

# April 27-28, 2022 Council Agenda

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Disposition Agenda

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# Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:30 am

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: Maja Haium, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

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

Council recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:49 p.m.

# Communications

#### 316

<u>Request of Lisbeth Marquez-Delgado to address Council regarding Youth Voice, Youth Participatory Budgeting</u> (Communication)

Document number: 316-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Request of Robert Butler to address Council regarding Bureau of Transportation negligence (Communication) Document number: 317-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

### 318

Request of Fatima Magomadova to address Council regarding Division St project safety issues (Communication) Document number: 318-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

319

Request of Rebecca Critser to address Council regarding foie gras sales ban (Communication)

Document number: 319-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

#### 320

<u>Request of Elizabeth Allen to address Council regarding support for mass homeless shelters and criminalized</u> <u>public homelessness</u> (Communication)

Document number: 320-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

# Time Certain

#### 321

Accept the Technology Oversight Committee Quarterly Report (Report)

Document number: 321-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

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: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 2)

Previous agenda item 313.

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

### 323

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: 10:15 am Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 2) Second reading agenda item 314. 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

#### 324

Proclaim May 1-7, 2022 to be National Small Business Week (Proclamation) Document number: 324-2022 Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler Time certain: 10:45 am Time requested: 20 minutes Disposition: Placed on File

# **Consent Agenda**

## 325

Authorize Director of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management to execute 2022 Community Resilience and Capacity Building Grant agreements not to exceed \$300,000 (Ordinance)

Document number: 190796

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Emergency Management

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

### 326

Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University for \$210,251 to design and deploy the Portland Insights Survey and Spring 2022 Survey (Ordinance) Document number: 190797 Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler Bureau: City Budget Disposition: Passed to second reading Passed to second reading May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

### 327

Create a new non-represented classification of Real Estate Portfolio Manager and establish a compensation range for this classification (Ordinance) Document number: 190799 Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance Disposition: Passed to second reading Passed to second reading May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

\*Accept a grant in the amount of \$90,321 from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement to install guardrail and reflective delineators and improve curve signage on SE Mount Scott Blvd between 101st Ave and 104th Ave, and appropriate \$33,000 in FY 2021-22 (Amend Ordinance No. 190656) (Emergency Ordinance)
Document number: 190787
Introduced by: Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Bureau: Transportation
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

329

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

Document number: 190788

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Second reading agenda item 299.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

\*Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from Metro for the Anti-Displacement Action Plan and authorize \$230,000 in grant funds to Unite Oregon to support community organizing and capacity-building (Emergency Ordinance)
Document number: 190789
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**

331

### Proclaim April 24, 2022 to be Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (Proclamation)

Document number: 331-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

332

<u>Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing</u> <u>Program for SE 27th & Division Apartments located at 2680 SE Division St</u> (Ordinance)

Document number: 190791

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Second reading agenda item 308.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

<u>Assess benefited properties for street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements north of SW Luradel St in the</u> <u>SW 47th Ave Phase I Local Improvement District (Hearing; C-10055)</u> (Ordinance)

Document number: 190807

Introduced by: Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

334

<u>\*Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements in the SE</u> <u>155th Ave and Main St-Millmain Dr Local Improvement District (Hearing; C-10071)</u> (Emergency Ordinance) **Document number:** 190792

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Introduced by: Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 309.

**Disposition:** Passed As Amended

Motion to accept amended Exhibit G and add an emergency clause to avoid delays to land use approval for construction of Parklane Park because formation of this local improvement district provides assurance of performance for street frontage improvements per Code Section 17.24.055: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

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

Second reading agenda item 311.

#### 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

#### 336

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

Second reading agenda item 312.

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

#### 337

Amend Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund Heat Response, Equipment Purchasing Partner grant with Earth Advantage Inc. to increase the services of Community Distribution Partners in the amount of \$6,325,000 (amend Contract No. 32002637) (Ordinance) Document number: 190808 Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Time requested: 1 hour Disposition: Passed to second reading Passed to second reading May 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

# Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:00 pm

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.

Commissioner Ryan arrived at 2:01 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 4:11 p.m.

#### **Time Certain**

#### 338

\*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
Previous agenda item 315.
Disposition: Continued
Continued to May 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.
Oral record is closed. Written record will remain open until April 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Proposed amendments will be posted May 12, 2022 at www.portland.gov/bps/planning/rip2 and the written record will reopen.
Oral testimony on amendments will be heard on May 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain.

# Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Commissioner Dan Ryan

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Mayor Wheeler presided. Commissioner Ryan left at 4:00 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Adrianne DelCotto, Deputy City Attorney; Megan Lehman, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

# Time Certain

# 339

\*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer of Portions of 82nd Ave with Oregon Department of Transportation, accept \$80 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for improvements, and appropriate \$615,000 in FY 2021-22 (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 190795

Introduced by: Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 90 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to reconsider the vote: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4) Motion to accept substitute Exhibit A: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Former Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Accept OIR Group report, An Independent Review of the Portland Police Bureau: Agency Culture, Community Perception, and Public Safety in a Time of Change (Report) Document number: 340-2022 Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler Bureau: City Attorney Time certain: 3:30 pm Time requested: 1 hour Disposition: Placed on File No vote taken.

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# April 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Wheeler:** City council. I'm sitting here in council chambers with our council clerks and we're working through the technology so we can be in person starting next week. There's obviously a few glitches we're still working through but our incredible technology team is chasing each and every one of those issues down. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Morning. Ryan.

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Here.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Here.

Clerk: Here.

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Here. The city has made several avenues able to the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's youtube channel. And channel 30. The public may provide written testimony to council

by e-mailing the council clerk at cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov. E-mail the clerk for any other questions. That's for any questions other than testimony. With that we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

**Maja Haium:** Good morning. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the clerk's office to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for. Lick testimony on resolution, reports, for first readings of ordinance. The published agenda at www.Portland.gov/council/agenda contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. 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 in the person being placed on hold or rejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. First up is communications. Item number 316, the first individual, please, Keelan.

**Clerk:** Hi. Sorry about that. Working through some technical difficulties. First up we have request of lisbeth marquez-delgado to address the council regarding youth voice, youth participatory and budgeting.

Wheeler: Good morning.

**Lisbeth Marquez-Delgado:** I'm on the youth council committee known as yv squared pb. I request the Portland city council members to dedicate \$2 million of the arpa funds

to fund a second participatory budget cycle in 2023 to 2024. I've lived in southeast Portland my entire life. I see the diversity of my community and with it comes better ideas to move us forward but we need a platform to do so. My current role as, I serve youth to help support for them to achieve their professional and educational goals. From my direct experience working with students, I understand that youth have the potential to become leaders who strive to make an impact. They feel the need to do something after the pandemic which has brought hardship to our community. But they do not possess adequate guidance to seek out and take leadership roles. They're provided support and resource to allow us to flourish in our communities. We'll be empowered as we collaborate with other leaders and make meaningful connections with the government that we do not otherwise have access to. This is a valuable experience for us to understand how government policy and nonprofits work. Additionally civic engagement is not always something that can be taught but something that needs to be experienced. This program provides a clear path for Portland youth to become involved in the local community. I believe the Portland city council should fund this project because it is crucial for us to amplify community members' voices. It is important that everyone has an input on what changes they want to see and put them into action. Doing so in a collaborative environment will strengthen our community and cultivate relationships between us and our elected leaders. This will benefit Portland's future generations because current systems of government exclude youth from the process even though youth are often the most impacted by the decisions. We are ensuring we're creating a lasting cycle of leadership development among youth. This will prepare us for future roles in which we can hold power. Thank you for listening to me and for considering what I have to say.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate you being here today. Commissioner Hardesty.Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, lisbeth. I appreciate you being here today. I'm curious. You asked us for \$2 million. What are you going to do with it?

**Marquez-Delgado:** This will go toward the second participatory budgetary cycle. We're in the process of going through the fist one and I think with \$2 million it will be able to fund another project in which we can help ameliorate any hardship that was caused by covid-19.

Hardesty: And this first project, who was it funded by, the first phase?

**Marquez-Delgado**: I'm not sure. I will be able to get back to you on that question, though.

**Hardesty**: Okay. Thank you. Because I know that there's been a request for several years from the city to actually create a participatory budgeting process but we have not moved forward on that request. Any information you can give me about your project, that would be fabulous. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Next individual, please, Keelan, item number 317. **Clerk**: Request of robert butler to address council regarding bureau of transportation negligence. I don't believe robert has joined us yet.

Robert Butler: Can you hear me now?

**Clerk**: Sorry. There we go.

Wheeler: Yeah, we hear you loud and clear.

**Butler:** This is robert butler, native Portlanders and resident of Portland. Ukrainians of dying of freedom while liberals are killing freedom. Why is it that this city council is prosecuting the Slavic community in this division street safety project. It's just the tip of the iceberg actually. Hidden below the surface is the partnership with Trimet jointly driven by eco-mania, lies and incompetence and deception. I will conclude these remarks with the \$5 million payoff to [indiscernible]. Well this unmerciful attack on the Slavic businesses between 103rd and 109th is the final steps of trimet's partnership with p bot to complete a much larger circle of crime. Step one, trimet is dieing to buy over \$109 million diesel buses. Longer than semi trucks. Trimet got bored with the light rail overkill so they can't wait until the electric buses are as cheep as these \$825,000 diesel

guzzlers for 14 years of driving. Well, the easiest place to showcase these monsters is division street. They'll drop \$25 million of super diesels there. No division is trimet's best operating bus line. Division. Next, trimet wants its own private bus lane for it buses. For its showcase only a private eastbound lane is wanted. Westbound buses can mix with the traffic. So what happens next is they want a full-length center barrier so cars can no longer use the center safety lane for left turns to businesses on the other side. Pbot was the perfect partner for this scheme. Pbot has an accident crisis between 112th and 147th to deal with called midway. So pbot brushed off all of the businesses there for mercy and got 50% odot funding towards the \$12 million easterly division street project. Trimet project, \$186 million. So here's the deal. Pbot extends its barrier from 147th to 171st, takes all of the street parking away for this bus-only lane. The benefit to the extension doesn't just remotely justify the cost. Now for the climax. Pbot gets its 27 blocks, delivers its 27 blocks of unjustified median to trimet and the barrier. The barrier will not reduce any serious injury accidents in that portion by even one a year. Then it wants to take the other end of the project that the slavic community is on and do the same thing there so it doesn't look suspicious. It looks the same. There's no benefit there hardly, less than one crash per year that's critical.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty**: Thank you, mayor. I don't want to speak to what the presenter spoke to, but I want to remind all my colleagues that I sent you the federal investigation into pbot allegations of racial discrimination against the slavic community and pbot was found to in fact have engaged significantly in community engagement and there was no finding of any kind of discrimination in this process at all. And as you know, this division project has been underway for quite some time and it's almost done and I just find it offensive when people come and accuse a city of actually getting paid off by another governmental entity. I am proud of the work that has been done on division project and we all will celebrate a safer division because of it. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Next individual, please, keelan, item number 318. **Clerk**: Request of Fatima Magomadova to address city council regarding division street project safety issues.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Clerk: It doesn't -- okay. It doesn't look like Fatima has joined us.

**Wheeler:** All right. We'll move on to the next individual, please, item number 319. **Clerk**: Request of Rebecca Critser to address council regarding foie gras sales ban. **Rebecca Critser:** Thank you for allowing me to speak today and thank you for your service to the city. I'm here to talk to you about the proposed foie gras sales ban. It's my understanding that the city has been considering this sales band since last year or earlier this year. The proposed foie gras sales band has not been introduced for consideration and I express I'm surprised of this, especially in light of ample community and industry support. Currently over 70 Portland restaurants have signed their support for the proposed foie gras sales band. Additionally the community has consistently demonstrated their support for the proposed ban with by speaking, calling and e-mailing the commissioners and engaging on social media. I have no doubt that the community will continue to demonstrate their proposed support of the proposed foie gras sales ban. Foie gras is one of the most inhumane practices. The birds are fed multiple times a day by a 10-inch tube. The practice is heavily tied to significant environmental harms, including water contamination. In the strongest terms possible I encourage this council to take up the proposed foie gras sales ban and to pass it into law. This will ensure that Portland does not support the inhumane practices of the foie gras industry. This is consistent with bans already in place in other jurisdictions, including new york city, california, the uk, argentina and even cities in france where foie gras originates from, among many other cities and countries. Perhaps more importantly, taking up this ban will ensure this council is passing legislation that is important to the

people of Portland. It is time for Portland to be free of foie gras and I urge the county to ban the sale of foie gras in Portland. I yield my time. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Keelan informed me that the individual for item 318 has arrived. **Clerk:** Request of Fatima Magomadova to address council regarding division street project safety issues.

**Fatima Magomadova:** Good morning. I'm the owner of a business on division street. The Slavic community is defined as those from the former soviet union. It's the largest based community in Oregon. The slavic community is a community of color, facing similar forms of discrimination and exclusion. The problem we're facing as a community of color is that we are invisible. No government understands the experience of the slavic community, no database does such reporting either. Nothing exists in the public about the barriers equity. We filed a discrimination complaint against pbot for denying our civil rights. Pbot denied our complaint. Following is outline of our complaint. There was an act of impact resulting in adverse effect that negatively affected minority slavic group without any substantial justification. Predominantly minority community was excluded from being officially informed and participated in expansion of the division street project and became subject to the harsher treatment than the neighboring slavic community. Pbot [indiscernible] would be affected or encountered by the project activities. Pbot failed to [indiscernible] from our slavic group on our division corridor. What we've been told, that they will only do a little tweaking. Pbot failed to outreach the corridor from 103 to 112. Will. As you can see, this is freeway. This is what was given to slavic [indiscernible] where I'm an anchor and that's what outreach pbot did. Here's the freeway and there's 80th freeway and 112 to 174. This is the food store. We did not have any outage. This is what has been given to all of the media, all of the outreach provided. I hope that you all saw that our corridor was not included. Finally everything that pbot did for our group was too late for anything really. Our slavic group was once again discriminated by pbot rejecting our civil rights, remaining invisible in public poll sis no

longer adequate. We insist city council to change the deplorable condition of our community. We implore you and we're requesting once again to keep access to our business on division street and keep existing curb parking for our freight deliveriance partners. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And the last individual the today for communications, Keelan, item 320, please.

**Clerk**: Request of Elizabeth Allen to address council regarding support for mass homeless shelters and criminalized public homelessness.

Elizabeth Allen: Hello. Can you guys hear me?

Wheeler: Yeah, we hear you, Elizabeth. You're good to go.

Allen: I'm hearing that's against a constitutional right. I wonder if you guys have a date to lift covid restrictions off of the shelters that we have. I'm hearing from people that run the homeless shelters that once they're lifted they'll be able to get a significant amount of people on the streets off of the street. I'm concerned with this [indiscernible] it kind of sucks. I can't take my kids outside. My daughter's bus stop is three minutes away from the house. I won't let her walk by herself, she's 11 and embarrassed by that. There's a camp around the corner. I do have compassion for that but I'm wondering if we can utilize some of the services we have or if you have a date planned to kind of like make that a thing so we can alleviate some of the, you know, camps and stuff that are out there. I'm hearing a lot of people want to be in shelters but they can't get into them due to restrictions an we've lifted them a lot of other places. Possibly I heard there could be some legal problems with that, you know, exposing people to covid or what not, if you lyft the restrictions all at once. But maybe filtration systems. I would love to take my kids out to public transportation and parades and to do things this summer without having to worry about, you know, the problems we often run into out there. And that's all. I'm done with my time.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, Elizabeth. And we appreciate you being here and testifying and sharing your concerns and you're obviously not alone. A lot of people are very, very concerned about public safety, about finding humane alternatives for people living on the streets and the livability conditions. We're working hard to address those issues. I'll be releasing my executive budget next week so you'll hear more about focused programming to address exactly the issues that you just mentioned. So thanks for taking the time to be here today. We really appreciate your perspective. Keelan, with that, have any items been pulled off of the consent agenda?

**Clerk**: No. We've received no requests.

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Just so you know, that echo is back.

**Wheeler:** We know it too. We're troubleshooting it as we do. And I apologize for that. Please call the roll on the consent agenda.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

**Clerk**: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

**Clerk**: Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. It's great being here in chamber with Keelan and Megan and we're all working with the technology folks here trying to get everything sorted out. So thank you for bearing with us. We'll move to the first time certain item and that is item number 321, please.

**Clerk**: Accept the technology oversight committee quarterly report.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, I am pleased to introduce this report from the technology oversight committee comprise by five members of the public. The committee is tasked with providing oversight on the city's projects. The toc is currently overseeing the 365 project, the body-worn cameras project. Here to present the report are ethan from the office of management and finance, jeff bear is here, he'll be testing out our testimony platform this morning. As well as willford, the toc member representing my office. Welcome ethan, jeff and wilford.

**Ethan Cirmo:** My name is Ethan. I work for the office of management and finance on the communications team. This is a quarterly report of the technology oversight committee for the first quarter of this year. Jeff bear, Portland's chief technology office is actually there in person with you so that's exciting. Once jeff is finished he will be presenting the committee report to you. Once jeff is finished you'll hear from wilford. He is mayor Wheeler's representative op the committee and he's going to present the opinion of the committee. We're currently overseeing three priority projects for the police, office 365 project, the body-worn cameras project and the records system project. We also opened this past quarter, completed oversight of the integrated tax system project led my revenue. With that i'll hand things over to jeff.

**Jeff Baer:** Thank you, Ethan, for the introductions. I suppose it's appropriate to present the toc report in chambers for the first run. Good morning, mayor Wheeler, good morning, city council members. I'm jeff bear, the director of technology services. And with me today is will who represents your office, the technology oversight committee. We're here to submit the quarterly report covering the first quarter of 2022 and provide updates that are not necessarily reflected in the report to council and we're always happy to answer any questions that you may have. So the first project on the council report is the police bureau's implementation of the Microsoft office 365 product. They're currently on an older Microsoft e-mail exchange server and implementing office 365 will move them to the same platform across the city. We brought on a quality assurance form to provide their independent assessment. The project is still in the discovery or research phase, it is not unusual to see the schedule in yellow as noted in the report. This should change once we finalize the architectural design and the implementation schedule. This is a very complex upgrade for the city as we must maintain a high level of security around the criminal justice information requirements. The second project is the body-worn camera project. And once the solution is identified, then the toc will be provided a monthly project everyone mentation report from the qa consultant as well as updates from the project management team. And the final project on the quarterly report is the record management system to the upgrade to the b cloud solution. There's no timelines on it yet as we're still in the process of identifying resource to start that project. I'm going to hand it over to lil' to provide insight on these different projects.

**Wilfred Pinfold:** Thanks, jeff. I'm representative on the technology oversight committee. I think jeff said it well. We're very happy with the work that happened on the integrated tax system. That concluded in the last cycle and looks very good. I think we'll see an update on that one more time in the next two or three months. But I think we all feel very happy that that was very well managed and ran through the system very well. The other project, 365, the body-worn cameras and the record management, they're still in startup mode as jeff mentioned and I think we're looking to get the full engagement that we get once we bring on qa and activities. 365 is a little ahead of the others but looks -- they all look as if they're heading in the right direction. I have no concerns about them at this time. So I think this is a fairly light report from us. That's a good thing. We very much like it when things are going well. So i'll finish there.

**Baer:** That complete our report and we're here to answer any questions that you may have.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps**: I want to invite our speaker to expand a little bit on office 365. I'm glad to hear that you perceive that it's going well, although when we looked at the report I think there was some talk of unprecedented challenges. Frankly I'm surprised that this migration is as complicated as it appears to be. I'd like to do some reality checking. Is the office 365 project on track and what are the risks of it going sideways? Baer: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. I'll take the first question. And one of the complexities that we have is that we have what are called two different tenants in the city's network. And we've segmented that off purposefully because of the criminal justice information that is transmitting through the police network. And because of that it causes a pretty significant complexity in trying to synchronize those two different tenants on the back end. And so that they can actually be on the same platform as the rest of the city employees and be able to provide information back and forth across those two tenants. So these the complexity and we're working very diligently. We have some high-level microsoft engineers on the project as well to work through their complexities. We're also in very good communications with the office -- or the oregon state police who have actually done this as well. So just understanding those complexities, it's very difficult, but we think it's manageable as long as we get the architectural design correct, which we think we're on the right track. And will, I guess that you want to add to that as well.

**Pinfold:** I think that states it well. I think you're right to be concerned about the progress here. I don't -- you know, as I said, I think things are going well at the moment. I wouldn't expect it to be any different right now. But I think it is a challenging project. I think we learned that from talking with the microsoft team themselves who themselves are uneasy about this. So let's keep a really close eye on it. I think we need to proceed carefully. And I think you're right to question this. Please continue this pathway as we get into this.

Mapps: Thank you, wilford.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty**: First I want to thank the presenters for the information today. As always, there's a high level of confidence in the information that is shared by the technology oversight committee because of the expertise of the volunteer members who serve on it. And it looks like over the next couple of years you're going to be doing police, police, nothing but police almost. And that is a very good thing. My assumption is because we're going from no shareable data system to one that is used by most professional organizations and firms is the challenge. And moving us from where we are now to the 365 system. Would that be an accurate statement?

**Baer:** Yes, I think that's an accurate statement and characterization of that. It's going to be shareable across the two different tenants as I described earlier. And it will be -- and they'll have much more functionality because they'll have the complete office 365 suite of products that's available to them.

**Hardesty**: Thank you. And my next question was really around the body cams. I see that in may we're supposed to have some demonstrations. Is the technology oversight committee members that are working on this project going to be able to participate in those demonstrations?

**Baer:** I don't know that we've got an schedule yet from the project manager over in police yet but certainly we are there and will can speak to this as well. I think they always want to be very much in the part of that process.

**Hardesty**: And I could encourage that to be as well. I think it's -- again, what I know is that we don't do a good job without your help when it comes to buying technology that can be integrated into other systems. So I will just end by saying I'm very grateful for the talented volunteers that continue to serve the city in this capacity. You are worth your weight in gold because, again, you bring expertise that we just don't have in house and you're willing to actually do it as volunteers. So my appreciation to the team and thank you so much for your report.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan**: Thank you, mayor and committee, thank you jeff and wilford. Good to see you. I want to ask a question about the third point you're making because I don't know what you're saying for sure. So everything seems to be aligned with the work that we're doing with the police bureau. But could you explain the third bullet you were talking about, the records management a little bit more to me?

**Baer:** Yeah, thank you commissioner Ryan. Is this related to the scheduling of that project for resources?

**Ryan**: I think when I hear records management, when I hear that right now I think of records request since I have trauma about since it takes up so much of our staff time. It seems to be the playbook for many people is to think that we have enough time as we're focusing on the criseses in the city that we're constantly to do records request. My mind was triggered with that. It has nothing to do with that. Everything is about the police bureau, all three items?

Baer: Yes. And it's for all of the criminal investigations. They have different record requests -- not records requests but records through traffic stops, investigations.
Ryan: I didn't realize all three points for connected to one bureau in the city and now I'm getting that. I knew the first two were but I thought the third one might have been

going beyond. Is the technology oversight committee a city-wide view?

# Baer: Yes.

**Ryan**: Okay. And I'm glad we're drill down here but man we have some issues in other bureaus for the entire city as well so your plate must be really full.

**Baer:** I think will noted that the integrated tax revenue, that just rolled off and there's more coming up the pipeline too for consideration to be overseen by the technology oversight committee.

**Ryan**: I wanted to make sure I asked those very open questions because in the busyness of life I didn't track the third bullet point but now I realize it is connected to bullet one and bullet two. Thank you.

**Baer:** Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps**: A quick question. Has the BTS begun convening the technology executive steering committee yet?

Baer: Yes. We held a kickoff meeting, I think, in February.

Mapps: Oh, great.

**Baer:** We're in the midst of scheduling that out on a month basis. And with a new chief administrative officer, we work with work with him, his thoughts on that as well.

**Mapps**: Great. Glad to hear it. Good job.

Wheeler: Very good. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Hardesty: So moved.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty moves. Can I get a second, please.

Mapps: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps seconds. Keelan, please call the role.

**Clerk**: Ryan.

**Ryan**: Thank you, ethan, jeff, wilford. I vote eye.

**Clerk**: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Excellent work as always. Aye.

**Clerk**: Mapps. I went to thank the technology oversight committee for their very important work. I appreciate the updates. I will watch the rollout of office 365 closely. I vote aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

**Rubio**: Thank you, mayor and thank you jeff and wilford and the committee for the presentation and bringing the report forward. I really appreciate the work on this report

and thanks again for all of the time to the committee members that they gave in service to the city. I vote aye.

#### Clerk: Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** I always like the fact that the technology oversight committee reports -- you know, we're struggling with the mics. I'm just going to vote aye. Thank you for your hard work. The report is accepted. The next two items, colleagues, you'll recall the first is a resolution which we continued today. The second item is an ordinance. Why don't we go ahead and call them together and we'll vote separately, 322 and 323, please, Keelan. **Clerk**: Renew the central eastside industrial district property management license fee for 10 years. 323, authorize agreement --

**Wheeler:** Keelan, I'm sorry. I did not see those are time certain items. We're not there yet. We'll go to the regular agenda please. Go to item 331.

**Clerk**: Proclaim April 24, 2022, to be Armenian again side remembrance day. **Wheeler:** Colleagues, this proclamation remembers the Armenian genocide when in April of 1915 more than 1.5 million Armenians were marched to their deaths in a campaign of -- I'm sorry one moment. Can we shut that one off? Let me start off. Colleagues this proclamation remembers the Armenia genocide when in April of 1915 more than 1.5 million Armenians were deported, massacred or marched to their deaths in a campaign of extermination. We take this time to mourn the tragic loss of so many lives. As we take a moment to reflect on the impact of this horrific tragedy we renew our commitment at the city of Portland to continue to ensure that hate and discrimination and their destructive consequences have no place in our communities. It's also imperative to recognize the strength and resiliency of the armenian community in continuing to keep their traditions alive and rebuilding their community often in new lands. We welcome them and we celebrate their contributions to the city of Portland. And now i'd like to introduce Mariah, the city's immigrant and refugee program coordinator who will introduce our guests. Good morning. **Mariya Klimenko:** Good morning mayor and city council. Thank you for having us here and for taking the time to do this proclamation. Before I introduce our speakers I would like to invite you to join me in taking a moment of silence to remember the victims of this genocide. Thank you. [moment of silence] thank you so much. Now it is my sincere pleasure to introduce the two speakers that we have today who are members of the armenian community. We have elise who is a senior i.t. Developer. She is also a fourth generation genocide survivor and chair of the county employee resource group for immigrants and refugees. And our second speaker is esther, the cochair of the armenian youth organization of oregon and a student at psu. And with that I would like to pass it over to elise, please.

