. The need is significant. Taking nudging away from this property and project. But 11 million seems like a lot of money for one project and is not developing permanent housing that people can live in. What are we doing with 11 million that

doesn't lead to permanent housing people can afford to live in? Today I'll vote aye and trust process.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I'm glad to see this move forward and familiar with the property. And is needed with great access. And brings on 137 units of your own door that. Great. I am glad to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I want to thank staff for working on this project. It's an important one. We need to take opportunities that present themselves to us when we can. I'm glad we're tackling the project. I vote aye

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. Thank you. Next item 308. This is a nonemergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Approve application under limited tax exemption program under inclusionary housing program for southeast 27th and division programs.

**Ryan:** Thank you. I am excited to bring forward an ordinance for southeast 27th division apartments. A five story, 52 unit residential only apartment unit, 32 studios, 121 bedrooms and 82 bedroom units. We have housing planning manager and program manager that will share a brief presentation. Please take it away.

**Matthew Tschabold:** Afternoon, I will be brief and this is a reconfiguration of a 52 unit building reconfiguring four units into three. So one studio and 22 bedroom and housing bureau recommending approval. Rents are below market rents and tax exemption will be on at fordable units and with that I'm happy to answer questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues any questions, Keelan anyone signed up?

**Clerk:** No one signed up

**Wheeler:** Last chance, colleagues any questions first reading of nonemergency ordinance moves to second. 309 please, also a nonemergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Create local improvement district in southeast 155th avenue and main street drive local improvement district.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. Council adopted resolution 27568 declaring intent to initiate this local improvement strict formation. And establish the name of the local improvement district at southeast 155th avenue and main street. No man drive local improvement district is what it will be moan as and I turn it over to Andrew for a brief presentation on what we're doing. Take it away.

**Andrew Aebi:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. And I'm going to keep the presentation to 90 seconds or less. Keelan could we switch to the presentation, please. And if we can just to slide two. So. This is a map of the proposed local improvement district that is discussed in March, we're making improvement to three frontages on southeast main street and south edge of park lane park and we'll get a new fire code compliant cul de sac on the north end which will improve emergency response to the park. So that would high pressure facilitate for park expansion. Before I just move over to the next slide, I would just say centennial neighborhood has about 44.7% sidewalk coverage verses 63.0%. So here happy to be able to deliver this will help facilitate land use approvals for the park. And this is a rendition of the future improvements and is available to answer questions. And I'm here to answer questions about lid. And they have in objection.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor, that concludes testimony.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues any questions? Any testimony?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you Commissioner Hardesty and Andrew. Moves to second reading. Let's see. 310, second reading.

**Clerk:** Authorize Portland bureau to implement a event parking district in Lloyd.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues we've taken testimony and had a presentation, any further discussion? Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** I think and p bot staff for bricking this forward and answering many questions and I appreciate hearing about the outreach we've done with the neighborhood spaces. And I vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Someone used to live on the corner of Martin Luther King boulevard and Multnomah boulevard I can tell you I was locked home every time there was an event that happened at motor center or convention center because park did not exist until those I'm proud of the work done to bring business owners as well as neighbors together to make this program possible. And I'm happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps.

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty and p bot for work on this and echo appreciation for outreach on this project and vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** I think that was well handled. Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. I was looking for strains in this and concern is that as we're encouraging people to come back into this city core and encouraging people to participate, any time we think about raising rates there could be an outcry from local businesses. Quite the opposite happened here. They were engaged and part of the process. Having an opportunity to hear testimony from business owners but to visit with the go Lloyd folks this week and so great work. Ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next item. 311.

**Clerk:** Authorize a competitive solicit in contract with lowest responsible bidder providing payment for construction of the Sullivan pump station safety improvement project. E11567 for cost of \$1,040,000.

**Mapps:** this makes urgently needed safety improvements to a critical part of the city's waste water treatment system. And we have safety concerns about just one, Sullivan pump station located in southeast Portland and this sends sewage from city pipes to

Columbia boulevard water treatment center constructed in early 1950s. And this shows the same level of concern for operator safety that you might find in a car built in the early 1950s, in other words there are safety issues that need to be fixed about we're going to require staff to work had this space. Now, unsafe conditions are not particularly dramatic. Like ladders are too steep and equipment difficult and risky to access. Fixes are straight forward. The site needs things like modified platforms, permanent ladders and guard rails, the project is more than \$1 million. We hope to begin installing new safety equipment in September and finish work before the end of the year. And have two staff members from BES. And it'll turn it over to staff now.

**Eric Thomas:** Good afternoon, I'm the project manager for the Sullivan home station safety improvement project and here to request permission to move forward with bidding on the important project. At the pump station, next slide, please. The sole purpose is to improve safety of working conditions for operations and maintenance personnel and one existing unsafe condition led to a time loss injury. Next slide, please. One issue we'll address is safety for accessing the pumps. The existing guardrails in this picture prevent easy access to pumps for maintenance, or for removal of the pump protection cages that surround the shafts at the top of the picture. And in the past, workers have resorted to unsafe means to perform work or climbing to stand on the wet, slippery bump. Next slide, please. Shown here is the existing layout and this distance with guardrail shown hinders access to pumps. You can see the platform that is requiring pumps from the previous picture, next slide, please. There will be a large platform had will be lower and closer, to the pumps. The platform proximity to the pumps and geometry will provide them a safer working environment. Next slide please. And next will provide access near the top of the picture. Now, maintenance personnel had need to use a tall extension ladder. Another item is related to safe access to the mechanical unit located on the top of the lid shown in this picture. We right new the ladder against the wall used for access. Another is light fixtures to be accessed by

maintenance personnel. Right now, maintenance has to reach far beyond edge of the existing platform and the use of the ladder is unsafe in this congested area, next slide, please. The final item we'll address is a relocation of valves for hydraulic oil system that require periodic operation and maintenance and located approximately 14 feet above floor and locate add above a large pipe. Geometry and congestion provides safe use and engineer estimate is \$1.04 million. We acknowledge this is a lot of money and relocation of challenges with performing work in a crowded operating pump station as well as current labor market, high price of steel and supply chain issues contributed to the cost of the project. And we expect construction to take one year, next slide, please. Thank you so much for your consideration.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, anyone signed up?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for a thorough presentation and photos that is helpful. Item 312 please, nonemergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of ground water pump station motor control replacement project for 2 million, \$425,000.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** The last ordinance we've heard dealt with a bureau of environmental services pump station. And this facility is developed to water bureau and most of the time comes are rivers and streams and when there is a problem with the bull run shed, Portland has a bill to switch to ground water. You may remember a tree fell on water facilities and Portland switched to ground water for a couple days. The ordinance before us now deals with water bureau ground water pump station, the engine driving the ground water system. Here is the problem. The motor-controlled centers he'd to be replaced and equipment expected to last 25, 30 years and as of today that is 39 years old. And many components are longer being manufactured and finding used parts has

become difficult. And minimizing will reduce risk of catastrophic risk at the water station. We are the water bureau chief engineer. Welcome.

