



October 19, 2022 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Rubio left at 11:36 a.m.

Officers in attendance: Naomi Sheffield, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Items 865 and 866 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:44 p.m.

Communications

857

[Request of Karyn Munford to address Council regarding request for emergency declaration to implement Neighborhood Greenway at SW Troy St and SW Canby Ct \(Communication\)](#)

Document number: 857-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

858

Request of Ella Newell to address Council regarding Kenton and Portland International Raceway
(Communication)

Document number: 858-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Ryan Pittel to address Council regarding use of leaded fuel at Portland International Raceway
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Document number: 859-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Kristy Lanciotti to address Council regarding health effects of lead at Portland International Raceway
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Document number: 860-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

861

Request of Chris Guthrie to address Council regarding use of leaded fuel at Portland International Raceway
(Communication)

Document number: 861-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

862

Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map for property at 4928 NE 11th Avenue at the request of Allison Reynolds, Stoel Rives LLP (LU 21-098835 CP ZC) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Previous agenda item 838.

Oral and written record closed on October 6, 2022.

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend the ordinance and adopt the exhibit to reflect Council's further findings and conclusions in support of the Hearings Officer's recommendation: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading November 2, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. Time Certain as amended.

Consent Agenda

863

*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide copy work and printing services
(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191033

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Technology Services

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

864

Create a new non-represented classification of Streetcar Maintenance Supervisor and establish a compensation range for this classification (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

865

*Amend contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. for additional compensation due to increased bid item quantities and changed conditions for the NE 33rd Ave and NE Knott St Emergency Sewer Project, No. 11501, not to exceed \$936,000 (amend Contract No. 30008167) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191039

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Agenda item 865 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

866

Amend annual grant fund limit not to exceed \$450,000 for the Habitat Fund in support of the Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan (amend Ordinance No. 184345) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Agenda item 866 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

867

Authorize a competitive solicitation for community engagement, outreach and education, capacity-building and training, and strategic communications for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability for an estimated cost of \$3 million over three years (Ordinance)

Document number: 191034

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Second reading agenda item 849.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

868

*Accept grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the administration of the regional Homeless Management Information System in the amount of \$245,666 (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191035

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

869

*Amend approved application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Burnside Apartments located at 11005 E Burnside St to increase the number of restricted units (amend Ordinance No. 190325) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191036

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

870

Proclaim October 19, 2022 to be Portland Trail Blazers Day (Proclamation)

Document number: 870-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

871

Amend Arts Education and Access Income Tax Code related to arts education coordination (amend Code Chapter 5.73) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191037

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Second reading agenda item 853.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

872

*Authorize contract with ELS Architecture and Urban Design, Inc. to provide site selection, programming, schematic design and land use permitting services for the North Portland Aquatic Center not to exceed \$2,304,630 (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191038

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to amend Finding 6 to update the aspirational participation goal for Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Emerging Small Business or Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises utilization to 28.6%: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Four-Fifths Agenda

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Direct Bureau of Transportation to implement a school zone speed reduction adjacent to Cleveland High School and work with Oregon Department of Transportation to evaluate the need for other safety improvements where students cross US 26 SE Powell Blvd for school access (Resolution)

Document number: 37590

Introduced by: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

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

Mayor Wheeler presided at 2:00 p.m. and was absent from 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. and 3:04 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Commissioner Mapps presided in his absence.

Commissioner Mapps presided at 4:13 p.m. and Mayor Wheeler left at 4:28 p.m.

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

Council recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 4:12 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Time Certain

873

Amend Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Code to better align with and equitably meet City climate action goals (amend Code Chapter 7.07) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 3 hours

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: the October 19, 2022, morning session of the Portland City Council. Good morning. Keelan, please call the roll. [roll call]

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: here.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: here.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: here.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: here. We'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Speaker:

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and members of council. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions, reports, or first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at www.Portland.gov/council/agenda containing information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the City Council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at that 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 use

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 other's 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 being ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware all council meetings are recorded. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good.

Speaker: Keelan: thank you, first up is communications. First individual please, 557. Request of karyn munford to address council regarding request for emergency declaration to implement neighborhood greenway at sw troy st and sw canby ct.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: good morning, karen.

Speaker: Hello. Thank you very much. You, mayor, may not remember me from last month. I came to ask for your help regarding southwest troy becoming a greenway to help resolve the issue of fast feeds and high volumes along our street. I also have issue where water run off workers, so rain water run off because of the slant of the street channels water into my yard, into my house and basement ultimately. And it's also a tier one project that was part of southwest in motion. It was also the featured green rate project with an equity score of five or five. It was p.b.o.t. At the time to do the project in montgomery vista area, the wealthiest part of Portland. That was conceived to completion in eight months. I'm not sure why that happened. Because that was also a tier two project. My street is also used for the Multnomah's safe residence. And so I did do a -- [indiscernible] after I came last month and didn't hear back from anyone. And so I'm just here to ask for help again. I did talk to you, commissioner Ryan's office, and talked to brian. And they are nice and very helpful. And thank you very much for that. He completed after our

conversation and several phone calls he tried to make, he doesn't have the jurisdiction to p.b.o.t. Commissioner Mapps, I could really use your help I have run often into my yard and house. They came out and put a few sub bags in my neighborhood's right-of-way. You can just guess how effective that was. I called them to let them know it just didn't work and they said basically too bad. That's all they are going to do. And so [ding]

Speaker: Begging you commissioner hardesty to please, this is a very, very important project. It effects pedestrians, bicyclists that use the street, and the safe villages, residences that use the street as a director to transit and parks and schools it's a physical project that needs to be expedited. Help, thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: karen, thank you for coming back. We remember your testimony. Commissioner hardesty has a couple of comments.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor, and thank you, miss mumford for once again coming to City Council. Let me say that you are an ideal activist. We at p.b.o.t. We're doing a project that did not include your neighborhood. And p.b.o.t. Actually adapted because of the excellent advocacy work that took place. But as you know, p.b.o.t. Has limited resources. And we prioritize high-crash corridors, routes to school, safe routes to school. And what the limited resources we were able to accommodate some of your wishes. We will not be able to accommodate them all. So again, thank you so much for being here. I understand your concerns and we'll do the best we can as we have with you. We'll work closely with you. No assumption we didn't reach out, try to adapt, and did adapt to accommodate your request. But in most advocacy cases, most people don't get everything they want. But we have given you all week at this time. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, karen. 858 please.

Speaker: K. McClymont: the next four would like to come together.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: 858, 859, 860, and 861.

Speaker: Request of ella newell to address council regarding kenton and Portland international raceway. 859. Request of Ryan pittel to address council regarding use of leaded fuel at Portland international raceway. 860. Request of kristy lanciotti to address council regarding health effects of lead at Portland international raceway. 861. Request of chris guthrie to address council regarding use of leaded fuel at Portland international raceway. They would like to use the time collectively.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: that's great. So 12 minutes for your whole presentation please. And the microphones are live about a foot is there -- they are very sensitive microphones. You can take it in the order you like. We thank you for being here in person. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning can you meaness, chris guthrie, I live in kenton. Thank you for your time and attention. K and a voiced concerned over the sale of lead and gasoline at the Portland international raceway, a city park. Two studies shared with all City Council members had come out looking specifically at the negative health impacts of lead and gas at race tracks on children and the elderly. The deleterious health impacts of lead exposure for human beings and ecosystems is supported by decades of research. There is no healthy level of lead exposure. Our driving question was why does a Portland city park situated in a historically under served neighborhood not only allow but sell this toxic substance? On may 13th members of the k and a met with commissioner Rubio and representatives from pir. To our surprise providing the studying and voicing neighborhood concerns met with enaction and all of our follow-up communications have been subsequently ignored. We are here today as concerned members of your community asking the Portland City Council to live up to the ideals of the safe,

equitable and environmentally minded city by ending the use and sale of the lead at the park. In a four-year period from 2017 to 2020 p.i.r. Sold 8023 half gallons of leaded fuel. Which still allows for leaded gasoline to be used in recreational motor sports. The danger and cost associated with leaded gasoline. Nascar and automobile racing club of America voluntarily moved away from leaded gasoline in 2007, which has allowed for recent scientific studies to look at the impact on neighborhood communities after removing leaded fuel. One study estimated the rembling avoided i.q. Reductions for neighborhood children and 2.2 billion from year for avoided premature elderly mortality. A study from 2009 found one, three-hour race using leaded gasoline, emits as much gasoline as a – pleas to commissioner Rubio and communications to the entire council has been fruitless. We're sitting in front of you, a group of city leaders hoping your commitment to the equitable environmental safety of Portland is more than a ploy to take a trip to denmark. This isn't not a my backyard this. Today we want to know will you take action to protect children, elderly and environmental systems from poisoning from the lead in the city park.

Speaker: My name is crissy lanciotti. I'm a parent and resident of the kenton neighborhood and pediatric nurse with 22 years of experience. I'm speaking as an individual, and assistant professor of nursing at ohsu and the northwest pediatric specialty which is part of a national cdc and epa sponsored network that does education, outreach and reproductive environmental health issues. Lied is one of the most common concerns we deal with. I'm here to share my view, a city owned park and recreation area should not be a source of lead exposure and ask the city phase out the sale and use of leaded gas at the race way. We sent a letter oto City Council in the support of this action. As I mention, I'm speaking as an individual. There is 93 safe level of lead in children. And impacts are irreversible. The well-

established effects include in children and prenatally, attention related problems, antisocial behavior, decreased cognitive ability and decreased hearing, reduced growth in fetuses and children, and reproductive effects, adverse impacts on fertility. These are important for individuals and population level. Especially when you consider the disproportionate burden of environmental pollution on marginalized populations within the community. Again, the health impacts of low-level lead exposure are irreversible. Resources to offset the negative impacts of lead exposure are not distributed equally throughout society, failure to address an avoidable source of exposure runs the risk of deepening existing inequalities. With ingestion being more common. Air born lead settles in soil and persists in the environment. People can be exposed if ingested and children are at high risk of exposure through normal appropriate behavior such as crawling on the ground, playing in dirt and putting their hands and objects in mouths. Stopping the sale and use of leaded gas will not get rid of existing contamination but it will reduce future contamination and protect future generations of Portland children from a city-sanctioned exposure to lead. People should not have to worry that a Portland city park is an active source of substances that can harm their health. I urge you to stop using leaded fuel at all, thank you for your time.

Speaker: Hello, Mr. Mayor and city commissioners. Thank you for having me today. My name is Ellen Newel. My family lived in Kenton for eight years. I work in the insurance agency. My husband is a disabled veteran and instructor at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. Our daughter Ruby, is eight years old, she's a third grader at the elementary school. We live a little over a half a mile from Portland International Raceway. I provided myself in being a proactive parent, attending all prenatal appointments and researching everything. Ingredients, toys, preschools, you name it I looked it up. Early intervention, occupational therapy have been on

the radar for years. We moved to kenton in October of 2014. I understand there were lead concerns. I tested the soil and water. And moved forward thinking we mitigated the lead risk in our yard for the sake of our daughter's health and development. I didn't knowed at the time Portland international raceway could be a continuous source of contamination through the use of leaded fuel. Kenton is a historically low-income community with a high percentage of people of color. I understand I come to you from a place of privilege. The color of my skin, my education, my socioeconomic background. I have the privilege of standing before you without worrying about childcare so I'm here to speak up for my neighbors, the generations of working-class families. They brought to light the danger of leaded fuel to communities and the country. I reviewed the 2017 g2 consultants report that pir has provided on the website. It states the results of two sampling assessments indicated leaders present in the samples. The bromaline was leaders present and no level is safe in the community. Commissioner Rubio, from what I can tell environmental justice is really important to you. I'm inspired by your amendments to the Portland clean energy benefit code. I'm asking you to stop the sale and use of leaded fuel at Portland international raceway. Can you make this a priority for kenton? Assure my neighbors and I that we're safe and not being exposed to lead. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning. My name is Ryan patel. A 16 year kenton resident. I'm pretty loud. Anyway, I live in kenton, mr. Mayor and city commissioners I appreciate the chance to bring this before you this morning. We discussed the leaded gas issue and highlights the health effects of living near a motor sport race way that uses the outdated fuel. Our meeting was met with a lack of urgency, no follow-up from commissioner Rubio's office. Even after requesting a response. We copied the mayor and all of you on the last communication. We received no follow-up. Along

with that communication, you also received a new study and it's disappointing not one of you felt the need to respond given the health hazards of children and elderly. Climate action is under priorities on your website. You went to denmark and you will be introducing a clean energy code amendment. I applaud the support and I applaud and support your efforts however it is perplexing you can support lead pollution in a city park given the values and amendment you are introducing this afternoon. A decision to ban the lead fuel is a unilateral decision by you as head of the park's bureau and should be a no-brainer. I'm asking for you to be consistent in your environmental commitments. You would be looking out for users and spectators of pir. It's the right thing to do. We have known there is no safe level of exposure to lead, you are now aware of lead exposure in a neighborhood. You know. You can choose not to act. But at this point, choosing not to act is intentionally choosing to expose young and elderly to health risks so the wealthy can play in a city park. Parent said kenton are concerned. Please give us something to tell them. After hearing testimony today and knowledge of the recent study, I would now like to ask the mayor and commissioners if they do or don't support the use and sale of leaded fuel of pir. If you are unable to answer today, we respectfully request you follow-up in a week with your stance and any actions you plan to take. Reach out to the kenton neighborhood association or any one of us. Thanks for your time.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I just want to appreciate that you are here today. I also want to say, I hear you. I'm sorry that you feel that I have not been -- this is not urgent. In fact, it is urgent for me and I do appreciate what you are saying, and we have been having internal conversations. We are not ready to say anything at this time. But I want you to know we hear you and understand the urgency around this

and we will do a better job of letting you know the progress we're making internally. But we'll make sure to get back to you soon. We had the may in may with oha and also deq as well. They have information that they are going by. We looked at that information. We read yours. We're having internal conversations with prr, I wanted to assure you we've been making progress. We're happy to reach out to you today. My chief of staff is in the back and she'll connect with you before you leave.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. [multiple speakers]