**Wheeler:** She appears to still be muted.

Alis Smbaty Okay. Sorry. There you go. I'm going to try that again. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and distinct members of the city council. I want to recognize and thank my [indiscernible] for her support and helping move this proclamation forward. I'm delighted to be here on this important occasion. This is very important topic. It needs adequate time and attention. I value this opportunity to tell my family story in a public setting for the first time. For those who don't know w, on april 24th, 1915, leaders of the armenia community were arrested and killed marking the start of the armenian genocide where 1.5 armenians were ruthlessly massacred on our ancestor lands. Although april 24th was significant, what happened was the result of culmination of attacks and massacres which started in the late 1800s and went unnoticed. These massacres continued after the genocide through 1920 with the killing of the armenian population and the destruction of the armenian half of the city. [indiscernible] in february of 1988 when the armenian people wanted to legally become an autonomous state outside of the borders. And as recently as the 2020 war perpetrated by [indiscernible]. Each of these ruthless massacres were on our ancestorial lands and resulted in mass human and cultural losses. I grew up hearing the stories of my family

but it wasn't until after we moved to the united states that I could comprehend the magnitude of these events. My great grandfather had two brothers and three sisters. His middle brother and he were studying in the united states in 1915 as the massacres began, he left his brother here with instruction to continue their lineage and return to the homeland to fight. When my family was moving to u.s, my great aunt handed us a wedding invitation of cousin. The brother of the daughter left in the u.s and asked to find them and get untouched with them. I will never forget and most fluent in english I was asked by mother to call this lady madeline I don't know what to say and she would react. Hearing her voice and visiting her few times after 90th birthday. I realized how much she missed connection with homeland and family. Big loss of time and relationship, the simulation, the loss of language and culture knowledge. Almost armenian family has been an affected by the genocide. Has lost family members, valuables and sister lands and homes. And, um, recognizing the armenian genocide is important not only for important community. It is important step in preventing genocide in ethnic groups. The gypsy, jewish, cambodian, and many other genocides could have been prevented with the timely recognition of the armenian genocide. It is deep belief these acts will stop when there's recognition and action to stop the events. Only retribution equal to the pain cause can prevent genocide in the future. I thank you for your support and consideration and I yield over to ester. Thank you

**Esther Ashkarian:** Hello. Good morning. My name is, ester. First generation, armenian american. I'm honored to be here and be able to speak. I'll be offering more historical insight regarding the event. Thank you. I want you all to visualize. Cool breeze of the caucus braces your face. You see the window painting the mountains and meadows. Suddenly the tranquility is stopped by gunshot. You are stripped by everything. For the next eight years, you are forced to walkthrough the hot desert. The people around you parish. At this point, you would rather die than live another die. To many of you, it is horrible hypothetical. For my great grandparents and the armenian impacted by the

events taken place in 1950, this was their re-latitude and longitude. Up to 1944, the word genocide didn't exist. It came to the holocaust. The systemic massacre of ethnic population. Tragic events committed against armenian during world war I and how they went unpunished. No legal precedent in pressuring predator in times. The armenian people were victims of the massacre which resulted in 300, 000 taken. The ottoman empire began to boycott and prevent communications through the postal services for armenians. Similarly the events that took place, april 24, 1950, the genocide began. Over 270 armenian leaders and scholars were arrested, hung and drowned. Ottoman troops enforcing the armenian people. At this point, all the armenian people established were destruction and moved to remove any trace of the armenian people. While this was occurring the ottoman government had censored news going to the outlet, so the world was clueless of the armenian people. Armenian people were forced to march through the hot desert. Many died of starvation. Hundreds of thousands were displaced and forced to flee as refugees. Although they carried similarities, justice and denial set the two apart. They attempted reparations of the jewish people. Yet, turkey continues to deny the genocide. Per sec autos that discuss the events of 1950. Only a decade was the holocaust. Who after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the armenian. Only four decades later was the cambodian genocide -- all of these were the result of denial. I hope that by awareness and education there will be strife towards change and reconciliation by recognizing the armenian genocide. We are acknowledging that the lives needlessly lost must be remembered. Until these atrocities are recognized, history will only repeat itself. The milestones reached as congress affirming the fact of genocide and biden recognition in 2020 have been result of us. The thread of annihilation lingers over the people as thousands of armenian people were killed off. Many cities have dedicated april 24 as armenian genocide solidarity day. We ask that the city of Portland does the same as support for justice. Thank you

**Klimenko:** Thank you both so much for your time and your testimony. With that, I will pass back to the mayor

**Wheeler**: Thank you very much. I will leave space for my colleagues to talk before I reach -- read the proclamation. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: Thank you, mr. Mayor, colleagues. I am honored to proclaim april 24 as armenian genocide day. This commemorates april 24, 1950. On that day, ottoman authorities arrested intellectuals. Events followed over the course of the next two years. On our armenian genocide remembrance day, we remember the lives of those who die, and we celebrate and support the survivors and descendants and we recommit ourselves in atrocity from occurring again. Our armenian genocide remembrance day, we should remember the victims of genocide everywhere. The jewish people, cambodians, palestinian, the lebanese people, syrian, kurds, [indiscernible], they have enforced their own genocides. After the tragedies, the people of the world have declared never again. After each of the genocides, the unthinkable has happened again. And that genocide might even be happening today. On this day, as we remember those lost in genocide, let's work towards a future where genocide is a thing of the past. Let's build the city that rejects bigotry and intolerance. Let's create a culture that respects human rights. Let's make a world where people can live with dignity and security and let's embrace healing and reconciliation. Colleagues, for these reasons and you, I join you april 24 to be armenian genocide remembrance day in Portland. I courage all Portlanders to remember this who remember the armenian genocide that began 107 years ago on april 24. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, mayor for bringing this to the dais today. Thank you for remembering and moment of silence. It was helpful. Elias -- I don't know how to say the name. The second name how to pronounce it **Smbaty:** Alis.

**Ryan:** Alice. Thank you for the stories. They were painful and true. That's what we need to hear. We need the stories to be hold. Yours was very profound. You know, that's the healing begins as we tell the truth. I really appreciated hearing the stories. I feel very different after being in the presence of all of three of you. Your grandparents are so proud of you. I think you said a line. Something you would rather die than live another day. That's really deep. Again, just thank you for being here. I am proud that you are a student at Portland state. Fortunate university to have you in the campus. We will be watching for you. Century long of denial is despicable. There's stories like this. Thank you for coming to council and giving a moment to be present and remember and never ever forget. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Rubio

**Rubio:** Thank you for bringing the proclamation forward. As preparing for the council meeting, and memorialization, I learned that april is genocide awareness and prevention month. I want to lift up in the conversation because I think it is also very significant. Even though armenian genocide happened well over 100 years ago it is present in our lives today. It is astounding and shocking that we have genocides that are happening in regularity in years since. It is clear that we haven't learned from the horrific lessons in history. And the armenian is fast adverse and resilient all over the world. Today, we stand with you to honor the stories and acknowledge the deep and justices and violence committed of our commitment. Alice and ester, thank you for sharing family stories. It really brings it home in a way that each of us can relate to our family stories of grandparents and particularly as immigrants. For reminding us of the strength of the community and how your history is how relevant is more now than ever. I support you in reparations in support of the world. The refusal to acknowledge this deep injustice and the genocide against the armenian community. It is on us to take the state of recognize and do all we can to learn from it. More also than that, it is important to lift up the beauty and stories and family and culture and tremendous contributions of the

armenian community to the world and also for the city. Thank you for the opportunity to face our history and never let it happen

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Hardesty

**Hardesty:** I wanted to appreciate marilyn for bringing this resolution forward. Centering us to ensure that Armenian genocide remembrance day is something that we all will internalize. As you all said eloquently, genocide, unfortunately, a part of world history and u.s history. I don't think there's any country that is -- that could claim that they have not been a part of such. I am so proud, Susan, you have a student at Portland state university. Your eloquent words touched my heart and my spirit. I want you to know that I see you. Your ancestors are proud of the path that you are on. I want to thank you, Alex, for your beautiful words and giving us an opportunity to appreciate deeply the Armenian culture. Let me say, I hope that we don't do this a day a year ago because we do proclamations in council. I stand with commissioner Rubio; I want to lift your struggle because your struggle is my struggle and all people around the world struggling for equality and justice and fairness. Thank you so much for being here and thank you so much for sharing your stories

**Wheeler**: Thank you commissioner Hardesty. Thank you ester and alice and sharing personal stories for us. Thank you, maria for work and drafting the proclamation. We are honored to have you as member of the city workforce team. Thank you in your leadership in that regard as well. Now, the proclamation. April. It marks anniversary as important acts of genocide in the 20th century. April 24, 1950, marks the initial stages armenian genocide of world war i. Genocide prevention honors millions of losses from the arrest me any, cam bonnie an, lebanese, syrian, and many other populations. Whereas, on april 23, 1990, oregon, governor neil proclaimed april 24 as the day of armenian remembrance. Whereas this has been a critical significance to the armenian population working to find itself and reestablish after the terrors they lived in the hands of the ottoman turks. Portland is home to the armenian apostolic church of oregon

serving over 250 families locally. Whereas there's approximately 300 families in Portland as direct immigrants and second and third fourth generations members of the armenian dais borrow da. The armenian people survived and rebuilt their community. Over the decades, armenian immigrants have enriched the united states in countless ways. They never forget the tragic history that brought so many of the ancestors to our shores. We honor their story. We see the pain. We affirm the history. We do this, not to cast blank, but to ensure that what happened is never repeated. And whereas, today, as we mourn what is lost, let us turn our eyes to the future. Towards the city that we wish to build for our city, a place sustained where human rights are respected. Where all people are able to pursue lives in dignity and in security. Let us renew shared result to prevent atrocities from occurring anywhere in the world. Let us pursue healing and reconciliation. Now, therefore, do here by proclaim april 24 to be the armenian genocide remembrance day in Portland and encourage residents to observe this day. Thank you, all, for being here and sharing in this important proclamation

Ashkarian: Thank you.

**Wheeler**: Let's go back to the time agenda items 322 and 333.

Hardesty: It is still too early.

Wheeler: No, we're good. They're 1015 time

**Clerk:** Renew the central east side industrial district property.

**Wheeler**: Colleagues, we will take up the resolution first. You'll recall that we heard the presentation on the resolution. We took testimony on the resolution. Then, we continued it today without a vote. So that we can vote on it at the same time we vote on the ordinance. Any further discussion about the resolution item number 322? Seeing none. Keelan, can you call the roll

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** I want to acknowledge, what I experienced last week which was a presentation that was refreshing. We had so many stakeholders and leaders in the community

coming together with one voice of support for this work. And you don't always see the stakeholders on the same side of the street, if you will, or in agreement with having worked together. I want to acknowledge many people. Especially, I know kate. Maryl is moving on. The leadership of that body is really impressive. I do think that the central east side management services and the way working together, central east side is the best stories that we have in the city of Portland right now. I know that I have been standing on shoulders people on this body before me. I want to thank them for the building they have done. I have done a cleanup in the area. You can feel a different vibe down there with people connecting one another. People homeless and running small businesses. I'm excited about voting yes. Also, about the future of the southeast -- the central east side area. I think all of us are excited about the future of the city. I want to take a pause how refreshing it was to witness that presentation. I'm enthusiastically voting on

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I also want to take a moment, once again, appreciate kate maryl for her leadership to create a new type of enhanced service district. Central east side continues to be, for me, the model of what is possible when you bring everybody to the table from the beginning. And it was a proud moment, both when it passed council initially and it is a proud moment now to know with the bumps and the band and pandemic and the crisis we experience with the city, to bring stakeholders to make the community safer and enhance services for everyone. I'm happy to vote on it

# Clerk: Mapps.

**Mapps:** Um, mr. Mayor, colleagues, let me start out today, by thanking kate maryl on her leadership on council. Moment to welcome claire to her new role of the head of icic. I would like to share the observation. Every neighborhood in Portland is special. Portland east side is special in unique way. It is one city's engine. It is home to beloved institutions like the heritage center, city liquidators, rotary club, green cities, green works, garden games, the jupiter hotel, organ artificial limb company, the organ museum of science, the organ heritage center, rejuvenation, the lip man company and many others. Of course, covid has been tough on the central east side. In recent years, free camping and crime overflowed on the central east side like a river of human misery overflowing its bank. The central east side not only managed to survive the pandemic. Today, the Portland east side is striving. Large part of central east side, vitality can be attributed to the work done by the central east side council. The cleaning crews have removed 1.7 million pounds of trash and have removed more than 81,000 biohazards and needles. They removed over 6000 square feet of graffiti and help camps dispose of trash over 12000 times. The care teams have conducted over 1000 wellness checks. 4000 people connect to healthcare. Referred people to shelter and helped 12 people secure permit informant housing. When dining hall closed to the pandemic, they provided 16000 meals to hungry Portlanders. Colleagues, the central east side council has proven itself model for Portland neighborhoods can come together to promote wellbeing and economic prosperity. For these reasons and more, I'm glad to vote aye

Clerk: Rubio.

**Rubio:** Again, I want to thank kate maryl. The central east side team and also cic members, stakeholders, the planning and the work that got us to the renewal and work today. Recovering from the pandemic and supporting the challenges beginning to phase, the east side coalition is doing it with respect and community safety. To me, this is in many ways, how we do the work. I'm very impressed by the collaboration. I'm very happy to vote aye

Clerk: Wheeler.

**Wheeler**: I want to extend both my thanks and congratulations to kate. Well, deserved. This resolution will continue the funding of what I see as a very successful although relatively new partnership between business, between residents, between advocates, individuals who provide Portland programs and members of the most vulnerable
communities. What I like about this model is that a local community that has been and continues to be under significant stress and duress and I want to be clear we are not declaring victory today. We don't deserve declare victory today. They're still deeply concerned about the future of their neighborhood and the viability of their businesses. Let's not forget where we are in this process. What I love about this is the stakeholders came together and they handed us, basically, on a silver platter a strategy that they believed would work best for their neighborhood to work with the trauma, recover, and succeed and thrive in the future. And so far, everything I have seen leads me to believe that they have the right formula. So I'm enthusiastically in support of the efforts. We as council, we have a responsibility to partner and work with all of the stakeholders to continue the great work that they're trying to accomplish because I believe the work that they're accomplishing and the way they're doing it is a roadmap for the rest of the city. It is for that reason that I vote, aye, and the resolution is adopted. The second part of this is colleagues is item 323. Keelan read it. Non-emergency ordinance. We heard the presentation and taken testimony. Further business on the ordinance. Seeing none. Keelan, call the roll. [roll call vote]

**Wheeler**: The ordinance is adopted. Thanks, everybody, for your hard work on this. Next item 324, please

**Clerk:** Proclaim may first through the 7th 2022 to be national small business week. **Wheeler**: Colleagues, this is also a proclamation. This item officially proclaims the first week of may as national small business week celebrating the resilience and the tenacity of america's and Portland entrepreneur for driving economic recovery and growth. As we know, Portland continues to be and small business city with over 32000 small businesses and small businesses is defined with less than 50 employees. These firms create opportunities for over 176 people in the Portland area and critical leaders in helping to build who reside in the city. We are fortunate to have two leading entrepreneurs to share stories with council and public at-large. First, I want to introduce and turnover to alice. Honor and chief officer. Alice, thank you for being here this morning

**Alicia Chapman:** I appreciate the opportunity to speak about my experience. I started my business towards the end of 2020. In the end of the pandemic. Like so many other times, I felt the urgent need to re-evaluation the priorities and how I can positive force for change. My business, technical fabricators does custom machines. Helps improve access and reduce congestion to live and work and play in Portland. We build clean energy infrastructure for america to become independent. As a board member, I'm very proud to be part of community committed to support share prosperity. I'm also working to build economic for our city through programs like Portland means progress. Like many other manufactures, it is phasing a shortage and the realization that we are developing on the job training to recruit women and people of color and bring career opportunities to the communities that need the most. I want to thank everyone working in Portland for their support. We're all painfully aware of the crisis and need for response that targets the roots of the problem. Among the critical services, we need to connect people that may have lost jobs with new opportunities, supporting businesses like mine that are eager to staff up. I believe that small businesses would be a key part of the solutions providing great jobs and benefits. I hope the city continues to see small businesses as a critical ally on the fight. Thank you, again

**Wheeler**: Thank you, alicia. We appreciate you being here this morning. We have with us today david, the general manager of castali sports usa. Thank you, welcome. Hi, there. Thank you, mayor Wheeler and city council. I will talk about the business and some of the programs that we have taken advantage of and where we see we continue to receive help from you. We are castali sports usa. We are an example of foreign direct investment. The global leader and premium cycling apparel. We moved to Portland about 15 years ago from minnesota. We did from the access from talent people as well as access to great cycling and great outdoors and 15 years later it is still true. Our offices

are located in the northeast Portland in the hollywood district. We operate the sales and marketing here. We have a warehouse where we ship products to consumers and dealers all over the country. Covid-19 has been challenging for us like everyone but fantastic for the cycling industry. We have grown from 21 to 28 employees over the last 22 years. Just as we are facing competition from other brands, Portland is seeing competition. I have spent many days at trade shows where we have representatives from colorado and utah and washington and new york going from booth to booth to convince to move the headquarters out. We do need to be aware the rest of the industry is aware that it is successful place to start a business and operate a business and they're coming for us. We do have continued to have access to great and talented people. We see them moving here. There's a lot of competition for talent here. Still today, one of the great things about the city the access to talent. We have taken advantage of just about every program we can find in the city of part land. We participate in network that the city promotes. We participate in the rural grant program. This year, we have participated in the aspiring grant program. It has been wonderful grant program for us. We have four students to work in the office four days a week. It would not be possible without the grant for us. I want to recognize sue, wonderful resource for finding these resources for over a decade. Finally, where we continue to use the help. We ask you to support the educational programs from high school to community college to the Portland state retail, the benton tech program, the fashion institute. We do hire people out of these products particularly the entry level positions, and it does make a difference and we hope you continue to support them. Invest in the cycling in the outdoors does not make it a great place to live. It makes it to attract candidates and businesses here. Finally, you know, like others we felt the impact of homelessness and crime in the offices in northeast Portland. Put focus on that and make a safe place to work and ride a bike and recreate. Thank you.

**Wheeler**: Thank you. I will turn it over to my colleagues for few comments before I read the proclamation on behalf of the city council. Mr. Mapps.

**Mapps:** First let me start off by thanking alicia and davis by telling us about their stories. We are glad that you are doing business here in Portland. Colleagues, I am delighted in joining may 7-may 15 small business week. As we have heard, over 32 million small businesses in these united states. Those small businesses provide 2/3 of the jobs in this country. Here, in Portland more than 32000 small businesses. Those small businesses employee over 176,000 people. This year's small business week is particularly important because the past couple of years have been so hard on Portland small businesses. We all mourn the neighborhood institutions that did not survive this pandemic. For example, [name indiscernible] on hawthorne which closed after 34 years in business. Bailey's tap room is gone too. The sandwich shop. Cheese bar and every crock pot restaurant. Despite these losses, I think it is important to celebrate our successes. That's why I want to take a moment to recognize the important work that congressman blooming howard has done to support the restaurant business. For example, during the pandemic, this council directed tens of millions of dollars in aid towards small businesses. Through prosper Portland business relief fund, we provided relief to keep doors open. Local small business repair grant fund provided grants to local small businesses trying to figure out how to pay for the broken widower the graffiti or vandalism. Well, this council has taken important steps to support small businesses there's more work to be done. Like every member of the council, every day, my office here from Portland small businesses would tell me that city hall needs to do more to make Portland to start and grow small businesses. Here's the challenges that small businesses have asked council to take on. This council needs to embrace policies to promote small businesses. We should promote economic development and neighborhoods left behind and embrace technology and innovation. I believe this council can make progress towards the goals and the next couple of weeks, bypassing a

budget which supports small businesses. That's why I hope the budget this council passes on may 11 will include support for small business stabilization, commercial activation and listen to the organizations that represent the interest of small businesses. Including the chamber of commerce that support small businesses, the business alliance. Colleagues, I'm committed to taking those actions. For these reasons and more, I'm glad to join you in proclaiming may 7-may 15, 2022, to be national small business week in Portland and encourage residents to observe this week by shopping at a small business here in Portland. Thank you

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio

**Rubio:** First I'd like to thank mayor Wheeler to bringing this proclamation forward to say we appreciate the economic and social contributions of Portland small business community is vast underestimate. We owe small businesses. Portland is known for innovative and vast small business community. That's why so many entrepreneurs choose Portland. The pandemic hit us really hard. While some managed to hold on, as we heard, we lost many. Despite the many small businesses they cannot to be resilient ant and innovative to move to challenging time as city, we have taken steps to mitigate the challenges for investments of small businesses. It is not nearly the math to meet the need. It is call for action, as local government, to support and step up the investors to an important sector and demonstrate the support through action. To alicia and david, the activist and sectors and employee's needs, I want to say thank you for staying local. Thank you for investing in the community, this community and appreciate the commitment through the good times and hard times. I support you **Wheeler**: Thanks, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor for bringing it forward. I'm excited about the topic. There's a lot of reasons why we have a fire in the belly to do the job like this and serve the city. One of the them, at the top of the list, is advocating for the innovative entrepreneurs that build the road city and continue to build the city. Of course, that's the small

businesses and the brave and daring creating entrepreneurs. I want to lift a few close incompetent restraining orders that I have with. I apologize to many others that others have close relationships, but we have time limits. I am williams, I have learned so much over the last months. I am proud in continuing to expand your business. Michael, who owns five-star cleaners. Two locations. One in particular, the one that I go in northeast broadway. He's just been humbled with one broken window after another. One robbery after another and so patient and so resilient. We hear you. We see you. Thanks for hanging in there. Many people who live in the area are grateful that you are surviving as a business small. Davidson, the owners of athletic club in the city. Have been so resilient to stay at hold during this crisis. We know that our mental health is really benefitted when we have to be in community to exercise and connect. I know I speak for many, in northeast Portland. I want to end with small business housing providers. They're foundational root of the city. The first that came to Portland, the affordable housing that we have in the city is from the small business housing providers. The most overlooked and unappreciated in the housing stock. I see you. I hear you. We must continue to lift all of you. Sometimes you are call mom/pop landlords. You have been hit in the pandemic in the ways it is hard to see. You have been surviving. Sadly, to many of you, you have been selling the stock of small business homes. Because I think, the city has make it difficult to pencil it out. Again, you provide the best organic housing stock for affordable housing in the city. Moment to acknowledge small businesses. I'm glad that we vote yes whether it is repair grants or stabilization grants. They're needed and wanted. I join my colleagues in acknowledging small business week. Thank you so much. I vote aye

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor for bringing this proclamation forward. Thank you commissioners for saying everything that can be said on this topic. Small businesses are the backbone of the city, and the fastest growing are people of color and women. Covid

had impact on every single small business in our community. Some are better able and more resilient to be able to continue on and see a path towards the future. It is my hope that part of the federal dollars that we send out be supporting small businesses in our community and making sure that those small businesses be innovative and creative in providing opportunity for so many folks who have been displaced economically in our city by covid and all of that came after that. I also I'm strong supporter of small businesses. I have to tell you devastating for me, every restaurant that I would do lunch or happy hour, all closed downtown as part of the last two years evolution. Here's what I know to be truth. There's a lot of creative talent people in the city. What we know about the restaurant business, they come and grow. New opportunities as we try to emerge from this economic devastation. It is absolutely the right thing to do to highlight small businesses. Again, I would say the ones that have 20 or less employees are much more prolific. And have least access to capital and additional resources to expand. As the city that wants all small businesses to be able to thrive as we come back, I hope the city will be creative about how we create macro spaces so small businesses are not able to give talent. Happy to support the resolution today. Thank you, mayor Wheeler for highlighting how important small businesses are to all of our economic recovery in the city. Thank you

**Wheeler**: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty. Thank you, colleagues. Before I read the proclamation. I want to thank many members of my team and as well as the folks as prosper Portland on the work on drafting this important proclamation. With that, I will read proclamation on behalf of the city of Portland. Before I do that, I want to make an additional comment. You made thoughtful statements about the importance of supporting small business. Whether it's through our support through retention dollars or activation dollars or other work. What I hear most often from small businesses and operator ors and I speak with a good many of them, they're never shy about expressing their needs from this council. What they tell me, if I had to take the different comments,

the thousands of them and consolidate in one statement. They're asking us to do to create an environment in which they can do what they do and thrive. What I hear, they're not looking for dollars after the fact to help them prop them up. What they're looking for is for a city that is functional. Looking to what we have stated as top priorities. Whether it is keeping the city clean, and picked up and graffiti free and creating an environment in the neighborhood business districts and downtown where customers and clients feel safe and welcome. That's what I hear more than anything else from small business owners and operators. I wanted to share that with all of us since you guys shared some good points, I thought. Here's the proclamation on the entire Portland city council. Whereas despite worldwide pandemic, resilient small businesses continue to pioneer -- (reading proclamation). Now, therefore, I ted Wheeler, proclaim may 1-may 7, 2022, small business week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week. Thank you, everyone. We can now back to the regular agenda item number 322, please. Approve application under the multiple unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for se27th and division apartments located at 2680 southeast division street

**Wheeler**: Thank you. This is second reading. We heard presentation and taken public testimony on this item. Any further business?

Seeing none. Keelan, call the roll. [roll call vote]

**Wheeler**: The ordinance is adopted. Item 333, please. Which is non-emergency ordinance

**Clerk:** Assess benefitted properties for street, sidewalk, and storm water improvements north of southwest lura dell street in the southwest 37th avenue phase 1 local improvement district.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, month I can't remember. I will turnover to -- give me just a second. I will turnover to andrew, I believe, it is here. Andrew to present the measure. There he is. Welcome

**Andrew Aebi:** Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Andrew. I have unstable internet connection today. It looks like things are working pretty well. Members of the city council, this item before you, close out 47th avenue local improvement district. I don't have council presentation today. We did not receive [indiscernible]. This project improves 307 in the west Portland neighborhood. Although small project. Important project because southwest Portland highest proportion from the city. In particular, west Portland park has 10.4% of the streets unpaved relative through city wide average of 2.8%. Fifth largest proportion of unpaved streets. So, very pleased to complete the challenging project. Again, no reminisce received. Requesting that council pass through the second reading. Before I let you go, commissioner Hardesty, I was going to stick around and make quick amendment on the next ordinance on the next agenda item. That concludes

Wheeler: Thank you, and rew. Any questions at this time? Any public testimony?Clerk: No signed up.

**Wheeler**: Thank you, and rew. This is the first reading of non-emergency ordinance. Next item, Keelan. 334

**Clerk:** Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk and storm water improvements in the southeast 155th avenue and main street mill main dr. Local improvement district.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I just want you to know that there was a filing error with exhibit f and exhibit g, basically, being the same exhibit. And so, I am asking that we have provided a new exhibit g which would add an emergency clause. I need to make a

**Wheeler**: Colleagues, this is second reading. Commissioner Hardesty

motion to add the new exhibit g which would then make emergency clause for us to be able to vote on it

**Wheeler**: Commissioner Hardesty moves amendment to correct the exhibits and moves to have this voted on as emergency ordinance. I'll second the amendment. Any further discussion on the amendment?

**Aebi:** Mayor Wheeler, I believe, we need to amend the ordinance to add the emergency clause. I can read that to you

**Wheeler**: I did commissioner Hardesty. Why don't you read it, so we have it on the order

**Aebi:** The motion that council is reading adds to the emergency ordinance. I will read it to you. (reading ordinance)

**Wheeler**: Thank you, Andrew. To the amendment, any further discussion? Commission Hardesty. Keelan, call the roll on the amendment. [roll call vote]

**Wheeler**: The amendment is adopted. Corrects both the exhibit as well as adds the emergency clause. Any further discussion on the main motion?

Seeing none. Please call the roll. [roll call vote].

**Wheeler**: The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you. Next up. 335. 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 e113 a6 for estimated cost 10,400 dollars.

Wheeler: Second reading. Please call the roll. [roll call vote]

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. 336, also a second reading

**Clerk:** Authorize bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the ground water pump station motor control center replacement project of an estimated cost 24,250.

Wheeler: Further discussion?

Seeing none. Please call the roll. [roll call vote].

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. Last but not least, item 337

**Clerk:** Amend Portland clean energy community benefits fund heat response, the equipment purchasing partner grant with earth advantage, inc. To increase the services of community distribution partners in the amount of 6,325,000.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty, do you have hand raised or noHardesty: If this is going to take an hour, can we have a break before we jump into the conversation.

Wheeler: Let's ask commissioner Rubio.