**Jodie Inman:** Thank you. I'll keep this very brief. Can you pull up presentation? About three slides. We're pleased to have and this our primary back up supply and is a critical component of a climate change tool using for summer augmentation. Goals for ground water program including repairing and replacing compliance and ensuring regulations. Next slide. I know pictures are fun to see, these are what the controller centers look like. Notary exciting they're large metal cabinets way past expected useful life and had takes out ability for pumps to run. We have multiple large pumps that are ground water and smaller pumps and will be replacing motor controller centers for all units over the next several years and there our request for lowest responsive bidder at value of estimated cost of \$2,425,000. With that, it'll take questions.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues? Any questions? Is any public testimony?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Very well, this is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance moves to second reading. We'll move back to consent. Agenda please. Item 294.

**Clerk:** Settlement of Charlie Olinger for \$49,833 involving Portland parks and recreation.

**Wheeler:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I pulled this off consent because it as closer to 50,000 we agreed if there was a settlement we'd not put it on consent because I thought was good to pull it off consents. I don't have issues with the settlement. And just wanted to model the behavior we're after.

**Wheeler:** We have David here to answer questions. Any public testimony?

**Clerk:** No Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Commissioner Hardesty is there anything you wanted to hear?

**Hardesty:** No, sir. I think it's an appropriate settlement and just again so close to our 50,000 threshold I did not want it to sweep through.

**Wheeler:** Please call roll.

**Clerk:** [roll call]

**Wheeler:** Aye. Ordinance is adopted, Item 296 please.

**Clerk:** Accept chief procurement officer's recommendation for contract to SP+ municipal services for smart park garage operations.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. I have an amendment to put on the table. Amendment reads as follows. SP+ municipal services for term of three years upon city council approval and contract may be extended up to two years and council's conditional acceptance is subject to final contracts approval to the motion this presented as a potential 10 year contract. I did not want to get us down to a path in one company to run our smart parks. It's good to see who else is out there and that is why I proposed this amendment to the initial item.

**Wheeler:** Very good I'll second it for discussion purposes. I'd like to hear from Michael Jacobs on this. And better understand the bureau response in.

**Michael Jacobs:** Bureau is, for the record I'm manager for the smart park garages. Bureau is fine with reducing this to five year contract.

**Wheeler:** I don't see red flags. Very good. Keelan any public testimony?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler:** Voting on Commissioner Hardesty's amendment first. Any further questions on the amendment? Please call roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you, Michael Jacobs being here and your explanation, I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye. Did you hear me?

**Clerk:** No. Sorry.

**Hardesty:** No worries.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Amendment is adopted. Now main motion. As amended. It is a report.

So main motion here to accept the report as amended. Any further --.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** Go ahead.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

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

**Clerk: role call**

**Wheeler:** Aye. Report is accepted as amended by Commissioner Hardesty. That concludes our business for this morning. Colleagues. I will see you in one hour and 18 minutes for our 2:00 session, we're adjourned.

**At 12:38 pm, Council recessed.**

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April 20, 2022 2:00 p.m.

**Wheeler:** Megan, you are Council Clerk this afternoon?

**Clerk:** Yes, good afternoon.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Here.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Here.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Here.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Here.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Here. I probably should have said this is the April 20, 2020 afternoon session. The city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several ways to make the meeting available via broadcast for this meeting. Public can provide testimony by emailing the clerk. Also email the clerk for any other questions. Good afternoon.

**Anne Milligan Legal Counsel:** 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 [portland.gov/council/agenda](http://portland.gov/council/agenda) describes how and when you can sign up for public testimony. The testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals 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 when your time is up, or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result on the person being placed on hold or ejected for the remainder of the council meeting. All public council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We have two items this afternoon. We will read them together. Please, Megan item 313 and 314.

**Clerk:** Item 313, renew the central eastside industrial district management district services license fee for ten years. 314. Authorize agreement for central east side industrial district management district services.

**Wheeler:** The license fee, a procedural vote required by city code 6.06 to visit three years after creation and every 10 years thereafter. The second is an ordinance which will grant a five-year contract to manage the use of the property management license fee. It's the newest enhanced service district, as you are aware. A public/private partnership. Since its inception central eastside together has proven to be a partner for the district. Over the past several years we have increasingly faced many challenges. No surprise to anyone here. The pandemic and movement for social justice reform have sharpened our focus on long-standing societal issues, driving home we can no longer accept the status

quo. City auditor and public raised issues to governance, transparency, accountability and the role of districts in providing community safety services. From its beginning, central eastside together has striven to set it's self apart addressing such criticism. Representation from all major stakeholder groups, not just business and rate payers, providing regular public reporting on its programs and creating opportunities for regular public input, including regularly surveying the houseless residents in the district on their perspectives. They have taken a proactive and collaborative approach of the issues facing the district. It's safety for all teams. Uses a trauma-informed approach to build relationships with the houseless members of the district. Acting as liaisons between them and business. Deescalating conflicts and connecting them with services. It's cleaning services do a great job picking up trash off sidewalks, removing graffiti and removing trash from campsites and offering services to residents. They have engaged with rate payers, stakeholders and others to discuss the future as well as negotiate a new contract. The city has heard overwhelming support for the district and its program continuing. While the city is requiring new requirements regarding oversight accountability and transparency consistent with the audit, it's also notable most of these changes are minor, given that the central eastside together already had much of these processes in place in the first place. As with all of the enhanced service districts it's important to recognize this isn't the end of the conversation, but rather just a step forward in the process. As we move forward with a full evaluation of the role and the structure of enhanced service districts, new reforms may be put into place. However, it's worth saying that in many ways, the central eastside together represents a model of how enhanced service districts can help not only just businesses, but all members in the community. Here to present on these items is Shawn Campbell from the office of management and finance. Good afternoon, Shawn. Hope you are doing well today.