Speaker: Do you have a timeline on that?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: julian can talk to you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. I want to say, kenton neighbors could give a lesson in a very descriptive, positive, presentation to the City Council. And it's clear you care passionately about this issue, as do i. Let me give you a hint. If you really want to hear from the rest of us on an issue that we're not directly at least let me speak for myself. For me, if you send a letter that is addressed to everybody and it's an issue not in my portfolio, that's not a priority for me to respond to just because it is to everybody. If it's something in my portfolio, I will take the lead. And I do believe most of my colleagues do the same thing. Don't think we're ignoring you. We're allowing the person in charge to actually do their due diligence before responses given. And but again, you did a great job. It's clear you are passionate about this issue, as am i. I don't have to wait to say that. I wanted to explain all of us get way more mail than we can answer. So we prioritize mail we can do something about. Okay? Have a good day. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I also want to thank you for being here and appreciate the fact you took time off from work and other responsibilities to be here. I will certainly educate myself more on this issue. Appreciate your bringing it to our attention.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Keelan, have any items been pulled from the consent calendar?

Speaker: K. McClymont: 865 and 866. Please.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: keys call the roll the on the remainder. Vole [roll call vote]

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: the consent calendar is dominated. First time certain item, 862.

Speaker: Amend the comprehensive plan map and zoning map for property at 4928 ne 11th avenue at the request of allison reynolds, stoel rives llp (lu 21-098835 cp zc)

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: colleagues, this morning we're back again for a continuation of a quasi-judicial item. This is a change to the comprehensive plan map and zoning map for 4928 northeast 11th item. This was in front of the council on October 6. At that time, the council heard testimony, closed the record and took a 10ative vote in support of the hearing officer's recommendation. We're back today to amend the ordinance and adopt findings in support of the hearing officer's recommendation. The item will then continue for a final vote on a future date. Before we get started since commissioner Rubio and I were not at the October 6th meeting for the item, I reviewed the record and I'm pretty sure prepared to participate. I would like to announce I do not have a conflict of interest. I have not

had any ex parte communication and not made any site visits. Commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. I too have reviewed the record and prepared to participate today. For the record I would like to announce I do not have a conflict of interest. I have not had any ex parte communication and have not made any site visits.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: do the councilmembers have any other matters that need to be discussed before we proceed? Seeing none, is there a motion to amend the ordinance and adopt the exhibit to reflect council's further findings and conclusions in support of the hearing officer's recommendation.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: so moved.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: moved by commissioner Hardesty, seconded by commissioner Ryan. Colleagues is there any further discussion before we vote? Hearing none, please call the roll. [roll call vote]

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: aye. The motion carries unanimously. Thank you, council clerk and our city attorneys. Do we have a date and time certain for this matter to return to the council for final vote?

Speaker: K. McClymont: we do, scheduled for November 2nd at 10:15.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. To the regular agenda. Item 870 please that is a proclamation.

Speaker: Proclaim October 19, 2022, to be Portland trail blazers day. Whereas, the city of Portland is honored to champion Portlanders

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I would like to invite commissioner Ryan to speak on the proclamation.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, mayor. And thank you colleagues for indulging in my sports fan hobby. Today, the Portland trail blazers kickoff their 52nd season, they have given my hometown and yours so much pride, so much joy, and yes, a lot of heart ache. To be a loyal fan, which Portland is known to have a much higher percentage within the city than most franchises, we are known across the country as loving our trail blazers like norbert nba franchise city. It's a relationship from the heartment one demographic that stuck out for me in terms of loving their blazers are mothers and grandmothers. I was exposed orally in life. I was in college, hey, mom, want to have dinner, no, I have to watch my boys play. I'm your seventh son, what are you talking about. The blazers, my mom rejected me for dinner because she had to watch the blazers play. My dear friend readingth anderson in her 90s and I was a caregiver and I'm calling her up. When you are caregiving you check in with people. She was really upset. I need to talk to his mom. And she sounded really serious, we got to calm him down. He's got to keep his cool down. Another example of a mother, a grandmother, loving their children called the trail blazers and my friend who in her 90s attends came at the center. For me it started when where I was 8 years old. How many remember jeff pretty, the rookie of the year. Every time we won it felt like there was hope. And like in a few more years we'll be sore much better. They gave me hope. And then you go fast-forward to 1977 it was my freshman year in high school at roosevelt. I said to my mom, it's my duty to go to the parade today. I must go to the championship parade and my mom said, this will be the one and only time I will allow you to skip school. I will never forget, being short has an advantage, I was able to scoot into the front line and touch all five starters. Let's name them. Bill walton, reese lucas, bobby gross,

dave torzek and [indiscernible]. I didn't want to wash my hand. I went to the big game against houston. We had trouble getting the first round of play offs dane made the shot, not your usual 3 point shot and came close to falling off-the edge of the seat I was at. I will never forget that moment. And bear with me, colleagues, this is a lot of fun.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: we have to adjourn by 6 p.m. Tonight. [chuckling]

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: ouch. [multiple speakers]

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: this is called love, okay. So the fact is being a fan allows you to be like crazy in public. And that's one reason we like it. After that 3-point shot if you took a picture of any of us, even you, commissioner hardesty, everyone looked nuts. You are a fanatic, that's the reason it's called a fan. I can't think for a better time for Portland to lean into hope and this building has to endure. It's going to be a long season. It kicks off in sacramento. Like our city, we need to have hope that the blazers are going to keep getting better. We need to keep building along with the city and we know they will come back. And I pray I will once again go to the championship parade some day before I'm gone. I want to say I'm looking forward to the season. It's October, the best season for the month for any sports fan. I hope all of you take pride in the marathon season tonight, you show your love for the trail blazers, we need them to be a mart of the Portland story part of the story, they will stay in Portland if we love on them. Thank you for allowing me to takeover the dais and celebrate the kickoff of the nba season and our loved Portland trail blazers.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Ryan, who is undoubtedly the greatest trailblazer fan in the city of Portland. Thank you, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you, commissioner Ryan for bringing the item forward. We probably need this now more than ever. I want to start off by

saying, colleagues I'm delighted in declaring October 19, 2022, to be Portland trail blazers day. Now, the Portland trailblazer franchise was founded in 1970. Since then they have advanced to the nba finals on three occasions, the first time they made it was in 1977. 1977 the first time the trail blazers won an nba championship. Of course that team was led by the nba legend bill walton. I suspect most of you with commissioner Ryan being the exception to not remember bill walton's trail blazers or the nba championship victory of 1977. Which is a shame. The outpouring of civic joy sparked by the win was transformative for the city. I would argue that the championship that was the moment was Portland fell in love with the trail blazers and that love burned bright ever since. Between 1977 and 1995 the trail blazers sold out 814 straight home games. Which for a long time was the longest streak of sell-out games in America major professional sports history. Of course the trail blazers made it back to the finals in 1990 and 1992. I remember the early '90s trail blazers quite well. Those teams not only entertained me, those teams also helped me make me into the man I am today. The core of those teams were collide drexler, terry porter, jerome kersey, buck williams, kevin duck worth, I love those guys. And I still do. Of course, the 1990s were the michael jordan era. But like the rest of Portland, I danced to a different tune -- when the rest of the world wanted to be like mike, I wanted to be like collide drexler and I still do. 32 years left I still want to be collide clyde. And 32 years later I have the great privilege to call terry porter my friend. And let me tell you something about my friend terry porter, to this day terry loves Portland as much as you love the trail blazers. In fact, just a couple of days ago, he hosted the candidate's gone wild event at revolution hall to bring together political candidates of the people of Portland to celebrate the things we all love about Portland, even as we engage in some intense debates about the future of the city, which we all love. Friends that candidates gone wild event is what

democracy looks like in Portland. And Terry Porter helped make that event happen. He's helping keep our democracy strong. And that's why I want to take the moments to thank Terry Moraler for his service to our city. Porter. Two years later, after those great teams of the early 1990s, it is hard to believe that Jerome Kersey and Kevin Duckworth have passed. To this day, I cannot jog past the Kevin Duckworth Dock without thinking of that gentle giant who loved fishing and Portland. And of course since the 1990s there have been other great Blazer teams but no team has been greater than the Trail Blazers we have today. Now, I was incredibly lucky to have grown up with trail blazing role models like Bill Walton and Clyde Drexler, even luckier to raise my 12-year-old son who plays basketball and has role models -- it brings me great joy and comfort to be a dad of a boy -- the Trail Blazers are more than a basketball team. They are a family tradition and part of Portland's civic tradition. For these reasons and more I'm proud to proclaim today as Portland Trailblazer Day and encourage all Portlanders to celebrate this day by watching the Trail Blazers against Sacramento at 7 p.m. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: Thank you, Mayor, and thank you Commissioner Ryan for bringing this proclamation forward. I know how dear and important this is to you knowing you for so many years. I have wonderful memories about my family and I crowded around the TV while I was growing up rooting for the Blazers. It was the one thing we could watch on the one TV in our house. We all love and watch and support the Blazers. I want to acknowledge an important aspect of the Blazers that's a little different that is not very talked about and that's about their commitment to the community. Which I was able to see in person just in August as we celebrated the newly restored basketball park, court at McCoy Park. I had the opportunity to work very closely with the Blazers during my time as executive

director of a nonprofit, latino network. And our partnership made a huge difference in our youth services programs. So I appreciate that as a community forward organization. They really walk their talk. And they made countless partnerships with organizations making a difference in the lives of youth and vulnerable communities. So I also just want to give an appreciation to krista stout, the senior vice president for the blazers for believing in community partnerships and moves this but forward for us. Ball. Thank you to the blazers for being our team and doing your very best for our city.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, commissioner. And thank you commissioner Ryan for bringing this. I mean, we couldn't have stopped you from bringing this resolution if we tried. Thank you so much for bringing it here. Let me just talk, I'm going to go where commissioner Rubio went. When I moved here January 1st, 1990, I was a big time chicago bulls fan. Don't hate, I was okay. Because of course, we had the greatest basketball player ever, michael jordan, playing at that time. But here's my early memories of blazers. My very first job here was with the black united fund of Oregon. And just like the latino network, I met incredible gentleman who happen to play for the trail blazers, who are really embedded in community. And I had the privilege of working with a couple of those superstars to do public service announcements for the nonprofit thattiest I was running at that time, the black united fund of Oregon. Just a couple of nights ago, being able to be in the same space with terry porter again brought me so much joy because for me it was like I was 35 years younger in that moment. And I looked at him and went, mr. Porter, can I get a picture with you please? And he said, yes. And I told him that when I moved here you didn't think of the trail blazers just as basketball players. What you thought of them was respected gentlemen who added value to our

community. And there have been times we could say that with pride and there have been times we have not been able to say that publicly. But I'm very happy to say that we're back to a team of gentlemen who are vested in this community. And I'm not, you know, I'm not a big basketball fan anymore. I do like to watch the very healthy men run up and down the court. I won't lie. I will always remember the fact when people make Portland their home and invest in the most vulnerable people here, they are all heroes and she rows to me. That is -- I'm grateful from the beginning, it was more about more than just about playing basketball. It was about helping young people become good humans and good community members. So I appreciate you. And continue to appreciate you and support you. And I got a great picture with terry porter. Mayor, back to you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. First of all, actually, I love any opportunity I have to wear a t-shirt. I don't usually wear red but I'm wearing it today. Let me at my thanks and congratulations to the Portland trail players and the best of luck tonight they will win because they are the better team. Sports in Portland in many ways reflect our city. The trail blazers reminds me a lot of our city, their winning seasons, winning plays and games and times as commissioner Ryan said, they break our hearts. That reminds me of the positions we play here. Sports plays an important part in the culture of this city. And what is unique about the trail blazers, I think, is that the trail players is absolutely linked, entwined with the heart and soul, the dna of this city and proven over and over and over again. This team works incredibly well here in Portland. There is a magic about it. And there is a personal relationship all of us have in the city with the team. Our relationships are all different. The way we interact with the trail bladessers have fundamentally different. Even people who don't necessarily appreciate professional sports see the trail bladessers, leadership and passion and commitment they show for the people