**Rubio:** That's fine with me.

**Wheeler**: Let's do this. Take ten-minute break. It is about 11: 20. We will reconvene until 11: 30 am.

## Council recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**Rubio:** Thank you, mayor. In june 2021, over 100 oregon ans lost their lives to extreme heat. With over 60 lives lost. This heat wave was the natural disasters. We're here to exhaust the need for greater access to efficient cooling. Staff will be looking to take action on ordinance that will allocate to community distribution partners in the heat response program. As a reminder, this is second half of final action. So we will also use the time today to address community concerns we have heard recently. I want to thank the staff on long hours. With that, I will turnover to Donnie director of planning and sustainability and staff

**Donnie Oliveira:** Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good morning, commissioners. Daniel, director of sustainability. Today with me, Portland program staff. As commissioner Rubio acknowledged, the extreme heat of 2021 worst case climate scenarios. One response piece, you created the program. Today, items to address the steps to allocate the funding to select the cohort to distribute those important units. As you know, we have been working at this program's development to create a really robust system and to administer the community's well through the ballot initiative. Staff, we're going to provide overview. Take a moment to acknowledge conversation about the future piece and structure. Over two years, the team has built structure with thoughtful planning going into that and continues. Everything we heard from the auditor report, every of the recommendations we support and already in the works. This plan is two year's old. First of its kind sxp governance model as well as addressing the critical nature of the climate moment. With that, I will turn to sam who will walk through the critical changes looking at going forward with piece f. Thank you

Sam Baraso: Good morning. Thank you, mayor, commissioners. For the record, I'm sam ross. I will share the slide direct and make sure you can see those. Give me one second here. You should all see that. Good. Thank you. As Donnie shared, I will walk you through the grant process. I will walk you through the structure work plan intended to the fund balance and expected revenue and remaining audit recommendations from not captured in the other items. I'm going to hand things over to development manager and working as manager of the heat response program to walk you through the item before you go through a decision. With that, I want to make sure you see the flow of the presentation. I will jump in and share the review process. On january 19, 2022, this year, the committee approved additional steps in the review process to grant applications currently under review. This approach, successful project implementation and support for new emerging and growing organizations. Addresses project implementation and management and creates specific paths for staff creating to the long-term viability. This is the objective of the modification of the review process. In designing the review process, we consulted from professionals from institutions as well as our largest grant makers while there's differences -- the due diligence. Our additional review process is comprised of several steps and I will share in a couple of slides. Our review process, starts with a screen in process. We call it application to additional review. Application -several thresholds whether asking for more funding than last three years of average

funding. Whether new organization, around for less than a few years or pivoting new area or line of work. The ways in which we call application to additional reviews. Once we call application for additional review, we identify the risk for the approval and request additional information from the applicant. We review the additional information. Ultimately, we determine if we need to modify or request the application in order to move forward to the small impound. As part of that, we ultimately decide, once we ask the additional information. Whether the application should advance as proposed or require modification that we informed. In order to further in the process, or not advance in the process. This is moving forward in the process and I will give you description of what it looks like in the next slide

Wheeler: Sorry to interrupt you. Hardesty has hands raised

**Hardesty:** I'm curious if this is a process utilized for all new grants or for a specific portion of the grant? Is this additional process as you are putting the place for grant applicants?

**Baraso:** Thank you, commissioner. This is a process that we have designed. Because the application were due in November. Folks already designed and committed the application. This is designed for the set of proposals. Although we will pick lessons learned and applying them. They will look different than carry them forward. Ultimately, this review didn't apply we had 160 proposals. We call 50 applications for additional review. We screened them on certain thresholds

Hardesty: That's helpful. I appreciate that. Okay.

**Baraso:** So to give you a sense of what we are asking when evaluating whether we said this particular proposal. Our concern is performance risk or management resisting. We would ask additional information from the applicants the applicant has done similar in scope, complexity or side. Both the organization and lead the project staff including references that can verify that information. The financial management that's the core concern. The bylaws and meeting minutes and connecting and reviewing information

with their treasure. Range of information that we request. Evaluate the information and we determine, one, should the proposal move forward to our scoring panels as it was originally proposed. We were given information. This is sufficient. We're going to evaluate and determine if recommended on the list of projects. This is the step in the topic. B, we could ask for risk mitigation of the measures in the grant review. Maybe reducing a percentage of the budget. It may be down scoping of the project and modifying the project. Hand full of options that we have taken. Then, lastly, we could recommend that the project not advance in the scoring process. We reserve this for, you know, it is about projects where we got missed documents in the proposal. The last of options [indiscernible]. And so, that really captures what we have done here in terms of how we have implemented the views. I know from the response of questions; we should look at future cycles. If add time, we expect to come in a second round. This is added time. When we come to the next round of proposals, we will give you more details and complex information on what exactly we learned about this. How many projects we did down scope. I just wanted to -- this is a moment and I wanted you to know how we are implementing the additional review. Once we come in june, we will give you the additional information

**Wheeler**: Can I comment on this, please. I very strongly support the recommendation that you put hereunder section b. I particularly want to thank you for your thoughtful proposal around the stage gate. Particularly, around either performance related issues or financial related issues. I think that can state off the issues related in the program and identified by the auditor as potential weaknesses in the accountability system. I have a question that wasn't fundamentally resolved. In the audit, the auditor put the responsibility for accountability squarely on the city council not on the community process. And this appears something compromised, whereby, the initial community process and grant agreement the stage gate be in place. Am I interpreting that or not? Where in the process does it happen?

**Baraso:** Mayor Wheeler, we would speak to those responses to the audit in the next slides. How we're going to work through the responses. This is really focused on the fact that, you know, we had grant that we had to resend in december. Part of that, we grant to newer organizations that are entering the stage. How we address that list which is unique given the work to build capacity here. Some of the other pieces that you are speaking to are going to be taking place over the couple of months. The next set of slides will speak to that. I want you to see that. You will see if you see a place for the discussion

**Wheeler**: Thanks, same I want to acknowledge and appreciate this is a big step forward in terms of oversight and accountability. Commissioner Ryan has a question or comment. Commissioner Ryan, are you muted?

**Ryan:** Sorry about that. Hey, sam. First of all, thank you for being here. Wonderful to see you. I think might be too early to raise my hand. You have more slides to go over, correct? About this particular topic?

**Baraso:** Not this additional review process but what's to come in the recommended changes in the program more holistically.

**Ryan:** I guess my two cents here. Thank you for building a program that is new and different not to just local market but across the country. That's a brave thing to do. I appreciate you. I know that when we are building something that's new and innovation it is messy. I think all we can do is fail forward. All great leaders and entrepreneurs and anything innovative you have to have the encourage to admit where you fall down. It is part of the journey. I want to say that first of all. When I look at, what I have been experience s from what I have read and gathered in the presentation, I think it is in there but I want to make sure some of the things that I have been thinking about. I do this from someone that comes from nonprofit sectors and raised money and ran organization. You have life experience that makes you think you know a little about the topic. That's where I come from. I think that number two might address it, sam. When I

am asked about the challenges in the early days, one thing I noticed, I can't tell. I don't know if it is number two. Organizational operational budget is a certain number, say a million dollars and a grant much bigger than that, they might not have the infrastructure to manage that big of a grant. Would you say there's truth to that statement? **Baraso:** Without a doubt, yes.

**Ryan:** Yeah. I found that -- is part of the process where your team and the team that oversees the grant -- the awards do you meet with the staff leader -- the staff executive? The board leadership and you look at the last three years of financials? Okay. The audit statement as well? The audit of the organization not the audit of the program but the audit of the organizations? The financial statements. Right. It is great that we are helping organizations. I think -- the point that I want to deliver incremental is good. It allows someone to build. We talked about small businesses. Big businesses start out of small businesses. It is incremental process as you grow. And so, I just want to put my two cents about that and I want to have dialogue with you. Thank you for the building. I think the another one that I wanted to point out is to offer this and it could have been considered this. We don't an organization to be dependent on us for all of revenues. Is this a part of the guidance that you are receiving and the overview and the evaluation. Are we connecting to some matching? The city will give the second payment if the other organizations is getting revenue streams from other sources which include plant free **Baraso:** Commissioner, Ryan, yes. We elevate leverage. Some projects come with it. We don't disperse the funds until we see the leverage. We don't disperse the funding until the funding comes from the table

**Ryan:** There's a trigger when we release that. I didn't know that. I didn't have a briefing beforehand. I'm probably asking some questions if I had time to do the briefing. Something on my brain for a while. I will look at my notes. It was about the revenue sources and matching. I think that's it. I wanted to make sure I got my voice on the record. Thank you for doing the work and for the building that you are doing

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty and then commissioner Rubio.

Hardesty: Thank you sam. I want to start by saying. I could not be prouder of the work that you have done, sam, in building the program from the ground up. I cannot think of a better leader that would have been more thoughtful and intentional than you. I want to start my conversation by really appreciating how you have been able to stay focus with the outside pressures that you had on you. The situation with the grantee was a very unfortunate situation. I applaud the fact that once it became clear, decisive action was taken. I want to remind newer colleagues. I feel so old. I feel like commissioner fritz when got here. They would start the conversations, as senior council member, I think, it is important to remember the history. This was a grassroots effort by organizations led by black indigenous, latin x and people of color that was taken to voters and passed overwhelmingly with 60 plus margin. This is, once again, innovation created from the ground up from scratch. Even, financial director, estimated that the resources annually would be somewhere around 35 and 40 million dollars a year. We know we are going to get more significantly resources. Again, that's not because of what we did. It is because of the wealth that has been created by corporation that makes a billion dollars or more nationally and a million eer more locally. It is important to remind people that people who took to the streets to qualify and vaet voters were the people to left out of the engine in the city of Portland. It is by pok communities. The ballot measure puts in the lead how we're going to invest in the communities left behind. I'm appreciative you have taken the auditor's report very intentionally. I know that as this program continues to grow as it continues to become institutionalized, we will be seeing some incredible results. I wanted to take a moment to appreciate how far we have come in two years with all of the crisis that the city has faced. And all of the obstacles of the community base organizations for the first time have an opportunity to lead around climate mitigation. I just wanted to put on the record. Thank you, sam. You have built an incredible team. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. From the day she showed up, her and I have been committed ensuring this program will be successful. I have every confidence it will. Thanks

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

**Rubio:** Thank you. I want to clarify for my colleagues and for the public. I want to remind folks over the course of 2-and-a-half-plus years the committee and the staff have been consulting with numerous foundations, financial institutions, philanthropic professionals and leaders. There's decades of experience that have gone through the development and consultation of this program. So, this is not a program that has just been in isolation created itself. This has been in consultation over many years with many professionals and experienced leaders. I thought it was just stated for context, so folks didn't need to ask those questions or wondering. Just moving forward, I would suggests too get sam get through his presentation and then we can ask questions at the end too. Some of the questions may be answered. Sam, back to you

**Baraso:** Thank you, commissioner Rubio. I will move you to step two. And then step three the main thing for today. Moving into the program updates. The next set of slides. I will walk you high-level overview, work plans and options that staff are evaluating as part of the work to bring to city council this fall. On the offset, we maintain high fidelity that came from the ballot measure passed by folks. We are at important point to consider strategic programs and improvements. I want to appreciate the support in this process. Goal one, to identify changes to enable accelerated funding of carbon reduction projects in alignment with the battle measure. Goal two. Clearer and more relevant connections between the city and carbon reduction goals. We're still dropping the bucket given the work we need to do. We're going to look on goals. Goal three. Addressing staff and committee identified needs. It is about staffing and housekeeping things need to be done with the code. Goal four addressing remaining audit recommendations not captured in goal one, two and three. As we think about really goal one, that's where I am going to focus. Accelerating the funding thinking through the options and considerations accelerate the funding will support the meeting the goals. The things working through. I will be briefing you all. Targeted programs solicitation. Additional programs deliver models and whether that means program delivery contractors. This is who implements the project. Right now nonprofits. Looking at instances where we have delivery contracts and if there's public sector implementation. If they exist and if there's capped and declining public sector and what's the community collaboration approach looks like?

And then, additional funding areas. One of the areas of recommendations, explicitly address from the audit recommendation. In the next slide, you will see conceptualized an outcome of how this is going to really manifest so you can get a central look. What things are to play out. The first lowest step. The foundation of what we have designed ground. The core of what we have been doing. Our community initiative projects. We anticipate the grants. We have potentially five project managers managing five grants at a given time. This is the core and foundation. Because of the other changes, we have the other two steps. Step two, we would be looking at strategic solicitation. We have areas. Funding areas that may need targeted focus whether it is affordable housing or single-family housing. Things that are going to need not one time focus but multi decade focus. You can say about investment on tree planting, in multi-family housing stuff. That's where you see as opposed to annual solicitation, around five-year solicitation for programs that will be addressing in affordable housing. We expect that to be in the realm of five, ten years. Efficiency and resiliency improvements in community buildings. Creating community centers and making sure that we have resilient center rz, solar and po we are and back up and things to operate with so we can have those in the community. The last tiers. You have response solicitation. Acknowledge the fact that there are new policies. New community priorities that surface overtime. Where it aligns overtime?

We need to create avenue for those. Things that align with policy priority things

advocated by communicate that aligned with greenhouse emissions. Give you a sense of how we think how the evolution would be looking like. As far as our steps, in order to bring the changes to enable that future, that future program update, we're working and refining scope option and dropping proposal to accelerate funding and address the audit recommendations and working that over the next several weeks. We will be refining that with stakeholder groups in may/june. Bring to you for deliberation. Then, we will refine that and bring for your review and deliberation and that's where we will get to the areas of the audit recommendations that you have seen. With the anticipation that bring to you all in fall of this year. We have been busy listening to the community, developing community responsive program. As you can see, we continue to be busy into the next phase of the evolution. Exciting to do the work. There's so much that I can say. The next discussion, that I will pass off. Will touch on the efforts at this moment. Share our progression on the heat response program. Heat response program will provide update on the program. Specific information on the ordinance that you will allocate funding for. I will turnover to jane to cover the content and then come to your questions

Jaimes Valdez: Thank you, sam. Mayor, commissioners, for the record I'm james valdez. I'm working as the project manager for the heat response program. The heat response program eager to work with the cohort distribution partners who will be responsible for deliberating and installing into the homes of Portlanders. Focus of the ordinance in front of you today. So I'll provide summary of the program development to date. You see the ordinance content here. As we develop the program in the summer and fall of last year, we developed with five goals in mind. The first to ensure that we are reducing heat related risk to vulnerable populations by giving units that provide cooling to people's homes. Prioritizing for services. Recognizing that in particular seniors were part of the people that lost jobs in the 2021 heat wave. Ensuring that we use principals and designing deployment and the piece of code. We are seeking to begin distribution in may/june of 2022. We are looking at june of 2022. Implementation taking place over five years and distributing over 5000 of these heat pump units. As we are doing this, seeking to promote energy efficient and recognizing that the use of the devices will potentially increase people's electricity. We want to connect with programs to lower energy bills. As we roll out of the program, ensure that these products have long product life and efficient in the way they're operate and useable to the people they receive them. I'll provide brief overview and share details how the program will operate. Few distinct roles and functions. Last year, the program proposals from nonprofit organizations to play one of the two roles. Single equipment partner or ppe to centralized the purchase of 15000 over the 5-year to coordinate the equipment and the delivery of that to the contracted distribution partners and to provide assistance. We then, solicitation for a number of nonprofit community distribution partners as cdp to distribute and the heat pump equipment. Provide information how to use the devices and provide additional services. The fall 2021 request for proposal process helped us request the partner. Awarded a grant to serve the role of the epp. Working with them with the infrastructure and placing orders for the heat response program. Then, the cdp's will identify the needy households and scheduling installation of the cooling unit in the homes and install the units and the cdp process that we went through sorted the applicants through two organizations. Those that provided housing and non-housing community base organizations or cbo. Just want to clear the way the program works. Not the cdp were reviewed and recommended and they will be identifying recipients through the communities they serve. For example, housing providers will serve the households in the properties they manage whether multi-family. Cbo's they have the potential to serve members of broader community within the service area. We have recognized there's more demand than available units in the program especially in the first season of the distribution. It is in the reality that we are as we launch the program. As you see on the right, low-income households are the recipients of the devices towards the attention of

the elderly, those living alone and poor medical conditions. We have been looking at the data and information from the county health department in evaluating the program and the risk. Go ahead and go to the next slide. I want to share more where we are in the program. What this equipment will look like. As I mentioned in january to the present, we have been working with the staff to purchase the equipment available to meet the market of the heat program. We have reached out to distribution partners to understand the needs. We will be focusing the majority of the program on distributing energy efficient pump units. The ones you see on the left. The devices are the size of mini wheel. They have wheels. They have a house that connects through a ducting that is sealed and they provide cooling in the summertime and heating in the winter. We will be supplying some with efficient ac units that you might be familiar with. As you can imagine, given the place we're in the pandemic and global situation, the equipment is in high demand. The global disruption has made the procurement challenging. We are excited to share, able to work with vendors to secure the over 3000 units distribution in the summer we plan for. They're on the way to Portland in the weeks. You see the allocation with the plan for 3000 units in the summer which we are able to meet. In addition, to ordering the most efficient equipment available in each of the product classes, we're happy to report last week the electric launch-built program for lowincome customers and spreading the word on this new opportunity. Provides 15-20% production on low-income households. We will educate households to reduce the cost not just throughout the summer but year around. Go ahead and go to the next slide, sam. As we move talking on the cbp, timeline of the process and where we are. Community distribution partner. Open for approximately six weeks from october to november. During that time, we posted questions. In the months following from december to march 2022, the staff evaluated the applications. We asked to answer for follow-up questions. We also communicated fixed cost approach that we're using. I'll describe that in a couple of slides. Three persons scoring panel evaluate the applicants.

7 organizations recommended in the roll of distribution partners. Throughout the time, staff have been working with providing guidance on how much to order and what to order and to get the pieces of the grant infrastructure in place to launch the program. On april 7, they approved. Before you now today, april 27, 2022, for your consideration of the proposal that will allocate to organizations to serve this role. As summer is fast approaching and equipment on the way, we plan to begin installations in june and take place in the summer. Move forwarding in the appointment of the units, we will report regularly to the committee and to you, city council, on the impact and the progress of the heat response program. On to the next slide. The reveal of sorts. On behalf of the committee, I'm happy to announce the selection of 7 community partners for the heat response program. The 7 organizations, the service approach and the number units requested are itemized on the slide. I will review highlights with you now. The first four are housing providers and the last three what we are considering cbo. The first concern they have identified 8 low-income properties located in guadrants of Portland doing installations. Northwest housing alternatives, 12 multi-family doing installations. Another vulnerability on the third floor or hereof multi-family building. Pcri, Portland focusing on rental properties primary in north and northeast Portland. Rich cdc, fourth housing provider, serving low-income seniors. Serving low-income homeowners in the network throughout Portland and the asian pacific network of oregon focusing on serving elder largely in east Portland. The 7th of the cohort will be focusing on northeast Portland households. In particular, mobile homes throughout Portland and not just northeast. As you can see, the organizations serve critical needs and focus on the Portlanders. This can ensure broad and equitable deployment through the city. All of these organizations that have long track record and serving communities. Go ahead and go to the next slide, sam. At the same time, we recognize and I would note at the bottom of that slide there was a list of total of number of units the 7826. We recognize there's a gap between that number and the initial cdp's distribute and install and the

five-year goal of the program. We are planning phase approach to bring additional cdp's and to ramp up the program overtime. We will also be reaching out to additional housing providers including some of that requested interest in the program. So we intent to ramp up the purchasing units in the second year of the program. As we move forward and prioritizing the selection and opportunities for more cdp, focus on additional non-affordable housing priorities and seeking out nonprofit cbo's and recognizing linkage to medical and vulnerability. If we can't meet the capacity needs through the channels, reach out to direct installation contractors who can provide the services to Portlanders. Walkthrough the budget details of the ordinance. As I mentioned earlier, we developed the fixed costs approach for pricing and developing the budget. I want to acknowledge we are asking quite a bit of the cdb. They need to work to identify the households and coordinate the time with the contractors that they're working with to deliver the units and pick up units from warehouses in different parts of Portland and unpack the units and install and installation according to the guidelines by earth advantage and us and provide the information to the recipient how to use it. All requires time and staffing in both the coordination and installation. Two technicians. They weigh about 70 pounds. Some of the cdp's will provide services. The cdp's will be compensated on the services on per unit cost approach. The approach was based on the proposals that you've reached. So we have established 250 per unit rate and 400 per unit rate to compensate the unit compensations. The community base organizations they have higher cost in providing the services than housing providers who already have access to the households that live in the priorities or connected with. This costs structure was communicated to the cbp applicants and given the opportunity to deny the participation if not meet the needs. Two applicants did decline. In making the allocation between the two types of cdp. We look at the ratio and applied to the program. We a located 5000 units to housing providers and 10000 to cbo. Greater need to cool out the community. For example, people living in manufactured homes are in

particular risk. This approach provides flexibility to adjust as we learn. As you see here, the budget amendment allocates 5.2 million for services and 5000 for energy and support services and 570 contingency budget for the heat program recognizing that there might be unanticipated pieces or costs. The total allocation for the elements combined is 6,325,000 dollars with the goal of installing 15 cooling units of low-income Portlanders. We have a couple more slides. This slide shows budget allocation of the amendment in blue. Grant award in green. 7 million dollars for the purchase of the equipment and 3 million dollars of the logistic of the program over 5-year program. The funding of the cbp will be managed by earth and manage. Today, we're asking you to allocate the funding. Thank you for your time. We look forward to launch this much needed program in the community. I'm happy to answer questions. I'll pass back to sam **Baraso:** Thanks, james. This is just a reminder. In this ordinance, we can continue the work and begin the units invulnerable households. We will be come back to you in the summer. Later this summer to bring ordinance to approve second round of awards. You have heard what we have been working and we will walk you in more detail then. Later in fall, we will come to talk about the program updates and improvement recommendations. We will stop there and turn back to mayor Wheeler or commissioner Rubio

Wheeler: All right. Thank you, everybody, for the thorough presentation.

**Commissioner Hardesty** 

Hardesty: Thank you. I think it was james -- james or jamie

Valdez: I go with james.

**Hardesty:** Okay, james. I thought it was you that said, there was a utility that was going to give low-income discounts. Did they tell you what low income meant to you? Low income may be radically different

**Valdez:** Thank you for the question, commissioner Hardesty. Bill passed in 2021, authorized utilities to give income differentiated rates to customers. The first program to

launch is that Portland general electric went live last week. I can't speak in detail to their program. It is a tiered approach. It has different discount levels based on the income qualification. I can't speak to the details. It provides up to 25% of reduction of monthly utilities bills

**Hardesty:** I have to look myself. Again, a lot of people come to us and say low income and they're not close to low income. I want to know who it covers. Is it going to cover the most vulnerable community members or not?

I will do my own research. Thank you. Great presentation, by the way

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty. Commission Mapps and then Ryan
Mapps: Thank you, sam and james, for the presentation today. I have a question on the implementation heat response program. Let's start with the cbo's. How would windows reimburse work for the cbo's?

When do the folks get paid after the heat pumps or before?

**Valdez:** Thank you, commissioner Mapps. I can answer that. The approach that we're using is the earth advantage would compensate the community distribution partners upon successful installation. Without going into much detail, they have a project management portal that the cbo or that the cdp's enter the information into and take a picture of the successful installation along with registering the serial number and collecting the information from the recipient

**Mapps:** Good to hear. What does installation mean for heat pump? Which is self-contained units which looks like refrigerator. Do they install it or delivering it to your room?

**Valdez:** Thank you for the question. That's a good one. We look at complete installation approach. It does put into the home. Unpacks the unit. Usually, the portal heat pumps have a baffle that goes into the window and has to be sealed. You have to ensure that the window is secured. Sometimes it does take screws and hardware. In that, we want to ensure the most vulnerable Portlanders, this is focused on vulnerable people.

It does include delivery and unpacking and installing and delivering information how to use the unit. There's different kind of features of some of these. Some of these have remotes. There will be education how to use efficiently and how to make sure it is working. As well, follow-up service where to call if they're having issues.

**Mapps:** Just so I am clear, to complete a project. It is not just delivery. It is not just done, and you don't get compensated until it is installed, and the window screwed in **Valdez:** Yes.

**Mapps:** Can you help me think about this potential issue. Are we worried -- how should I think about the possibility of some of the units wondering to different sites? Are we concerned about them staying in place or not worry about that? I don't know how to think about the potential for some of the units to not stay where they were originally installed

Valdez: Commissioner, I can't tell you how to think about something like that.Mapps: Okay.

**Valdez:** I can tell you that we have considered this approach in a couple of different ways. With housing providers, housing providers may choose to manage and kind of have inventory of units themselves that is fleet that they're deploying as needed. That will be up to housing provider what approach works for them. For the cbo's, these units are going to identify vulnerable recipients. That person might move. They might be living in an apartment few months from now no longer afford and move somewhere else. In that situation, we would anticipate the vulnerable person take the unit to them. That would depend on the individual situation of the person. For housing providers, we are given the option to manage a fleet of the units in their buildings which is a little different. Does that help answer?

**Mapps:** It does. Thank you for the clarification. I will lower my hand. I may raise it later **Wheeler**: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Thank you sam and james. Here I am answering questions to understand. This is great. I'm excited. I want to understand the numbers. You made it clear. 3k is the amount of investment putting out this year. When you showed the different types of providers, thank goodness you are tapping into that, it totaled a different number which is at least double that. You explained because it is a long-term program that will go into 15. Am I tracking it so far?

Okay. What I would love, to see for this summer, parallel apples to apples alignment between the 3k and the responsibility of the 3k investment to go to the providers, does it make sense? I felt like you did phase I and here you did phase I and phase 2. That's my feedback for me when I looked at it. You can tell me if it is ridiculous statement. Tell me what you think

**Valdez:** Thank you, commissioner Ryan. The 3000 units seeking to distribute and placed for in emergency room it's of the number of units not dollars? 3000 units that are ordered. Slightly more than 3000 for the summer. The budget that is proposed --

**Ryan:** One was the quantity, and one was the dollars. That's the discrepancy?

Valdez: Correct.

**Ryan:** Oh. You see that's why we have conversations. When I look at quickly, when the slides moving, didn't noticed that. I thought you were leading to phase I and two in the slide

**Valdez:** The entirety of the 1500-unit program. I provided a brief update where we are at right now which is that we have or anticipated 3000 units ordered and basically they're on their way to Portland

**Ryan:** That's exciting.

**Valdez:** That's what we anticipated at the beginning of what we deliver for the first summer of the program.

**Ryan:** James, you probably said this. The distinct between the rates. I assume because the housing provider has people skilled at ready that can help do this type of work. Did you say the difference between the two?

**Valdez:** Thank you, commissioner Ryan. When we looked at the proposals and the costs provided, there's a few different factors. You are certainly correct. A lot of housing providers have a maintenance staff that work for them and make improvements on the properties that they manage. There are efficiencies in using those. The realities of efficiencies for housing providers and identifying people that they have information about, and they know where they live. You know, the housing stock is more likely to be similar within given building. Installation is going to be easier, potentially. With the community base installation, we anticipate cost involved in the transportation of units, moving around the city, as well as each building installing it. Some might be apartment and homes, and some might manufactured homes. There's greater complexity for the community base organizations. Coordinating scheduling and transporting the units to people's homes

**Ryan:** Yeah. We will be able to review after the first year if these rates were the right rates. I know you did the best you could. That would be interested when you come back. You mentioned two providers rejected. They didn't want to participate, okay. It could have been, one, you don't have nonprofit you don't have the plan and it is not easy to add something unless it is aligned and pencil out. Thank you for hustling and doing that. A couple, to me, missing. I'll find out more about that offline. Everyone living for a while, summer starts after the week of fourth of july. I will ask obvious question. What is your anticipation in terms of delivery?

I'm thinking -- who knows what we think. Winter goes to april 11, and summer starts in june. What you think in terms of the implementation?

**Valdez:** Thank you. It is definitely hard to know with this climate chaos we're in what the summer will bring. We anticipate to start installations in june. Certainly, not all 3000. We really do hope that we don't have early june heat event -- late june event as last one. Adjust to the realities of the summer as we roll out of the program

**Ryan:** Learning community with these wonderful partners that are going to be participant of this? First two weeks, so they can learn what is working or not that help with the efficiency, right?

**Valdez:** Thank you, commissioner Ryan. We are approaching as cohort model. Housing providers working closely in communication and roll out and learning from each other and the cbo. We see lots of opportunities and we know we will be learning a lot as we roll out

**Ryan:** Thank you for your leadership and responsive as we learned last summer -- last june, as necessary, for services that we provide to the residents. Thank you

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps

**Mapps:** We are to vote on five-year contract. Is there going to be a point maybe in the fall when you come back and provide us with a report on how to things went over the summer?