**Shawn Campbell:** Good afternoon, hope everyone is doing well as well. Let me share my screen real quick and we will get started. As I said, good afternoon, everyone. My

name is Shawn Campbell with the office of management and finance. I'm here today to discuss the central eastside, sunset review and management contract renewal. With me are Scott Carter with the revenue division, and Svetlana -- just as a reminder, enhanced service districts are areas where a property management license fee is collected from property owners by the city and given to a contracted nonprofit to provide services. These districts are regulated by city code 6.06 currently being reviewed as part of the audit response. As a quick update on the progress of that review, the office of management and finance has largely completed the information stage, making a significant amount of information available to the public on the city's website. We are now developing the listening stage with schedule to be released by the end of the month and listening sessions in June, with the goal of bringing recommendations to council in October. Today we are talking about the central eastside industrial district. It contains industrial and residential apartments as well. Today is the first reading with a vote by council expected on April 27th. With regards to this enhanced service district, city council has two action items before it. The first is a resolution to renew the district. And the second is an ordinance to enter into an agreement with central eastside together. City council must hold a public meeting in 2022 and every ten years thereafter. It's important to note this resolution doesn't bar city council from terminating the district at any time. The district can be terminated any time by property owners representing 33% of the district's revenue submitting objections to its existence. The management services agreement is a five-year contract between the city and qualified contractor, 6.06 nonprofit established by rate payers for the purposes of providing services that serve the district. This organization is central eastside together. In preparing to bring this item to council, the office of management and finance has worked with central eastside together and collected testimony during five listening sessions. Comments by the city map app. Public testimony was received from property owners, businesses, residents, nonprofits, advocacy groups, frequent visitors to the

district and officials on the county and state level. Not a single piece of public testimony shared a negative view of the district or its programs, which is quite note worthy given the more controversial part last fall. It was not only viewed as vital, especially its innovative trauma-informed approach working with the houseless in the district. But things don't grow worse in the district during declining city services over the past two years. Furthermore, input from the houseless community within the district was received via an annual survey by the nonprofit most recent in September 2021. I will detail these programs further on in this presentation. At this time, I would now like to detail the various parts of the contract between the city and central eastside together. It consists of a main body agreed to for the life of the contract. And detailing budgets and statements of work. The main body of the contract is a standard goods and services procurement contract with a few additional items. Important areas of note include office of management and finance must approve all subcontracts. Central eastside must follow the city's fair wage and procurement policies. Records must be kept for the duration of the contract plus six years afterward and any change in contract affected by the city code must be renegotiated. I would like to ask Scott carter to speak about the administration of the license fee. Scott?

**Scott Carter:** Thanks, Shawn. Good afternoon, I'm Scott Carter with the city revenue division. I'll be briefly speaking about the renewal from the revenue division's perspective. The role with ESD's has historically been focused on the billing of the property managers, the collection to the ESD's after deducting the city's administrative charges and other costs. As with the clean and safe renewal last year the renewal outreach hasn't received a great deal of feedback related to the collection function. There were no material items and no changes in this area are proposed in the new contract. One issue that I wanted to mention is the recovery of the revenue division's cost related to the ESD's collection. The new central eastside together contract would propose meeting the objectives even though it doesn't adjust the general

administration fee of 2% of revenues collected. It's already as high or higher of the other two esd's in portland and not proposed to be increased as part of this contract negotiation. Future revenues from central eastside are expected to be approximately \$1.5 million per year, plus inflation. In addition to the 2% general administration fee, this amount will be reduced by other city charges, which includes funding a portion of the recovery of the city's costs related to the implementation of the integrated tax system. Which is the revenue division's new tax administration software system. The remainder of the revenues dispersed to central eastside together to fund their services should be slightly under the \$1.5 million, slightly by \$50,000 per year, plus inflation moving forward. And that's all I have. Back to you, Shawn.

**Campbell:** Thank you, Scott. We would like to now quickly give an overview of central eastside's programs and highlight changes being made. It should be noted overall the programs were found to be innovative and effective programs. It's equitable and representative of the stakeholders in the district and reporting of activities detailed and transparent. The changes recommended bring standardized level of oversight overall districts rather than specific issues with the district itself. I strongly encourage all members of council if possible to see the work being done because it's truly impressive. The central eastside together safety team, de-armed professionals trained in trauma-informed intervention. They intervene to diffuse situations, focus on proactive relationship building and act as liaisons. In addition to monthly reporting further oversight is being put in place by establishment of easily accessible complaint process and requiring all safety team members to wear name tags and provide business cards on request. They work closely with the care team, connecting with houseless residents, building relationships and handing out care items and needles. Obtain identification, finding shelter or permanent housing. They are labeled as two separate programs, this is the safety for all team. By being a permanent non-threatening presence in the district they have established themselves as an asset reaching service providers and those in

need and shifting perception of houseless from being a nuisance to those needing help. I encourage you to see the work being done, because again, it's impressive. For its cleaning program, they have partners with central city concerns clean start program. Providing sidewalk and graffiti cleaning services while providing employment experience. They have established an innovative program in partnership with the nonprofit trash for peace, providing short-term work opportunities for our houseless individuals and services to campsites. It's important to note no cleaning program removes personal items. Other smaller programs include partnership environmental of the bridge, which will be detailed in a bit. Streetscape improvement identity program and small community grants program. With regards to community relations, central eastside together established a board with representations from businesses, residents and social advocates and releasing significant amount of data, host quarterly public meetings and survey the houseless community. To provide further city oversight they have agreed to provide regular program and reports to the city, providing an annual report which will be presented to city council. The partial funding of the coordinator position, seating of the district coordinator as a non-voting member of their board. Renegotiation of any parts of their contract affected by resulting change in city code. At this time, I would now like to introduce Svetlana to briefly outline their partnership to maintain the Morrison bridge wells.

**Svetlana Hedin:** Thank you, Shawn. So dear commissioners and mayor. This project brings together partners in cooperation with the east end of Morrison bridge to plant trees, restore storm water sights impacted by camping and engage the houseless community through engagement and projects. Environmental services protect public health, quality and the environment. We protect the quality of surface and ground water and conduct activities that plan and promote healthy ecosystems in our watersheds. In 2019 we met with the central eastside council, local business district. They wanted to adopt and clean up these spaces. The central eastside industrial council partnered with

association, peer-led participatory program trash for peace, nonprofit organization. It facilitates job opportunities for environmental workers. Particularly those who informally collect and sell discarded materials for a living and prioritize these opportunities for those who face housing and job insecurity. As a pilot bio swell program, we concentrated on building relationships with the communities living in the bio swells. General cleaning, planting trees and shrubs. Multnomah county is a property owner and partner and friends of trees is a long-time tree steward partner. Together we were able to plant 70 trees and shrubs in these areas while repairing community ties. Back to you, Shawn.