in this community, the love they express for the people in this community. And I want to acknowledge them and appreciate that element. They are winners as far as I'm concerned. And yes, commissioner Mapps, I'm old enough absolutely to remember the 1977 season. And I do look forward to seeing another season like that. I feel like we're darn close. We're building up to it. As often as the case in the city of Portland, sometimes it just takes a little longer for us to get there. But oh, how sweet it's going to be when we do and we will. So with that, I have the honor of reading a proclamation on behalf of the City Council. I want to thank commissioner Ryan in particular for bringing this forward. He truly is passionate about the trail blazers. If you've got four or five hours, ask him and he'll regale you with his stories. These passionate about it. I appreciate you bringing that and sharing it with us. This is fun and we should do this more often to acknowledge there is so many good things happening in the community the public really appreciates and the trail blazers has to be close to, not at the if not the top of the list. I want to acknowledge the staff, jones for working with us to draft the proclamation, darien jones. In the second row. Thank you for your hard work on this. It's my honor to read it on behalf of the entire City Council. Whereas, the city of Portland is honored to champion Portlanders love of rip city and celebrate the 52nd season for our men's professional basketball team the Portland trail blazers. Whereas, the trail blazers joined the national basketball association in 1970, as an expansion team secured by founder harry glickman, and were led by coach rolland todd, aka mod todd. Whereas, Portland's beloved moniker "rip city" was coined by the legendary bill schonely-the voice of the trail blazers from 1970-98-during an electrifying moment at a trail blazers game against the los angeles lakers on February 18th, 1971. Whereas, the Portland trail blazers won the 1977 nba championship, and three conference titles in 1977, 1990, and 1992. Whereas, the trail blazers have had an

incredible history, with former players such as lamarcus aldrige, clyde drexler, jerome kersey, geoff petrie, terry porter, cliff robinson, arvydas sabonis, and bill walton, to name a few of the greats. Whereas, paul allen, owner of the trail blazers for 30 years, passed away three days before the start of the 2018 season, but joined the team and rip city in spirit. Whereas, chauncey billups honorably leads the trail blazers as head coach alongside his coaching staff. Whereas, point guard damian lillard, with an average 24.6 points per game, has been named an all-star six times in his career and received a gold medal on the 2020 u.s. Olympic team in tokyo, and was honored as one of the league's greatest players of all time by the nba 75th anniversary team. Whereas, the city of Portland commends the trail blazers for the organization's dedication to positively impacting the community of rip city through the work of the trail blazers foundation, advancing diversity, equity and inclusion work and environmental stewardship. Whereas, the trail blazers: blevins, brown, dunn, eubanks, grant, hart, hughes, johnson, lillard, little, nurkic, payton, perry, simons, watford, williams, and winslow we are immensely proud and grateful for your hard work. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the "city of roses," do hereby proclaim October 19th, 2022 to be Portland trail blazers day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day and tune into the first home game of the season. This Friday against the phoenix suns. Thank you, all, for your great work. [applause]

Speaker: [off mic] [chuckling]

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: there is a first for everything. And you saw it here first. That's the important thing. All right. As commissioner fritz used to say, something completely different, 871, a nonemergency ordinance.

Speaker: Amend arts education and access income tax code related to arts education coordination.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: second reading.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: it is indeed. That makes it more special. This is a second reading of the nonemergency ordinance. We've already heard a presentation and had opportunity for public testimony. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. [roll call vote]

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I want to thank everyone who provided public testimony in those that have taken the time to talk with me. I want to appreciate the deaf and black board and comment said and work together. And finally, thank you, jeff hawthorn and steven herrera for the work on this project. I vote aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: yes, thank you, commissioner Rubio for bringing this item to our attention and focus. And I also want to thank Portlanders Portlanders who testified until the importance of art. Thank and up lift the school districts to asked them the city to build a stronger relationship. I'm a strong believer in the leadership you are providing, commissioner Rubio, I want to thank you and the staff for following through to commitments on students and taxpayers. The decision is important. After 10 years Portlanders have invested \$111 million into the arts tax and clear about the impact on students. I fail to see compelling data about the impact. I recognize that this is just one piece of our work at the city and I'm looking forward to supporting the cultural planning process to incorporate the community on the future of arts funding in Portland. I'm really excited to vote today, I vote aye.

Speaker: Hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for her very thoughtful leadership as it related to the changes we're making in this

ordinance. I also want to thank Steven who is great to see him testify at council for the first time last week. I want to thank the community members who showed up to provide testimony. Because it is critical that these funds quite frankly raised by poor people a lot because of how it's structured, really do benefit our kids of color and the school system. One day we'll talk about changing it so we're not overburdening poor people with the arts tax. But trust me, we're not in a political space to have that conversation yet. But having said that, I think this is a good move in the right direction and I'm 100% supporting of commissioner Rubio's vision for moving forward. I vote aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Well then, this was a complex issue, it's a little meatier than some would like. It's not as fun as the trail blazers proclamation but it is very important to the future of our education and community. I want to thank commissioner Rubio for leaning in to this. Getting into the middle of it. It could have been easy not to do that. And it probably would have been more politically expedient not to do that. But she's done the right thing here and shown bold leadership and I strongly support it. I vote aye and the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next item. 872. This is an emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Authorize contract with els architecture and urban design, inc. To provide site selection, programming, schematic design and land use permitting services for the north Portland aquatic center not to exceed \$2,304,630.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. The vision for indoor aquatic center serving north Portland has been anticipated by the community since the completion of parks 2020 vision planning effort in 1999. This ordinance was the authorization of the contract with els architecture and urban design inc., will begin the site selection, programming, schematic design and land using approval process

for this much-needed indoor aquatic facility in north Portland. The ordinance includes the City Council amendment to Portland parks and rec fcc funding to include this project. The north Portland's diverse and growing population does not currently have a pool they can use. That is approximately 70,000 people including roughly 18,000 people of color and roughly 11,000 experiencing poverty without a place to learn to swim, do water aerobics or exercise. The design process for a full-service aquatic center offers a great opportunity for Portland parks and recreation to partner with diverse communities in north Portland and create a vital asset for teaching life-saving skills of learning to swim. Access to water safety and learn to swim classes is a racial equity issue. Black children in the United States drown at a rate through times higher than white children. Many factors contribute to this outcome. The accessibility of swim lessons included. In addition with the execution of the contract. Portland parks and recreation hopes to provide greater access for users of all ages, serving the health and well-being of Portlanders across generations. Portland parks and rec conducted significant outreach and engagement with the community members this past year to generate excitement for this project and to let the public know the project was coming. As the project start up this fall, the project efforts will include five community gathering events, ongoing focus groups, stakeholder interviews and our project advisory committee to make sure the project is representative of community desires. Community engagement will ensure outreach efforts advance Portland's racial equity goals and the Portland's parks and rec racial equity plan reflecting Portland's diverse communities and facilitate collaboration and support for our park system. And parks is also selected a diverse project advisory committee to help guide them on the community needs. The total funding to date on this important project includes the 11.7 million of fcc funding I allocated back in April of 2021. I allocated

an additional 5 million fcc funds to bring the amount to 16.7 million to advance this project. With the support of the state watering fund and state of Oregon administrative grant agreements for 15 million our project funding total is 31.7 million for the project development. That means that this project currently the largest in parks portfolio has a potential funding gap of 18.3 million that will have to work to close in the coming years. The project will start immediately after the passing of this emergency ordinance and the immediate focus will be site selection, design, and land use requirements. Those efforts span from the October 22 to December of 23. After that, the site process will be begin. The construction will be complete in 2029. The time needed to again the center, Portland parks and rec has a gap in services to provide indoor aquatic programming which includes switch lessons for the public -- swim. With lack of sustainable funding for maintenance and expansion, the bureau is in a tough situation of not having a funded pool that is open to provide continuous services. I recognize this is far from an ideal scenario as we're faced with a lack of available aquatics programming for community members in north Portland. To bridge the gap in service during the design and construction of the new aquatic center, this council always allocated an -- also 1.5 million in general fund allocated in fiscal year '22 for interim support for the community of north Portland. Going forward, to do that Portland parks and recreation will provide free access to north Portland to the community center, target resources to increase recruitment for aquatic staff, positions to expand hours, provide free summer swim lesson as peninsula pools and transportation support through trimet to participants. Portland parks and rec staff are working through the process to roll out support measures and Portland parks will regularly update on the options. I'll turn it over to robin johnson craig to provide some more information.

Speaker: Thank you. Council clerk, I believe you are going to share the presentation for me. Thank you so much.

Speaker: K. McClymont: hey, maigan, we're seeing your screen.

Speaker: Thank you so much. I have to admit, it's a hard act to follow the proclamation for Portland trailblazer day but i'll try my best because it's an exciting project too. It's fortuitous and somewhat -- I'm the project manager for the Portland trailblazers and nike sponsorship agreement. I've had the honor and opportunity to support nike trail blazers in the city of Portland and resurfacing our wonderful ppnr basketball courts. And like commissioner Rubio said, the back to school nike trail blazers event at mccoypark was probably one of the most amazing event I attended in my career here. I thank trail blazers for their own going support and amazing generation donation and love for ppnr and the spirit of supporting basketball. So thank you trail blazers and congratulations on a great proclamation. I'll move forward with another exciting project. And thank you. I'm going to move my screen over. Thank you, mr. Mayor and City Council commissioners for the opportunity to present today. My name is robin johnson craig. And I'm with ppnr capital project manager for the new Portland aquatic center for Portland parks and recreation. We can go to the next slide. Portland parks and recreation is excited to kickoff the north Portland aquatic center. An incredible opportunity to provide full aquatic programming to north Portland that's long overdue. We're asking City Council to authorization a contract to provide site selection, programmatic, schematics for the north Portland aquatic center, not to exceed \$2,304,630. This will amend ordinance 187770 approved by council on may 25th, 2016 to add this project to the Portland ppnr sddip list. Next slide, please. The new aquatic center will be located in north Portland and potentially serve residents across 11 neighborhood associations, bridgeton, cathedral park, hayden island, kenton,

piedmont, port smith, saint johns and university park. The park's 2020 vision plan in 2021 set a level of service for pool service community centers to develop a full service community center that is a center with a pool, arts facilities, classrooms and active recreation facilities.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: excuse me, ma'am.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: could you go back to the picture please? Can you tell me where the pool will be located? Do we have a site?

Speaker: That's a really good question. We do not have a site. We do not have a master plan that shows the site. And that will be part of the contract for the facility is determined the best site to serve north Portland and the city of Portland for the next one hundred years.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you.

Speaker: Great. Sorry I couldn't see your hand up. Please interrupt if you have a question. So the vision plan is what provides Portland parks with our level of service for full-service community centers, a center with a pool, arts facilities, classrooms and active recreation facilities within three miles of every resident. They provide health and recreation benefit said residents of all ages. Benefits -- sorry, helping to make Portland a family-friendly and livable city. Next slide. Level of service is used by park's providers to measure how well a community is served with access to a variety of assets and identify areas where additional assets should be provided to provide uniform experiences for all households and achieve greater equity. Ppr has four full-service community centers, east Portland, motdishman, matt scott and southwest community center, charles computer center not considered to be full-service as it lacks indoor aquatics programming. 70.6% of the city and residents are served by the three-mile full-service community center

metric. Next slide, please. In April of 2021 commissioner Rubio allocated 11.7 million in scc to address the level of service with full center community service to permit public engagement efforts for a new indoor aquatic center. The center will serve 22,000 units not currently served by the metric. For full-service community centers as shaded in orange on the map. The areas in blue are existing pool service centers, Matt Dishman, Mount Scott, Southwest Community Center and Portland Community Center. Next slide, please. As commissioner Rubio mentioned, North Portland's diverse population does not have a pool. There is 70,000 people, roughly 18,000 people of color and roughly 11,000 people experiencing poverty without a place to learn to swim, water aerobics or exercise. With this contract, PPNR hopes to provide access and opportunities for children and communities from diverse backgrounds to learn skills and additional opportunities through an aquatic community center. Access to these skills is a racial equity issue as commissioner Rubio mentioned. Black children drown at a rate three times higher than white children. Next slide, please. At this time we are roughly projected to schedule and anticipate being able to refine a schedule as we make it through the project phases. Time is of the essence. Given additional site selection and programming, the complexity of this project and scale, we're forecasting seven years for project duration, it's a multiphase approach, including phase two for site selection, schematic and land use permitting. Phase three for construction documents, and site development permit. And phase four for construction. Construction targeted for 2029. Next slide, please. This graphic schedule illustrates a level of detail on anticipated schedule for the phase two efforts for site determination, programming, schematic design and land use permitting. We started a phase one effort developing the internal work plan, communications plan and community engagement plan this past year. And community engagement

with the community gathering on April 23rd at the Charles Jordan Community Center. We continue with activities this past summer and excited to get people involved and engaged. We're excited to have the design team onboard for this fall for the developments of the technical investigation and kickoff the programming process. Once a site and program are determined roughly by the end of next spring/summer, we'll begin schematic design with securing a land use permit by the end of 2023. Next slide. Preliminary estimates in 2018, estimates a cost range of 36 to 48.5 million, with the cost escalation on capital projects we have preliminarily estimated 50 million as we do not have a confirmed site or program for the facility. We have 16.7 million in SCC allocated by Commissioner Rubio and amazing \$15 million grant from the state of Oregon lottery fund with the leadership of state representative Travis Nelson and Maxine Dexter 31.7 in funds allocated. And a potential funding gap of 18.3 million to fund the facility.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty has a session. Okay. Continue, sorry.