**Baraso:** Let me chime in there. You have asked for quarterly reports. We can bring as part. We will work with commissioner Rubio's office how we do that. Yes, we can do that. We plan on end of season and how we prepare that and bring -- that's in line with the work. We can do that

**Mapps:** Thanks, sam, I appreciate that.

Wheeler: Very good. Keelan, any testimony on the first reading?

**Clerk:** No one signed up.

**Wheeler**: Very good. I'm going to put a question out there. I'd love to receive written testimony on this. I appreciate sam and james thoughtfulness in emergency room it's of the approach here. It makes sense to me. I appreciate mechanisms put in place. The only part I have questions about is really the amounts attached to installation. I have no basis for judging whether or not 400 dollars or 250 dollars is the right amount. You made it a good case there's transportation involved. There's installing units and educating people in how make the units work. I would like to know whether that's the right number.

Collectively, it adds up to millions of dollars. I want to make sure the number is based on some reality. Somebody out there that does this kind of work that can steer towards information, I would be most appreciative of that. Then, I think, you answered this question when you were answering commissioner Mapps question. I think james you said, when unit is installed is it still property of cbo, did I hear it correctly? Whose property is it?

**Valdez:** Yes, mayor Wheeler. Thank you for the clarifying question. No, the approach that we're using is that the default is that belongs to the recipient. The person receiving the unit effectively owns it. However, for housing providers, we created a different pathway if they choose to take it. They could be the owners and managers of the equipment themselves

**Wheeler**: All right. That would address a potential concern which is if you have a particular location, and you install in the location and the tenants move on to bigger and better and god bless them. You have the unit without a heat pump or air conditioner. So it sounds like you are leaving the flexibility to the cbo to make the determination?

Valdez: Correct, yes.

Wheeler: Okay. Very good

**Mapps:** Mr. Mayor, can I jump in here for just clarification. Two populations here. Housing providers will participate in this and get window units. I get the impression the housing providers can basically own the units or opt in to functionally owning the units. We have second population which are low-income folks, bipoc folks who live in whatever situation they live in. I got the impression the population, we are given the unit to them. Not attached to the apartment or the trailer that they're renting, is that correct? **Valdez:** Thank you, commissioner Mapps. Yes, that's correct. There's that distinction in the program how we are treating housing providers slightly differently because they have different resources and they're building to manage equipment. Whereas the cbo, the community base organizations they're not housing providers, building to households that own the units effectively

**Mapps:** Thank you for that clarification.

**Baraso:** If I can chime in real quick, mayor, and add. These units are stuck. There's two situations. When we verify the installation, we are verified it is installed in this household. The household owns the unit. If they want to take it and unplug and move it to the next household, they could

**Mapps:** Sam, I promise I will let people go after this. May I ask. Are we buying a type of heat pump and one type of window unit or cover different brands?

**Valdez::** Commissioner Mapps, I will be happy to cover that. Different categories including situations that are portable units, cooling is a better. There's different btu approaches that are correlated to the electric load. There will be a need to what is the best unit for the best space. We have the flexibility around the units as well as some window units for a few housing providers that indicated that they want window units instead of the portable ones

**Mapps:** Six or seven brands, okay.

**Wheeler**: Is there a consistent standard recipient? Can anybody apply for heat pump or air conditioner? Is it done by individual nonprofits and housing providers? Is there consistent set of standards? How does it actually work? How does one end up getting heat pump or air conditioner?

**Valdez:** We are establishing the guidelines. The cdp's will implement. The basic standards they need to be low income. The prioritization or the other factors that the cdp identify household would be elderly people, people living alone, people with medical conditions. The cdp's registering and identifying which households are getting the units and not the city of Portland directly.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

**Mapps:** Is there agreement to continue use the heat pump or air conditioner themselves?

**Valdez:** Mayor Wheeler, I think I understand the question.

**Wheeler**: Let me be blunt and undiplomatic. Valuable assets. What do we do to prevent people from turning into cash?

You know with any program there's percentage of people -- anything that we can do to prevent that?

**Valdez:** I would say, you know, if vulnerable family member in the household using the unit is probably okay. You are presenting a different type of question. We're not geo-locating them in terms of tracking them in anyway.

**Baraso:** I think mayor Wheeler I hear what you are saying. I think what you're saying. This is a program detail that we need to work with the community distribution partners in terms of the affidavit and affirmation that the unit will stay here with the household. I think we need to connect with the partners. We hear what you are saying

**Wheeler**: Believe me I am not proposing -- it is a question that I have. We have this question with other city assets. We don't necessarily do it on individual basis. For example, if a shopping cart goes missing from a supermarket and turns somewhere else they know it is their shopping cart. Is there a way to identify as part of the program? If show up somewhere else we know the program has leakage in terms of the accountability?

**Baraso:** To answer that specific question, yes, we will be tracking the serial numbers of every unit. We will have database of what unit is delivered and where it goes as well as prominently sticker saying it is part of the program. Partially, so people can receive assistance if the unit is not working for some reason

**Wheeler**: By the way, they never do work they were supposed to. I had a heat pump, and it was temperamental. Good idea and great customer service. Commissioner Rubio had a question

**Rubio:** Comment to your answer mayor. In terms of the distribution partners, one of the benefits of working with community benefit base organizations that have high volume participant lists. These are bipoc folks that are working for various programs any ways. They'll know the folks and have a relationship there already. We can't control for everyone. I think it is safe to say we engage with trusted partners for these various reasons, if that's helpful at all

**Wheeler**: That makes great sense. I appreciate that. Good. Keelan, I may have asked you. Do we have public testimony

Clerk: No.

**Wheeler**: I did ask you that. Great. Any further questions before we move to second reading?

**Rubio:** I would love to say something in closing.

Hardesty: I see commissioner Rubio was trying to speak.

Wheeler: I apologize.

**Rubio:** I wanted to make closing comments.

Wheeler: Go for it.

**Rubio:** Wanted to thank sam and james on the heat responsive program forward. A lot of work that came into this. This program has potential to save lives and improve living comfort and vulnerable for those width standing the warmer summers. We remember what the days felt like in june 2021. I am proud that they're being responsive to a climate that may bring record breaking heat in the span of four months. Remind colleagues, we saw a need and act upon it. We are learning as we go to do more on this and do better and better. The heat responsive program not part of the regular rfp process. You will see the product of the second round of rfp's in early summer. Confident that we are excited about the diversity of the kind of project proposals recommended for funding. Out of all of this, I hope the committee continues to rise to meet the moment to community needs responsiveness and addressing climate change

would take creativity and partnership and innovation that we have in the city. If the program can service this, it would be this one. I'm excited about the structure of the program and to have that unfold moving forward and look forward to the report in the fall. And also very thrilled that we can making progress in addressing the audit recommendations. I know you have been working prior to the audit. It feels good that we are in alignment and seeing the same authorities for work. In closing, I want to say thank you to earth advantage. Congratulations to the first cohort of community distribution partners. Then, again, thanks to director olivera, sam and james. Thanks, mayor

**Wheeler**: Thank you commissioner Rubio, sam and james. Thank you for hanging in there to answer questions. First reading of non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. We're adjourned.

## At 12:49 p.m., Council recessed.

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April 27, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Wheeler: This is the Wednesday April 27th, 2 p.m. Meeting of the Portland city council. Keelan, please call the roll. The city council is holding this meeting remotely. People are attending via teleconference. There's several avenues to listen to the audio broadcast. Meetings on the YouTube channel as well as www.Portland, oregon dot-com/video. We'll hear from city council on rules and orders of decor rum. Participating in council meetings you may sign up in advance for Lauren King: communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony and resolutions, reports or first readings of ordinances. The agenda contains information about how and when to sign up for testimony when the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony suggests the matter be considered at the time. When testifying state your name for the record. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist or other organization. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify. The officer will ask you to conclude. Shouting or refusing to conclude or interrupting others will not be allowed. If there's disruptions a warning will be given with the person being placed on hold or ejected from the meeting. Council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** One item this afternoon, item 338, keelan.
**Clerk:** Comprehensive plan title 33 planning and zoning to comply with house bill 2001 and senate bill 458.

King: Nothing additional.

Wheeler: This is obviously a hearing on the residential infill. Council member hardesty.Hardesty: I don't think I have a conflict, but due to an abundance of caution, I want to declare I don't have a perceived conflict of interest.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. This is the hearing on the residential in-fill project part two. Colleagues, one moment. This item was originally scheduled for council last Thursday due to the changes in the schedules there's no longer a quorum so is rescheduled for today. Like to thank everybody that signed up to provide testimony in the viewing public for your flexibility and patience regarding the schedule change. There's very few people that we could completely revamp our schedule for. The president of the united states is a notable exception. Before we get the presentations, there's an opportunity for us to declare a conflict of interest or perceived one. Commissioner hardesty has done so. I will announce I own property in a single dwelling zone. Properties in single dwelling zones will be impacted by this project. I have no plans and no intent to redevelop or change the use of property, however, out of abundance of caution I'm disclosing this as a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner ryan?

**Ryan:** I want to say ditto but I also want to announce I own property. Property in our zone could be impacted. I have no plans or intent to redevelop or change the use of my property, however, out of abundance of caution I reveal there.

**Rubio:** I own property in the single dwelling zone and I have no plans to redevelop or change the use of my property. However, out of abundance of caution I'm disclosing this.

**Mapps:** I missed the memo on this. I own property -- I believe I have no conflict of interest here. I don't have the formal language but I have no space to redevelop anything.

**Wheeler:** Works for me. Thank you. Colleagues this project has been brought to us by the bureau of planning and sustainability. I ask commissioner rubio to make comments. This project completes the work started with the first residential in-fill project Rubio: that was adopted and went into effect eight months ago. This is for the city to comply with republic state legislative mandates to create additional opportunities for housing in single dwelling neighborhoods and provide more home ownership options. This is important work to add housing supply and diversity as we tackle the housing emergency. Eager for the testimony. First I like to thank the planning and sustainability division to make amendments to strengthen this proposal prior to the unanimous recommendation to us. I like to thank staff and the bureau of planning and sustainability, as well as transportation, water, fire, development services and impressive amount of work and collaboration. I want to thank those that already submitted written testimony and those who will [indiscernible] today. I'm eager to hear all of your thoughts. We're all eager to hear you thoughts. I turn it over to interim bureau and director for planning and sustainability to introduce the project.

**Donnie Oliviera:** Good evening. Good afternoon everyone. Interim director for the planning and sustainability. Project is back. It is a program that continues to demonstrate vps's commitment to create more tools for more housing in Portland. These proposals along with the foundational work was completed and the in-fill project part one recognizes the changing housing needs of the city. This allows for us to enhance our neighborhood and create opportunities for housing both current and future Portlanders. We're excited to bring this for council's consideration as it meets not only the state's compliance obligation with you puts Portland in front in advancing innovative zoning solutions to our housing process. I thank sandra wood and cheyse

and mcneil and others for their hard work and collaboration. They listened to home builders, housing advocates and a bureau for a proposal. Senior planning will present. Also planning and sustaining commissioner well share the commission's recommendations. I like to thank them for the role they play in the projects we bring to you, the deliberations insure that what you receive has been vetted. I turn it over to morgan tracy.

**Morgan Tracy:** Thank you, Donny, good to see you. I always start with a presentation. Let me know if you could see that on your screens. Good afternoon. I'm project manager for project 1 and 2. Switched it there. She didn't bark all day long. Apologies for that. As row heard, rip two completes the work by tying up odds and ends that emerged related to housing. This is not a code overhaul. This project is focused on what is necessary to comply with the state requirements and expanding other provisions to low density zone areas that were not previously included. Just relevant state mandates. The housing bill requires cities allow duplexes on all lots and other housing on most lots in residential areas. The planning division bill allows housing to be provided in separate lots through expedited process. Proposals one through six essentially replicate. More a dark us and bonuses for affordable units. These are the changes that apply to all dwelling zones which I'll cover more in a moment. The scope like I mentioned includes a catch-up for the low density r10 and 20 zones shown on the map in green. It adds options that will change them from yellow and those shown in green. While rip one injury duplexes and triplex and more adu types and they expand on that, the detached house. They're born on separate lots that share a wall along a common property line. They're the same as a detached single family home. These attached homes must now be allowed at densities that are equivalent to the triplex or four-plex. Instead of front and back they're arranged side by side and have street frontage. Rip two introduces new rules that allow cottage clusters, sites between 5,000 square feet up to an acre in size and three and 16 units. Pursuant to the house bill they must be detached units. Units

limited to 900 square feet, maximum, with average unit size of 1400 square feet and must share a common outdoor area. In addition, in more traditional duplexes detached duplexes will allow someone to add a second unit that can be larger than the adu to that I property. The other advantage is the added duplex can be sold separately through a middle land provision. If it seems like there's variety in the housing types allowed, that's because there is. Prior to residential in-fill you could either build a house or a house on a lot. Triplexes and four-plexes and a duplex with an adu and the deeply affordable six option. We pick up from there and adds houses and duplexes. We went from three types of arrangements for 12. Not all required by the house bill. Clusters are required and the extra adu options are both positive anti-displacement moves by adding to a cyber existing house. This is beneficial by allowing extra unit in exchange for guaranteed levels of affordability. Aside from duplexes which will be allowed on any lot there's others. Properties will be ineligible based on environmental resources like zones and hazards like flood and land side risks. This is updated to more current projects. In addition to the natural land housing areas there's others that may be impacted with the airport noise as well as others for future work. Switching gears. Senate bill 458 is a companion to house bill 91. Is suggests that many houses, triplexes and four-plexes and clusters be situated on their own lot. It is a pathway to home ownership and when the milled housing development meets the zoning requirements for a site, the structure is then evaluated to insure to continue to meet building codes through the lot lines of the structure. Each of the units must be served by separate utility its like sewer and water and electricity and only one dwelling for each lot. Adus are not permitted. What is particularly different with these land divisions as opposed to regular land division is these lots have no street frontage requirements. Instead it has utilities and physical access. Looking at the schedule after today's hearing we'll be back before council on may 19 to discuss amendments to the package and followed by a vote on the amended package on june 1st. All in time for the -- for the state mandated deadline of july 1st.

Unless there's questions, I like to present the vice-chair who presided over the discussions at the commission. Erika thompson for her reflection on the deliberations. **Erica Thompson:** I'll jump into it. Good afternoon, mayor and city commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to share with you the planning and sustainability commission's unanimous recommendation in support of the residential in-fill project part two. My name is erika thompson, vice-chair of the psc. I want to start by acknowledging the dedicated efforts of vps staff working on this project reiterating donny's recognition of more than sandra it and phil and shannon specifically. As morgan summarized the primary objectives of this project were state legislation compliant and permitting policy parity within the lower density r10 and r20 zones to comply with the state legislation this project is needed to be conducted on a very aggressive timeline and remain focused in scope. The psc heard testimony from 27 people on december 14th and we've received 60 written testimonies. Among those community desire for housing affordability was a prevailing theme. We heard from testifiers that there's a need for more flexibility in unit type. More streamlined development processes and the need for equity and how density is distributed across the city. To balance the timeline with the compliance we heard from the community, psc has proposed three amendments to the staff's proposal. First amendment addresses possible tradeoffs between managing wildfire risk with the equitable distribution of density in the city. The psc's amendment is an interim solution where higher density residential zones that were previously included in rip one remain unencumbered by wildfire risk maps while the lower density zones that are currently not eligible remain constrained until updated maps and risk analysis is available. The benefit of this approach is that we minimize the back and forth code changes to a given parcel and zone which can be very disruptive to development. We recommend the city consider this issue as part of a larger wildfire mitigation strategy and revisit it once updated maps are available. The second amendment proposed by tsc has a detached opposite that

responds to testimony for increased options for fee simple home ownership. This amendment is consistent with state administrative rules and it goes beyond what is required by allowing for two units in separate buildings to be eligible for a housing land division. To reduce the risks of displacement with this option, we're recommending that it only be allowed where an existing house is to be preserved on the parcel. Finally the psc's proposed third amendment provides greater flexibility for unit density by reducing minimum lot sizes for triplexes and four-plexes allowing those units be to developed on more lots. Setbacks and coverage and far and height limits will still determine the overall building size and promote development that fits into neighborhood context. To conclude the psc recommends adoption and one step toward increasing housing and improving its equitable distribution in the city. However, we -- we wish to emphasize that further investment in what is needed to address the city's housing costs and issues. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty has a question.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor and erika for your presentation. Is there a definition of middle housing?

**Tracy:** So as a general term and -- and if the lexicon, it is a broad term for -- for compatible at the scale of residents -- single dwelling residential development. It is kind of a fluid term. Within the context of the --

Hardesty: My concern is that it is open to interpretation.

**Tracy:** Within -- within the context of the house bill requirements it is strictly defined as duplexes triplexes and four-plexes and cottage clusters and town houses. Narrowly defined in that bill.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Does that complete your presentation?

Tracy: Yes, mayor.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. Unless my colleagues have further questions right now, I'll get to public testimony. Keelan, my understanding we have about 70 people signed up. Is that correct?

## Clerk: Yes.

**Wheeler:** In order for us to get this done today and have the opportunity to hear from everybody today we will limit public testimony to two minutes that goes quickly. Trust me. But at the end of two minutes Keelan will meet you so we can get everybody in who is signed up. We wouldn't to hear from everybody that is signed up. At this point, please note that if you hear your point made by another testifier, you don't need to repeat the whole point. You can say I agree with fill in the blank when we're talking about fill in the blank. If you're a group testifying, I request that you consider consolidating your remark and just saying that you represent a group of 25 people or whatever and your coalition and you're in complete agreement on this subject. That's fine. So I think with that I'll just turn this over to keelan to administer us from this point on. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Thank you, mayor. Groups of three. First up, we have jennifer shuck and followed by michael anderson and mary vogel. Go ahead.

**Jennifer Shuch:** I'm jennifer shuck, i'm here representing Portland neighborhoods welcome. The position Portland as a model for missing middle housing policies. This creates opportunity for the city to fulfill the promises and create more homes in the city's residential neighborhoods. If passed it would encourage more opportunities for home ownership and wealth building through fee simple division and legalization of detached housing. The council should support and allow six plexs. It is not enough to simply build housing, you must make sure that we're building housing that suits the need of the people who need it most. In addition, the council should increase four-plex f.a.r. By .1. It will allow developers to polled more family sized units which the city desperately needs. Unlike in smaller units it has accessibility standards. The city's overall housing shortage has resulted in displacement and rising rents. There's a severe short of

units which requires Portlanders and their friend and families. Four-plexes are tools we need to address the housing shortage. Encouraging more is an important step in the right direction. We ask you to pass rip 2 with these changes. Thank you for your time. **Clerk:** Michael anderson.

**Michael Anderson:** My name is michael anderson. I'm a senior researcher at a sustainability think tank. I'm one year older than last year. My mom worked with people with mobility challenges. My parent think about their aging. They've been living in a wheel chair friendly home since they were in their 50s. They're part of the way that you can see on this chart. It shows a you remember in of oregonians that turn 75 each year. The first baby boomers turned 75 last year. Americans over 75, one in three has mobility problems. The human race has never seen anything like it. I guarantee this, my parents are not normal. Most boomers are living in homes that aren't built for wheelchairs. We're about to be in desperate need of thousands more disability accessible homes every year. Once that happens, those in that need are going to find ourselves competing against each other for the few homes that are accessible. Fortunately the law mandates structures have higher accessibility standards. Unfortunately wheelchair ready homes require bigger bathrooms and the curb size makes that hard. The proposed amendments from disability rights and Portland neighbors welcome would allow the extra floor space. That bump would incentivize at zero public cost to build an affordable four-plex. Four-plexes have greater public value than one plexes.

**Clerk:** Next up is mary vogel.

**Mary Vogel:** I heard my name, I think. I'm having a problem with my hearing. I'm mary vogel testifying for myself. I support Portland neighbors welcome with one friendly amendment, housing, appear to testify as a project for a small developer alliance. I'm testifying as a person that needs security and legacy in my own houses. Small developer prepared the property tax problem solution paper on the screen. He developed in the eugene area and would consider building a six plex here in Portland based on your

decision. We're both on the steering committee of oregon housing. Please read the entire one-page paper. I've taken one quote that may answer some of your questions. Next slide, please. Unlike traditional home ownership in housing each member signs a proprietary lease and pays monthly rent to the co-op in exchange for exclusive rights to a specific dwelling unit. In other words, it operates similar to rental housing. It just happens to be collectively owned by the people that living in the housing. I urge you to pass rip 2 with the amendments suggested by Portland neighbors welcome, jennifer and michael and whoever else and norman perhaps. A personal note, after a seven-plus month hud ordeal I believe a six plex provides what has been a tortious process and I have been treated like a criminal every step of the way. I get back to having more control over my life and doing what I love. Housing green infrastructure and policy and its implementation. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have david sweet followed by jenna noblock and luke norman. I'm david sweet and i'm speaking in favor of rip 2. In my neighborhood **David Sweet:** seven organizations are working with city staff to establish a community led district. Our overriding goal in this effort is to maintain our rich diversity by preventing the displacement of vulnerable people in communities and to insure their long-term ability to live, work and thrive. We look forward to bringing a completed plan to the council in the coming months. As part of this work we have been meeting regularly with people of color, low income people and indigenous and tribal people to seek their thoughts as we develop a plan. A recurring theme is the desire to own a home for housing security and opportunity to build generational wealth. We're pleased that the proposed code will create new wealth building options for owners of small homes, likewise we're pleased that the proposed code would expand home ownership opportunities for first-time buyers. The thing I most want to ask you to do for cully today is to amend rip two to allow affordable six plex town homes. Thanks to the work of the staff and nonprofit developers city codes allow six plexes. That's great. People hoping to own homes in

cully are not looking to buy an apartment. They want a home with a front door and porch and a bit of yard like I do. I live in an attached town home and love it. Habitat for humanity, proud ground and others could build affordable projects like these in cully and provide the affordable home ownership opportunities our community is looking for. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up jenny noblock.

Jenna Knobloch: Sorry for the weird background. My name is jenna noblock i'm a resident of southeast Portland and a renter. I agree with the previous points. I think this is important next step for increasing the supply of housing by increase the density of housing. I agree with the points from Portland neighbors welcome. We need to maybe even take this a step further and allow -- make a couple of small changes that would allow town homes. Coming back to hardesty earlier, I way I like to think of middle housing is diversity of housing that is tailored to the diversity of households that we see in Portland and town homes would be an important way to do that. I agree that we need to encourage accessible four-plexes. It is going to be a huge need and any step we can take to encourage the building of more of these four-plexes will help us get ahead of the curve on the housing demands that Portland is going to have today and in the future in allowing them to be built a little bit bigger and triplexes will help encourage that. It is just another small step. I'm not going to repeat. I'll use seconds here to talk about climate change. Housing density is important for mitigating emissions. My day job is at the intersection of policy and science whether it comes to forest management and wildfire and the future of Portland and the need for housing particularly as we see more in the region and it is important consideration for increasing the how big supply. Just look at what is happening in chico california after the paradise fire where its huge influx of population came in. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up.

Luke Norman: Thank you. My name is luke norman. I'm a long tier lobbyist i'm here today as a long-time renter and hopefully a future homeowner. I encourage you to pass rip two with the amendment to legalize affordable a six plex town homes in the residential neighborhoods and amendment to allow four-plexes to be a little bigger than three flexes to encourage construction of more accessible housing. My family recently learned how suddenly accessible housing can become essential and my father required immediate surgery that prevented him from leaving his house independently since my childhood home did not have any step-free and accessible access. If my father had been alone it would have been impossible for him to leave the house for medical appointments that were necessary for his recovery. As Portland population ages, there will be more people like my father who will need accessible housing that leave their homes every morning. Council will support the creation of more home that meet the fair housing acts accessibility requirements. This is a small but important step to insuring all Portlanders can continue to live and thrive in our community regardless of age or ability. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up. We have rachel springer, jacob and eric lindsey.

**Rachel Springer:** Hi, rachel springer. I'm a homeowner in northeast Portland. I support rip two for the reasons everyone said so far. Additionally, I like david own an attached home, half of a duplex in northeast Portland. I was petitioned it. I support other Portlanders having the opportunity to buy affordable a homes and I additionally support strong amendments recommended by Portland neighbors welcome. I really like the idea of culturally responsive housing that listens to displaced communities for their needs and creating six plex town homes and enabling side by side construction of those homes. I'm really supportive of increases in the housing supply that have downstream effects and consequences that help the spire city. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have jacob atlas. Jacob, you're muted. Are you able to unmute? Why don't we go to eric lindsey?

**Eric Lindsay:** Hey, there. My name is eric lindsey. I won't repeat everything but i'm thankful to council, staff, and sustainability commission for all of their awesome work on this. I'm excited to offer my support for what is on the table for rip 2.0. I support all of the amendments and suggestions by Portland neighbors welcome. Additionally, I think the far four-plex of .1 is really key to moving more of those one flexes that are being developed into four-plexes that are affordable to more people and generate more housing. I also want to -- that being said, I want to talk about how I wish rip 2.0 was going further. I'm currently working myself. I'm a little small-time developer on what I hoped would be a four-plex. It is going be to a triplex. We were hoping to build another two bedroom 800 square foot unit and overlooked a couple of blocks from the mats and whole bunch of employers and we're not going to be able to under the proposal on the table. There are lots of constraints from a developer' perspective is hard to understand, if it is attached or not attached or kind of different rules for configurations that make it really difficult to put four-plexes on sites that have housing and preserve that home which was our attempt to do. When you consider future policy I encourage you to make policy that allows for flexibility so that any given site is more likely to be developable into a four-plex offering the maximum amount of housing in really high opportunity. Thank you for your time this afternoon.

**Clerk:** Jacob again?

Jacob Antles: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

**Antles:** Hey, council. My name is jake. I live in a cottage cluster. Couple of weeks ago I was walking my dog through the park. I witnessed this lovely interaction. A couple and their child were playing soccer and chatting with a neighbor. I was touched by the exclamation we're here all the time and we hardly ever use our own yard. I appreciate rip 2 will allow homes near park and schools. You can't get a safer route to school than across the street. Rip 2 changes advocated by Portland neighbors welcome will increase the affordable homes on the market next year but also 50 years from now. This will further incentivize the construction of the homes and providing accessibility and climate structures and home ownership. It was said perfectly at a housing conference recently, a lack of opportunity is a lack of freedom. As far as housing goes, we're currently in a crisis of opportunity. To maximize all of these years of hard work from the present project I encourage you to adopt changes by Portland neighbors welcome which allows the town homes in the area used for four-plexes and family sized homes near parks and schools and other opportunity adjacent places. Zoning changes are inherently slow and create more livable Portland. As policy makers, I hope you continue to push for more policies that are even more transformative and speedier than this one. Thanks.

**Clerk:** Next up we have douglas and mary hill and jonathan greenwood.

Mayor wheeler, i'm doug clause. I support all of the changes in rip 2 and Doug Klotz: the amendments suggested by Portland neighbors welcome. I support the disability rights siteline and habitat for humanity. I also support the further detailed amendment suggestions from the build small coalition which includes habitat and proud ground. As jennifer shuck explained, the culturally responsive six plexes is something we should consider. Oriented to face a walkway in the lot. A few tweaks outdoor space is to make this work. There's a demand for this even in his neighborhood. The second amendment for four plexes I also support, especially the fact that it includes the requirement for wheelchair accessible bathrooms which is something that the current rip does not. I know some folk are -- have concerns about tree loss with rip and or rip 2. However, the allowances per lot could have the effect of reducing tree loss. Rip allows four units on one lot where as the alternative of four new houses each on a new lot would affect the trees on three additional lots. More compact housing and more space for trees in the city. I support pbot in their efforts to get more and larger trees in the right-of-way, especially in historically underserved neighborhoods. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have mary hill.