**Campbell:** Thank you, Svetlana. Before closing I would like to briefly touch on other aspects of the contract. Similar to the clean and safe contract this includes an outline of basic city services, both as an avenue to provide accountability and better differentiate what is a basic service and what is an enhanced service. It should be noted this is meant to be informational only, and doesn't restrict the city from shifting services as needs require. Furthermore it should be noted part of the ongoing relationship between the city and enhanced service district is the coordinator position, which not only provides a level of oversight never in place before, but acts as a liaison, hoping to connect with various bureaus and program managers needed to solve issues. It's the goal of office and management to make the rule permanent. At this time, before we move into invited testimony of central eastside together, comments? Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor and thank you, Shawn for that presentation. Before we invite testimony, I want to do a bit of a history lesson about the creation of this particular enhanced service district. When I arrived in council January 2019 I was told this enhanced service district was on a fast track and nothing we could do to change it, modify it, make it better for all community members in the central eastside. Commissioner Eudaly and I met for months, a couple of months with both houseless community members and members of the central east side industrial council. To make

sure this ESD was different, it operated differently, it treated houseless people differently, it provided opportunities for employment for houseless community members. I will say, as everybody else, the central eastside suffered significantly during covid. But it did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of the central eastside industrial council, through their commitment to being good community partners with all their community members. Small business owners, residents and houseless community members. And so, I think it's important that you know the history. Because honestly, I was told it couldn't be done. And guess what? Not only did we do it, as you've heard from Shawn's presentation, it is a model for how houseless and housed work collaboratively, create a safe environment for our central eastside industrial council businesses and residents. So we will be hearing from the people directly on the ground. But I just wanted Kate Merrill to know what a pleasure it's been working with her over the last three years and making this better and better. I understand you will be rotating off. But this is my opportunity to say - well done. And what a model. And this is why I push so hard against the other enhanced service district. Because we are intentional if we bring anybody to the table, with respect for everyone, this is the kind of enhanced service district we get. And I got to tell you, we didn't all agree. It took us a long time to get to some consensus. But I am proud of the hard work it took to get us to a model how you can have an enhanced service district that doesn't see their houseless community members as folks to be swept away, but folks to engage in the vitality of the community. That's all I wanted to say before we get to the main event. History is important, and if we don't know how we got to this incredible central eastside industrial council enhanced service district, we will never have another one that is a model for community partnerships. So I wanted to take a moment to just say history matters. And it was not reflected in the presentation, so I wanted to add a bit more flavor, and take this opportunity to thank Commissioner Eudaly for her office's work and helping us come to an agreement that was respectful of all people involved. Thank you.

**Campbell:** Thank you, commissioner Hardesty and my apologies for not including that important piece of history in the presentation.

**Wheeler:** You are on a good roll so why don't you introduce the invited testimony.

**Campbell:** Kate Merrill and Clare Briglio. They are the executive director of central eastside together and the incoming director. And I will start their presentation for them.

**Kate Merrill:** Great, thank you, Shawn. Thank you Commissioner Hardesty, thank you mayor and other commissioners. I'm indeed the outgoing director of central eastside together, central eastside industrial council.

**Clare Briglio:** And my name is Clare Briglio, I'm the incoming executive director and we are honored to be presenting to you today. Spanning the area from river to southeast 12th and I-84 to Powell, the central eastside district is home to 14,000 jobs and 1400 businesses. One of top four economic centers providing many living wage jobs. In 2019 the central eastside industrial council proposed the creation of central eastside together. The first enhanced services district in Portland in nearly 20 years. Central eastside fosters a safer district and seeks to enhance the pedestrian and visitor experience, reinforced economic viability and promote central eastside's unique identity through our innovative and highly responsive programs. Today we are asking that you renew the contract, building on the foundations that our community has laid together. Our organization and all of its programs are anchored in the core values of equity, collaboration, responsiveness, transparency and innovation.

**Merrill:** We are truly central eastside together, bringing community get together during a time when our city has needed this support the most. After city council approved its creation in February, 2019, we worked with many of your offices and community groups to ensure that our programs had safeguards to reduce harm. Especially for our most vulnerable community members. We made sure that all had a place at the table, and that these programs could serve the entire community. The accomplishments in the following slides reflect the impact that we have made between October 2019, when our

programs launched district-wide. And February of this year. Two of those two years and five months occurred during covid times. Central eastside together has contributed to the economic vitality and the overall vibrancy of our community during this economic down turn. We have invested over \$80,000 in district branding and marketing. We have received a major grant to cover two city blocks in art, installing 20 artists. We sponsored a holiday shop local campaign to help businesses pivot during covid and three street plazas. Through our community grants program, we supported projects in our district led by 14 nonprofits. We have contributed \$116,000 overall to such nonprofits as Portland street medicine, human access project, hygiene for all. Central eastside together contracts with central city concerns, clean start program for trash and graffiti clean up, trash for peace glitter program, grounds core program for maintenance of the bio swells, Morrison bridge and MLK And enforcement for our safety program. We are contracted for 30 full-time employees, 15 with lived experience of houselessness. And 30 employees through glitter's informal program. All programs are built through a trauma-informed lens, with the trauma-informed training, provided by licensed social work specializing in trauma training. This training is provided to all employees vendors and board members. We began offering public workshops to residents and businesses. We had 55 attendees. Unarmed safety teams have responded to over 2800 dispatches and we have had over 25,000 interactions with people in the district. Safety ambassadors work to improve relationships and have de-escalation training monitored by safety protocol reporting system. They do not physically move anyone. And can provide chaperon service to public transportation, work or home. A care team is integrated into the safety for all team. They have built partnerships with social service community and through their strong relationship building they have performed over 1,000 wellness checks, assisted people into mental and medical healthcare, 389 times, and into shelter 169 times and into permanent housing 12 times. Starting in June 2020, we partnered with the joint office to offer 16,000 meals to 0 people when dining halls

closed. Our cleaning crews have removed over 1.7 million pounds of trash, over 100,000 bags of trash and 2600 pieces of furniture. All totaled that's about one football field piled ten feet high in garbage. We have hosted self-clean ups every month for the past year. We have also cleaned 81,000 bio hazards and needles and assisted trash services 12,300 times. We have also removed over 605,000 square feet of graffiti and about 2400 graffiti tags. To ensure we have true district representation or leadership, we have committed to a diverse board by adopting these representation ratios. This includes having up to three directors with lived experience of houselessness. Finally, to ensure we are fulfilling our core values of transparency and responsiveness, we hold public meetings quarterly. Report monthly on all programs, publicly. Issue an annual report and perform a survey through an outside contractor to people living outside.

**Briglio:** This is a turning point for the central eastside and Portland as we recover from the crisis brought on by the pandemic. We are your partners to ensure the city can return to providing basic services. We ask you to continue this with us by renewing the central eastside together contract. No one can do this alone. We wanted to make sure you heard from the people behind the central eastside together. The partners one of the largest employers in our district, Multnomah county, presenting are Jay McIntire, Barbara Weber from trash for peace, Christian Rallison northwest enforcement. Bridget Blackburn from cargo, Jose Gonzalez from Milagro and commissioner Sharon Meireran from Multnomah county. Thank you.