Speaker: Okay. Next please. The lottery funds will be districted from a grant agreement state of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services. I will return in early December of 2022 for City Council authorization to accept the agreement for 15 million. The funding gap is something that we will address. Commissioner Rubio and PPNR will be working to advance options you can consider to fill the funding gap for this project. Potential funding gap options to consider include a voter approved ballot measure for the aquatic center and capital needs within Portland's parks. Requesting additional future city general fund allocations, for example funding from capital set aside, a capital campaign to solicit private donations or utilization of parks and rec revenues. Next slide, please. This is an overview of the number of community engagement efforts PPNR over the past summer completed to generate

excitement for the project. We had 30s plus stakeholder interviews 22 between April and July. We've had six separate community events, including let's talk about the future of north Portland at cjcc, a town hall event at roosevelt high school. We participated in good in the hood at king hill park. East Portland summer arts festival. We had two community survey efforts. And we've a pretty incredible and diverse project advisory committee. We had a totals of 92 applicants for the advisory improvement. A number not seen in previous projects. And 18 individuals set and confirmed to support the project process to ensure the project is representative of community needs. We launched the website earlier this year and regular website updates to share project news. And we have 795 individuals that have opted in to our email list. Next slide, please. We will continue this robust community engagement efforts of the course of the project with a number of outreach and communication approaches including the communityigaterings, focus groups with the project advisory committee, additional stakeholder interviews and of course the webpage updates and emailers. Next slide, please. A request for proposal for design services was advertised under rfp00001876. And three responsive proposals were received. A highly qualified design team, els architecture and urban design was selected led by procurement. No protests were submitted. Els an award-winning architecture practice with 50 year tradition in design, a recipient in aia california council award. Els has been recruited in the architect 50 for five consecutive years, and 2021 top three hundred architecture firms. They have a various project types, fitness, aquatics and wellness facilities. They designed over a hundred aquatic centers. They provide historic renovation, cultural and entertainment, mixed use and urban design. California certified ran business and a participant of the aia's 2030 commitment to reduce energy use of our buildings. Committed to sustainable design solution and remember their environment and

social context to achieve architectural and technical excellent and celebrate and enhance urban light. They are the first organization in california to be named in just 2.0 organization by the international future instituted. The just label represents the commitment to social equity, transparency and diversity in practice. The participation for this contract is [indiscernible] for all tiers of subconsultants, covid - - 28.6. Next slide, please. We request from City Council the approval to authorization a contract with els architecture and urban design inc. To provide site selection and land use permitting services for the north Portland aqualityic center in the a total of not exceed \$2,304,630 to amend 187770. Approved by council on may 25th, 2016 to add a north Portland aquatic center project to the Portland parks and rec list. Next slide, please. I want to thank you for the opportunity to present this ordinance for this really exciting project. And to expedite the project delivery for a new north Portland aquatic center. Let me know if you have questions.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: colleagues, any questions at this point?

Speaker: Can I say one thing before we go to questions. I want to thank robin for the presentation. I will need to make a motion to amend finding 1 -- 6 to update the participation goal. We had a miscalculation. The utilization to 28.6%, which robin mentioned, listed in the document as 31.1. We were under the impression that tier 2 and 3 subcontract participation would count but they have to be separate.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: since we all noticed that, I will second it. [chuckling] any further discussion on this horrific math discrepancy? Seeing none, call the roll on the amendment. [roll call vote]

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: aye. The amendment is on the table. I have one question while I've got the floor here. On that list of potential strategies to fill the funding gap, is naming our naming rights is names rights. Somebody help me. Is naming rights. Singular. On the table? Is naming rights on the table?

Speaker: Are you asking me?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: yeah. [multiple speakers]

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I can see this as being a very popular institution in the community and you did a great job of articulating the need. This is something people have wanted for a long time. And I can't help but notice in those cities they will sell the naming rights, if I can be so bold, in exchange for a sizable contribution to the capital calpain. Is that on the table here? Campaign --

Speaker: Assume ppnr and commissioner Rubio would be able to all types of funding measures, including a sponsorship agreement and a sponsorship of this facility, which will be an amazing new facility for the city and all its residents.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. I recognize we're a long way from having the conversation about the specifics of the funding gap. But I hope we don't just automatically discount that as a possible.

Speaker: Want to confirm, we're not there yet, I wholeheartedly say yes. Thank you for bringing it up. If anyone is interested, let us know.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: great. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: the aquatic center, it's available. There it is. Commissioner hardesty has a question.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you so much. Robin, excellent presentation. Thank you so much, commissioner Rubio. I know north Portlanders have been chomping at the bit for this aquatic center for quite some time. And you

know, I always like to underpromise and overdeliver. And when I look at a proposal that has such a significant funding gap, doesn't yet know where it's going to be built, you know, it just kind of -- it is one of those kind of projects if it's in my portfolio would keep me up at night because of the community desire to have this fabulous facility. Like the mayor said, I mean, I hope that we think about this really differently, you know, I have not been impressed at how the city can be innovative in a whole lot of ways. As I think about this, I think there may be a lot of opportunities. Will this be the greenest aquatic center on the planet? Will this be one that actually uses renewable material and energy-efficient everything? Please let's think really, really big and innovative. Because remember, we're going to use this aquatic center for the next 100 years. And so I just want to encourage you to think visionary and big and bold and don't think about the resources we have today but think about what we're building for the future. Like the mayor said, you know, we got the motor center, not because of healthcare was part of the -- the blazers played but because somebody thought it was important to have their name on that facility. Right? And so that's my encouragement. I'm excited but I'm also terrified because we promise north Portland residents improvements over and over and over again. And we've failed miserably, right? So I'm excited and terrified all at the same time. But I'm really clear, I believe in commissioner Rubio and her vision. So I look forward to working with you to make this a reality. When I look at something breaking ground in 2027, it almost gives me chills. [chuckling]

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: but because I've been transportation commissioner I know nothing good happens quickly at the city. So right we have to take the time to build the momentum. And have the right financial partners. We get played a lot but I'm looking forward to this being a model of community, government, and private sector partnerships. Everyone I see so far unfortunately

ends up the private that are the beneficiaries and the public ends up paying the bill. This will be different. I look forward to the outcome and staying involved and helping us get the best outcome possible.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I suspect we'll have public testimony so i'll keep my comments short. I want to thank commissioner Rubio for her leadership on this issue. I can recall a couple of years ago, my neighborhood pool, the buckman pool and the basement of buckman elementary school closed and that had a negative impact on the quality of life for kids and families around the school and we never quite recovered from that. I appreciate the recreational opportunities. I'm also underscoring a thing commissioner hardesty brought up. I encourage us to go outside the box as we think about this project. I think of this pool as not only being about recreational opportunities but part of our strategies to make the city more resilient to climate change. And I think that's something we should be front of mined as we think about bringing this online. We know summers are going to get hotter and we need a place for kids to recreate. Mind -- so thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Keelan, do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: K. Mcclymont: we have one person signed upled. Edith gillis, but I don't believe she's joined.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good any further discussion?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: commissioner Rubio and I had conversations about this but for the record one of the big issues, I don't think anyone is not excited about this future. And robin, that was a very good presentation. Thank you. And also very masterful about the transition from the blazer proclamation to your item. It's the people that live in my neighborhood that loved taking water aerobics for example, at the columbia pool and they want to be assured that there is access to

dishman because for a lot of them, that's a long ways away. I know you allocated a line-item expenditure to do that. I want to hear about that type of services and it could be something we hear more about soon. That's what I'm hearing from constituents is that issue. It's the gap in between that being shut down and then this amazing aquatic center opening up.

Speaker: Yeah, so I don't have the staff here to speak specifically to that. And we can follow-up -- we'll follow-up with everyone just to give you a clear briefing about what the steps are. We are operationalizing those initial funds. But have to be clear they are initial because this is going to span several years what's happening. We're doing everything we can to ensure we have capacity to meet the needs. I personally am investing in ensuring transportation, particularly to the elders in the community who very much love water aerobics and that's community for them. My grandmother was one of them. And so not in columbia but still, I know the importance and building community and health. So those things are very much at the top of our list to be-- to ensure that we're doing everything we can. Staffing remains a challenge. So we're doing everything we can. To ensure that we shore up aquatic staff to have the capacity to expand that service. That is front and center for us. And again, I will say as this continues forward, we may need to come back to council to keep those strategies front and center through the duration of any project that comes forward for sure.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Another question?

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. I wanted to say to commissioner Rubio, I look forward to joining you in those meetings to get sponsorship opportunities. I think it could be fun.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I agree. Before we vote, I just want to really, really acknowledge the tremendous the long amount of time that north Portlanders have

been waiting for this. This was an issue well before I came onto council. And it's still here. And we're trying as hard as we can to gain traction and finally move this project forward in the way that north Portlanders deserve. They deserve service, they deserve access. And so, we're doing everything we can to ensure that that's happening as fast as we can. And fast has a different meaning sometimes in bureaucracy, which can be frustrating. This is one our top projects. We hear you and feel you and please know we're trying to move this forward as fast as we can.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, commissioner. Please call the roll. [roll call vote]

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank commissioner Rubio for her leadership on this important project. Can't wait to see this thing built. I vote aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I want to thank robin and the whole team at parks. I also want to thank north Portland community for very much being front and center and reminding us with your heartts and communities just how important it is to have equitable service in your community. Very excited for this projects to step forward. I vote aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, commissioner Rubio and thank you, robin johnson craig for the presentation. We're all excited about the vision. And I appreciate the dialogue that the mayor put into the dais about naming rights. My industry experience in that is it's about 50%. So you know, don't sell it for cheap, that's all I got to say. And I'm looking forward to seeing that through because quite frankly it's personal, that's where i'll be exercising in about seven years so I hope it moves along. I appreciate the transparency and dialogue about the gap because it's so real, coming out of covid, mental health, people want to connect again and experience the ritual of those classes that I keep hearing about that means so much to them. Thank you for having the heart to make it a right priority and I vote aye.

Speaker: K. McClymont: Hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: This is probably one of the biggest issues that came across my desk in January of 2019 when I had the privilege of being elected to this seat. And it is absolutely a joy for me to watch you, Commissioner Rubio, really navigate this very treacherous territory to center the people in North Portland who have not had access to quality recreation like other parts of the city has. It will take a while because it takes a while in the city of Portland. But I'm confident with your leadership we're on the right track. And Robin Johnson Craig, I have to say that was a fabulous presentation. And I'm grateful for the hard work of Park's employees. I'm very happy to vote aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I can't say enough positive things, thank you to Commissioner Rubio, Portland Parks and Rec and everyone who visioned the project. It's way too early to celebrate but this is a decisive step forward. It's also great. We're finally talking about a sport I understand. And it's when I'm truly passionate about. Swimming is unique in that the worse you are at it, the better it is for you. Because the better you get at it, the more efficient you become, meaning you are using less energy. So it's actually one of these great sports if you don't know what you are doing, it's a great way to exercise and it's also a low-impact sportment you are seeing older adults around the world taking up swimming as an alternative to other types of activities that are harder on joints and your body. And so it's a great way for us to be able to age in place as to have access to this kind of recreation. And last but not least, this is a great recreational opportunity for people with disabilities. I think it's underappreciated as an activity that people with significant physical disabilities can participate in fully provided the infrastructure is accommodating. And I have no question in my mind that as Portland Parks and Recreation vision this particular aquatics facility will have that in mind in addition

to the other values my fellow commissioners espoused earlier. And the reality is, that it is very difficult for most people to gain access to an aquatics facilities if it is not a public aquatics facility. We've gone through a period in Portland's history where we've had a few notable successes around aquatics facilities in other parts of the city. North Portland has waited a long, long time as my colleagues point out, for their opportunity to have a world-class aquatics facility located in their immediate proximity. And that's exciting to me. It's a long way of saying for me this is almost a feel-good opportunity even though if I acknowledge commissioner, that the fiscal aspects of this are going to be challenging going forward in years ahead. This is totally worthwhile and we should absolutely see it to fruition, I vote aye. Ordinance adopted. Thank you for your leadership. Next, the four-fifths agenda. 872-1.