**Mary Hill:** I've attended every public meeting about rip 2 since I was first notified which was last november. Concerns about the urban canopy were discussed in the meetings I observed by members of the planning and sustainability commission. Those in favor were in the minority. I didn't hear them decide to adopt how rip 2 will affect the urban canopy. Many lots are large lots and large number of trees. I'm suggesting the city council ask for receiving a review from the department of you are pan forestry and with the commission and tree specific regulations into rip 2. One way that rip 2 by affect the retention of large trees is the 5,000 square foot lot size exception in the code that is to encourage the division of lots. Another item to review is the need to leave large enough unpaved areas for large farm trees. Another loophole is they have the option to remove or not plant trees. Why not create a new center for builders to create all trees greater than 20 inches in diameter. I understand the need for housing but don't overlook the impact of rip 2 on the urban canopy in Portland. This is now a climate change issue. With historic heat waves areas with greater tree canopy stayed cooler. There's an equity issue, new buyers who are less resourced deserve large trees. Finally i'm going to speculate due to climate change in the long run residential buildings with large form trees will be worth more. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up jonathan greenwood.

**Jonathan Greenwood:** Hello, i'm jonathan greenwood. I believe council should support rip 2 because it increases home ownership opportunities for first home buyers by allowing fee simple lot division and enables people to wealth building by utilizing detached duplexes. I think council can improve it by legalizing culturally responsive affordable six plex town homes and increase f.a.r. By .1. I support any measure that increases density in Portland. Rip 2 goes a ways to making this a reality. However, we should be building density in any neighborhoods in the same way we build density along corridors. We need complete facilities. This will allow more robust public transit. We need to go further. Thank you it.

**Clerk:** Jonathan and henry and heather.

## Johann Hannesson: You can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

**Hannesson:** Good afternoon. For the last couple of years I have been outside of my working hours, a part-time caretaker for a family member that has a degenerative illness. They're in a place in their life where they need a permanent place to live. They rank today. If you look at the housing market, it is hard enough to find a home that is affordable, much less a small home or small accessible home. The recommended amendment for .1f.a.r. Will allow these units to be built and hopefully my family member will be able to find a place to live and stay in Portland permanently. When we do these zoning amendments, we have rip 2 which is great but we do this in the term of decades. Tens of years. So we can have this one last chance to incentivize this accessible housing. I want us to july on it because we may not be able to do this. People are trying to get on the housing ladder. So please consider this amendment. I think it will have huge impact. We have time for this impactful change. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up, we have henry.

**Henry Honorof:** I'm henry. Homeowner and lobbyist for Portland neighbors welcome but I'm speaking for myself. I ask to increase the floor ratio for four-plexes. We page parents of a baby girl. This changed and everything became about making space for her. Our home looks different. She has her own room behind me where she'll grow into a young adult. I'm speaking from my home office which we hope is a bedroom for her brother or sister. We're lucky to have three bedroom attach town house that barely fits our budget. Our situation is far too rare. It wouldn't be possible for us if either of us made a little less money. That's because the housing market is not producing housing for the middle class. Single detached houses cost a fortune. Apartment buildings are options for single people and couples that need homes too but bedroom homes at working class or middle-class price may as well be unicorns. You co fix that with four-plexes. Some four-plexes are getting built which is exciting. Under the current f.a.r. Cap it is hard to create spaces for families of four. With the proposed bump it will become possible to take a standard lot and build a four-plex with three bedroom one thousand square foot homes. It is cheaper because the cost is divided four ways instead of three and big enough to humbly but comfortably louse a family like ours. We could make a big difference for Portlanders who want to raise the families here. Please increase the f.a.r., thank you very much.

**Clerk:** We have heather flint.

Heather Flint Chatto: May I share my slides? Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor and city councilors. I'm here as urban planner and environmental designer and i'm here representing a client with progressive development and a tiny house development on an adapted site. We have a 20,000 square foot site that is a perfect opportunity to add density and model of affordable housing. In the process we could add up to ten town houses right now with a five-foot setback. Unfortunately we don't have a reasonable method to be able to do this under the code. The cluster housing code is the right place to do it. The only way is a sheltered housing process that would require a setback from inside the property lines. It would require a conditional use permit that is lengthy and has timelines and has costs and permanent foundations and utility hookups. This is until the opportunity is right. Our site is very similar to many others that we could be adding density on now. This is a missed opportunity. We think there are other ways you can do this by adding tiny houses. We proposed three future work amendments. We don't want to delay the process and we want to move forward but with a truncated timeline we're missing an opportunity to do a few things. There's a demonstration policy to test this that allow you to do innovation and walk the walk and more climate friendly models. You co build tiny houses as a cluster with the effort and the details you already allowed in other zones and through sheltered housing. Please, we need to add the r.i.p.

Implementation tools. Most people don't have the resources or the technical knowledge to be able to take advantage of the --

**Clerk:** Next up eric.

**Eric Thompson:** Good afternoon, mayor and councilors. I'm eric thompson. I've been involved with the r.i.f. Going back to when I was on advisory committee in 2015. At that time we were a developer that was building those so called mcmansions that many neighborhoods were against that was part of the origination of r.i.p. But we since pivoted our business to only build middle housing homes using the new code. We have a total of more than 20 lots under development that will produce 70-plus new homes. They're going to be more attainable for those that aren't able to live in these neighborhoods that we're proposing. R.i.p., i'm in favor of r.i.p.2 and leveraging house bill 2001. We have what I believe is the most progressive housing code in the country. I argue that what builders like me are doing in terms of building these more affordable housing types is what the city and state hopes for. It needs tweaks to have more family housing. The code limits us to two bedroom homes, especially when it comes to four-plexes and these four-plexes are the most affordable that we can build under r.i.p., none of then technically are family homes because they don't have three period rooms. I'm in favor of what people said before me in terms of increasing the f.a.r. For four-plexes from .7 to .8. This is going to give us the ability to go from 875 square foot footprint to a thousand square feet. In doing so we can get the third bedroom in there. We have couples without kids and empty nesters but most importantly they're not --**Clerk:** Next up we have sam galvin and matt cully and matthew.

**Sam Galvan:** Good afternoon, i'm sam galvin. I'm a community development student. I'm here to testify in favor of r.i.p.2. I have firsthand experience navigating finding a place in the dysfunctional housing market. R.i.p., i'm glad to be back for r.i.p.2. A lot what people are advocating for here are important. I love to see those make it into r.i.p.2. These are really about dismantling white supremacy and ablism in our housing policy. It is members of the black community advocating for -- requesting the town home style six plexes. The f.a.r. Bonus for the four-plexes is important because there's that accessibility standard that gets triggered once you have four units. Without that in there, without the bonus to the f.a.r. Those standard are going to deter developers. So we really need this. Folks said it already. We need to get to a point where we take our current housing policy which favors and normalizes white able-bodied home owning families, although as henry pointed out, a lot of folks can't afford that anymore. We need to -- we need to accommodate other people, diversity. There's no silver bullet. Like r.i.p. One it won't solve the issues but dismantle barriers to solving the issues. I think that's important. I hope it get passed this way. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Clerk:** Next up we have matt kelly.

**Matt Kelly:** My name is matt kelly. I'm a city of Portland employee and i'm representing only myself and I took time off to present testimony. I encourage you to adopt the amendment supported by Portland neighbors welcome. One thing I like about this project, it allows people without much money but who have land to help address our city's housing needs. I happen to be one of those people. My wife and I were lucky enough to be able to afford to buy a hope a few years ago in the buckman neighborhood. The home we have is 780 square photo. Doesn't have a driveway. We have what feels like a ton of land, more than 4,000 square feet in a part of Portland where it is able to walk and take transit. We made use of the land and we built a structure in our front yard for three pet ducks. Honestly, though, we rather have more housing for people. Having home for three ducks on our property while we have people living in vehicles right across from our house the sign of it, it makes me angry and sad. The resident's update won't fix that but it will help. It will maybe it easier to add housing on property like mine for what the policy calls a detached duplex. Compared to an adu a detached four-plex is more affordable for people like me. As much as I love my ducks I

want port listen to be a place welcoming to people. The update is part of the update and will help us do this. I encourage you to adopt these. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Matthew series.

**Matthew Serres:** I'm here to testify on behalf of -- in support of the amendment proposed by sideline arp Portland neighbors welcome and others here. The reason that we would like to support this amendment is that it encourages the construction of four-plexes over one plexes and duplexes. The amendment to -- to provide more four-plexes with an f.a.r. Bonus above that provided to triplexes will create the possibility of more accessible dwelling units in the city of Portland. Promoting dwelling units is a key with people with disabilities. There's an extensive short an of accessible dwelling units in the Portland metro area and that will only increase over time. The benefit is the fair housing act design and construction standards only apply to structures with four or more dwelling units. Accessibility requirements don't apply to one plex or duplex or triplexes. These units are made affordable by the four-plex incentive will benefit people who need smaller more affordable units. Disability rights oregon is asking that the city council incentivize four-plexes. Thank you for you're time and my opportunity to testify. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have madeline and cole peterson and douglas mccleod. **Madeline Kovacs:** Okay. Good afternoon and thank you very much, mr. Mayor, commissioners. I'm madeline and testifying the housing type today. Staff and all who have worked on both r.i.p. Projects should be proud. Portland deserves accolades for not only middle housing but helping change the conversation, nationwide and embrace our collective responsibility to house our full community affordably, even if that means change our your own block sometimes. However, if we technically legalize it and leave too many barriers in place and don't offer truly meaningful incentives we will fall short to give Portlanders the homes they need. As a group of experts and practitioners we offer detail on a few changes. To insure land use procedures will deliver deeply affordable homes especially for first-time home ownership. Key recommendations include graduated f.a.r. For four-plexes. You'll hear more about that today. We support development standards as requested by p.t.r. And habitat for humanity and other nonprofits for town homes for the deeper affordability for home ownership. This will allow community specific needs and preferences, whether that's a front door or ground floor in a stacked flat. Accompanying these standards we recommend allowing affordable detached homes and town homes through the middle housing land division. This has the benefit of implementing sp2001 which specified middle level town homes. This puts us in full compliance.

**Clerk:** Next up cole peterson.

Kol Peterson: Hey, everybody. Thank you for hearing me out today. First I wanted to say how are we going to solve the housing crisis if no city council members don't add housing units when given a bounty of opportunities to do so. I know you recused yourself. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and build more housing. I want to echo some of Portland's r.i.p. Code has had nationally significant impacts and I want to applaud the city's efforts. I want to focus on three minor suggestions to improvements on the adu code that are described in greater detail in the coalition letter. One is to allow for visible adus be to up to 900 square feet instead of 800 square feet. Visible bathrooms are going to be these large bathrooms to meet requirements relative to other ark dark us these will be twice or three times the size of an average bathroom that is 40 square feet. That's fine but we should accommodate that requirement for allowing for an additional 100 square feet to accommodate that and correspond to a 900 square foot allowable footprint that the r.i.p.2 code allows. We should allow for the adu size to be calculated against the combined duplexes. A lot are small. The current code would say, if you have a duplex, you make it 300 square feet. That's silly. We should use collective square footage between the two adus and 800 square feet if you have two units. The third thing is we should allow 800 square feet for

all properties, not just properties that happen to have a larger house. That's it. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have douglas mccleod. You're muted.

**Douglas MacLeod:** Apologies i'm douglas mccleod. I signed in the letter small moderately priced town homes and i'm speaking for myself. Adus are too small. I echo what cole is saying. I think they should be bigger. There's discussion that maybe the council is too tepid to go bigger. I have more faith in you. I think they should be a thousand square feet. They're thousand square feet in washington. In a deal with the devil we produced a code that has your windows and your lap board and your roof pitch and most egregiously a 20-foot height limit. This is because bps has a tendency to package committees with the retired and wealthy white nimbes. Wrong people in the room gets bad code. It would be okay if the roof pitch is right or whatever. It is ridiculous. Adu there or not. People don't care otherwise. You may as well make them right. Poorly conceived stake holder advisory committees aside, the politics and sentiments around policy have changed dramatically. Even I feel it on the street as a builder, way less crazies and more. There's one adu, neighbors don't care if it is a foot bigger. Now or never, adu won't get a makeover. Simple changes that will take two hours of staff time will go a long way. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Presten and eryn and o'toole.

**Preston Korst:** Hello i'm director of public relations for habitat for humanity. Habitat for humanity supports all of the work that planning staff and commission have done to get us to this point. As you know, we serve low income folks. We're a developer. Average income is 41,000 dollars which is a miracle in of itself. As land increases and prices of lumber and everything around it increases, it is getting harder and harder for us. We look at ways that we could expand opportunities and make it easier for us and private developers to expand and improve the region's severe lack of housing right now. We support the r.i.p.2 amendments. There's two things that we heard in the testimony.

The first is the bump in floor area ratio for four-plexes. We're supportive of that. We want to expand path to the deeper affordability bonus that was in the last iteration of r.i.p. There's two paths included in the written testimony. Take a look at that. By just adjusting setbacks we think we could get side-by-side town home style buildings for affordable folks earning a low income. So don't go further than that. Thank you for your time and thank you staff and the planning commission for all of the work you've done to get us here.

**Clerk:** Next up aaron brown.

**Aaron Brown:** Good afternoon, my name is aaron brown. I'm a board member and lobbyist for welcome neighborhoods Portland. Couple of weeks ago, we hosted 3,000 housing from across the country. Central tension arose about our efforts. Are we here to build more wealth for housing or redistribute the housing wealth that exists in a manner is that more equitable. We make sure every slice of the pie. We have an opportunity it to not only create more homes but provide specific policy incentives to make sure they're in neighborhood that are historically exclusive and off limits. This is the policy that helps spur integration in the neighborhoods and schools and communities in our lives. More growth and sharing of said growth. What is not to love? I want to emphasize, we need your leadership now. This tweak to four-plexes is necessary now. We're not likely to have a bite at the apple soon. This step that Portland has taken is productive and viable. Don't miss this opportunity. I'll make the closing remark but I hope council hears this support of more housing and rises to that challenge. What drives Portlanders about a wonky zoning change. It is the housing crisis. We want to see more action from our civic leaders and organized and able to do whatever it takes to give you each the political cover to support bold action for increased housing supply and increased housing affordability and increased housing accessibility. We have your back, Portland city council and we hope you have ours. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up we have azul.

**Athul Acharya:** Good afternoon, my name is azul. I'm on the board of Portland neighbors welcome. I'm here in a purely personal capacity. I'm here to testify in support of r.i.p. One and r.i.p. Two. Developing duplexes and triplexes. I support the amendments by Portland neighbors welcome. And the red tape that habitat for humanity and other housing providers have suggested. Also in support of increasing the f.a.r. For four-plexes by .1. This goes back to making sure housing gets built to make sure it pencils and makes it accessible. Thank you. Please vote for those amendments. **Clerk:** Next up we have brad baker and [indiscernible].

**Tim McCormick:** Good afternoon, mayor and council members. My name is sam mccormick. I'm representing housing alternatives network. What I like to focus on in addition to the amendments by other people is what I think is a big opportunity for a very low cost rapidly achievable very affordable and adaptable housing allowing movable housing in cottage clusters. This approach is highly suited to many houseless and low income people on the scale of thousands and own a tiny fraction on the order of 10 to 20,000 dollars a unit compared to a half million of other housing approaches. I call your attention to last week's climate week. Michael anderson was asked to propose five ways to make housing more affordable in Portland. Mobilize rolling homes. As you may remember, movable housing of this type was fully vetted and legalized and continued last year. It could be easily added to r.i.p. By allowing cottages and clusters to follow the same rules. This position 0 was ruled out of scope at the outset of this project. What can we do to reopen this door for this huge opportunity? What we can do I propose is echoing heather's proposal future work amendments and directing planning and other agencies to create a project track investigating this for future. Secondly in particular as heather proposing we create an innovative housing demonstration program to allow housing projects per year such an art form to proceed and depp straight the possibilities. We need to open the door to everything because we're in a crisis that is beyond our imagination. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up is brad baker.

**Brad Baker:** Good afternoon, i'm brad maker. We wrote a letter in support of r.i.p.2. I'll give you summary. We're strongly in support of r.i.p.2. Everybody on the board voted in favor. We also support the -- the anticipates by affordable housing groups to allow up to six plex town homes and increase four-plexes by a small amount. We need to do more. This is the scope of the crisis is huge. We need to do everything we can to end it. We need more flexible zoning and we need to explore most cost effective building codes. That's it. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up eldo.

**Eldo Varghese:** I'm a homeowner in northeast Portland. I'm speaking in favor of r.i.p.2 and the amendments of the individuality from Portland neighbors welcome have already spoken about. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have john gibbon, sharon durny and scott wise.

**John Gibbon:** My name is john gibbon I speak on part of the neighborhood association and the quail park homeowners association. I have submitted testimony related to -- to quail park properties on both ends, the common property on southwest hubert and quail park and the common property intersection of southwest lancaster and quail park. The issues i'm going to discuss are listed there. I submitted comments addressed to the property at 25th and southwest taylor road where habitat is in the process of building 16 -- i'm sorry 17 single family style homes in a condo format which the neighborhood supports and serves as a springboard for my comments related to support for the plan -- planning commission's action to -- to deal with the wildfire issue, number of homes to the west of that property were originally granted r.i.p.1 status and then pushed back in the z. Zone as a result of the fire information being put in the equation. That's a bad idea. It is an area where the city has projects under way to improve pedestrian access and make barber boulevard more accessible from the mark neighborhood. It shouldn't be down zoned as a result of a 20-year-old study. Is a deal

with issues related to the -- to the good changes that were made in r.i.p.2 as a result of getting some of the natural resource inventory waiting about -- about tree preservation out of the system. I know that concerns some people but I submitted testimony that shows neighborhoods --.

**Clerk:** Next up we have sarah berry.

**Sarah Berry:** Hi. Sorry. I'm muted. My name is sarah. Thank you, mayor and council members. I'm a native and homeowner. I wanted to view the reasons that I support r.i.p.2 very much. My parents moved here in 1962. I grew up on northwest 21st and irving street, a neighborhood that was formerly historically red lined. They moved there not because it was affordable but it was surrounded by a range of other housing types and it was culturally and racially diverse and it didn't require car ownership but my dad worked at the oregonian and my mom wanted to walk to the grocery store. Our house included single family homes, apartment buildings, duplexes, older home conversions, housing elderly residents and immigrants and transients. People would knock on our door and ask if we had rooms free. It was a great neighborhood. In the 1980s some larger homes were changed to condos. I wholeheartedly agree with those that testified that both building and conversion building constraints are far too restrictive and the adu code are too restrictive to let Portlanders adapt to our need the way we did in the past. There's people that still live in those converted homes over on northwest. They're not burning down in fires from what I can tell. One reason for the economic diversity of that neighborhood in the 60s and it had been red lined. Ironically many desirable neighborhoods that are trendy and walkable is because they by necessity created adaptable living spaces that responded to the needs of the city's population in spite of banking distribution. I heard homeowners say in-fill is going to change Portland. It is the other way around. All of these zoning and building codes have suburbanized Portland neighborhoods.

**Clerk:** Next up scott wise.

**Scott Wyse:** Good afternoon, commissioners, i'm scott wise. I'm testifying here today on a narrow issue is not to adopt the proposed amendments to section 33.110.202. I'll summarize what I submitted in my written testimony. The bps in a recent news release said that the purpose of r.i.p.2 is to increase housing options in Portland. The effect of the proposed amendments to section 33110202 would be to do the opposite. Let me explain how. The proposed amendments would add a new restriction to -- to a lot upon which the primary structure would be allowed in that it must have a front lot line under the new amendments. There's currently no such requirement. Under the proposed amendments a lot that -- that would change access to a city street only over an easement would no longer be allowed to have a primer a structure built on it at all even though a primary structure is allowed under current law. My sister and I own a lot. 9,000 square feet and suitable for a single family residence. Defeating purposes of r.i.p.2. Pursuant to the united states supreme court case the amendments would constitute taking of our lots that require the city to pay compensation to the owners. We did not receive any notice of the amendments but found out that they were being considered by happenstance. This is required by ballot measure 56. I urge council to reject section 33.110.202.

**Clerk:** Next up jeff robertson and heidi and brian nelson. Jeff, are you able to unmute? Let's go to heidi hart.

**Heidi Hart:** I'm heidi hart renter in the buckman neighborhood. I want to support r.i.p.2 and those that want town homes and the anticipated to encourage accessible and family size four-plexes by increasing f.a.r., the bump is crucial in that it makes it possible to stay in a three bedroom home rather than two bedroom home. The options other than detached one plexes that are expensive. Four-plexes provide that opposite and they spread land costs over four units. That's the only way to make it cheaper. Our housing needs have changed. Postpandemic, over twice as many people working from home, possibly more. And that is a permanent shift. Personally prepandemic, I didn't

work at home but I do. My partner's brother may live with us in a potentially indefinite basis. That's another thing. All I have to say is three bedrooms are hard to come by in a nonexpensive way. I want more of them. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Let's try jeff robertson again. You able to unmute? Go on to brian nelson. We can't hear you. We still can't hear you. You need to check your audio settings to make sure that the microphone is -- is near a computer. Why don't -- why don't you restart your computer and we'll come back to you once you rejoined?

**Clerk:** Let's try keel johnson.

**Kiel Johnson:** Hello, can you hear me? My name is cal johnson. I'm the chair of bike loud pdx. We're helping Portland reach transportation goal of 25 percent of all trips being made in the city. Building safe and inviting basic infrastructure is crucial to reach this goal but without housing options it will be hard to get people on bikes. In a city that la 25 percent of all trips by bike. When the trip lasts longer than 15 minutes the amount of people drops. The people in Portland will make it easier for people to live closer to where they want to go and allow for 15 minutes or less bike trips. I support the amendment that supports family sized affordable homes and four-plexes because they will be cheaper than one plexes. We will get to our goal faster. Thank you very much. **Clerk:** Brian, you want to try again? We hear you.

**Brian Nelson:** Appreciate the opportunity. I live in Portland. I'm the owner of a vacant lot. I support r.i.p.2 but oppose the proposed change to 33110202 when primary structures are allowed. The postdraft is required and has a front lot in three positions. The new code will change residential buildable lots into unbuildable lots but they don't have a lot abutting a street. I found 60 vacant lots in southwest Portland alone that don't have street frontage. Making 60 lots and numerous other lots in the city unbuildable reduces the housing opportunities in choices that are opposite of the r.i.p.2 intent. The lot I own doesn't have street frontage. All of my lot lines are considered sidewalk lines according to this application and I do not have front lines so it makes my

lots unbuildable. Market of my lots is 650,000. And scott wise's lot is 245,000. This code would make both of our lots unbuildable and worth very little. The code change would create potential measure 49 financial claims against the city of Portland. Measure 49 that allows for financial compensation and is reduced due to land use regulations and 250,000 dollar lot would be reduced. And in four-plexes it would reduce change. This was not mentioned in any planning sustainability commission public meetings. I request that you not allow chains to code 30110202 when they're allowed for limited time for change and public notice fulfillment.

**Clerk:** Next up paul and brian and alex. Alexis.

Paul Niedergang: Hi. Mayor and commissioners, I have lived in Portland since 1975 and have a small real estate company called the progressive development group. I'm testifying to encourage you to consider the work amendments by design and planning as part of r.i.p.2. City of Portland declared a housing emergency in 2015 and in many ways the crisis has only worsened since then. I strongly recommend that the council direct staff to incorporate an innovative housing demonstration pathway as part of the r.i.p.2 process. We've been working on developing a tiny home village on 20,000 square foot rm1 site in southeast Portland that we acquired in 2014. The concept is for a nonprofit arts focused tiny home eco village. The site came with a house, workshop and a barn. We since added like one tiny home. Since then unable through a common sense permitting pathway to develop the concept further and add additional tiny homes. While tiny homes on wheel are now possible on the recent sheltered housing process the application is not for a shelter and the 25-foot rear inside setback severely limit the housing quantity and liveability of a functional cluster. The conditional use process adds costs and complexity and uncertainty it as well as delays. If the goal is to create more housing with equitable participation this does not meet the test. The goal should be to make a replicatable density available that could be utilized by other underutilized sites

in town. The art form is to demonstrate the liability of one modality with the hope that other people will replicate and refine the model. I really want to --.

**Clerk:** Next up, brian.

Brian Posewitz: Hi, mayor wheeler and members of the council. I'm brian posiwit z. I'm here on my own behalf. I support the policies of the in-fill program. I have a suggestion for improvement. To state my suggestion before I run out of time, I suggest that you allow whatever plexes are allowed to be detached as well as attached. I believe that doing that would be consistent with the goals of the program. I understand it is encouraged by rules and done by the city of bend. This to understand my perspective, I live in a 2400 square foot house on a lot zoned r2.5. I think I could keep the existing house and add and that would be consistent with the goals of saving existing housing and adding so-called middle housing. As I understand the existing in-fill program and new state legislation I could put a triplex or even a four-plex on my lot but only if the units are attached to each other. To make a long story short because I only have to minutes, it wouldn't work for me to have the units attached and the proposed cottage cluster rules wouldn't work for me. I appreciate that this would allow a duplex with an existing house. I thank the p fc and staff for adding that. Don't stop there and also others to be detached as well as attached. I understand attached plexes is like a single building which keeps character. That seems to be outweighed for more flexibility for density and affordability. Thank you for considering my comments.

**Clerk:** Alexis biddle.

**Alexis Biddle:** Good afternoon. I'm alexis biddle. First I want to thank you for your leadership in adopting the first in-fill project setting the bar for the state and the nation. More need to be done to see actual homes and affordable homes on the ground. 1 thousand friends signed a letter of the in-fill project. At the risk of mentioning trivial it is crucial to remember that every building on a lot lowers the cost of the land for all of the hopes on that lot. Land costs are a key cost in home construction. Duplexes cut that cost

in half. Triplexes cut that cost by two-thirds. Quadruplexes by three points. You get the point. To see units getting build consider our written testimony. For now i'll highlight two. Three quadruplexes per ratio with equal footing on other developments. Why wouldn't we build more affordable homes. The second is to incentivize home ownership opportunities through affordable -- deeper affordability in five and six plexes. We're implementing housing across the state and how important it is that Portland leaves the state the way it has to increase housing access and affordability. In most cases I make recommendations to other cities hold up Portland as an example. I put that script and encourage you in places like albany that allows up to 900 square feet. If you want to support more housing I advise you to follow mcminnville and pendleton's lead of 1,000 square feet. Please consider the recommendations in our letter and thank you for your attention and public service.

**Clerk:** Next up we emily gynes and jeremy and dianne.

**Emily Guise:** Hello. My name is emily guise. I'm testifying on behalf of myself today. I support rfp2 as well as responsible town homes and increasing four plex to encourage family sized four plexes. I know how hard it can be to find two or four bedroom apartments that don't cost an arm and a leg. Different families have different needs. Our city should take responsibility for those need. Thank you for your time and yes, again, I support rfp2.

**Clerk:** Jeremy chung.

**Jeremy Chung:** Hi. My name is jeremy chung. I'm testifying for myself. I'm speaking in favor of r.i.p.2. I'm a former grad student current job searcher and I heard of the importance of building equity. I love Portland but now with the housing crisis, i'm in a rental situation with no chance of considering a single family home. I support r.i.p.2 for its ability to give people like me a chance to consider ownership in the way that generations before me have. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up diane lind.

**Diane Linn:** Good afternoon, great to see you all. My name is diane lind. I'm executive director of proud ground. We provide affordable, permanently affordable home ownership opportunities for families and especially indigenous people of color that are left behind in the housing market. I know you care about the people in the community these efforts are supposed to support. You heard from so many friend and colleagues that talked specifically about the changes that we think could really help make r.i.p.2 it more effective for more people with -- so we can create more units at more affordable a level. This is very important. The staff has done a great job. They had great communication with us. We had conversations with your staff. We think it is time to weigh in and take this further. The package of proposals you have in front of you from small build and Portland, the Portland neighbors welcome group are specifically developed to give you a road map to improving r.i.p. And making the code work that much better so we can make this community and city and i'm a native and i'm moving into a town house very soon. I'm going to live -- live the talk along with a lot of us who believe Portland can be more affordable in more neighborhoods around the city. Please help us serve other communities you care about better by making these minor changes to this very important code. We're on the precipice of important change in Portland. Let's do it. Thank you for your than service. Happy to answer questions or provide more information. Again, want to shout out to the habitat for humanity community and people that spent a great job of providing home ownership for lower income families and have it adopted permanent affordability. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have neil holler, jordan and emily.