**Campbell:** Thank you, Kate. Would you introduce the first invited speaker.

**Merrill:** Our first speaker is Jay McIntyre from central city concern. Jay?

**Jay McIntire:** Hello, good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and city commissioners, thank you for giving me a few minutes of your time today. I'm the director at central city concern. It serves low-income people currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness with a high priority of serving people experiencing substance use disorder and seeking to engage in recovery-based services. Our social enterprise and supportive employment programs.

One is clean start program which is a homeless to work program. This is the janitorial based employment program that is accessible to anyone who has barriers to employment, such as a history of homelessness and addiction. Preference given to individuals participating in central city recovery services. Many haven't worked in many years while others have never had a job. It helps these individuals get into a routine and comfortable working. It's understanding, compassionate and the focus is to help these folks move onto permanent full-time employment. Since 2028 we have partnered to provide intensive street cleaning services in the district. These employees are tasked with cleaning up trash, bio hazards, needles and removing graffiti in the district. In 2021 they removed 60,000 bags of trash. Safely removed 34,000 needles off the street. Removed 24,000 drug paraphernalia items and cleaned up more than 10,000 bio hazards. Luckily 60 people a year find employment through this program and are able to start or restart the journey of independence and self-empowerment. Our goal for 2023 is to support 80 individuals in this program. We have gone a long way to achieving those goals. These are good entry level jobs to help those in recovery who have experienced homelessness or otherwise at risk of homelessness. Help them regain confidence, stability, just as impactful for stable housing and healthcare. On a personal note 14 years ago I was homeless on the streets of Portland for about four years. Central city concern gave me a key to the front door and a roof over my head. Additionally central city concern gave me an employment opportunity similar to what we offer now in the clean start program. Without them providing me with housing and employment, I don't know where I would be, if I would even be here to be speaking to you today. I would like to thank central eastside together. We greatly appreciate the opportunity and hope to grow the partnership in years to come. Together this partnership can create jobs that can lift people up and lead with our values. Thank you for your time.

**Merrill:** Next we have Barbara Weber from trash for peace.

**Barbara Weber:** Good afternoon and thank you, Mr. Mayor and commissioners, for allowing me the opportunity to speak. My name is Barbara Weber, I'm the glitter program manager for trash for peace. It's a peer led initiative with trash for peace. I will go back to that in a second. So I was first homeless in 2015 in the central eastside, just a few -- about ten feet from the railroad tracks under the Morrison bridge. Ever since I have had a special appeal to the district. Irony has it ground source association, our first community partner was the central eastside. We were being paid to lead volunteers around to collect trash. And then the pandemic hit and ground score association partnered with the city of Portland to set up the people's depot which is a can redemption center for caners, that happens to be a permanent location, now in the central eastside under the Morrison bridge head. And then we also provide glitter services, tent side trash services for people living outside. Workers, we are now in the process of creating upper mobilities. Workers go to lead workers and now we are having opportunities for them to become trash for peace employees, which is very exciting. All this basically started from a relationship we built with the central eastside. And just like they believed in us, we also believed in them. We have a very interesting relationship with all of our neighbors. When we say neighbors, especially in this district, it means everyone gets to come to the table and give your opinion on how things are going. We have a unique voice from the homeless perspective. We have a unique voice in this district. They listen to us, they provide trauma-informed care. What I think is really important is that all the -- even the board members and community members and just residents in the district are offering those kinds of trainings. I just want to say the central eastside is the exception of what an ESDS should be and not the rule. I know many of you from my other organizing and you know that I'm also a member of western regional advocacy project and know the difference what ESD. Has been to the houseless community and what this has been. We do everything perfectly? Probably not. But we are always willing to grow and change and listen to what people have to say. You know,

with CCC. And with the care teams and the safety for all teams and ground source association. And everybody. We collectively bring all these pieces together in the best harmony that we can. Some small exciting things, like we have a humming bird nest in the first bio spill where people are living. We had the honor of having Commissioner Mapps come see our tree planting. All these things are exciting in a time right now where things are really politicized, trash and homelessness, we are kind of a beacon of hope. I really thank you for taking the time to listen to me today. It's an honor to see all you again, it's been a minute. Thank you so much.

**Merrill:** Thanks so much, Barbara, I hope we can fulfill your dream of putting pollinators in the bioswales. Next we have Christian Rallison from northwestern forces.

**Christian Rallison:** Thank you, Kate. Good afternoon, thank you for letting me present. I'm the lead safety ambassador for central eastside together's safety for all team. I started this role September 1, 2019, while it was still a pilot program. I had the pleasure to watch it develop into what it is now, to be a program that best serves what I consider now my community. This program has grown from an enhanced service district, or enhanced service to what almost every person, business owner, staff and even the houseless community has called an essential service. Our team specifically provided the safety and outreach functions of this ESD with both my care and safety ambassadors dedicated to helping all members of our community, whether that is resolving a safety concern, that a houseless or business may have. Walking a person to a bus. Deescalating a person going through a crisis. Or simply by checking in with the business or houseless person, seeing what we can do to help and potentially just making sure they are okay. My team is highly trained in mental health first aid, as well as trauma awareness and they have been known to respond extremely fast to any call made 24 hours now. That hasn't always been the case. But now we are 24 hours. And we have a knack for resolving issues before they escalate. Most of the time without police or any other outside intervention. My team works closely together and is really more instead of

safety/care it's safety and care. To assist the vulnerable community members out there and providing basic materials to survive, whether that be a blanket, hand warmers, socks or as previously stated water and food. To even filling out paperwork for snap applications, free phones, working with the department of human services or even trying to get referrals to get people into more long-term housing or shelter options. To try to work to help the people off the street who's need to be off the streets. To add to our success, part of my duties involve addressing concerns that businesses or houseless have addressed to my team. Of the almost three years I've done this position, I can count on one hand how many negative interactions we have had with businesses. With that, most of those interactions have started to turn more positive with them being more neutral or starting to interact with us and changing their perspective how they view the houseless community, or the program itself. And as previously stated with the surveys, low negative interactions with the houseless, which I also pride myself that my team has been doing really well on. Just to be straight to the point, this program has been an essential resource for the people of the central eastside and I believe will continue to benefit them for years to come. As we look for ways to solve houseless crisis and address addiction and mental health, this program has been in the forefront and should be considered a template for other communities to follow. That's why I strongly urge and push for the continuation of this enhanced service district and the growth of similar programs in other districts, whether that be Portland, or nationally or even internationally. Thank you.