Speaker: Direct bureau of transportation to implement a school zone speed reduction adjacent to cleveland high school and work with Oregon department of transportation to evaluate the need for other safety improvements where students cross u.s. 26 se powell blvd for school access.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. Colleagues, I would like to begin with a moment of silence for [indiscernible] longer and all those who died in the city of Portland. [moment of silence observed]

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor and colleagues. Powell boulevard is a state-owned highway and high crash corridor with 17 people have died in traffic crashes since 2017. On Tuesday, October 4th, students at the high school witnessed a terrible tragedy. Celebrated Portland chef was riding a bike when struck and killed by a vehicle on southwest powell boulevard at the intersection of southwest 26thavenue. This led to widespread community outcry and calls for safety improvements, including the jurisdictional transfer of powell

boulevard from the state to the city of Portland. Every traffic fatality is one too many. This was a preventable death at an intersection that p.b.o.t. Alongside community had previously advocated for substantial safety improvements to be made by o.d.o.t., including enhancing a bike lane that was there. The situation led o.d.o.t.ing director to issue a statement on October 10th, saying this road cannot and should not function as a traditional highway anymore. I'm happy to see this changing of heart. And I want to hold o.d.o.t. To their word. I am hopeful we can work together as partners to make the streets safer, not just around [indiscernible] but around other Portland schools that are next to state highways. And I hope o.d.o.t. Will work with p.b.o.t. And Oregon department of transportation with work with Portland bureau of transportation to make powell boulevard safer for everyone. However, I want to be really clear. Portfolio -- p.b.o.t. Is not waiting for o.d.o.t. To take action. I'm hopeful my colleagues will join me in proving this resolution so we can make the intersection at southeast 26th and powell safer starting tomorrow. With additional improvements throughout the year. For years p.b.o.t. Advocated for more safety improvements through this and other state-owned high-crash corridors. And this resolution calls for o.d.o.t. To partner with p.b.o.t. On those improvements. Now that we may have a willing partner in o.d.o.t., the moment is right to not only implement changes to this specific intersection but to be proactive, proactively thinking about how we can improve safety around all schools in the city of Portland. There is a lot to this resolution but some of top actions include: establishing a school zone on southeast 26th avenue while asking o.d.o.t. To install school zones at all schools on state-owned highways in Portland. This ordinance would direct p.b.o.t. To pursue school-zone installations at any street adjacent to a high school with where the speed limit is higher than 20 miles per hour. Whether it's a city or state-owned highway. This directs p.b.o.t. To

propose additional safety improvements on other parts of southeast 26th avenue, powell and other busy state-owned streets. This would direct p.b.o.t. To study the city's freight routes and street clarifications that may be leading large trucks to use this instead of wider streets that are more appropriate. Finally, this would direct p.b.o.t. To work with o.d.o.t. To develop a thorough cost estimate for the improvements needed to bring powell up to city standards for safety and maintenance from southeast 9th avenue to i-205. Without an understanding of the true cost of transfer in and commitment to fund the full cost, a transfer will not make the road safer. With a realistic cost estimate and adequate funding the improvements could leave to a transfer of powell to city control using the recent transfer of 82nd avenue as a model. I want to make sure the public knows that tomorrow, Thursday, October 20th, Oregon state senator kathleen taylor and state representative rob nurse and com power will host a community forum focused on solutions for improving safety on southeast boulevard, specifically the intersection at cleveland high school. The public meeting is at 6 p.m. Tomorrow in the high school a torium. P.b.o.t. Will make additional announcements and additional information about safety is expected from o.d.o.t., trimet and Portland public schools. I look forward to this important discussion. And will join the community in attendance. I want to say thank you to my colleagues for signing off on this item so I can bring it in front of you today. And I want to say we have p.b.o.t. Staff here ready to answer any questions that mayor and councilmembers have.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: any questions at this point? Mr. Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I support this but I have a couple of questions for staff.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: if staff would come up and introduce yourself when you speak.

Speaker: Good morning, I'm Wendy calling, p.b.o.t. City traffic engineer.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: hi Wendy. A couple of questions. This has come together pretty quickly. I haven't had a chance to fully absorb all of it. I'm trying to figure out what this resolution does. So there is a p.b.o.t. Piece to this and there is an o.d.o.t. Piece to this. I assume that p.b.o.t. Stuff we can pretty much implement on our own. And the things the p.b.o.t. Or o.d.o.t. Part are essentially requests/demands to the state highway agency. Is that roughly how it works?

Speaker: That's correct, yes.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: let's first, can you highlight for me the p.b.o.t. Piece? What are the things we definitely get out of this bypassing this today?

Speaker: So the things on 26th Avenue adjacent to the school are under full p.b.o.t. Jurisdiction. We can do those and we will start as early as tomorrow. We will implement a 20-mile per hour on 26th Avenue and plan to implement green bike lanes on 26th in both directions. That should come in the next few months, weather allowing. And a longer-term project to install pedestrian crossing with a concrete island on 26th Avenue north of Powell, the west entrance to Cleveland High School.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: got it. How would you characterize the ask to o.d.o.t. And what are we asking from o.d.o.t.? Are those asks or kind of real buttons we push?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I'm happy to answer that. What we're asking from -- we share the road, right, o.d.o.t. Has some responsibilities for the road. The city has some. What we're asking is actually for p.b.o.t. To be able to make safety decisions for the people who live, work and play in the city of Portland. Because right now state law says that we can't change speed zones without o.d.o.t.'s approval. There are a lot of things that are in the package. The first thing we'll do is immediate safety improvements. O.d.o.t. Had us take out -- did maintenance and

they -- the bike lanes were taken out. Right? So we're not going to wait for o.d.o.t. To actually come up with a plan. This is a plan that p.b.o.t. Developed inhouse with the resources we have to do what we can do. And we need to get o.d.o.t. To light a fire under their butt to make them invest dollars in helping with all the roads. This is one of those roads o.d.o.t. Owned, they have failed to maintain them in a way that is safe for Portlanders.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you for the clarification. I'm still a little foggy on the ask to o.d.o.t.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: o.d.o.t. Okay. Let me go back. I want you to have all you need.

Speaker: Would you like me to?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: sure.

Speaker: The immediate ask is that we're requesting that o.d.o.t. Also install a speed 20 school zone on Powell in front of Cleveland High School. And o.d.o.t. Requires that local jurisdictions make that request. For all school zones. That's first and foremost. Also high visibility crosswalks at 26th and 28th on the east side of the school and other crosswalks throughout Powell or along Powell throughout the corridor. And then there are some signal requirements, signal upgrades we'll do jointly with o.d.o.t. Because we have an agreement that we do some of the signal things and o.d.o.t. Does some of the others. This will allow us to make improvements like leading pedestrian intervals, giving them a few seconds head start before autos get the green lights. That's something jointly we'll work on.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: if I could add. We have want o.d.o.t. To study how freight routes through neighborhoods are impacting traffic safety. We also want to make sure that there is a true cost of transferring jurisdiction from state ownership to the city of Portland. We, and again, 82nd is a model because we didn't

take it until we had enough resources to bring it up to code. The state would love us to take the abandoned roadways and use city money to fix it but we don't have that kind of money. What else, it is establishing a 20-mile per hour school zone around any middle school or high school. I was surprised to learn that only elementary schools and schools that dealt with kids in correction have school zones. I mean, who is the most distracted people on the planet? High school kids, right? Right? It shocked me that was not state law. O.d.o.t. Has responsibility for that. And so we get to put a little pressure on o.d.o.t. To help make sure that our kids are safe regardless of what the age they are going to school.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: okay. Thank you very much. As long as here because lots of folks are curious and I don't know the answer. Can we get an update on the status of negotiations of transferring powell to p.b.o.t. For example, I know literally probably within the last month this council has approved projects for both the water bureau and environmental services on further out on powell and it's my understanding we are doing those kind of very not particularly interesting infrastructure improvements partly to move that upgrade the roads to eventually get transferred to the city. I get the impression work is being done to get us to the transfer point but I don't know the larger discussion and hand off.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: work is being done to prioritize safety improvements. And again, we're a long way from transferring jurisdiction. But we wanted to be just -- we haven't started that conversation to be honest because it has to come with resources for the upgrade. Because of the recent vehicle fatality, it's an opportunity for us to push that conversation with o.d.o.t.

Speaker: I would like to add we're making improvements east of i-205 and conversations can with o.d.o.t. I'm not prepared to answer the full discussion of when that might happen east of i-205.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you, that's helpful.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I want to share with commissioner Hardesty that I too was very surprised as a matter of course we don't identify school zones and have reduced speeds around all of our schools. And I'm sorry I didn't notice that. I just assumed as a matter of course that that was the case. And that is probably going to come as a surprise to a lot of our state leaders as well. We should fix that. This should be part of a legislative discussion with the upcoming -- excuse me, the upcoming legislative session.

Speaker: Can I ask a question, a follow-up question?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: is that a legislative or administrative thing at the state? Legislative.

Speaker: Probably a legislative thing. It's ODOT's practice to not install speed zones around high schools. Or they have a process to go through. But they did recently change to allow local jurisdictions to do it. We have most of our high schools now covered in the city of Portland and through this action we will get the last few remaining posted as speed 20.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: great.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: before I go to commissioner Ryan, what is involved in that? So we --

Speaker: In changing, adding a school speed zone for us, for the city of Portland if it's a local street we can post it.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: that's really all that is required, the signage?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: we should do that. Commissioner Ryan? Hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: ODOT has to approve reducing the speed limit, right?

Speaker: On -- on state highways for school zones.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: we do not have the ability to unilaterally reduce those speeds or create a school zone on an o.d.o.t.-controlled right-of-way, is that correct?

Speaker: Right, we need to request o.d.o.t.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: is there any reason to believe they would not support reduced speeds near all of our schools?

Speaker: --

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I can't imagine the argument against this.

Speaker: On powell we believe they will.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: they made us take out the bike lanes when they did their improvements. Again, I think there is a deeper conversation about who decides what is safe for people in the city of Portland. Does salem or p.b.o.t. Do it based on the expertise. I think there is a much deeper conversation we need to have with our state legislatures how we make sure that o.d.o.t. Just doesn't just check a box because they have the authority to do so.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: okay. Commissioner Ryan. Thanks for your patience.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: first of all, commissioner hardesty, thank you for bringing this forward and giving us a chance to have a moment of silence for sarah, that was really important. And it often is a tragedy that sometimes wakes us up on, are you kidding me, this wasn't a law like everyone is proclaiming safety in school zones for middle school and high school kids. It's easy to vote yes today for this action. I think what we're getting at, what are the next steps for the other schools. We talked about 82nd, there is an elementary school on 82nd, vestal. And that gets overlooked too. We have high schools that are one block off a really busy street, two in this case, roosevelt off of lumbard, and franklin is one block from division. I

hope we hear about the bigger picture story and I would ask you are going to be coordinating with pps on this situation. I know we keep hearing about o.d.o.t. Those closest to the action are the people who work at the schools. I look forward to the engagement with those school communities and that support will help do the right thing. So that's all. I wanted to make a few comments on the record. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty, another comment?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: , no mayor. That concludes the presentation.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: any public testimony?

Speaker: K. McClymont: two people signed up. First is Kathy Tuttle.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: three minutes please. Name for the record Kathy.