**Neil Heller:** Hello. I'm neil holler. I'm a homeowner in northeast Portland. Thank you to staff for their willingness to work on another r.i.p. Project after five years of r.i.p.1 i'm impressed with willingness to take on another project with the name r.i.p. And i'm supporting r.i.p.2 and the amendments by Portland neighbors welcome and the build coalition. I was one of the deeper affordability unit focus on those earning 50 percent of

the area median income. I had done physical modeling with that. This go around, I support town homes. The approach and the adjustments it will take to get there will allow for increased affordable home ownership and it gives them an opportunity for home ownership to build well and often overlooks segments of the population because they're not at income level but not the level that it take to purchase in the market today. I was happy to see the previous suggestion. I would also suggest that detaching four-plexes, taking it apart into two duplexes, there's the building code and it requires additional fire suppression technology and that adds cost. By being able to shift those out it reduces the cost and you still get the same number of units. Thank you for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up we have jordan lewis.

Jordan Lewis: Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk: Yes.

**Lewis:** Hello. Thank you mayor and commissioners. I'm -- i'm going to test it guy in support of everything proposed about residential projects. I would like to see the f. A. R. Raised to 1.1. I would like to see four-plexes and six flexes legalized. Two additional points model michael anderson of siteline. I would like to see builders given five additional foot from the front yard of the footprint of their lot to -- to build housing on that footprint. Not just yard. I don't think yards should be a priority if you live in downtown Portland, myself. And secondly, I would like to see the size of four-plexes raised to 1,000 square feet. I like to see more housing and be able to invite people to move here. I really can't do that at the moment. It is expensive to find housing. Not everyone makes 70, 80,000 dollars a year. I think i'll conclude my testimony now. Thank you. Bye-bye.

Clerk: Next up, emily kemper.

**Emily Kemper:** Hi, everyone, thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of the r.i.p.2 updates. I'm representing myself and she-her pronouns and alumni of the

advisory committee. I'm grateful to everyone who has helped us make so much progress since everyone started working on this in 2015. I think that r.i.p.2 will get us closer to the dream of providing more housing options for more people throughout our great city. Few things i'm a fan of. Everyone is providing great reasons. I'm not going to restate the reasons. I'll say i'm a fan of the fee simple lot division and detached duplexes and fan of cottage clusters because I think they're cool and great. In alignment the with recommendations of Portland neighbors welcome r.i.p.2 could be enhanced with town home style six plexes. And the recommendation to increase four-plex f.a.r. By 0.1 which I believe will enhance options for accessible housing that could accommodate families with a diversity of ages and abilities. So I think that captures everything I wanted to say to you all. Thanks for your hard work on this and it is nice to see you. Have a good day.

**Shane Boland:** I'm shane. I'm director of development. We're a developer and builder in Portland. I want to support everything said about the coalition and for neighbors welcome and get context from my perspective on why the town home amendments are important. We're a for profit builder. We aspire to build six plexes and transition to town houses in the code. And dramatically different set of sub contractors and people on your construction team. That's super important for folks like us that would be able to keep the costs down and hit the affordable price points. Transition from that to town homes, lets market rate developers have housing of the commercial code and they pass along to the future residents. Everything else I support has been adequate. Thank you. **Clerk:** Let's try june thorson again.

Next up we have shane and anna. Are you unable to mute? You're still muted.

**June Thorson:** Excuse me. I'm june thorson. I'm learning, watching, listening and observing. I did not intend to sign up to testify, but I thank all of you people who are testifying. You're doing a great job. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have anna kemper.

Clerk:

Anna Kemper: Hey, commissioners i'm anna kemper and i'm a Portland neighbors welcome board member. I'm in support of the project and amendments proposed by Portland neighbor welcome and coalition and habitat for humanity. In my day job I work at regional level advocating for solutions to homelessness. As you know the humanitarian crisis facing requires urgent action at all levels. One thing that is clear to me in this work is everyone in the city cares a lot about ending our homeless crisis. The truth is the crisis has been decades in the making. It is exacerbated by wealth inequality and disparity and increased cost of living. I don't what be to clear. One of the biggest factors contributing to homelessness is our lack of accessible affordable housing at all levels. That's where the residential project r.i.p.2 comes in. It expands and provides opportunities to legalize more housing, something that Portland in particular is in desperate need of. Kgw said Portland rose last year and mortgage jumped by 40 percent. This is an issue that particularly impacts communities of color giving our neighbors surviving outside into safe housing supported by wrap around services is critical to address homelessness. I want to insure that it uphelds everyone in the community, and six plexes and four-plexes. Every person in our city deserves a safe place to sleep at night and meets their needs. Supporting the proposed amendments is a great step in that direction. Thanks for your time.

**Clerk:** Next up shaun hayward.

**Sean Heyworth:** Commissioners, my name is shaun hayward. I'm here to testify in favor of the r.i.p.1.0 amendments and r.i.p.2.0. For profit small in-fill developer expanding 20, 25 homes exclusively in inner southeast and northeast and north Portland. Like the gentleman that spoke, we spent two years on the stake holder advisory committee. How did we get here? Seven years ago we realized that to tear down one home and build a home in its place would result in construction of thousands of homes that are affordable to a fortunate few. This can't be the only answer to housing need. We focused our efforts to exclusively pursue the development of

construction of middle housing in the city of Portland. Our first foray in housing was two cottage cluster projects. Our next model was projects that contained houses and accessory dwelling units. Then the house 1.0. This is a progressive and robe, but section of code it has amazing potential to address housing. It has one factor. Four-plexes are currently limited to .1f.a.r. Which resulting in 875 square feet homes, sufficient for two bedroom homes, 875 square feet doesn't allow for three bed room homes. Subsequently as it is written, the code is effectively keeping us from developing the middle housing for families. In summary, we're asking staff for .1 increase in f.a.r. That would provide the square footage necessary for three bedroom homes. I hope this will result in additional developers and builders being interested in building this project. Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next up we have sam stuckey. You're muted, sam.

**Sam Stuckey:** Sorry about that. Thank you. Good afternoon, commissioners and thank you for sticking with it through another long and riveting feedback on nuanced zoning reforms. I'm a buckman neighborhood resident and housing advocate and architect and tree canopy fan. I'm here to support the proposal as well as the amendments proposed by Portland neighbors welcome and others designed to increase the supply of housing options. With the relatively it recent passage of impactful zoning reforms, r.i.p.1 and better housing design and the shelter to housing continuum I believe our city is developing a track record of pushing for and implementing some of the most progressive impactful housing options across all demographics. Everyone includes growing families. As exciting as in-fill is, the building returns issued under r.i.p.1 regulations showed the vast majority of new construction are still one plexes. Four-plexes are most affordable option. They carry accessibility requirements. They're constrained in size by disproportionately f.a.r. Limits that make them impractical to build. The code as written limits our ability to build our most affordable and accessible

loving type to abundance. A small bump for four-plexes makes sense as it did for duplexes and triplexes. It will help us build the housing. Allowing regulations in the zoning code to produce housing that works both for Portlanders and others. Thank you. **Clerk:** Final three testifiers are ryan and cameron and steven jenkins.

Ryan Makinster: Mr. Mayor and members, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm director of policy and government affairs for the homebuilder association of Portland. You have my letter in the record. Just to hit the high points in essence of time, i'll hit things that are not contained in the record. I want to reiterate that we support the comments made by those prior and the written testimony and comments and suggestions made by Portland neighbors welcome. I will highlight a few points. One thing that we do appreciate is staff's effort to include detached duplexes in this proposal. However, we suggest that detached component be extended to triplexes and quadruplexes. It is more likely to convert. The viability of lots we're developing becomes constrained as well and the more choices they have for developing the lots recognizing what is on the lots through detached development allows those lots to be converted as well as more likely that they're going to have multiple units on them rather than one stand alone unit. Two other things, we really want to highlight the fact that dedication needs be to -- lot coverage needs to be calculated. These lots are going to be constrained and if you do postdedication you may be forcing less units on the lot. A lot that could previously hold four units will hold three and as that number goes down the chance it is more cost effective for single family than multi-unit is going to occur. Subsequently you'll have less units produced. As we look at constrained lots and multiple units on the lot, if sewer are not allowed to be shared and may limit the developments or the capacity of units that you can put on that lot.

**Clerk:** You're muted.

Tamara DeRidder:Can you hear me now inClerk:Yes.
**Deridder:** Thank you so much. Good afternoon everyone. I know you're worn out listening to r.i.p.s. It is important to look at the code and make it affordable and equitable. I agree with home ownership for everyone. However that is done through condos through town houses or whatever form, please expand your minds and -- and embrace this possibility. Also the idea of -- of having private laterals, water and sewer are a big issue. I dealt with this in the city of gresham in making a pocket cluster in a neighborhood with mike mckiel. It took us over a year and a half because the utilities were an issue. They wanted to have public utilities have to go to the unit itself. I want you to support the future work amendments. There's three items, one is making -- what is it? A -- I lost my notes. My fiscal support for -- for affordable housing designs like this for r.i.p. And a demonstration project. He has the tiny art farm that is being proposed and also the -- the -- the design policy changes that she had proposed. One other thing is I wanted to make sure that folks are -- have adequate space. Increasing to a thousand square feet for the adus is excellent idea and allowing detached and attached duplexes and tri-flexes and four-plexes and make it as accessible as possible. Thank you for you're time.

**Clerk:** Final testifier today is stephen jenkins.

**Stephen Judkins:** All right. Can you hear me? Great. So, I just want to note sort of the unanimity and affordable housing developers who are calling for some amendments and passing rip. It is great that we passed residential infra project. If we stop at this point and don't make the marginal changes to this bill larger units, more square footage. You know, little different format so we don't have these two -- these stacks six-plexes like some builders say are more expensive to build or less desirable. We're going to maybe not have great results out of rip. Nothing like we hope. I think it is no-brainer. I think if we want affordable development listening to the affordable developers is great. I want to make sure a lot of people paying attention have noticed that. I hope you make the right now. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. Keelan that completes public testimony. Is that correct.

**Clerk:** That's right, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your public testimony. Collin, before you ask you any questions before housekeeping items. We heard from everyone who signed up to testify. So oral testimony at this point is closed. However, since we're not voting today we will voting on different day. I want you to know record for additional testimony is going to remain open until friday, april 29th at 5: 00 p.m. That's this friday at 5: 00 p.m. It will be the council's intent to publish amendment on the rip-two project website on written testimony on those amendments will then reopen at the same time. Oral testimony on the amendments will be taken at hearing hold on may 19th. Once again, you'll need to register in advance to testify at that hearing. All of this will be available, of course, on the city's website. I will at the end of the hearing continue this hearing to that date. Before I do that, I want to get to questions that you might have. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I actually didn't have a question but I did want just to thank everyone to o who testified today. Of course, we're going to have a chance to get questions answered between now and when comes in front of council. I want to make sure the public today knew that so far 21 thousand 9 hundred 81 people have provided comments on rip two and written testimony on the city's website. And so, i'm grateful that we'll have time to review all of the public testimony that we've received. I did have -- I guess I do have a couple of questions today. One really has to do with the housing on wheels. I think the law changed was that a legislative law that allows tiny homes on wheels? Can morgan answer that for me?

**Tracy:** I will give it my best shot. There was a legislative change that enabled tiny houses on wheels to be considered, I think, it is one tiny house on wheels with a dwelling unit. Part of the shelter to housing continuing project that we brought to

council before included that change. In the single dwelling zones and elsewhere as long as there's a house, you can add tiny house on wheels in lieu of one of the adu's. That's what we have right now.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. And then my second question was someone testified about trying to create a house that was a village part tiny home village within long range plan of providing some permit permanent how longing. Anything that prevents tiny home village/bond from being able to operate?

**Tracy:** There are some additional requirements. You can propose to do a plan out shelter. They're considered plan out shelter allowed in conjunction with institutional use like a church. They're a process in single dwelling zones. That would allow grouping or a number of tiny houses on wheels up to 20 in single dwelling zones. I think the testifier brought up issues about the process, the conditional use process and the set back requirements. I believe the set back requirements is something that can be looked at through separate adjustment process. In terms of being able to have that type of use, that's allowable through the outdoor shelter requirements.

**Hardesty:** Is that because of the executive order that the mayor -- it sounds like there's a lot of hoops that people are jumping through who are trying to provide temporary shelter? I'm trying to unpack that. Maybe this is not the place to try to unpack that. It caught me that here's someone with a plan with the house is putting barriers from preventing that from doing that.

**Tracy:** We can respond with a little more complete framework. All of the aspects required for the uses. I think reflecting on the testimony that I have read there was a suggestion that we look at innovative housing projects model. Given the time that we have for the project is outside of the scope for what we can pull off in a month. Other things to consider even in that example that was provided there's a still process that goes with the innovative -- there's nature of oversight just how much the council with the team is necessary.

**Hardesty:** Before I stop talking, I want to thank bps staff. Again, i'm feeling old today for some reason because of the issues when I first got here rip1 was a hard thing to get to the finish line. And dedicated staff at bps had worked many years before I showed up in order to make that possible. And I just wanted the public to remember that amazingly after the hard work you started immediately morgan on rip2. And so, so I want to applaud that you didn't go home and say we're done. You were thoughtful about how we can make it better. I'm going to want to know information about bedroom sizes because as I look at rental units today what people call bedrooms I call closets. As we keep talking about expanding number of bedrooms, is there a minimum square footage that code requires in order to call something a bedroom?

**Tracy:** There is. We can get you some information on that. I think, yeah, it is a matter of perspective. What suits one person for their size needs might not suit others. Thank you for the appreciation. Not just me. I have a team of staff behind me and bureaus and folks that brought suggestions to the plate that help expand considerations. I don't think after rip2 we will be done either. It is a continual process. Definitely, appreciate the shout out.

**Wheeler:** Very good. I'm sure we'll have follow-up questions for you morgan and the rest of the team from my own part. I will come back later to talk about the adu sizes. The main purpose of today is to hear the public testimony. I'm sure we'll have lots of individual questions in the interim here and based on that we will have the opportunity to put amendments on the table. Commissioner ryan.

**Ryan:** Yeah, thank you mayor. Thank you morgan for bringing to the dais. We heard from a lot of different audiences, if you will, that had some streamline thinking. It was kind of surprising. It seems like there's a theme of that this week. I want to make a few points. Housing stock goes up and triggers better price point, affordability and home ownership can go up to build the generational wealth that we must keep aspiring with the right policies and all of that can blend to better neighborhood aesthetic. I want to

thank the testimony. It was compelling and you were listening to each other. Not just repeating as there sometimes. As someone has been missing envying playoffs with hometown. It was a wonderful afternoon of testimony. Thank you, commissioner rubio for your leadership and moving all of these along in short period of time over the last year and a half. Thanks.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner ryan. If there is nothing else at this point, then we'll continue this item to may 19th at 2: 00 p.m. Time certain. I just want to check with both staff, as well as legal council, and make sure we have accomplished everything we needed to accomplish today?

Tracy: Yeah, mayor. You have done it with 50 minutes to spare too. Congratulations too.Wheeler: Very good. Legal council.

**King:** Everything, yes, that's it.

**Wheeler:** All right. Thanks for your testimony. That concludes today's hearing. We are adjourned.

### At 4:11 p.m., Council recessed.

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# April 28, 2022 2:00 p.m.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon everybody. This is the Thursday afternoon session of the Portland city council for April 28, 2022. Please call the roll.

- Clerk: Ryan.
- Ryan: Here.
- Clerk: Hardesty.
- Ryan: Here.
- Clerk: Mapps.
- Mapps: Here.
- Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Here. Under Portland city law, city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made the meeting available by means of audio. The video is available to the public on the youtube channel pbx www.Portland Oregon.gov/video channel 30. Public may provide written testimony to at cctestimony@Portland.gov or e-mail the council clerk with any questions. We'll hear from legal council on rules of order.

**Adrianne DelCotto:** To participate you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports or the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at www.Portland.Oregon/council/agenda contains certain information on how to sign up for testimony. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist or 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 or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are further disruptions the person may be placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the meeting, all council meetings are recorded.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up is item number 339 emergency ordinance.
Clerk: Authorize intergovernmental agreement for jurisdictional transfer of portions of 82nd avenue with Oregon department of transfortation. Accept \$80 million in american recue plan act funding for improvements, and appropriate, \$615,000 in fy21/22.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Today is an exciting and historic day in Portland, especially in east Portland. Many people thought that we would never see 82nd avenue transferred to local control along with substantial state investments, but here we are. As an east Portland resident, I can tell you what we experience on 82nd avenue right now. 82nd avenue is one of the most dangerous, high-crash corridors in Portland. We sometimes must walk hundreds of feet to get to a marked crosswalk. The lighting is inadequate to see at night. The infrastructure in outdated. Excessive speeding from traffic is a common occurrence. This makes people vulnerable whether they are biking, walking or taking public transit. What we are solidifying today is an agreement with the state to transfer

jurisdiction of 82nd avenue from ODOT to the PBOT along with \$185 million investment. I would like to thank the ODOT leadership who worked with us to make this possible. Chris strictler, [indiscernible] brown, brayen, mia who are all here with us today. Getting this done, however, took decades of committee organizing and the right people coming together at the right time. More than anything, this is a victory for the communities living around 82nd avenue. The geographic center of the city of Portland. East Portlanders organized and fought for this change for decades to have a safer 82nd avenue. Among the committee based organizations to thank include apano, oregano walks, unite Oregon and street trust and so many more. My office has been working closely with PBOT, elected advocates, and city government relations team. The breakthrough we made was due to new leadership of east Portland including representative khanh pham which highlights the importance of the diversity of representation. Representative pham and I have deep roots in this community and we know the impact traffic violence is having on all communities and a disproportional impact is having on communities of color along 82nd avenue. Fighting for this diverse community along with representative pham and barbara smith warner, state senator mike dembrow and former speaker of the house tina kotek along with state representative alissa keny-guyer. Thank you for many years of advocating for the safety of east Portland's diverse communities. I know PBOT is excited to get to work on safety improvements. As the project advances through the years, we'll have the opportunity to the create robust community engagement to create not just a safer, but a more vibrant 82nd avenue. As we move forward with the long-term transformation, we must can prioritize public transit. We need to they're trimet line on 72 is the most populous bus route in the whole metro area. It's critical to provide safety for pedestrians, access to public transit which the local community has identified long ago as a priority. Together, we will make this happen. There were many PBOT staff to help us get to the port of this transfer happening including julia reid, katie boothe, nicole pierce. Dan, zack wagner,

shoshana cohen, and david mcdowry, cameron glasgow, anthony, and john wilson as well. Not to mention a huge number of staff from planning, engineering and the traffic team at PBOT who jumped in and started design improvements already. I want to thank director warner so much. PBOT, ODOT, the elected leaders and community advocates who are all necessary to make this happen. Today this is Portland's victory and our victory. Today we celebrate and tomorrow we get back to work for a safer, vibrant and more resilient city. Let's hear from some of the Portlanders directly impacted by the current conditions on 82nd avenue and hear about their hopes for the future and this new video made by adrienne from PBOT's communication team. If the clerk is kind enough to play the video.

Video: On 82nd avenue. We want to make sure they are fully aware of your surroundings. The traffic starts when lunch begins and lunch begins and school ends. People live a block away and it's still to safe. There are times when it's hard to cross the street because people only stop when there is a red light. Drivers are not aware of the people crossing the street. When students arrive in the morning and they're crossing 82nd, it's a toss-up. A lot of times driver are not aware it's a school zone. Sometimes cars will run the red light or stop in the middle of an intersection. It's on the precipice of an accident waiting to happen. We had a student who passed away my freshman year from a car accident outside the school. It's not unfamiliar, the dangers of at least just the crosswalks. It's going to take a lot and I don't have all the answers. But I have seen the consequences of their not being any answers. What I would like the city to do for 82nd is to make it safer and more equitable. Having more of the islands and to recognize that it's heavily used as byway for 205. Take the streets back and make them safer with community input. Asking the neighbors and the community around what do you want for this street? I hope that in the future 82nd avenue would be easier to cross and to be safer with walking or biking or running. I think it's important to invest in 82nd because it's a busy street. There are schools and businesses and all that. It's important to know

it's safe. My little brother is going there next year as a freshman. I hope it's safer for him than it is for us.

**Hardesty:** I will turn it back over to you, I believe.

Warner: Commissioner, I think I'm about to take over from here.

**Hardesty:** My bad. Chris, take it away.

**Chris Warner:** Thank you. Thank you commissioner Hardesty. For your perseverance in getting us over the finish line, I appreciate it. I'm chris warner director of transportation. We're excited to bring over the transfer of 82nd avenue from state-controlled city. As commissioner Hardesty said, it's been a long road about seven miles of road to be exact. For PBOT and Portland, it's a huge responsibility. I'll talk briefly about how we got here and what the transfer means, then staff will go over what we will he be doing for the next four years for the critical safety improvements and we will talk about the future and building a better 82nd avenue and how to manifest the vision over the next eight years. Then we'll hear from our invited speakers. Next slide. We're here for many reasons. First this major road is one of the city's most important streets, the geographic heart of Portland and makes up some of our most diverse business districts. Tens of thousands rely on 82nd to get to school and work. It can connects east Portland north to south. It's a vital link. With buses on 82nd are some of the busiest in the region. Next slide. Of course 82nd isn't just one of those important streets, it's one the most dangerous. Due to the sobering statistics of traffic violence. From 2015 to 2019, there were nearly 2,000 crashes on 82nd with nearly 76 people killed or injured, that is 15 per year. Most were people crossing the street accounting to three out of four deaths from traffic violence. Last year two pedestrians were killed in the same month trying cross north of sandy. In the last 15 years 19 people died. That's 19 too many. We want to do better by the communities and neighborhoods to make this vital road safer. Next slide. As you might expect, there is a lot of work ahead. If you've driven on 82nd lately, you know it's in need of major repair. The pavement, sidewalks, curve ramps, traffic signals

all need work. Transit stops, all of it needs help. Next slide. What got us here, it's a mix of the road's importance, staggering death toll and the safety improvements we all know are needed. We're here primarily because of the voice of community leaders holding us a transfer. This is a matter of decades of work by this community and state and local representatives. That's why we're telling our PBOT staff to attend to a community and roadway. It's not enough to say 82nd avenue no longer serves the highway. It's how we at PBOT make it work to serve the community. How our work is a catalyst for the community's vision. We look forward to this work, not because it will be easy but because it's for the public we serve. This is a glimpse of some of the community partners and stakeholders some you'll hear from today whose advocacy got us here today. This project represents an student for the city, PBOT and housing and prosper. We're working in partnership with community members and organizations. Meeting the vision of an equitable civic corridor that requires the entire community efforts and we need partners to pitch in as well. Pdot staff is partnering with the community on creating the civic corridor. We can set the table, but it will take all of us, city bureaus, community members and governments to make this vision a reality. Community building and small business support will create the 82nd avenue Portlanders deserve. The work ahead remain as a task. Because of the investment and commitment you'll be voting on today, the road can become a reality. To get there we need to work together. Today's council action has two pieces, first is to direct the commissioners to sign the iga. The second item is to accept the \$80 million in american rescue plan dollars we got from the legislature for the first tranche of funding. That will conclude my portion of today's festivities. I will now turn over the presentation to kristen pope. Before I do that, I want to say a couple of things about kristen. Over the years I've been in countless meetings on 82nd avenue. When it looked like the legislation might have legs I tasked the kristen to come to an agreement on what the state of repair should be for the road. Kristen's persistence, knowledge and ability to come up with a deal to

benefit the city is truly amazing. Kristen, on behalf of Portland, thank you. We are indebted to your work. We also have julia reid who has done amazing work. Kristen, you're on.

**Kristin Hull:** Thank you for your kind words. I'm kristen hall the transportation manager, and i'm delighted to be here today to talk with you about the transfer disagreement and the investment strategy for the first 80 million dollars of funding to make a difference right away. Transferring 82nd avenue from northeast to southeast. That includes sidewalks that are not already under the ownership of the city and could stormwater assets under the bureau of environmental services. This is not just a PBOT action but is a city action. In this transfer, ODOT will maintain ownership of the bridge that spans i-84 and the railroad and retain ownership of a couple of intersections and traffic stops. This transfer date will be june 1st, 2022. It is just about a month away. We talk a lot about funding for this corridor and I think that is an important part of this transfer agreement is funding to make this road safer and better maintained than it is today. The first \$80 million is funding coming from the state legislature designated part of the "american rescue plan act" funding for this facility. That funding must be used by 2026. That will be followed by \$70 million investment from the Oregon department of transportation and and we'll work with them on that. We committed to \$35 million of funding for the city of Portland and that will be programmed through our capital investment plan and using all the sources of funding such as general transportation revenue, grants and regional and state and federal levels. We want to be clear that this funding will not meet all the needs of 82nd avenue. The metro investment process in 2020 identified \$500 million we need for 82nd avenue, so we'll look for ways to deliver on the community vision. But this is an important step forward in that area. So, we're getting to work already. This has been one of the most exciting parts of my career is getting to really leverage the team at PBOT to start the work right way. When the legislature appropriated the dollars, we began right away to find out what to do. There

is already work underway, both PBOT and the city have begun to try to invest to improve the safety and recommend approval the condition and the safety and that was predated per the transfer agreement. There are crossings that are under design now. And repaving project in the southern part of the corridor from foster road to the city limits are led by the Oregon department of transportation. As you look at the \$80 million, we're ramming that against street lighting, pedestrian crossings, corridor safety, and major maintenance project. I'll talk about the details as I go forward. When it comes to lighting, we want to add street lighting to improve visibility. There are segments of 82nd that don't have lighting on both sides so we will complete the network. And have lighting on both sides. We're investing on new crossings on 82nd and we stopped to try to decide which funding, but by the end of 2026 there will be 18 new pedestrian crossings on 82nd. We're thinking about signals or beacons to make the street safe to cross. We'll begin -- some of the projects will be this summer and those in progress and continuing to build those in 2023 and 2024 and more in 2025 and 2026. You can imagine what a difference this will make for people using the corridor to have a safe place to cross. This is important for people accessing business and transit stops in this corridor. We will also look at corridor safety improvement. How can we use signal timing to reduce the speeding on this corridor? How do we update signs and signal heads. A big deal is adding crosswalk markings which is something PBOT does. We'll be able to implement the changes relatively quickly in the next two years. The paving condition is an issue on 82nd particularly as it becomes a city roadway. We'll be complementing the paving already happening with two more miles of repaving funding by the rescue act funds. We'll be upgrading the curb ramps with the paving projects and we'll update all the curb ramps to meet ada by 2030 and we'll rebuild signals and that will include accessibility upgrades and safety enhancements and generally making the signals to a state of repair over time as a bureau. When we get to 2026, this roadway will look significantly different and we will have a lot of need, but it will look different than it does

today. I'll hand it over to julia reid who is making a huge impact in managing this program. Julia, talk about what comes next.