**Merrill:** Thank you so much, Christian. Next we have Lilli Vine from auto desk.

**Lilli Vine:** Hello, good afternoon mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm a senior product manager in the data privacy and governance organization of auto desk. I'm also a member of auto desk Portland site council, we are located in the town storage building. Auto desk makes software for people who make things. Our programs are used in the architecture, engineering and construction industries as well as makers and

artists. In early 2018 we moved from lake Oswego to the east side because we wanted to experience what Portland has been experiencing. When we moved four years ago we had not quite 200 employees in Portland. Today we have over 400 and we are still growing with close to 100 open positions being recruited. We at auto desk strongly support the central eastside enhanced services district to renew central eastside together. When we moved to our Portland office, we knew the only place we wanted to be was in the central eastside. It's fitting a company with deep roots in engineering and manufacturing would want to relocate to a place with similar roots. And in a vibrant and growing community. We are well aware of the issues that we would face. Petty crime was a problem. Trash and graffiti and growing houseless population were concerning. We immediately partnered with the central eastside industrial council and signed on as a founding member of central eastside together. We saw that we could help and we have previously testified here about our commitment to this neighborhood. That commitment has not wavered. If anything, it's only grown deeper. Our office has a strong sense of community service, one that I am very proud to be a part of. Our employees routinely pick up litter, head up donation drives and work with community partners to find solutions to problems they face. That's why central eastside together is important. It will make it better for not just auto desk employees but everyone in the district. It offers an array of services that benefit everyone in our neighborhood. We have been in central eastside for four years now. It is our home. As we return to the office, we want to help our neighborhood recover. Auto desk is committed to being a good neighbor in the central eastside and we are happy to pay into the enhanced services district, because it makes sense for us in our community. We have seen how central eastside together works in a compassionate, conscientious and well-thought out manner that's brought lasting and positive measures to the east side. Good for not just auto desk and our neighborhood but truly for all of Portland. I strongly urge you to

continue funding central eastside together enhanced services district. Thank you for your time.

**Merrill:** Thanks, Lilli. Next we have Bridget Blackburn of cargo and Jose.

**Jose Gonzalez:** Hi, my name is Jose Gonzalez, executive director and founder of Milagro. It's home is in central eastside industrial district, housed in 19 27 commercial building on the corner of southeast 6th and stark. That's where we host theatrical performances in our theater, community programs of all types, dedicated community space and programs that reach out to communities near and far. We've been members of the CEIC For a long time. And over a year ago I was asked to join the board of the central eastside together. The organization that manages the programs.

**Bridget Blackburn:** I'm Bridget Blackburn. I'm the co-owner of cargo. We are importer of home goods and lifestyle items and now emporium to over 1200 independent businesses, all of whom are women-owned. We moved our 26-year-old business into this district over ten years ago. And we now are in a historic warehouse at the corner of Yamhill and Morrison at that time we joined the CEIC, almost immediately formed the emergency makers committee. This is a committee that represents restaurants, retailers, makers and artists in our district.

**Gonzalez:** Today we want to share with you the benefits of the ESD Grants programs that are provide today our community. In 2020, Milagro received central eastside together grant to conduct an altered tour throughout the neighborhood. Part of our annual Día de los Muertos festival, was an opportunity to engage with our neighbors with a fun and meaningful program. Unfortunately the pandemic prevented us from implementing the project in 2020, but we did pull it off in 2021. We connected artists from a collective of Latino based Portland artists, with the central eastside businesses to construct alters and become part of Milagros altered tour. Locations include Milagros, cargo, the Littman company, guardian games, river city bicycles, miller and ice queen popsicles.

**Blackburn:** After the altars were built, they hosted a day of the dead ride which community members were invited to decorate their bicycles and embark on a tour of visiting each business. On a beautiful morning in November, 28 people came, decorated their bicycles and discovered the district and learned more about the day of the dead celebration. The altar stayed in place through the first week of the month and guests continued to come to the districts to enjoy and learn about this cultural event. This event connected 11 of Portland's businesses with artists to create the alters and drew over 100 people into the district to participate in a joyous cultural event. We hear about the cleaning and safety, these are important aspects of the ESD, they are essential to this event and the fact we had safe and clean access. But safety and cleaning aren't the only benefits. The grants program. The community meeting was the collaborations of the ESD Foster are the cornerstone to a strong community.

**Gonzalez:** At Milagro, our work is centered around collaboration and finding creative solutions to the issues we face. We bring the spirit to the central eastside. We urge you to renew the contract so we can continue to support the community that we love. Thank you.

**Blackburn:** Thank you.

**Merrill:** Thanks, Jose, and Bridget. And last but not least, commissioner Sharon Meieran thank you so much.

**Sharon Meieran:** Hi, it's so great to be here. Hello. Hello mayor and commissioners, for the record my name is Sharon Meieran, the Multnomah county commissioner, representing district 1, all of the county west of the Willamette river. I look back on my testimony before this council several years ago when the district was first proposed. And I had said, I was so pleased to be there to voice my support. And I felt this represented an opportunity that was for a unique and different way of doing business as an ESD That I found hopeful and encouraging. They have succeeded beyond my expectations. And I really want to express my gratitude to commissioner Hardesty, and her comments

providing a lot of the history and context here. And her work to make this innovative model a reality. The central eastside is home to Multnomah county's administrative headquarters, it's where I work. Not there today. But I usually work there, along with hundreds of other county employees. And as a county commissioner, I work on the policies related to housing and houselessness as well as mental health and addiction services. I also volunteer for Portland street medicine and provide direct medical care to people experiencing houselessness, including those living on the central eastside. The thousands of people unsheltered in Multnomah county in general in the central eastside are suffering. They live amidst garbage, they suffer from loss of dignity, the threat of violence and repeated exposure to trauma. As we all work together to strive toward longer-term solutions to houselessness and behavioral health crises, we need strategies to address what's happening on the ground. And no single sector can do it alone. We all know this. But we can make an impact together and this is such a beautiful vision for that. Central eastside together supports safety and dignity for all who live, work or visit the central eastside, while bridging community, business, social services, government partners, our houseless neighbors and everyone bringing it all together. Since 2019, we've heard, central eastside together has performed over 1,000 mental health and wellness checks, help connect people to shelter, remove over 1 million pounds of garbage, abated graffiti, helped employed people with lived experience of houselessness. It's essential to our region's economic prosperity. Our business community has been deeply impacted and together east side has been there, and will continue to play a key role aiding their recovery. But it's so much more. It positively affects people who are houseless. We have heard so much about the trauma-informed and supportive approaches to working with our unhoused neighbors. I know the significant impact of employees of the county who had to come to work through the pandemic, often parking far away or taking the bus to get to their essential work and navigating our streets, our sidewalks and the whole area there. Central eastside together

points to the tremendous potential we see at the intersection of so many of our different sectors. This case it's transportation, behavioral health, trash pick up, business development, harm reduction, and more. It's a model of innovation and success of multisystem and multisector collaboration. And I just could not be more supportive of continuing and building on this work. And in closing, I want to end by just taking a moment to thank Kate Merrill for her years at the helm. You have been a phenomenal partner and have been instrumental in putting the together in central eastside together. Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Merrill:** Thank you so much, commissioner Meieran. That concludes our presentation. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Very good, thank you. Megan, do we have anyone signed up for public testimony?