Speaker: Hello.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hi. We hear you.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Mayor and councilmembers, good morning. My name is Kathy Tuttle. And I'm a member of Bike Law PDX and speaking very much in favor of this resolution. And I wanted to say too I spend some time at Powell and 26th after the terrible tragedy of the death of Sarah Pliner and noticed parents walking and strollers to the bus stops where they walked their kids to school and walked strollers across Powell to get the bus to go home. It's a place where people are walking and accessing through all kinds of ways. It's not just people who need to bike, it's like children who need to walk to the park, people need to use streets around schools, they are active community places. I heard Commissioner Ryan talking about state routes that were just one block away from some of the o.d.o.t. facilities. And I think that is important too in the scope of what you are looking at. And I would suggest an amendment that instead of saying schools that are adjacent to o.d.o.t. properties, schools that are within one block of o.d.o.t. safety zones. I

think school safety zones could extend a block away because that's where people are walking to and from the bus. I think unless you say [indiscernible] Portland children safe, they are going to push and push and push back. So within a block makes sense to me. And then also, I think the scope could include talking about engineering safe streets. It's possible to engineer 20-mile an hour streets but you need money. There could be something about cameras on o.d.o.t. Streets to pay for engineering improvements. The other kind of [indiscernible] I would put in there as well is a timeframe. I think a lot of these programs tend to take years and years, decades. Some parents get involved trying to get safe routes to school programs for their kids when they are in kindergarten and don't [indiscernible] until the kids are graduated from high school. Put a five-year limit. Say we want Portland schools to be safe for children whatever grade you are in the in the next five years. Those would be my recommendations to slightly tweak the resolution that I believe is a wonderful resolution. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, kathy, for being here this morning.

Speaker: K. McClymont: next up, we have david ginick.

Speaker: Hello, thank you. I'm also a member of bike lane pdx, talking mostly as a parent. I want to thank commissioner hardesty for the proposal. I appreciate your commitment on this after sarah pliner's death. I hope the city and state will be able to move quickly on those things, on lawyering speeds, restoring safety features on the intersection and jurisdictional transfer. On the speed zones in particular, I wanted to say I have a daughter who is you can see here, she's two years old. And before she was born in 2019 I asked o.d.o.t. Why there wasn't a speed zone on powell north of creston elementary, which is where she will attend. They told me there used to be a school zone there, which may moved. The creston is on the south end of the park so it's not their problem. And saint ignatias has a fence along

the side so they don't consider it adjacent to the road. Which -- I mean, the words I would use to describe that logic I'm not going to say in a City Council meeting. But I also just since Sarah Pliner's death talking to another Portlander who asked O.D.O.T. In 2019 why there wasn't a speed zone on Powell next to Cleveland School. They told him it wasn't necessary because high school students are vigilant.

Speaker: [chuckling]

Speaker: And that was in -- the email I got from them. A high school student was hit yesterday on Southeast Powell. Not seriously injured but by Cleveland High School. I support the proposal to implement school zones and 20-mile per hour speed limits on city streets where they aren't already. It was a surprise to me we haven't done that. There was a young woman on Killingsworth at the corner of the school that was injured. I was suggest extending this. Jason Alexander gave a presentation on speed limit reductions and found lower speed limits, speed limits alone don't have an impact on arterials, if it's possible to move on cameras -- arterials should be priorities for camera enforcement as we roll that out. I suggest the same limits [ding] border city, pas because it's important to walk to your local playground as they can get to school. School speed zones, camera enforcement, all the schools, all the parks, that would be what I would hope for. Again, thank you, Commissioner Hardesty, for your work on this.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, David. Appreciate it.

Speaker: K. McClymont: that completes testimony.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: any further discussion? This is a four-fifths agenda item. Please call the roll. [roll call vote]

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank Commissioner Hardesty for taking leadership on this important issue. These are all changes that should be made, unfortunately, for some of these changes come too late. For me, not soon enough. I

have a child who in less than a year will again -- begin going to school at cleveland and get himself to and from school on his bike. I eagerly look forward to these changes. I would also say that, you know, it's not just cleveland as has been pointed out in the presentation today, I want to encourage p.b.o.t. To take a look at the safety infrastructure that we have around all of our schools. And I support p.b.o.t.'s dialogue with o.d.o.t. Around making sure o.d.o.t. Has adequate public safety infrastructure for their roads that abut schools. For these reasons and more I'm glad to vote aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I wanted to thank commissioner hardesty for taking leadership on this timely and long overdue issue and bringing this resolution. I agree we need to act now to make roads safer for communities and students. And work together to achieve our zero goals. Fatalities and injuries and make it clear we're committed to making our streets safer. I vote aye.

Speaker: K. McClymont: Ryan.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thank you, again, commissioner hardesty and p.b.o.t. Staff for being so responsive to this emergency. And I think we all are a little humbled by all we've learned today and I look forward to p.b.o.t., o.d.o.t. And Portland public schools figuring it out. I think with the testimony we might have another layer to this in the future. But today, this resolution is very easy to support. It's about time we put safety of our kids well in front of o.d.o.t.'s concerns. I vote aye.

Speaker: K. McClymont: hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I want to thank chris warner for being an incredible leader who didn't -- who actually came up with a solution rather than with many of the problems that we tended to get dropped in our lap. It has been a pleasure working with him to try to really think through what could we do now and

plan for in the future. I will say this resolution today is not about throwing Chris Strickler under the bus but it's about drawing a line in the sand how we protect vulnerable people in the city of Portland. I have a strong relationship with Director Strickler, I don't anticipate this to be a confrontational conversation. He knows where our values lay in the city. I think what I look forward to is p.b.o.t. Doing what we can do right now. But making sure that we have to state as a partner as we start building the permanent changes that are necessary to ensure that all modes of transportation are safe for people when they are walking, rolling or traveling in our community. I'm very happy to have voted aye. And I want to thank each and every one of your colleagues for stepping up at this critical time to allow me to make this happen. I vote aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. It's 11:30. We'll take a 10-minute recess and come back and take up the consent agenda items. We're in recess. [council is in recess at 11:30 until 11:40.] I tend to like to have it on the public record so the public understands why that is so. Can you answer why.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: colleagues, I think we have staff here too. [please stand by] to fix a sinkhole and a broken pipe. While we made the repairs environmental services discovered a second sinkhole when also needed emergency repairs, the second sinkhole represented a threat to public safety and time was of the essence, I authorized repairs to the second sinkhole via the emergency procurement process. Those repairs were completed last week. The road at 33rd and Kent is open and traffic calming devices removed. Environmental services in front of council today to increase the original sinkhole contract to pay for repairs to the second sinkhole. And I think there are staff in the room or at least online who can answer any additional questions that you might have.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I have no additional questions, Commissioner Mapps. Let me say this is a good example of good government. My only concern was when there is a million-dollar override in the contract for the bureau and consent agenda I think it raises more questions. Well done, thank you very much. I support the proposal.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I want to thank the staff. They were great on this project. Working on the fly, you might remember as we were doing the work. Members of the neighborhood came in to express concerns and trust frustrations. To clean up the traffic. I'm delighted to report that project is basically done at this point. We're removing the rest of our equipment from out there. And life moves on and hope the new infrastructure will last another 150 years, which I think is about as long as one of the pipes we replaced has been around. That concludes my comments.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: any public testimony? Call the roll.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: aye.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: aye. Thank you for the discussion. And the ordinance is adopted. Second item pulled 866.

Speaker: Amend annual grant fund limit not to exceed \$450,000 for the habitat fund in support of the Bull Run water supply habitat conservation plan. Amend ordinance no. 184345.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: this is a non-emergency ordinance. Commissioner Hardesty?

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you, mayor. And thank you, Commissioner Mapps. You again. I pulled this item because I see that we're

doubling the amount of funds. But the ordinance itself was unclear about who would have access to those funds, how they would be distributed, what are you measuring, et cetera, et cetera, I thought maybe a brief presentation would be in order for this particular item.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: absolutely. Happy to do it. First I should frame this by saying the ordinance before us today is not about actually making grant, rather it's about making minor administrative changes to the way the grant program is organized. Here's the story behind this ordinance. The federal government requires the water bureau to fund \$5 million in habitat restoration projects over a 20-year period and that runs from 2010 to 2030. As part of this program this work needs to be done by third parties. So this is essentially a grant program that's designed to get community groups and other enterprises involved in the work of helping restore our natural spaces. Since 2010, the water bureau funded \$2 million in habitat restoration projects through this program. Which means the water bureau has \$3 million in restoration project dollars we need to get out the door by 2030. I guess we have to spend 5 million over 20 years, only got 2 million at the door, we still got \$3 million we need to move. Here's the problem. The water bureau is currently only authorized to award up to \$250,000 a year as part of this program. Which means if you do the math, we're not going to be able to get the \$3 million out the door without raising the cap. The ordinance before us today is seeking council approval to raise the amount we make available for habitat restoration from \$250,000 a year to \$450,000 a year. Let me point out this does not involve new money or any general funds, instead this changing is an administrative adjustment that the water bureau needs to implement in order to stay in compliance with federal mandates.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you very much. [multiple speakers]

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I'm curious, this is a great technical fix.

Operationally we've had trouble getting money out of the door. How operationally this will be expubuted. Mapps the --

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: this has been running for more than a decade. Some years we don't get all the dollars. Making more dollars available a broader range of groups might be drawn to participate in this program. So if you were not interested in a refund multiple projects for this. It's frankly to cut to the bottom line, some tribes might be more interested in participating in this work if there was more dollars on the table.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I look forward to hearing about the relationship, how they are cultivated.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: at some point we'll be back before council sharing the good news about who won the awards. It's one of those really feel-good council sessions where amazing groups come in and doing great environmental work. I think we've done this a couple of times since we've all been here and do it again, it's one of the better days on council. Sure.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: very good. Any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: K. Mcclymont: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: this is a first reading of nonemergency ordinance that moves to second reading. We are adjourned.

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Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hello everybody. This is the Wednesday, October 19th, 2022, afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan, good afternoon. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call].

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and now we'll hear from legal council on decorum in the room.

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Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. We have one item on this afternoon's agenda, but it's a really important one. Could you please read item 873, a nonemergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: amend Portland's clean energy community benefits code to better align with the equitably meet city climate action goals.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. We reaffirm these goals and are recently adopted climate emergency work plan and I thank you all for your feedback and great work on that today. Community stakeholders and each of you that began in earnest in late 2021. These conversations are the results of the gift that our community gave to the city when they placed pcef on the ballot. It was placed on the ballot for the very communities that have been historically excluded from our long investments that have primarily benefited well off households and businesses. Today, we are here to reaffirm and honor the intent of the ballot initiative. To also leverage all the lessons learned over the last two and a half years to strengthen pcef and service to our communities. As we have just begun seeing the fruits of many of our rf1 and 2 grantees, I'm excited to see this evolution and support for greater climate investments in the city and more opportunities with collaboration for nonprofits and for our collective growth of the pcef program and community work together. Our front line communities, ideas, and values are the strength behind pcef and that remains the same. And is at the center of our proposal. I know work like this requires government as a partner. It can hold

skepticism from community and acted sometimes upon the very same communities that we are centering. So I want to say that we see that, we understand that and we thank you for the trust that you're affording us and for being in this work and journey together. So our hope and our faith in our partnership will continue to grow through demonstrated outcomes that hold us all accountable to our values. I also want to acknowledge that we have heard concerns from community about definitions within the proposed code. We have heard you loud and clear where additional clarity and definitions are needed, we are committed to go through administrative rule making to clarify and define terms. We explicitly made rule elements like this. So I encourage you to engage in our administrative rule making efforts when they begin. This program has always operated by community and for community and that is an element of pcef program that will never change and we are very committed to that. Secondly, we've heard community desires for the code to define the allocation for the community responsive grant program. We understand this desire and had originally planned to include such allocations. However, the place for those allocations is in the climate investment plan. Community responsive grants will absolutely be maintained as a core component of each climate investment plan. However, it's important that the climate investment plan be an iterative document on the current climate science decarbonization priorities, community input and need and capacity. As a new program, we know pcef will continue to change and grow over time. We're so grateful to the staff. I'm grateful to my colleagues and most importantly, very grateful to the community for continuing to share your thoughts and feedback advocating for your concerns and helping to ensure pcef's continued -- helping to ensure pcef's continued success. With that, I will turn the presentation over to bps director donnie olivera.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler, city commissioners and our Portland community members present today and listening online. We have a robust agenda today, so I want to make my initial comments brief, but I want to acknowledge a couple of things. Next slide, please. The Portland clean energy community benefits fund's mission is to take substantive action to reduce carbon emission and lessen the impacts of the climate crisis for all Portlanders. But especially the marginalized communities that address the drastic effect of climate change. It feels like every time I'm in front of you there's another crisis that the world's experiencing that shows the climate crisis upon us. And we keep seeing lost lives, lost livelihoods and billions of dollars in damages. We continue to sit back and be active or we can take proactive action to show what it's like to lead with empathy and urgency. Collaboration is key though. This past summer we brought a climate emergency work plan that showed an audacious action the city can take to lead by example globally, but collaboration is key. It starts with looking at synergies around our city and our private partnerships that might exacerbate good for once. I want to acknowledge the staff of the pcef program who have really been leading that collaborative mission since day one. Program manager sam borosso has been in front of you many times over the last year but there's a huge team behind him I want to take a moment to name. Katie lister, rachel gillmore, david grandfield. Jay richmond. Alexander mcfearson have all been behind the scenes building that collaborative spirit and those relationships that make the program tick. So thank you, pcef staff for your contributions. Next slide, please. So here's our agenda today. We're going to do a quick tee up by me and we're going to hand it over to our program manager and walk over the changes to cue up the vote and then we're going to hear from invited speakers to provide their perspective on these changes. But I want to start by stating that bp.s. Is committed