Julia Reed: I'm julia reid, a senior transportation planner with PBOT. The work that kristen described will be constructed by 2026. At the same time that we act on the near term needs, we want to look to the future. We're engaging for future investments to confirm priorities. As part of the future investment, we'll have a significant amount of community engagement to support vision for 82nd avenue and include on line and in-person forums and surveys but importantly coordination with community-based organizations at the core to make sure we assist in community needs. Oregon walks has received its own allocation of funding for the state to lead "reimagine 82nd" which focuses on community conversations. Once we know what the programming and prioritization will be, we'll start designing and constructing those projects in 2026 with the goal of completing them by 2028 or 2030 depending on the scale and type of investments we're talking about. Thank you. In addition to confirming the community vision, other key outcomes include having an implementation project list starting in 2026. Part of this is creating a competitive application for federal transit funding. As others mentioned, line 72 is a high ridership bus if the region. We'll continue to work community, metro and trimet to determine what transit serves the community and whether that's improvements or other ideas to improve transit speed and reliability is something that we'll determine together with community. We want to make sure that we recognize the needs in this area that are beyond transportation infrastructure that means supporting the community in efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing in the area and building upon workforce training programs and focusing on local hiring and disadvantage hiring. And give businesses technical support. We work with our partners to procure additional federal resources. If they're funded, it will support the communities in these ways. We're working with metro for future investment on 82nd. I would like to encourage everyone to visit the project web site and sign up for updates

about the project to stay informed. Next slide. At this time I would like to transition back to commissioner Hardesty for the invited testimony.

**Hardesty:** Thank you all. What an excellent presentation. I don't have the list of our invite testimony sent to me.

**Warner:** If it's okay, I can help you with that. What we do is go with the three legislators. I think they talked among themselves on who should go first then we have brian from ODOT and duncan and ashley.

**Hardesty:** I know I is a -- I know state senator michael dembrow. He can take it from there.

**Senator Denbow:** Thank you commissioner. Mayor, commissioners, I want is to thank you for taking this important historic and exciting step today. I'm the senator for district 23 which includes most of the parts of northeast and southeast Portland traversed by 82nd from northeast going in the north to southeast duke going to the south. I knew this was a problem from the beginnings. It wasn't until I was running for office in 2007 and 2008 and door knocking that I understood the magnitude of the problem whether it was the potholes, speeding, accidents and deaths, lack of accessing for residents with disabilities. Sense of ugliness and the sense that residents there were undervalued and ignored that 82nd was a barrier dividing communities rather than a bridge uniting them. I heard it all at the doorsteps. Most of the challenges continue to exist today many years later. During that time, I or my staff, attended countless meetings with representatives of the city and ODOT. I submitted legislation and lobbied for the issue of orphaned highways hoping that 82nd would rise to the top. It didn't work out but it brought broad awareness of the need to prioritize 82nd. Among my colleagues, when you said "orphaned highway" though heard 82nd avenue. Thanks to the work of my colleagues before you today especially rep pham and commissioner Hardesty, when the stars aligned, we were able to seize the moment. No more pointing fingers of the state's responsibilities to city's responsibility, or city's responsibility, the people who live on it

and shop on it who go to school and college on it are Portlanders and Oregonians. It won't be solved by siloed solutions, it will requires a true partnership. The action you take today is the culmination of years of hard work by many on this zoom and not on this zoom. Too many to thank, but it will help make Portland a safer and more livable city for generations to come. I appreciate the way that PBOT jumped in this work and I look forward to transferring jurisdiction and revitalizing this area. Metaphorically speaking, if there are any residual potholes or bumps in the road, please consider us your road crew. You know where to find us. Thank you again.

**Hardesty:** Thank you senator. I appreciate you. Next we'll hear from representative smith warner.

**Representative Smith Warner:** Thank you so much commissioner Hardesty, and thank you to everyone for having us here. I will just briefly say that it has been -- it has been a pleasure watching this really finally take place. I was trying to remind myself some of the other orphaned highways around the state. When I first became involved in this I was reminded of the import was in 2017 the last time we did a significant transportation package for the state. As part of our tour around the state, we saw orphaned highways in all parts of the state from central Oregon to around the metro area. To acknowledge, it's important to assume good intent. So we need to acknowledge when a state is in charge of a road, they have different priorities than the city does or will. For the state, it was a mode of transportation, the goal is to get vehicles and goods through on a roadway. What that street represents to that community, we have a very different perspective. I know as part of house bill 2017 in 2017 we start with a couple of sample ones to demonstrate to get the kinks worked out of how it would work. I want to acknowledge there is investment from everyone about this. The state isn't just saying here you go, good luck city of Portland. See what you can make out of the street. We are not only the arpa money we invested as a legislature, but the future ODOT deployment on that. It's critical that we engage and don't just -- engage the

community and engage with resources to make this into the street that can redefine that commitment. Keep us involved because we're all invested in this. It's exciting to see how Portland -- I think we'll be a model for how they do this in other parts confident state to acknowledge the impact on the community that these roads have. And I want to call out maybe they've been mentioned before congressman bloom and alissa keny-guyer who is involved in the community work on this as well and say i'm thrilled to be here seeing this happen. With that, I'll turn it over to our representative.

**Hardesty:** You can't take my job.

#### **Representative Smith Warner:** Sorry.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that excellent testimony. Now we will hear from representative khanh pham.

**Representative Pham:** I'm khanh pham from house district 46. It's so moving to be here today because after -- to be on both sides as a key organizer before I joined the legislature, I spent years knocking on doors and talking with community members and advocating for changes and investments on 82nd avenue. To be here today is incredible for me. This agreement actually is a testament to the power of community organizing and refusing to take no for an answer. We all deserve safe streets and neighborhoods. This historic funding and agreement brings real changes for the thousands of residents that rely on the street. I'm excited to actively envision the future of 82nd avenue and build a place where all our communities can stay here and thrive. It's the work of so much unrelenting commitment to the 82nd street improvement coalition and Oregon walks and so many legislators in the past. 82nd he avenue has been a dividing line for so many years both in terms of race and class and health impacts. It's one of the most racially diverse areas in our state with immigrant-owned small businesses, schools, restaurants and it's been dangerous for so many people to merely walking across the street or biking across the street particularly our youth and elders and people with disabilities as well as immigrants. As mentioned, the last -- between 2007 and 2018 we

had many deaths and two deaths within two weeks during my first session in 2021. 82nd is one of the many deadly roads in our city which harm low income bipoc communities. We need the safety and community in many corridors in our city including state highway 26 which just saw two pedestrian fatalities in the space of a month recently. These steps will continue in the years to come unless we change something about it. These are people with families and friends and these deaths impact the entire communities. I'm here to celebrate this historic transfer today, but it's also a sobering day as I think about what is at steak. This is a life or death issue for our communities and folks are being terribly injured and dying on our streets. I hope the memory and families will ground us and fill us with determination and I look forward with partnering with the city of Portland as we make you are streets safe for all of Portland's communities. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much representative pham. We're going to now hear from Ryan windchime from the Oregon department of transportation. Thank you for being here.

**Rian Windsheimer:** Good afternoon mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. I'm Ryan and as commissioner Hardesty stated, today is the culmination of many years of hard work and many community organizations and several legislative champions. Ones here today, thank you for being here today. Many along the way have also helped us get to this point. Transferring 82nd avenue transfers back decades beginning with strong advocates from the community. ODOT and PBOT worked together for lowering speed limits. When the legislature asked ODOT and PBOT asked for a shared agreement on the transfer our years of planning paid off. With the arpa funding from the legislature and the Oregon transportation commitment of \$70 million, we're now in a position to seek your city council approval of the transfer and to begin the transformation of 82nd. I would like to recognize PBOT staff who came up with the plan to get it over the finish line and thank you to director warner, katie for your leadership and the whole PBOT team for pulling the pieces together and my team here. The many who built the foundation of trust at that work through this complex task. I would like to recognize the leadership of the Oregon transportation commission who approved the \$70 million commitment from ODOT. As challenging as this effort seemed as times, i'm certain that the traffic of delivering these improvements will be even more challenging. Taking on it new videoed not easy. As someone who took on cornelius and the new highway, it can be tough. In this case, the city has a solid plan. I'm excited to see that plan and excited to see it delivered. \$150 million provided by the state, it is funding necessary to make the transformational improvements that the communities on 82nd have been asking for. ODOT will continue to be a strong partnership. We're planning to cut the ribbon on the beacons one on 82nd and pacific and one at 82nd and mitchell before the official daylight of june 1st and we're continuing to work with you to improve the safety and operations of our integrated transportation network. I'm pleased to hand over the keys of 82nd avenue. Thank you for your good partnership that we celebrate today. Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much. This partnership going to be a good long-term partnership. I can feel it. Next we'll hear from councilor duncan kwong.

**Duncan Hwang:** Good afternoon. Thank you commissioner Hardesty, and good afternoon mayor Wheeler and city council. I'm duncan kwong and i'm here serving in my role as associated director of apano. We're headquartered along 82nd avenue and serve as the convener for the prosperity network. I'm proud to say i'm a resident of 82nd avenue and I work along 82nd avenue and actually 82nd and pacific. And i've he been watching the beacon being constructed down the street from me so thank you ODOT for that investment. It's been a long time coming and reflects decades of organizing efficacy from the community. When our organization first began working along 82nd avenue. Our goal was to improve public health outcomes, build community power and prevent involuntary displacements. We did a community project done in six languages.

The top can community priority was transportation safety. Between 2007 and 2017, 1996 people were killed or injured along 82nd. We worked tirelessly across legislative sessions and with local jurisdictions and ODOT address this emergency. This includes working on 2017 roads plan and advocated in 2018 that metro including 82nd avenue and the constrain lists and worked on house bill 2846 to study orphaned highways across the states. That fail. We worked on moving transportation measure in 2020 which also failed. Finally in 2021, star as lined go we were able to get the funding secured for jurisdictional transfer. Persistence was key and every year we get not this year, it's a great idea but not going to work out. We finally got to a "yes." I want to thank all of the leadership, particularly my colleague representative khanh pham and representative win thers and pdot commissioner Hardesty and leaders from the community that made this dream a reality. We're proud of our work serving our community. And we work daily with community members to build community cohesion and this includes working in planning and doing advocacy. We have leadership development programs and worked on building affordable housing and small business support. During the pandemic working on food security. In the 2020 census, it reflects our work from 2010 to 2020. Black communities grew 17.1%. 82nd avenue has become a landing point for new immigrants and folks being displaced from gentrified neighborhoods and I believe this is part of an indicator of enabled success as we serve needs as demographic change in our community. Told we look towards a future in a new area. Transportation and safety improvements are only the beginning in the city's leadership, 82nd avenue can now become the pacific corridor and east of roses that we know it can be. We're glad that metro is continuing to support the transit planning with an eye to high capacity transit and we're grateful for investments to get this going. Today we have an opportunity to live up to our end of displacement goals just as our communities are moving to 82nd avenue setting up businesses and putting down roots, anti-displacement is critical. I look forward with looking with city leadership and a plan in the corridor that centers this

community. Make sure that the communities along this corridor will able to enjoy the benefits. Jurisdictional transfer is a milestone today but real work begins look toward the future. Thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. You can rest assured that PBOT and I are there to make sure this is a community-driven process. No doubt about it. Last but not least, Oregon walks director ashton simpson.

**Ashton Simpson:** Thank you commissioner Hardesty. Good afternoon, mayor and city council. Thank you for the opportunity to provide the testimony for the jurisdictional transfer of 82nd he avenue. What a momentous day. This is like pop the champagne. This is one of the biggest problem roads in the city for a long time. There is now \$185 million investment happening for this community. We have a real opportunity to bring in equitable development and real outcomes that can lift up folks who live, work, worship and play on 82nd avenue. Let's take a moment to honor all those folks some who spoke told who have put in tireless efforts and countless hours for advocating for 82nd avenue. Many individuals have been harmed or lost their lives on this road. We lost 2 folkses within two weeks and we held a rally. The outcome was momentous. From account speed limiting to the ultimate transfer. We stood on the shoulders of those advocates and community groups to can complete the mission. We pushed it along the finish line. As we reimagine 82nd, I hope we remember those that dade and those that are injured. Safety must be a priority which means more protected spaces for pedestrians and places where cyclists can be safe and means space for people with mobility challenges can do more than just get around but enjoy and feel welcomed. Now that we have ownership as a city over the corridor, it will be up to us to decide what the road will look like and how it works for the community. This effort must be led by centering the voices of the community and see how this corridor works for them. As Oregon walks leads us to reimagine what it will be, we must include our partners at the table. I strongly urge this body to give your bureaus the community-led efforts. We

need to make sure this has the full attention of our bureaus and the missions are addressed. As I understand it, this will be the biggest project of investment in a low income and diverse community that the city has embarked on. 82nd avenue is the highest ridership for transit. As we plan for a future where we take seriously the climate crisis we face prioritizing our transit riders and work to ensure that their transportation is reliable. We need to reduce the heat impacts. Inclusive, safety measures that translate to more protective spaces for pedestrians and cyclists and people living with disabilities. The opportunity to reimagine 82nd will draw the interest and pressure from developers whose vision is not always rooted in the community. Adopting an anti-displacement perspective, intentionally build support the affordable housing opportunities so folks that liver there now can remain if their community will only make this project stronger. We must get this right to set the example of how the city of Portland can and will develop equitably moving into can communities that we know must be up lifted. This is a moment when we need to give people vision and hope for better outcomes and to build trust and know that the city of Portland is paying attention. I urge you, council, to not only support this transfer but support the community and its efforts to make 82nd avenue a viable and safe home for future residents.

**Hardesty:** Thank you so much, ashton simpson. I know there was a reason I helder if you last because you hit on all the points that I think are really critical that will as we imagine 82nd avenue, ensuring that those who live and work and worship on 82nd avenue today will be able to continue to have that opportunity after the development happens. That's not normally a thing that is so. But I want you to know today I am committed to that. Before I turn it back over to the mayor, I do want to take a moment to appreciate stacy cowen who is our government affairs representative who spends a lot of time in salem trying to get our legislatures to support our legislative agenda. She did a fabulous job of helping us bring this project over the finish line. I did not want to miss the opportunity to publicly thank stacy and I want to acknowledge herb who has

been a champion for a long, long time on us getting the resources necessary to make these improvements on 82nd avenue. On that note, mayor, I believe we have covered all our invited testimony and I will turn the podium back over to you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner. Thank you everybody for your invited testimony and presentation. I will look to make Megan, do we have any public testimony?

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

Wheeler: Excellent. Three minutes each, please.

**Clerk:** First we have heidi schultz.

Wheeler: Good afternoon, heidi. Heidi schultz.

Hardesty: Looks like you're on mute, heidi.

**Heidi Schultz:** Here we go. Hello mayor Wheeler and city council. I'm heidi schultz. My husband and I have been residents of northeast Portland for 30 years. We have a son who is a sophomore at the high school. After the renovated school this fall, we began up and down northeast 82nd avenue on a regular basis taking our son to school. What we saw larmond us. Sex workers and shootings. We contacted the schoolworker as well as elected officials and officials on fixing the safety issues on mcdaniel. We formed a safety committee with the ptsa. We were invited to join a round table for pdot and shared ideas and were receptive to our feedback and we continued to our communication with pdot. We feel there is urgent need for help near our school. This week there was a lock-in because of a shooting 30 minutes after hundreds of students were walking along 82nd avenue going to restaurants and markets during lunch. Earlier this year there was a shooting near the school. A few weeks ago a student was struck by a car in crossing 82nd in front of school. We wanted a 20 miles per hour speed zone a enacted and cameras would be helpful to alleviate speeding and heo illicit activities reported. Please let me know who I contact so we can help facilitate positive changes along 82nd avenue. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

**Clerk:** Next we have michael sonlander.

Michael Sonnleitner: Hello folks. This is an historic day. I do feel like celebrating. I thank everyone who has covered most everything I wanted to say already. I myself live on southeast 80th avenue. I have for some 16 years. And I'm a trustee of Portland community college. One thing that I had not heard yet, beyond general accolades for unnamed people who have for decades have worked for this change, i'd like to make us aware, remind us it's not just those who push it across the finish line, specifically I would like to call out nancy chapin who for a long, long time, decades, has been active with the 82nd avenue business association who had a heavy hand in giving the rose parade element on 82nd avenue off and running for many decades. She had this idea that we have to after years decades of disinvestment, transfer this to the city of Portland. She inspired brian kwong now brian redlay to have the improvement coalition. That was some 10 years ago. I was associated with that as vice chair of the coalition since 2014. What I can say is those people and the core group to the improvement coalition to serve as an inspiration as to how we can reach out, educate elected officials. Move them to undertake actions in a salem and elsewhere. Countless hours and monthly meetings for a decade before we began to have a place practically speaking with the stars aligning, that allowed the finish line to push across. Let us keep these folks in mind and congratulate all, including the more recent and very, very helpful people who have helped this, khanh pham and many others, but let us remember the past. And let us continue to support this in the future. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, michael.

**Clerk:** Our final testifier is keele johnson.

Kiel Johnson: Welcome, keele.

Hardesty: I don't see that person. Hello.

Wheeler: There you are.

**Kiel Johnson:** I'm kyle johnson the chair of bike lab. Our mission is to help the city keep the transportation goal of 25% of all trips made by bike. We look forward to working with pdot and other community organizations to make sure this street is built to the highest possible standards and lifts us to its potential to create value for those that use it. Making 82nd safer for all users is crucial. The work is star from over. One of the reasons we're here is ODOT and pdot have very different missions. For many other parts of our city to be successful, we need to be the city in control of our streets. The Oregon department of transportation controls many more of our corridors and continue to be the cost of Portlanders lives. ODOT plans to spend millions on expansions we need many this implemented before any money is used for freeway expansions and use that money for transferring the rest of our orphan -- rest of our orphaned highways to the city. Over the years there have been crashes and deaths on barber boulevard also controlled by ODOT. They even made a safety audit which has never been implemented. At the time ODOT spokesman don hamton said you can't do this quickly while looking at the needs of everybody. That was in 2014. This is necessary because policies plans and spending do not line up with Portlands. Until more orphaned highways are a made attention to we'll not meet our goals. Why should others have more say over our streets than Portlanders?

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that can complete public testimony?

Clerk: It does.

**Wheeler**: Thank you kyle and mike and heidi for being here today. This is a time to ask any questions and we're here to answer any questions you may have. Seeing none, this is the emergency ordinance, please call the role.

**Ryan:** I think I heard my name. Thank you so much commissioner Hardesty, director warner and pdot staff and kristen hall and julia reid. It's a great presentation today. And also the testimony. It's great to have you here, senator and representative and kohn pham and duncan lange here. In is a day to pop champagne. I also want to thank the

people who live and go to school, students at mcdonald, the elementary, those who play and worship along in the area of 82nd. As we make it feel more like the signs "avenue of roses" as representative holmes said for those who lost their lives, we hold you in our heart today. Someone who lived in this area all my life, I see the lack of infrastructure in those investments into our outer neighborhoods. This orphaned highway ordinance for 82nd is long overdue and the focus on the seven smiles exciting. I'm glad that this change today and the future projects along 82nd will positively impact us and address long-standing requests for improvement on 82nd. The transportation improvements increase likelihood of gentrificationing to I appreciate pdot explaining the importance of this partnership between the bureaus and government agencies to ensure that the infrastructure improvements do not impact long-term Portlanders or businesses. I'm grateful that the houser bureau has been included in recent conversations. This infusion of dollars from the american "american rescue plan act" will get this project well on the way but these are complex local problems and take complex solutions. That's why we're on the shoartled of -- shoulders of others who have done the work. For years 82nd has been an area of the city but the state had the authority. It's kind of surprising that this hasn't happened earlier. It's such a big deal that we're officially moving the authority of responsibility from the state to the city. Complex local problems take complex local solutions and it helps to be in a jurisdiction that is local. We hope this is the beginning of more orphaned highway transfers that my colleagues will continue to escalate. Let's be clear that we watch how we do this so let's get it right. I'll work with commissioner Hardesty and others as we begin the implementation of upgrades along 82nd avenue. It's a day to celebrate and i'm pleased to vote. Clerk: Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** They said this day would never arrive! I want to start by thanking chris warner and the incredible staff at pdot and Ryan for being -- i'm sorry, I always mess up your name. Windchiemer -- I get closer. ODOT has been a strong partner and I wanted

my colleagues to remember that -- I want my colleagues to remember that this is a two-part process. The first \$80 million is for specific safety improvements now and into the next two years. The bigger redesign, reimagining 82nd avenue will start soon, but it's not -- I want to make sure you know it's two parts. So is that you can can hold us accountable to the two parts that we're planning. And I again, want to put it on public record, it's my indon't make sure that the community is driving what the vision is as we start reimagining 82nd avenue. We should be a model for how we ensure that the people who are there today will benefit from these transit improvements tomorrow. We don't have a model. We'll build the model because we have not done it yet as a city, as a state, as a country. We'll be building the model, but that's my commitment to community-based organizations who will be working with us to make that happen. I also want to say that we were intentional about how this property was transferred. It had to be transferred with resources to bring it up to a standard. We can't just take on orphaned highways without the resources to actually improve them. It's an important partnership to ensure the legislature provided the resources for us to be able to start that process. I am proud of this partnership, i'm proud of the community partners, the legislative leadership, and as everybody said, it didn't start this year. This has been a long, long couple of decades of effort by smart people. I think we can be proud of where we are today and where we're moving to tomorrow. I'm happy to vote "aye."

**Clerk:** It looks like there was an amendment we needed to put forward for exhibit a, a proposed substitute exhibit a on this item.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I was unaware there was an amended "a." director warner? Do you know?
Warner: I don't know anything about the amendment. Chris, could you do?
Hull: I also don't know. I wonder --

Hardesty: Maybe it's not us.

**Hull:** There is an amended version of the iga.

Wheeler: Where is this coming from? Nobody told me anything about this.

Hardesty: I see [indiscernible] wants to be recognized.

**DelCotto:** I notice in the filing that the original filed exhibit a looks like draft of the jurisdictional agreement and there is a proposed amendment a filed which is the jurisdictional agreement. I believe that should be motioned to adopt that amended version.

**Wheeler:** All right. Better late than never. I suppose. However I'm into the roll call on the original, soy guess I'll -- so I guess I'll need your good legal vice because is this a unique situation. I don't believe in my five plus years as serving as the providing officer we had an amendment offered in the midst of a final vote.

**DelCotto:** Sure, go ahead and recall the vote.

Wheeler: Do I need a majority of the council to agree to spend the vote?

**DelCotto:** Go ahead and do that since we're halfway through. I don't think that will change the vote.

**Wheeler:** I would like to move that we revoke the vote and pull it back and kill it, quash it.

Hardesty: Second.

**Wheeler:** I have a second from commissioner Hardesty. Any discussion? Seeing none, call the roll on the motion.

**Clerk:** Ryan:.

Ryan: Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

**Clerk:** Rubio.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye.

**Wheeler:** So we found a way to go back in time. So now can you please explain again what is the amendment that you're proposing. So that we all understand.

**DelCotto:** Looking what was filed which on the agenda we have exhibit a which was filed.

**Wheeler:** Are you suggesting that what is in the documental is a rough draft and you need a finalized version?

**DelCotto:** Correct, there was a proposed amendment filed which would be the final version. That proposed amendment just needs to be adopted.

**Wheeler:** So the proposed amendment is to substitute the draft with the final version.

**DelCotto:** Correct.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, do you want to make that motion?

Hardesty: Yes, I move amendment a to substitute the original document.

**Wheeler:** I'll second. Any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, call the roll.

Clerk: Ryan.

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Rubio.

Rubio: Is this for the final vote?

Wheeler: No.

Rubio: Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye.

**Clerk:** So the amendment is now on the table. We'll go back to where we were. We'll now ask megan to call the roll on the motion as amended.

**Clerk:** Ryan.

**Ryan:** Don't worry, I will not repeat my comments. Everything I said earlier, i'm still all in, I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** My apologies for the confusion. I was unaware but we're on the same page now. This is still a historic day and i'm happy to vote on it.

**Clerk:** Rubio.

I want to thank commissioner Hardesty and pdot for all the work on this Rubio: project. I want to do a big congratulations to apano and all the community partners as well as representative pham, senator dembrow and many other legislators and community leaders and area residents. What a great day. This is an exciting and pro found moment for those living and working and using 82nd daily. Up until recently I lived three blocks from 82nd for a decade. This is important for people walk examining biking and going to school and driving in one of our most diverse neighborhoods Portland. The changes to increase safety and access for neighborhoods is long overdue. It's so exciting now to see the results of this advocacy and opportunities that this opens up. There is still significant planning and partnerships and work to be done, but i'm grateful that we have a great start initiated by the state legislators. I'm excited in the community approach from start to finish. These kinds of partnerships will enable robust discussions with businesses and residents and community to help shape the vision for this boulevard and make it safe in honor of those who lost their lives to the traffic fatalities. Finally, just a congratulations to all. It's a big win win for 82nd community and this is a true collaborative partnership to make all of us proud. I'm thrilled to see how this project unfolds and i'm happy to vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Thank you all. I appreciated the presentation today. It's a good uplifting opportunity for all of us and I want to thank the good people at PBOT and I want to thank ODOT and thank the state legislators and thank commissioner Hardesty for

shepherding this. All the community organizations and individuals involved in the process over so many years. I'm reluctant to call this a finish line. This is a way point. This reminds me in mountaineering, you work hard to get to the summit of a particular mountain. When you get there is always someone who says we did it, we're halfway. Which is true. My experience with road transfers particularly from the state to the city suggests to me that the hard work is ahead of us. It's realizing the vision that so many people worked so hard on. This way point is historic because it's the necessary way point. It's the threshold we must cross transferring the ownership of 82nd avenue to be able to do the work at that we want to do. Now we have to do the work and I want to particularly thank our state legislators on the line today for their advocacy in making sure that we got arpa dollars that can be used toward changes we want to make on 82nd avenue. But as we heard through director warner's testimony, this is not a short-term project. This is a long-term project. This will continue to unfold over the course of many, many years. And as we heard from our great testimony, I think heidi in particular put her finger on it, there are urgent needs today. There will be high expectations from the public as they hear about this transfer, expectations that will be transferred from the state to the city in terms of outcomes around safety, around viability, livability, infrastructure, that's all on us now. And so be prepared for that reality as we celebrate this important and historic way point. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you all. So we have another item today, but it's a time certain. We cannot take it up until 3: 30 p.m. Let's take a short recess here until 3: 30 p.m. Thank you all.

### Council recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

**Wheeler:** Thank you everybody for coming. Really appreciate you being here today. Thank you.

**Clerk:** We'll have an independent review of the police report, and public safety in a time can have change.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor. I wanted to, for the record, say I had something on my calendar for some time that begins at 4: 00. It's an important matter. But i'm having trouble getting out of that commitment.

**Wheeler:** No problem, thank you for letting us know. I'll turn this over to robert taylor and michael.

**Robert Taylor:** Thank you mayor, i'm robert taylor, i'm the Portland city attorney. Thank you for mentioning mr. Jenako [phonetic]. This report was commissioned --**Wheeler:** Let me apologize to mr. Jenako for getting his name completely wrong. **Taylor:** I have said his name about five different ways over the past year. He's been very generous with me. This report was commissioned by my office at the request of the mayor and commissioner Hardesty in the spring of 2021. It was a result of the leak of the false information on hit-and-run. The goal of the report was to do a cultural assessment of the police bureau's culture in looking at racial bias, political bias and resistance to change. Trying to assess whether the policies, practices of the bureau were driven by those three items and if so, what were the root causes and what were recommended as practices to address the root causes. The report was released in january of this year. And we posted it publicly on our website at that time and right now, we are bringing this to council for council to consider accepting the report and mr. Jenako and his team are here to present and I believe they have a powerpoint presentation also.

**Wheeler:** Robert, could I ask you what seems like a small point but something that I've been discussing with some of my colleagues, are we voting to September report? Or are we merely receiving the report?

**Taylor:** It's are the vote to accept the report, but what that means is you are receiving -- you are receiving it. Accepting it doesn't mean you agree with every single recommendation or validating it.

**Wheeler:** That's been a subject of conversation among my colleagues and myself. I wanted to among my colleagues and myself. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Does this report have any validity after it is accepted into the city of Portland? What happens next?

**Taylor:** If it's accepted by the city council, then it will be up to the council and the bureau to decide which recommendations they want to advance, which they agree with and do not agree with. Council can give direction to the bureau, the bureau can implement them. If council disagrees with a particular recommendation, they can give that direction to the bureau as well.