**Clerk:** We have five individuals on the call.

**Wheeler:** All right, three minutes each please, name for the record.

**Clerk:** The first three individuals are Mark Wells, Mike Larkin and Debbie Kitchin.

**Mark Wells:** Good morning, mayor, can you hear me okay,? Commissioners. Good afternoon mayor wheeler and commissioners. My name is mark wells and I serve as the executive director for downtown Portland clean and safe. One of the city's three enhanced service districts and provides extraordinary services to the people places and businesses within a core 1300 block since 1988. We work with public and private partners to provide public safety, janitorial, community outreach programs, retail and business development, market resource, communications and other things like holiday lighting to make Portland attractive to those who live in and work in our city. We rely on our counterparts to help us improve and strengthen our services we provide to our district. Since its inception in 2019, CEIC Has been an incredible partner to the downtown team, and has emerged as a hub of community, innovation and consistency during some of the trying times in Portland. The work CEIC Has done to improve their

district but also bolster supportive services within the central eastside has been incredible to watch and learn from. As we move out of the high points of the pandemic, it's important city look to public private partners within our ESDs to help maintain a level of consistency. Collaboration between us as enhanced service districts between city and private entities like CEIC And all of us as individuals and organizations that care about Portland will move us collectively forward. On a personal note, I would like to thank Kate Merrill, thank you for your service to the community. And Clare I very much look forward to working with you. Thank you, mayor and commissioners for the opportunity to speak to you. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next we have Mike Larkin.

**Mike Larkin:** Hello council and commissioners, mayor, thank you for this opportunity to give testimony for the benefits of central eastside together, hopeful and probably renewal of our programs. I work for NEI Elliott, we are a locally owned property management company with roughly a dozen properties in the central eastside. A accompanying about 250 tenants to individual makers to satellite offices of national or regional chains. Our involvement in the district is one as a property owner, as an employee, as employer. Our offices are on 9th and Glisan. I've been involved as president of the board and sit on the sidewalk committee. The ESD has had a profound impact not just in the technical aspects of our programs, but also just the definition of what a neighbor is. As Barbara mentioned in her earlier testimony, I think that's probably going to go down as one of the most significant aspects of what this program has done, as it has brought to the table the voices that are necessary to bring about change in our community, change that we ignored or avoided for many, many years. And now have found a place for it. And have found a community that embraces this type of change, that have embraced doing things differently. When I get reached out to by tenants one of the most common requests is how can we do this differently? We don't want to call the police. We don't want to -- whatever the traditional solution may be for disruptive

individual. They want to do something differently. They believe that everyone is their neighbor. And that is something that I think, again, is going to be a significant impact beyond picking up trash. Beyond picking up needles and feces and all the other things that make it onto the report. Yeah. We appreciate the investment of the council. Getting to walk the district with all of you, getting to be on calls and getting to hear your voices and be able to share ours. So thank you very much.

**Clerk:** Next we have Debbie Kitchin.

**Debbie Kitchin:** Thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm Debbie Kitchin, I'm the co-owner of a general contractor located in the central eastside service district. We are a small company, we have 15 employees and have been in business 28 years. We have owned our property in the district since 1998. I serve on the board of directors. Also on the board of directors central eastside together. I'm here to urge you to support the ESD Renewal. It's critical to Portland's revitalization and to our district. Our district has a long history of providing high quality, middle income jobs and affordable space for small businesses, manufacturers, distribution and industrial service businesses, makers and artists and important cultural organizations. Most of our employees work in the field throughout the metro area. So often we only have one or two employees in our office. The meant a lot to us knowing we have the safety of ambassadors available. They are in touch with other businesses in the area and they are very familiar with our houseless neighbors and regularly communicate with everyone in the community. We had a number of alarming fires in the last couple years close by to us. The safety ambassadors communicated with us and with our houseless neighbors to help keep us all safe. We also have called on them to help with situations with people with mental distress or severe health issues and they assisted in deescalating and getting assistance for those who need it. We like their trauma-informed approaches and they interact with everyone in our district with respect and care. Cleaning services for the right of ways are so valuable as well. You know, our business is just our office. So we don't have

customers coming there. But we really appreciate the many retail and food and beverage establishments in our district and we want to be able to conduct business with them and visit their establishments. And so, it is just really important to have the right of way safe of bio hazards and cleaned up so we can walk through out the district and work with our fellow neighbors. So I just want to urge you to support the enhanced services district renewal. And thank you again for your consideration of this, and your partnership, as we move forward to try to recover for the city. So thank you very much.

**Clerk:** Next we have Amy Rathfelder.

**Amy Rathfelder:** Hi, good afternoon, mayor, members of the council. My name is Amy Rathfelder, I'm the director of government affairs for alliance, chamber of commerce and represents the largest and most diverse network of employers in the region. It advocates to create opportunity and advance well-being for all who live and work in our region and support a healthy and resilient ecosystem. We represent 27 members, 13 states and every industry sector, more than 80% of our members are small businesses. I'm here today on behalf of the alliance to express strong support for the renewal of the central eastside together's enhanced services district. It's served as a source of support for businesses, residents and visitors to Portland's central eastside area. The helped our city survive the pandemic. As Portland continues to grow and we rebound from two incredibly tough years we will continue to rely on the services of ESDs to clean up our city, support new efforts, industrial council's enhanced services district is a vibrant and colorful part of Portland. They need access to these essential services so we can all grow together. I urge you to support this renewal and look forward to continuing fostering our collaborative relationship with the city of Portland. On a personal note, Kate, I want to thank you. You have been a joy to work with, and Clare, so looking forward to working with you as well. Thanks, everybody.

**Clerk:** Next we have Joel Gunderson. Joel, it looks like you are still muted.

**Joel Gunderson:** Sorry, I apologize. Thank you mayor and commissioners for listening to us today. I cannot -- you know, I'm with Cooper's Hall, winery down in southeast sixth and oak. And we have leaned on this organization particularly in the last month. A little bit of an emotional moment. For us here. But we really appreciate everything that the enhanced services has done for us. And we see this as an absolutely essential service for us to move forward. So thank you.

**Clerk:** Mayor, that completes testimony.

**Wheeler:** All right, very good, thank you, everybody. Excellent testimony. Colleagues, any questions at this particular juncture? Just a reminder, we will continue both of these items, we have a non emergency ordinance as well as a resolution. But this is a great time if people have questions. Commissioner Mapps? Sir?