to implementing the intent of the 2018 voter initiative to defend climate action efforts. They're going to expanded ways that the funds are allocated. Stay true to the values and the guidelines that the community laid out in 2018 and we want to ensure to continue to work with the pcef to ensure those values are manifested in quality program. Next slide, please. So I want you to think about a few things from our partners who have been responsive to the first two rfp's to see how we can ensure and strengthen the program. Thank you, commissioner for your leadership and bringing them forward andation thinking about the ways we're leveraging our synergies and partnerships. I would argue by doing these changes, we're going to strengthen and provide more agility and have a response to the climate crisis in our own city today because it's going to leverage existing programs and work that our colleagues and other bureaus are doing namely right now the housing bureau and parks and rec to ensure that their programs are not just meeting their goals, but also meeting the climate goals of our city. Next slide, please. As we stated many times, we have some bold goals for climate reduction. That's in eight years, folks. We have some work to do. And, of course, the total net 0 goal of 2050 which is achievable with some bold action and strong commitment from our city partners and the leadership of the community. Next slide, please. And, last, this is the part where I hand it over to sam leaving this spot with you all. We're experiencing a climate crisis. We keep saying this. We've settled a work plan. We know the work that has to get done. In truth, we need everybody at the table working together in partnership and collaboration to see it through. Pcef is one tool in the tool kit and it's going to leverage incredible investment opportunities for our city in our communities. I must stress, it's not enough. As you hear today the code changes, I'm also asking you to think about how else can we leverage partnerships and strategies amongst all the bureaus in Portland to ratify and expedite our climate

action. So as we talk about this today, sam's going to walk through these changes. I'm asking all of us here today not just you all on the dais, but the community listening. I'm going to turn it over to sam burosso to walk through the changes. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thank you, director olivera. Good afternoon mayor Wheeler, commissioners. It's good to be here before you today and good afternoon to our community members present today and listening online. Sam burosso for the record and I'm here to provide an overview of these structural changes. Let's move to the next slide. Before I jump in, I'd just like to reaffirm some of the context shared by the commissioner as well as director olivera. Over the past two and a half years, we've learned numerous lessons. Through that time, we've administered multiple large and small funding solicitations. We've managed several grantees. We've taken in significant community feedback from both large established organizations to small and emerging organizations serving our priority populations. We've seen fund revenues greater than originally projected and we've received early audit recommendations. So in late 2021, early 2022, we've been in conversations with the commissioners based on lessons learned on the structural changes. In discussing those changes, we outlined four principle objectives. Next slide, please. Okay. Objective one, identify changes to enable accelerated funding of carbon reduction projects in alignment with the ballot measure intent. Objective two was to draw clear and relevant connections to the pcef program and the city's carbon reduction goals. Objective three was to address administrative and operational needs identified by staff and the committee and many of these directly connect to objective 1 in terms of being able to move funds faster. And last, objective four was to capture and address any remaining audit recommendations that we didn't to in working through the first three objectives. So that's what I'm

going to walk you through here today. Next slide. The proposed ordinance before you today is packaged with four elements. Four core elements all of which we will detail in the following slides. They include one, the development of a climate investment plan which will provide a five year road map we will provide for initial strategic initiatives and funding priorities to provide a framework but to guide immediate development of some programs while designing others. Three, there's a host of enabling code updates in order to allow us to do those things and lastly, four, their code clean ups to harmonize definitions throughout the code and address inconsistencies and ambiguities. Next slide. Okay. The climate investment plan is the primary organizing frame work for how pcef will be implemented. In this proposal, one of the committee's prime roles will be to recommend the climate investment plan to the City Council for consideration and approval and through this the committee would no longer be making grant funding recommendations. This will allow us to better leverage the community's expertise and time availability. The climate investment plan as commissioner Rubio noted will be updated every five years based on the latest information including current climate signs, city decarbonization priorities, community input and need and capacity. And, in this, there will be robust community engagement and the climate investment plan as per this code must specifically address continued funding allocations for the community responsive grants program, new strategic initiatives, measurable goals, and/or outcomes for each of those programs in response of framework. While creating the five-year plan, it allows us to create a dependable foundation for investments and the ability to create a funding horizon. We will have the opportunity for valuation. Community needs and the impacts of the climate crisis change. Okay. Next slide. So in the following two slides, I'm going to detail the initial strategic initiatives as well as funding priorities that are before you today. So we

have two initiatives. One is growing a tree canopy and associated work force to support the city's 2035 canopy cover goals and that's to the tune of \$40 million or \$8 million per year over five years. Two will be to raise the bar on efficiency and renewable energy upgrades and new and redeveloped regulated, affordable multi-family housing and that's to the tune of \$12 million per year over five years or \$60 million total. Okay. Next slide. And then we have funding priorities that will be further detailed through the climate investment plan with guidance and to be recommended by the pcef committee to you all later if approved towards the end of this month that this would come before you in late summer or summer of 2023. And so that includes about \$300 million for housing small commercial energy efficiency. Renewable energy and embodied carbon savings. \$100 million for decarbonization. And I want to add this is a new funding area that we are specifically carving out through this code change. Transportation decarbonization wasn't explicitly called out in the original code. Three, \$100 million for financing for carbon reducing projects. \$30 million for resilient community centers. So these would be community centers operated by community-based organizations as well as government centers. And so these are centers that may be refugees for cooling when we have extreme heat events or refugees from vents like this that we're currently experiencing when we have bad air. And then five would be a programming to support building community based organizational capacity to the tune of \$8 million and last but not least, an allocation of \$10 million for 82nd avenue planning and early investment for low-carbon communities. There's a substantive amount of work that needs to happen here. This is the outline and then come back to you all later in the summer of 2023 with a plan that aligns with these funding priorities for approval. So that would set the stage for the five years of investments that we would make. Okay. Next slide. So in the following two slides,

I'm going to walk through the core sets of code changes and sort of categorize how they fall and we've generally described them as equity centered, climate centered improvements and administrative improvements. Now, these are all set in order to enable the five-year plan structure. That's the overarching framework. Within our equity and improvements to the code, we've clearly defined party populations using the division from the ballot initiative. We've expanded equity priorities to all of the funding categories, not just the clean energy funding category. We've expanded work force priority populations to be more inclusive. Not solely women but also folks facing sex based discrimination in the work place. To serve people inside the Portland metro area so that we can have more folks able to serve and work on pcef projects. So that it's not strictly bound to the Portland boundary.

Speaker: Commissioner. Commissioner Rubio, would you prefer that we wait until the full presentation is over or is it okay to ask questions?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I'm going to say probably wait until the full presentation is over.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: is that what you prefer, sam? Okay. I'll wait. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I might forget stuff, you know. Just joking.

Speaker: Thank you. And then there's our climate centered improvements. This is one and this is important to the line or code in the broader city's climate action goals. Two is adding transportation decarbonization much more explicitly into the code as well as capacity building as funding areas and eligible funding areas. Three was to clarify the climate focus of the other funding category within the original code and last was to create an ongoing green infrastructure maintenance reserve for projects identified within the climate investment plan. And, lastly, there's this

bucket of improvements that are focused on administrative needs. Now, first here is an important one and where there's been confusion. So I'm going to spell this one out. We say allow both grants and contracts with potential roles for government entities and businesses as set within the climate investment plan. First, the proposed changes, we will have the ability to distribute funds from the program through not only grants but also contracts. And a big part of this is how we're able to direct some of these projects and the difference between a grant versus a contract. Two, grants will be limited to nonprofits and government entities where as contracted administration opportunities will be open to nonprofits, government entities and for profit businesses. However, eligibility will be further defined within the climate investment plan that will come before you that the committee will be working on that will come before you all in summer 2023. For instance, not every strategic initiative will be open for for profit administrators. For each initiative, we'll need to determine whether a for profit can help effectively, in a timely manner to build community capacity and/or diversify the work force. So there will be those types of conversations when thinking through eligibility within the climate investment plan. And to bring greater clarity to the program and to increase our administrative limit to enable adequate staffing to provide oversight to our grantees and our contractors. Okay. Next slide. And, then, there's a body of changes that are focused on code clean up. One is to ensure consistency and improve governance. It's to clarify rules of committee and staff and it's to clarify public postings of solicitations and grant information. Two is to address community composition. One is to expand the committee eligibility. But can also work within the city or have other meaningful engagement with the city in order to serve on the committee. And then, two is to add transportation decarbonization as a body of expertise that's required on the committee in alignment with the addition of that

funding area. Okay. Next slide. And so the current model has been rfp number one and number two, that's what we're calling them within this code. Now we've done through rfp1 and rfp2 we've done \$116 million total. And now we've -- in a way, we've had strategic initiative. We didn't call it this at the time, but our heat response program was one of our early strategic initiatives where we guided the implementation of that program in a more directive way. And in that was that is implementing about a \$16 million over five years for the installation of 15,000 units and I want to congratulate staff that have worked diligently on that and our community partners because we got confirmation we've hit well over our goal in installing 3,000 units this past summer. And, so, as you see here in our future model, the climate investment plan that will have allocations and spell out our outcomes and goals for our community response of grant solicitation in advance as well as our strategic initiatives. Next slide. What you see here, you will still see renewable energy projects that are benefitting residential, commercial, we will see projects by planting green things and soils and helping provide an array of other community benefits. You'll still see work force and contractor development projects. But notably this next one transportation decarbonization will be an additional fund you will see on your grant solicitations. That don't fall in those other categories and we'll still have our min grants program. Next slide. This is where you'll see noticeable changes. Again, you've seen our heat response program, but the rest of them would be new programming. For regulated affordable housing. For equitable tree canopy development. For housing and small commercial efficiency embodied carbon. And all the other elements that I shared earlier. And, so, let me look back to my slide here and make sure. And, so, with that, it's to note that we've got a substantial body of work ahead. This will all be spelled out including more clarity around our outcomes and goals through the climate investment plan that we

will begin working on immediately and in some ways have already begun working on conceptually once this council takes action. And that would come before you all in summer of 2023. And, with that, next slide. You will see this ordinance. I know this is our first reading, but this would be the ordinance before you all next week again. This is the ordinance before you all today and the next decision point for the council after action on this item would be should you approve this ordinance would be a decision on the climate investment plan in the summer of 2023. So this generally concludes my remarks on the structure of these changes. The next slide I would be teeing up our invited speakers and I'm tracking our time just to see if I've queued them up for this.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I'd like to ask a question if I may.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: why don't you. I don't want you to forget or have sam disappear.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: commissioner Rubio, thank you for the strong leadership of Portland clean energy fund. I have some questions. I did not get a clean copy of what you're proposing to change and so it's kind of hard to follow what's being added and what's being taken out of the resolution that's in front of us. But a couple of things concerned me as I read through exhibit a. When I think about -- let me just say. Let me back up. I guess, as I read this, I get concern that we're not actually intentionally talking about people of color. I mean, specifically about black latinx, other people of color, we've come up with a new term. Let's see. What was that? Which again I'm concerned as we change language, we're not really going to prioritize the populations that we want. Let's see. I'm sorry. What was that term? It's a generic term that doesn't prioritize black, indigenous, and other people of color. So I'd want to look at that. I'm also concerned I guess about the assumption that we will reach equity goals by contracting. The city of Portland's

never once done that. And so if we are intentional about who are we going to partner with? Who are we expecting? Who are we expecting them to partner with? I see a scenario where people of color will not benefit from the hard work they did and getting this fund passed, so that's kind of my first couple of questions. Any response to that?

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Mayor, commissioner, thank you for the questions. I recognize that it's -- we, you know, the red line or the black line changes are challenging to read. What we attempted to do was, in fact, in the original code, there's a lot of different references for both underserved communities and historically marginalized communities and we did try to clarify that. Anywhere where we're going through the code, we did clean that up to focus on and I think we've added actually explicitly the focus and the prioritization is on low-income communities and communities of color. That is an area where we did -- we strengthened that focus and we made sure it was clear and applied to each of our funding areas. So that's an area I'm happy to walk -- I'm happy to share with you a clean copy. It is an easy document to read, but I know that that -- that's a little challenging with the black line copy. As far as the fact that one of the key changes is that funds would no longer only be distributed through grants, but would be distributed through contracts as well which means, yes, we would be working with our procurement team within the city and we recognize the challenges that our procurement team has had over the years and I think that it is -- director Taylor has done good work and he's got a lot more work to be done. I think a big part of increasing our administrative cap. As an important part of the conversation we've been in with director Taylor and it's an important part where I encourage both the council as folks within the community to stay with us and to track us because we agree with you that that's important work that needs to be done.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: so I hope -- I appreciate that, Sam. Thank you. You know, you and I talked about this a bit briefly. I want to make sure that as we start giving grants for these funds that the community oversight board is setting what the criteria looks like because I can tell you if we continue to expire and never achieve, it's going to really -- I'm trying to look for a polite word to say it's not going to be a good thing for our community, right. And so what I have learned in my very short time here is if it doesn't say it explicitly, it doesn't exist. And so I am happy to have my office work with you to really think about how we make sure there's no wiggle room in this statute that you're asking us to pass so that it continues to benefit the people that should benefit from this fund. My other concern is limiting the community fund to 20%. And, we all know we've got a gazillion more dollars than we thought we'd have when we started this journey, but we don't know what the future holds. And, I am concerned when we say, you know, like the nonprofits would be available -- they'd get 20%. Well, what happens when our nonprofits actually build their capacity to take on more resources than that? I would hate for you to have to come back to council and actually change the policy if we're building the organization's capacity to be able to do more. So I would like to think about that before we finalize this.