**Hardesty:** I think we'll have that conversation after the presentation. Thank you so much. Robert.

**Taylor:** Thank you commissioner. If there is no other questions at this stage, why don't I introduce mr. Jenako and his firm. Mike is a former federal prosecutor and he's got expertise in the field of police oversight. He's done other work for the city in the past particularly after officer-involved shootings. And I want to thank mike for his work for the city in the past and for his work on this report. For 20 years, ori group has worked on a range of jurisdictions throughout several states. Their work has included cutting administrative reviews, monitoring police operations, conducting investigations and preparing public reports. And it's my pleasure to introduce mr. Jenako, mike, are you running the powerpoint presentation?

**Michael Gennaco:** I can hardly chew gum and talk at the same time robert, but I have a colleague, teresa who has it up and running.

**Taylor:** Thank you. It's all yours, mike, if you would introduce yourself for record team and if anybody else is going to present, please have them introduce themselves for the record.

Gennaco: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Mayor, and commissioners, it's great to be before you this afternoon. I'm going to present a high-level overview of our report. Focusing on the recommendations because I think it's the recommendations that are the key to effectuate any change with regard to the issues identified through our work. We'll obviously be available to answer any questions within the report that I do not cover in my initial comments. I do have the rest of my core team with me as well. Julie rueland, teresa magola and stephen connolly. Should there be questions that I know they were more involved in than I was, I will defer questions over to them. I'll start off the discussion. Can we go to the next slide, please. As a indicated, this is intended to be a high-level review of our report and the methodology we use. We are going to focus on the key recommendations of our report. They're 28 recommendations. We're not going over all of them. But the ones we think are the ones that would be the most transforming deserve discussion and we'll be talking about them. Finally of course, should the mayor and commissioners have any questions, we'd be more than happy to address them during this presentation. Next slide, please. As mr. Taylor indicated, the three questions that we were asked to consider were critical questions. One as indicated on these bullet points, I won't read them, but one has do with whether or not outcomes are driven by racial bias and whether others are driven by political bias and finally whether the police bureau is resistant to change felt by the community. It's interesting, this very week, two different auditing groups release similar reports to the one -- released similar reports to the one that we're talking about today so this is not unique to Portland or looking at policing throughout the country. The state of california auditor released a report yesterday examining five different agencies in california and examining whether there is an issue of racial bias in the way they do their work. More

prominent, the state human relations group in minnesota released a report yesterday looking at the minneapolis police department which was the department that hired derek chauvin for the murder in minneapolis. That report found that there was a racial component to the work in minneapolis. It's a topical issue. And as indicated in our report, while we were not in a position to definitively answer that the bureau as a bureau is driven by racial bias or political bias or resistant to change, as we indicated through the facts in our report, there is a litany of events that are uncontroverted that speak to potential concerns in each of the areas. We didn't go all the way back to the beginning of the bureau. But we started in the '08s with discussing -- '80s of celebrated incidents of racial bias by police officers. Not only the incidents themselves, but the ways in which the bureau and the city and bureau at least at the time did not specifically address the issues and concerns at that came out. What was particularly unique about some of the incidents themselves was the way in which not the perpetrators, but other members of the bureau reacted to the incidents that were seriously causes for concern. The consideration that they were jokes or to highlight an in-custody death case and suggest by mimicking t-shirts that the conduct was tolerable and okay. There was that undercurrent that was identified. The other metric that is also not controvertable but evident and I talked in detail in our report is the disparity in the way people of color are treated or impacted by the work of the police bureau to the detriment of those individuals of color, the disparities in arrest and disparities in use of force and disparities in officer-involved shootings which we have a if I can familiarity because of the work we've done. Those disparities continue to exist. Something is going on there and it is evident of a differential team within the bureau between people of color and white people. With regard to the political guy bias question, there are threads of evidence indicating that particularly more recently the actions at least by members of the police bureau and elected representatives of the police bureau have certainly indicated a political bias. Perhaps the most celebrated was the investigation I was actually asked by

the city of Portland to be involved in and participated in and that was the investigation into the leaked information that ended up being false information but leaked information of an allegation of hit-and-run by one of your commissioner. What was strike to me in doing that investigation was that it wasn't just one individual that leaked information, it was five city employees that leaked information at various situations regarding the incident. Clearly without getting into the details of those investigations too much, there was evidence that the motivation by at least some in leaking that information was driven by a political bias. There was also a reported case involving a commander, a person of high rank within the police bureau who was found by one of the election board to have violated the precepts of that and the regulations of that election law requirement by commenting negatively about a currently elected official while she was in a public position in a public meeting. Another that there was some political bias going on by at least some members of the Portland police bureau that may be fueling or impacting the way in which they do their work and how they keep the city of Portland safe, finally the question about resistance to change is indicated in our report. We saw an issue of that by bureau members. Perhaps the best evidence is the evidence we have been most close to which is the fact that over the years weave he been tasked with reviewing officer-involved shootings. We made numerous recommendations. While some of those recommendations have been accepted, we have seen over the course of the time weave been doing it work, al recommendations that received lip service but when all is done they haven't been accepted or implemented. That's yet another indication in our view that there are threads of resistance to change by the bureau and the events that I've highlighted and the other work that I have -- that is included in the report provides further evidence of resistance to change. Again, we did not answer these questions unequivocally because the bureau is made up of many members. We believe and know there are many members of the bureau who do not conduct their work driven by political bias or racial bias and maybe accepting of change
and not resistant to change. But there are also threads going in the other way. Going the other way. There are cross currents as with any large organization. Next slide, please. This is just a very brief overview of the way in which we organized our work. We did some listening sessions. We prepared a survey for the Portland police bureau to get more insight anonymously from membership in the bureau. We use that information in the listening sessions as well as other examinations talking with leadership to identify common threads and also to gain from them any changes that have occurred. And the report is gotten a number of initiatives started that are about to be started that are discussed in detail in our report and finally making recommendations for the city and bureau on a going forward basis that we believe will not solve, but alleviate some of the tension and issues that are identified in the report. Before I leave this slide, I should say we were challenged by a couple of events beyond our control. One is we were not able to do what we were hoping to do which is a site visit where we'd have town halls and interface with the communities, particularly communities most impacted by the bureau's work. But that was not achievable as a result of the first delta and omicron variant raging during the time that we were commissioned to do this work. Making on site visits not only and not recommended, but potentially hazardous presenting safety issues that we interfaced with so we didn't do that. The other thing is we prepared 1-on-1 listening sessions with the community so the report could have a community-centered focus, but again, because of time constraints and the inability to get the wheels in motion under the deadline we were given, we were not able to have that community-centered focus and while we were able to have a limited amount of stakeholders, we would have had in if we had had the time and ability to do so. I will now focus on the recommendations as indicated and these are some of the recommendations that we think were the most prominent and helpful and try to alleviate some of the issues that were identified in the report itself. One is that we think that the bureau can and should do more with regard to ferreting out members of the police bureau who have associations particularly

articulated associations and actual membership with hate groups. While there has been attempts in the past and currently to hold accountable those who hold views that are not with the core values of the police bureau and city, we believe more could and should be done in this area both with regard to investigations and both are regard to increasing the penalties for those who stray into areas where their viewpoints and articulated viewpoints cause -- would cause there to be distrust among your community if in fact those same officers are patrolling the streets of Portland. Those recommendations go everywhere from increasing the disciplinary matrix to ensure such actions are potentially available and penalized at the highest level to doing more with regard to the investigative phase of for applicants and those who want to become affiliated with the bureau. Fortunately as we indicated in the report, the state has made some headway with regard to giving more authority with regard to accessing social network sites of applicants and others that did not exist just as soon as a couple of years ago. And the other thing that we have seen and it's not unique to allegations of racial discrimination or allegations of belonging to an out-lying political hate group is the inability to make discipline stick. Again, this is not solely a city of Portland problem. As you all do know, the state of Oregon requires binding arbitration to be the mechanism for appeal of discipline. As a result of that requirement, there is binding arbitration at the post disciplinary process of any disciplinary process by the bureau. The bureau has no chase but to pressure the city to agree to binding arbitration because of the state law. The results have been very unfortunate for the city of Portland over the past few years, I believe that four cases that have gone to binding arbitration by the arbitrator ruled against the city of Portland in all four cases. While we don't have any authority over what happens in salem to the degree that there is relief there and that there are other ways of effectuating a fair post disciplinary process is appoint I think that needs comment. We believe that the hiring process is one of the most critical processes that the bureau can undertake, if in fact interest is an interest in changing culture because it

will be the new members of the organization that will be the most likely to be more closely aligned with community values if in fact those community values are cherished and considered during the hiring process itself. So these recommendations go towards what we think would be important initiatives with regard to ensuring that incoming officers and their values and their life experiences and the way in which they view public safety, all those issues are more closely aligned with the current values of the community of Portland as expressed by the communities of Portland. So that can accomplished in a number of different ways. One is to re-think the criteria that the bureau should be looking for in determining next will be a Portland police bureau officer. And who should we reach out to when how do we reach out to potential individuals interested in policing as a career and finding ways of getting a more well rounded and educated and thoughtful individual who has more diverse life experiences. Older individuals into the hiring process. And being considered for membership in the bureau. And finally, because it is a community, we believe in community input in this process. We believe that it's important and imperative that on a going forward basis, that a community member is involved in the actual interview process for perspective new officers. We have made this recommendation in other jurisdictions and seen how just the addition of a community member in that interview process provides a more well-rounded perspective on who it is that should be considered for hire. Could we go to the next slide, please. Recommendation 24 is I think one of the most innovative and maybe the most important recommendations in the report. That is during the academy training, to find a way in which there could be a community-based component focusing not on law enforcement, not on how to handcuff people or writing citations or penal code but getting to encounter Portlanders in a different environment before having your first experience being somebody who you arrest and should be who you are patrolling or taking enforcement action against to provide new hires who are going through the training program an opportunity to engage with the Portland community in a non-law enforcement way. An opportunity to get to learn the city of Portland and its community in a different way where you're not enforcing the laws, but providing social services or helping with social service efforts in other contexts. What the researchers have told us and I believe it because they have told us this repeatedly, and it's uniform, is one of the ways in which inherent buys and I we you will have inherent bias to different degrees, but one of the ways in which inherent bias could be alleviated or one of the ways it occurs is when an individual has unfamiliarity with other people who do not look like that person. If you have know appearance or no real life experience with individuals who are not your color, not your race, not your creed, then when you encounter them for the first time, particularly in the public safety context, that encounter, at that foreignness that you may feel because of your lack of experience knowing these folks, can create an element of fear that's misplaced and an element of fear that causes you either consciously or unconsciously to act in a different way towards individuals that are not like you than individuals who may look like you or may be the same race as you. This is one of the recommendations that those researchers have advanced to find ways to get individuals who are not familiar with people of color, familiar with people of color, but not an enforcement context but different context. Next slide, please. Finally the recommendations that I also think that are important are to find ways to do more with the data that is already being collected by the bureau and by the city. We appreciate the work of the bureau to create statistical dash boards showing issues with regard to disparities and enforce disparities and arrests and searches. While some is being done in the city to try to identify these patterns and to try to figure out what is going on or what it is that is fueling disparities, more could and should be done to get to the root of the problem so that once that root can be identified, that other strategies can be deployed in ways that will improve the situation. Will the report to the recommendations solve this problem overnight? No. On a country built unfortunately on the work of people who were working against their will and in conditions of bondage and having that legacy and particularly in the public safety context, having that carry over to enforcement unfair jim crow laws with police officers being instructed by elected officials to do that dastardly work, it's going to take a lot more than an oir group report to solve this situation. But to the degree that these recommendations would be helpful, we think they would be helpful and try to bend the corvo a bit with regard to all -- curve a bit with regard to the challenges that the police department is facing. I'll end the preliminary remarks I made but i'm available to answer any questions, mr. Mayor, commissioners have and at your disposal to do so. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And possibly before we get to that, i'll ask megan, do we have any public testimony on this report?

**Clerk:** Four individuals on call.

**Wheeler:** Let's hear the testimony from those, being mindful to the fact that some people may need to go after that. Three minutes each.

**Clerk:** First we have donnie rainer.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Liani Reyna: Hello. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

**Reyna:** Could I have my video on so I can be seen?

Wheeler: Your preference.

**Reyna:** I would like the video on.

Wheeler: There you are.

**Reyna:** Good afternoon, mayor and city council members. I'm lonnie, a former police sargent. I'm a gay latina. On an airplane they tell you to place the oxygen mask on yourself before you assist another passenger. Mr. Mayor and councilmembers, first you need to build trust within the police bureau. I recommend that you lead -- these books will change agency culture. I've read various reports and studies by various organizations that talk about issues within this study. There are detectives which validate

my own experiences within the police bureau. The oir codifies the perception of the government that the police has a race issue. I believe they've been made aware of cultural issues within the bureau but fail to act upon and follow through with this knowledge. During my career there was training on justice and retaliation. Despite this training, the police commissioner failed to follow through. A consequences of the failure to follow through is in the workplace a police captain told me he enjoyed being a referee for college football because it was the last little boy job around. I was deeply offended by the statement. I believe the captain felt comfortable in expressing his intolerable viewpoint because the culture of the organization gave him that right. The oir group identified the mechanism allowing this propagation of culture to continue. There are acts of procedural injustices and never held accountable. The lieutenant later was promoted to internal affairs commission and has failed to hold white police officers accountable while targeting persons of color. Stop employing people who engage in bias positions of leadership. Mr. Mayor, i've heard you talk the talk but not walk the walk. I would like to you step up to the plate and swing the bat. I ask you to be the change agent and turn the tide. There are people who serve their community well, but there are also bad architects behaving badly. You said if you don't hold people accountable, they told that as approval. It's up to you to stop this systemic and institutionalized racism which other commissioners before you allowed to fester. I challenge you to be brave.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate it.

Clerk: Next, dan handelman.

**Dan Handelman:** Good afternoon mayor and councilmembers. I'm dan handelman. The report was published after a training presentation quitting people of color with violence. The majority of the report is about oir survey of police officers who believe they are not biased. Black Portlanders are disproportionately subjected to force by the ppd. An officer was not held accountable for choking a black man to death in 1985. This creatures as web the feet but we can't say it's a duck. The hope that the third iteration of a gun violence team that only got started in january. This is an aspirational review. The selling point for fit/cog is so make sure the work is not racially biased. The videos of the meetings are posted, not the minutes. They touch on bureau policies to limit when officers can pull people over for minor things like broken taillights. The overall number of stops have gun down. 25% were black. Three out of 12 people total. The ppb asserts they stop less than three in ail three month period. They deflected the idea and the response. Oir wants -- none of these ideas work without the first recommendation for the bureau to apologize for past and we hope current racial discrimination. There are calls to investigate cops who may be part of extremist groups and not let officers review the body-worn camera footage before writing reports. The police seem to collude with right-leaning groups. He [indiscernible] was voted out of office. She was fined \$225 but oir says she's appealing the finding. And also raise the question why she wasn't held accountable. Not that voter registration captures nuances, but there are 55% of voters registered as democrats and republicans. I have a couple more seconds if that's okay mr. Mayor.

Wheeler: You know the rules. Three minutes, a thank you. Next please.

**Clerk:** Next is jake docker.

**Hardesty:** We can't hear you, jake.

Jake Dockter: Can you hear me?

Hardesty: Now we can.

**Dockter:** Perfect. Thank you so much. Thank you for all the commissioners and I ask that oir report be rejected as it fails our city on many levels. I want to echo dan's amazing testimony. First the reason we ask you reject the report is by oir's own admission they never came to Portland. They did not engage stakeholders. One cannot review deeply racism and culture and bias from afar. As stated today, "we were not able to have a community-centered focus." that's a problem. Seconds the actions of mayor

Wheeler's office should call the efficacy of this report in yes. Oir was asked to look at the root cause resistance to change and bias. Oir said they were asked to address possible perceptions. Mayor Wheeler's office changed the rule of the fact. Third pp san diego obviously bias and finding the bias was hard to prove, and is shallow. Let's look at what we know. Portland has the fifth worse arrest in the nation. Officers in Portland kill black people 3.9 times more than white people. Black drivers make um most of the vehicle stops in 2019. Much higher than their representation in the community. Use of force against those are mental health crises rose from 2019 to 2021 while the mayor was claiming reform, brutality was rising. Ppd's use of force rose 25%. Black males represent 2.2% of canine bite but -- that's been largest disparity since compiling the data in 2015. Commander hurley broke the law and officers shared antisemitic comments and cops share information with citizens and internal affairs refused to investigate. They should be ferreted out but when given the chance they review. Officers collaborate with feds during 2020. They ppd failed to meet the settlement and officers follow and promote disinformation on line and oir admitted they didn't review personal accounts. Let's look at readers who have called for the oir report to be rejected. Thank you so much for all your work commissioner Hardesty and others. We ask you to reject the report.

**Clerk:** Next is [indiscernible]

**Javier Reyes:** Can you hear me?

Hardesty: Yes.

**Reyes:** Okay so I guess to use the word used by [indiscernible] earlier, there is a litany of events demonstrating clear bias in the department. There are endless reports showing that they kill and arrest black people at high rates enough to be the worst in the nation like patrick who was shot in the back while running away and the man executed after agrees to surrender. This doesn't mention the disproportion against homeless and mentally ill. Krueger made shrines to nazi leadership and' was not only awarded with a paid vacation but became one of Portland's highest paid officers. Cops

helped cops intimidate a black man in a kkk-style campaign. The officers assisted without questioning it and even had an interrogation room. They were assisted by lieutenant mike stradly. He now works for dpsst which trains new police officers in Oregon, another veteran of the antigang units, a man who is now in charge of the focused intervention team, the newest iteration is ken dulio who is most he noted for killing a black man who shot a would-be shooter. I don't think -- do you understand how violently racist you have to be to end up with racist hit squads? This is not normal for a city to have. None of this is new. If your department is can involved with this for decades, you can't cover it up. We know the department veterans are racist and the trainers statewide are racist. We know these cops come from communities that used to be racist and think differently than the average Portlanders. This is a department that would not protect mass shooters and often colludes with them against their own population. The ppd brutalized us for a year straight. That's resistance to change if i've ever seen it. They didn't even interview regular people and saw the bias. Portland police has a strangle hold on our city's politics. I believe this report should be rejected. I know you'll do whatever you want because you do whatever the police tell you to but there is clearly a problem here.

**Clerk:** That concludes the testimony.

Wheeler: All right, very good. Colleague questions and comments?

**Taylor:** I just wanted to note for the record that chief lavelle is present and available to answer any questions or say a few words.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you, chief. Commissioner Hardesty has her hand raised. **Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you michael and your team. Michael, I want to say for the record, as you know, the mayor and I met with you because when I got the first draft of this report, I found it a bit underwhelming and wanted to see if there was a way to make this report more useful for the work that we have ahead. We gave you three basic questions to answer and you didn't answer any of them. Can you tell me why you didn't answer the questions that we contracted you to answer.

**Gennaco:** Yes, commissioner, thank you for the question and I do recall meeting with you. The reason that the questions were not answered directly or unequivocally because in our view, they are not answerral. We believe the bureau is comprised of numbers of officers each with varying life experiences, each with different degrees of bias as we all do. And while there are certainly issues as I indicated that there are at least some members are motivated to racial bias or resistance to change, not all are. Therefore we are not able to equivocally say and some people in the community believe that all of the work of the Portland police bureau is driven by racial animosity. We were not able to go there or deny it either.

**Hardesty:** I was going to say that wasn't the question. The question was -- three questions were specific. As I said to you in a call that we had, you did not actually do conversations with community folks. And you did explain that at the beginning of your presentation.

Gennaco: Correct.

**Hardesty:** But your report is based on 99% on what you heard from police bureau personnel which again, is not what we actually hired you to do. I'm curious as to why didn't you come back and say it can't be done, covid is rampant. I would have accepted that. But what I'm getting is perceptions from less than 20% of officers who have participated and then based on -- I don't know how all the recommendations came about, but they're not consistent with the requests we asked. Again, I agree with the community members who testified. If I asked you three questions and you didn't answer them, I'm not likely to accept this report.

**Gennaco:** Okay. All I can say, commissioner, is that the questions in our view were written in a way in which we are evidence-based auditors and monitors and oversears. We need to have preponderance of the evidence before we say that the bureau policies

culture and outcomes are "driven by racial bias." we were not willing or able to go there because if our view, the evidence is not sufficient to establish that by a preponderance of the evidence either way. With regard to the recommendations, Portland, you have a problem. Account community recognizes you have a problem. And the recommendations are intended to address the problem. Which is if it's not a reality, certainly there is a perception by many in your community that the answer to all three questions is unequivocally yes. Because of that mere perception, even if they're correct or incorrect, that is something that the city and the bureau needs to deal withed. And the recommendations, all 28 of them, are intended to deal with them.

Hardesty: I appreciate that response. Again, your recommendations assume that there are people within the police bureau that will take these recommendations and say my gosh, we see bias but we should do x, y, z. As you know because you've been working with Portland police for guite sometime, that's not the reality of how change happens within the Portland police bureau. It's a nice long list of recommendations. I guess i'm concerned that you took things that haven't even happened yet and put them in as promising practices. The bit team is an example. The first bit team has not been on the streets. There is question whether they'll reinforce the same racist behavior in place with the gang enforcement team or the gun violence reduction team. I find your report problematic because it again, didn't answer the questions or engage the community and didn't create a community response to how we address racism and racist outcomes from our public safety bureau. And so for me, this report didn't do what we asked you to do. In my mind, it apologizes for things that there is no apology for and three, gives support for things that in fact, we have no data to determine whether it's different than the last reiteration. I'm would he fully disappointed. I'm disappointed that this report did not do what we asked to do and you know I have respect for the oir group because I worked with you for 12 years which is why I recommended you to do this report. But I

need to put it on record I am profoundly disappointed this is not what I asked for and does not give us a road map moving forward.

**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner Hardesty. I want to express -- first of all disclose I met with commissioner Hardesty and mike with oir. And I agree with commissioner Hardesty. First there is positive. Many of the recommendations that are put forth here in the report, this specific recommendations should be pursued. I appreciate that and we'll continue to to push for it on the recommendations that I think make sense. That being said, just look at this from the perspective of a courtesy relationship for which the paying is paying a lot of money -- the taxpayers are paying a lot of money. The report appears to be nonresponsive. As you said, it is nonresponsive because you said you could not find evidence, commissioner Hardesty, but you went beyond that and suggested to me or maybe I misheard you, that you knew that you could not respond to the questions that we had asked. That the questions were in effect not answerable, that the scope of the report was inherently flawed. If that's the case, why didn't you tell us that? Why didn't you let us mow before we spent a year on this? If the question of the scope needed to be reframed, why weren't we informed of that?

**Gennaco:** I didn't know ahead of time whether the questions would be answered or not answered. I conducted hundreds of investigations and never go into an investigation thinking we can't answer this question, we can't answer whether or not this officer violated policy. We have to do the investigation first. We have to do the review first. These questions may well have been answerable. But in the same way that sometimes investigations and the number i've done are unaccountable at this point, don't come to a firm result. It's called "unresolved" is the official way of faming it in an investigative context. That's what we came up with but we didn't know we'd come up with that before we got into the project.

**Wheeler:** There is an area of the report that I thought was weak. I would have liked do see strengthened. In order to get there, I have to clarify that there is a big difference

between calling out either implicit bias or systemic racism. And referring to somebody as racist. The intent on my part was not to accuse anybody of being racist and not certainly -- that was not my objective. My question is, do we have systemic issues that lead to the wrong outcomes? Or is there a political bias within our organization that leads tots wrong outcomes? And is there a resistance to change at a time when clearly the public's expectations around policing and accountability are changing. If the answers were yes, what are the specific recommendations to overcome it. Is expecting, for example, if in an organization, you asked people to go out and recruit for the organization, you asked the people in the organization to recruit for the organization, you know that will it will is human nature -- you know this already -- it's human nature to find people just like you through the institutions where you have connections and networks. That leads to a systemic bias within the organization. It doesn't mean anybody is racist, but it could be perpetrating, perpetuating hiring the exact same kinds of individuals with the same background, skill sets that we currently have and in a rapidly changing word, that's a systemic violence that ultimately hurts the organization. I was looking more for those kinds of opportunities to be identified and addressed in the report going forward. And so I was disappointed that it wasn't the case. I think i'll stop there except to say that many of commissioner Hardestys frustrations are frustrations that I share. I'm not sure what will to make of this report. It doesn't matter whether you vote for it or against it, the report is the report, we fade you for it. You provided it. It doesn't meaningfully impact anything. There are recommendations in there that we'll move forward on. But I don't think we really addressed the core issue. I want to respond to some of what was said in public testimony. The first individual indicated that I need to step up and hold people accountable. The reason this is before us and the reason I partnered with commissioner Hardesty is because there was in my opinion a clear case of bias in our organization. I fired the individual who was responsible for perpetrating what he admitted was bias within the organization. That's why we're here. If that could

happen in the leadership of the organization that suggests it could be more widespread. We need to get our hands around it and root it out. I'm not saying everybody in the organization, there are fine people in the police bureau, and I work with them on a daily basis and I respect them and appreciate the work that they do, but there are also people there that I wonder how did they get there? These are important positions. That was one clear case where I had to ask myself how did this happen and what do we feed to do to prevent it from happening again? That was the genesis of this report. It didn't my expectations but I appreciate your efforts and oir's efforts. You provided good information to us in the past. My personal brief is that this report fell short. I don't know if anybody else has any comments. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: I'm concerned about what parts of this report you're going it find useful and going to move forward. Because my frustration is that it had been my hope that this report would give us a road map to the transformation that you and I are partnering on in our police force. I don't see this report giving us that road map. And I am concerned that we have lost some additional community credibility by waiting for this report. And so, again, I think -- you know, I think that there were a lot of things -- there was a lot of information available even if you were not able to actually go out and have conversations with people. We all know that there is videos and news clips all over from the summer of 2020 and there is a lot of information that someone taking the time to look for that information. If you couldn't do it in person, it could have been incorporated into this report. I find this report nonresponsive to the questions that we. My fear is any acceptance of this report will make this report that people think we as a council accept as a road map in moving forward and I don't see this as a road map but a bump in the road for us moving forward. I would respectfully request that we vote no on this report, thank the oir group and continue our transformation work outside of this particular -- using this report as a tool.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty, I don't see this as a road map either. This is not the Wheeler plan for the future of policing in the city of Portland, but there are 28 recommendations. There are some good recommendations. Some of them are self-evident as we look at recruiting, we should recruit more diversity to our organization as we conduct training. One of the recommendations is a civilian leader in the training division. As you know, we accepted that as part of the doj settlement agreement.

**Hardesty:** That was something -- many of these recommendations were things we were already on the road to doing. We were doing it. Again, this will -- we do those things without this report.

Wheeler: My beef is not with you, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** And my beef is not with you but with the report.

**Wheeler:** We can vote for it or against it or we don't need to vote at all. I think our comments on the record stand as we are. Robert, we are under no obligation to take a vote do we?

**Taylor:** You can accept it as informational without a vote.

**Wheeler:** Any objections? Seeing none. That's what we'll do. Thank you all, appreciate it. Commissioner Hardesty, any last words? And we may -- did we lose our quorum here? No --

**Hardesty:** We have commissioner rubio is here.

**Rubio:** I was going to save my comments for account vote but since we're not voting, I'll quickly say too that mike, I appreciate you being here today and being here to have the conversation. And I won't take a long time, just wanted to surmise as well that I agree with the sentiments of my colleagues. I wish that could have been an opportunity to go layers deeper. I feel like we missed out on an opportunity to bring in voices. There is a concern kind of candor you visit and talk 1-on-1 because of the pandemic and because of the way that this went down, we're missing that candor that would get us into the layers we wanted. And I think a lot of the recommendations deal with things that that we're already doing and we know. I appreciate you stated them, but we're -- these are things we know, but hoping that we can still on the city side continue our work to do our part to get into the layers. So that's all I want to add. I don't want to be redundant to my colleagues.

**Wheeler:** All right. Thanks. With that, that can completes our business for this afternoon. We are adjourned.

## At 4:33 p.m., Council adjourned.