**Mapps:** It's not really a question, but a series of statements. I've spent a lot of time in the central eastside, I see the work that the industrial council does. I can vouch for the fact they have made an enormous difference in that neighborhood and they have done it with humanity and compassion and wisdom. As a person who was adjacent to the district, I'm really grateful for the work you do. And speaking of being grateful I want to express my gratitude to Kate for all the work that she has done. For this district. You have been amazing. And I look forward to working with Clare in the future. Welcome aboard, Clare. You have large high heels to fill but I'm sure you are up for it. Thanks.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Mapps, Commissioner Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you, I too just have a statement. I just wanted to thank you, mayor, for bringing this forward. But also want to say thank you to Shawn Campbell for all his work on this item. He has only been here a short time and he has hit the ground running. I want to lift up the excellent work we saw here today with Kate. For all the planning, work and the work that you do every day. It's very apparent. I had an opportunity to tour part of the district with several members. And I have to say I was incredibly impressed with the system that was put together and talking to a lot of the small business owners,

Portlanders in this district put in perspective what we as a city need to do to continue supporting the central eastside community. It was trauma-informed, community safety minded. More importantly, every conversation I had on that tour revealed that these folks really had a deep belief in doing their part as also being co-responsible in partnership together with the city to take care of their community. And to put a finer point on it, it was very clear they want to help each other out. Recovering from the pandemic and supporting the vulnerable community has been a very big challenge. But they are demonstrating they can do it with a sense of mutual respect, collaboration and community safety. To me, this collaboration is in many ways the standard for how to do this work. I'm personally interested in exploring how we can support central eastside together, maintaining the resources they need to keep this important work going. And also explore how to make some of this work inform other districts as well. So that we can also have that same approach. We are very interested in my office and willing to support anyway that's needed. Thank you, everyone today for the success. Thanks, Kate Merrill for your tremendous leadership, we appreciate your contribution and you will be missed. And I also want to give a shout out to Christian Rallison for the clear dedication and compassion he brings to his safety work. Thank you, Christian. And also, Clare, we look forward to working with you. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. And thank you, each and every one of you who testified. It really warms my heart when I see something come to life that we were told just could not happen. And it happened because there was compassionate, thoughtful individuals that were business owners, small business owners, there were houseless. There were people who cared passionately about central eastside. I just wanted to acknowledge that just because the city has done something the same way over and over and over again, doesn't mean that we should continue to do things over and over and over again that don't work. Central eastside here together is a model of what works, where you

were intentional at the front end and you aren't trying to correct inequities at the back end. I just cannot thank the leadership team enough at central eastside industrial council. I also want to take a moment to appreciate Christian Rallison as well. It's my understanding houseless people helped with the training on security. So it is, again, a partnership, in every way, shape and form. I hope this becomes the standard for how ESD's operate. That's what I hope for. When we got the last audit. That's what I will be working towards as we continue to look at other ESD's. Whether they currently exist or maybe they may be in the formation stages. We can do better and this is an example of us at our best. Kate, good luck, where ever you are going. We are talking like you are leaving the country or something. I suspect we will still see you within central eastside industrial area and all over the city of Portland. Clare, it will be a pleasure to get to know you. I know the board wouldn't have hired you if you were not committed to the same vision that Kate has so ably led. Christian, I think you could do some training for some of the other private security downtown. We should talk about how do we do that so everybody can expect a humane, non-aggressive approach, regardless of whether they have a roof over their head or not. I appreciate the work you do, Christian. And I want to know more about why you are so successful being unarmed in de-escalation compared to others who seem to need weapons to do the same job. Thank you. We have a vote next week. I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone while you are here today. The clear we built a system that actually values every member of that community. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes, thank you, mayor. I will thank the chorus to thank the invited and those who presented. You had a unified voice, that says a lot. My experience with the central eastside is the services are integrated seamlessly. It was Xommissioner Meieran's family last summer cleaning up. I have to say that three-hour tour was a fascinating way to connect with the area. We had many conversations with the residents in that area. And

so, I want to end by saying kate meryl, everyone is appreciating you. I think we are collectively grieving because you have such an elegant leadership style that's really appreciated by everyone here. Clearly the impact of your work showed up today. So that's a big part of your legacy, so I wanted to end with that. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** I would also like to express my appreciation. What a terrific job you have done. We will miss you in this capacity, but we know you are going onto great things and we will hear plenty from you in the future. But in the meanwhile, congratulations. You just be justifiably proud of the great work you have done. And claire, obviously, we look forward to working with you and continuing the success of this e.s.d. And there will be plenty of work to do. I appreciated having the opportunity to meet with the folks in the e.s.d. I don't know, kate, probably a month-ish ago? Time seems to fly these days. There are issues. There are ways the city can continue to help and support this program as it evolves and it deals with very, very real and significant safety and social service livability issues in the central eastside. But today, I really just want to acknowledge excellent work. It passes what I see as sort of my five-rate test for whether or not a policy or a program is working. First of all, this is an inclusive program. Up front, it has been inclusive of the business community, the nonprofit community, social service providers, government, people with lived experience on the streets. And so many others. There are often not all the voices that should be heard when policies are considered. And this model absolutely has been inclusive from the get-go. Secondly, this model is responsive to the needs of the community. And we, as a council, have highlighted safety and homelessness and economic recovery and livability issues as being key issues this council must confront together. And you are being responsive to all of those needs and then some. It's an effective model, both from a cost perspective. It's also effective from a results perspective. And those, to me, are perhaps two of the most important characteristics of a successful policy. This model is compassion. And the early presentation both from OMF As well as our invited testimony, as well as those who

testified in open testimony, underscored repeatedly the importance of compassion in a model that is ultimately focused on the health and the well-being of the community. And finally, it's accountable. We have not only this opportunity to gauge the success and hear the strengths or the challenges of the program. But of course, being this is a partnership with government, there's always the audit, the oversight, the budgetary considerations and this model from my perspective has been extremely accountable in early iterations and I would expect that to continue. So today this is just something I want to acknowledge as an overwhelming success. This came from -- this is largely run by community and for community. And as somebody is sitting on the government side of the fence today, I just want to say how great it is to see this community leverage be so successful. So colleagues, with that, today we will continue item 313, the resolution. And we will -- we will move item 314 to second reading. We have a time certain, as I understand it. Megan, 10: 15 a.m. On April 27th, is that correct?

**Clerk:** Yes, that's correct.

**Wheeler:** All right, very good. Colleagues, anything else for the good of the order? Seeing head nods, we've had a long day in council, but it's been productive. Thank you, all. We are adjourned.

**At 3:27 pm, council adjourned.**