Speaker: Yeah. I'd love to respond, commissioners, if that's okay. I think that -- and I should have said this before. Thank you for that comment. A key part to these changes and I think setting the stage within a document such as the climate investment plan is going to be outlining those goals on a programmatic basis because we know within each whether you're talking about tree planting or they were talking about residential weatherization or whether we're talking about multi-family building retro fits that the respective goals with each of those are going to look different both in terms of the people that are working on those projects as well as

those that are getting the benefits to those projects and so the idea and the expectation is those goals and outcomes both from a climate perspective, so emissions reduced whether it's each dollar for tree planting or going to housing retro fit is set in that plan as well as our more equity oriented goals in terms of households served, in terms of percentage of contractors and workers that are benefitting. So we expect that level of detail to come through the plan. It will be an iterative product. Recognizing that both the projects and the beneficiaries will be able to -- they will be as we make these investments, we will learn. We will grow our contracting pool and we will be able to update those goals over time as opposed to sort of steadfast locking them. To the point around the 20% of the funds being awarded nonprofit organizations with a track record of benefitting economically disadvantaged communities. That is a floor. And that exists in the original ballot measure. It's something we were not adjusting but I hope and I say this -- we've seen that as a very low floor and we've implemented this program to make sure that is we are far and way above that floor and we will continue to do so. It is an expectation of the community. It is an expectation of myself and our staff and so that is a floor. That's the way we see it and we just didn't touch that language.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: I appreciate that but you know the devil's always in the detail. They'll be some company that will say see, you in your documents says you're limited to 20%. So, again, you know I trust you explicitly and I trust donnie explicitly, but I have learned that if we aren't asking the right questions, we don't get the right answers. I would hope also as we think about doing contracting that we don't use the city's normal procurement process as a model because honestly, I think even with the current city process, we could actually, we could do so much better if we were much more proactive about it. I have a lot of respect for director taylor and unfortunately he inherited a mess that's going to take him some years to

get out of and so it's my hope that pcef becomes the model that will help director taylor think differently about how we contract. Again, excellent work. I'm really grateful, but I think I will be looking to work with you on some amendments before this comes for a final vote.

Speaker: If I may offer a couple of things because you're asking the right questions at this moment in time. First on the procurement site, bp.s., our west program in particular have been doing procurements with bico and his team to work with women-owned contractors. So that's really exciting. And the other part about this and why the strategic initiatives are so important to look at it's not only continuing to center our front line communities and those most exposed to the climate crisis but it's also a chance to leverage what the city's making. What is their work plan and capital investments and how do we leverage the pcef funds to kind of shape what that looks like going forward. So there's value added in those investments. We're completely hearing you about the concern.

Speaker: Okay. I think this brings us to the part I'm more excited about and it's to turn it over to many of our partners, colleagues to share their reflections on what we've presented before you all today. I will start with the pcef community co-chair and then you've got a slate of others before today. And so, with that, megan, we'll turn it over to you.

Speaker: Hello. Thank you. Mayor and commissioners, thank you for having me. My name is megan horst and I've been in front of you before. I'm the co-chair of the community advisory committee and I've been on the committee for three years now and for my day job, I work at psu in the school of urban planning where I focus on green infrastructure. So that's kind of the expertise I bring to the committee. We haven't voted on this exactly, but I'm trying to bring some of the conversations and the sentiment that we've had in discussions by the committee over the last few

months. As you know, I've been here to talk with you a few times over the last few years including recently sending a letter in spring after the city auditor's report. And, in the letter, we the co-chairs thought the audit raised some important next steps in addition to working with commissioner Rubio's staff to implement some of the suggested changes and we've already done some of that including approving performance metrics in June 2022. Today, you're hearing about some proposed co-changes that will address part of the audit response. And, so, while the proposed changes are coming more from commissioner Rubio's office than from and from staff than from the committee, I can tell you that we have been in communication in the last few months and have been in multiple meetings and we've had general awareness and input into the process and I think on the whole, our community has felt our feedback has been heard and incorporated and that the proposed reforms align with a lot of our committee with staff has been talking about. We're generally supportive of a lot of the changes here especially the ones that advance things that were mentioned in the audit and that we committed to which clarified pcef's contribution and role in climate action efforts particularly in these proposed changes through the five-year climate investment plans. We definitely are supportive of the increase in staff from 5% to 12% because we have seen our staff struggle to keep up with the workload of the fund and to do the good job that is needed to support community members and to make sure the projects are managed effectively. So we said that's really critical. Clarifying pcef's role in building organizational capacity. We've seen this as a committee being really important particularly helping groups that access this level of funding in the past that are maybe newer to the space or newer in development to help them develop experience and financial management practices to manage increasingly and bigger projects. So, perhaps like commissioner Hardesty said in the future we'll have a

community based and nonprofit sector that can handle big amounts of money. We want to support front line serving and culturally specific organizations to expand into desperately needed climate resilience work. Another part of the changes coming forward that we appreciate further clarifies the role of the pcef committee away from being grant reviewers which I think as volunteer committee members, we haven't felt has been the most appropriate use of our time. Not a sustainable use going forward as the fund is expanded. So this clarifies our role as setting goals and outcomes within the c. l.p. And then reviewing and being publicly on record about whether we're meeting the goals and metrics in our reporting mechanisms. So our top priority going forward, so I mean these changes are passed in some form is that all pcef funded projects whether they go through nonprofits or contractors or city agencies will uphold the guiding principles we as a committee have and interest of voter who is past pcef which are mainly for climate action. We will ensure that funding continues to prioritize organizations with leadership by and with benefits to front line communities including black, indigenous, and people of color, people with low incomes and folks with disabilities and especially communities at the intersection of all of these and we will require enforcement goals and projects that center justice and inclusion in the work place. We also see inclusion imperative. As commissioner hardesty brought up. Rfp projects at a critical base. And then in general, while we are generally supportive, I would be remiss to say that of course, as a committee we might of had a different strategy to get here today. We might of had a more publicly deliberative process where pcef priorities engage with our committee. But, you know, this is just bringing that up and another is that we have been giving feedback on earlier drops, but we've not met as a committee and talked through the up-to-date co-changes, but we generally see these co-changes as broad strokes and that the detailed work will

happen in the c.i.p.s. So much like the past established operationalizes the codes and grant guidance. We will be in the future demanding that the c.i.p.s do the same and that as we expand to funding contractors and agencies, we will have rigorous expectations of those to continue to advance pcef values especially acknowledging the point made that many of these contractors and city agencies do not have past historical practices of advancing pcef goals. And, finally, kind of a side note. We urge that the council and the city on the whole and voters and partners in the climate work do not see pcef as back fill that's necessary to advance climate work. Pcef was passed by voters and imagined by activists to meet really specific gaps in the reality that past city efforts disinvested in low income and front line community members in neighborhoods by black and brown residents and that's the gap pcef was designed to fill not to be the city's only climate source. We urge that the city continue to fund climate work and all the areas here and beyond to meet climate goals. Other levels of government, business actors and other partners also joined pcef in bringing lots more money to the table and lots more other projects and efforts to meet Portland's ambitious and necessary goals of climate justice. That's what I have. And, so I'm supposed to introduce the next speaker, but I think I need you to do that for me.

Speaker: This was a complicated run of show pieces. I'm trying to nail down yesterday. Thank you, Megan. Our next speaker is Marcus Mundy who is joining us remotely via zoom.

Speaker: Thank you, Sam. Thank you, Megan for your comments. And thank you, Mr. Mayor, and all you commissioners for letting me speak in front of you today. I am Marcus Mundy, he/him/his pro nouns. We're a 19-member culturally specific nonprofit organization that works on a myriad of issues, but within our own confines at C.C.C., we have environmental justice, so this issue is close to our hearts

and the work that we do. And despite all the moving pieces going on in Portland these days, I appreciate the opportunity to share thoughts with the council today. It's an extremely consequential issue for the community. C.c.c. Believes it's critical to maintain pcef's original intent to prioritize climate investments and communities of color and low-income communities. Megan mentioned as kind of the last part of her testimony, but that is a critical piece. That original intent is important. Given greater than anticipated revenue, we're more than excited today to see this create opportunities for pcef to stay cool in heat waves because climate change hits us first and worst. You heard some of that testimony from Mr. Barosso and his team. We applaud the chance to work more closely with the city. The city is core to our community's livability and these changes rather I'm sorry. I can't read my own writing and these changes will help the city better function as one in service to our climate and community. You commissioners work for us, the city works for us, but we must partner as community and city together for Portland to prosper. This offering from Commissioner Rubio, Mr. Barosso and their team clearly articulated capacity building and addressing the effect of climate change. Commissioner Hardesty just mentioned and underscored in her comments, that capacity building is essential to what's going to happen in the next decade or more at the city. So we have -- if we work on getting more trained folks, more people that are fluent in this work, then we will have -- we already have the employment base, but we will have in communities of color the expertise to drive this and have living wage jobs. It must be us and we must continue the work of these departments. So more investments are good. But just and righteous investments are better. The city must continue to work with community to ensure that just investments are made. And that's what I have for you today. So, thank you for this opportunity. And I'm going to take this chance to pass it to our colleague at 350 pdx.

Speaker: Marcus, before we hear from 350 pdx, commissioner hardesty had a comment.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, mayor. Thank you very much, marcus mundy, for being here today. I hope I don't embarrass you. It's the first time I've seen you since your beard went gray and let me just say you look very distinguished with that look, right. Women don't get to be told how distinguished they look with gray, but you wear that gray well. And thanks for being here today.

Speaker: I would just end with time waits for no man. This beard has earned every gray follicle so thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: you and me both.

Speaker: All right. Please. Good afternoon commissioners. Thank you for having me today, my name is indie namcon. I'm a coalition manager at 350 pdx. We are a local grass roots organization addressing the roots of climate disruption. Our staff and volunteers are part of the coalition that passed the Portland clean energy initiative to fund this in 2018. Since then, we've stayed involved as community advocates as the program got off the ground and I've personally spent over two years working along the pcef staff and coalition as well as the grant committee. Now I'm here to express support for this proposal and to urge you to secure the essential benefits pcef brings to our communities particularly working class Portlanders of color who have been the most impacted by the climate crisis and the least served by other climate action strategies. This has always been the value at the core of pcef as many folks have said this morning already this afternoon and it's essential that the program continues to uphold this. Pcef is a model for what responsive and accountable government can look like. Look at the heat response program. Just over a year ago, Portland was caught critically underprepared for the deadly heat dome that claimed 60 lives here in town. Today, over 3,000 low-income

households in Portland are better protected than they were this time last year not to mention saving on their energy bills. By 2026, that number will be 15,000. The speed and scale of this response is going to save lives for years to come and I'm really excited by the chance to do more strategic initiatives like this while sustaining robust support to the community responsive grants that's really at the heart of this model and a proven success. It's not uncommon these days to hear that government is grid locked. It can be slow to act, struggles to address the real issues that people care about regardless of our politics. The pcef is an avenue to exceed this expectation. We can treat community as a trusted partner and co-creator of public policy. We can invest in the expertise and creativity that folks closest to the problems we're all trying to solve have already cultivated and that's real resources and financing. That's worth it. My work is giving me an opportunity to speak about pcef to organizers, community leaders and philanthropists around the country. Last year another coalition presented the measure to congress. They want to learn more about how they can bring this model to their city and they know we're on to something big. This work won't be over once you vote in the coming days, commissioners. There are so many folks in this room and call engine and writing in who have carved out time from their days and lives to share critical insights from time working and shade equity, affordable housing, combatting fossil fuel expansion, racial justice, advocacy and more. We are here because we want to shape this program's future with you. So commissioners and particularly to the grant committee members and the pcef staff team, I urge you to take advantage of this resource. Seek out the wealth of knowledge in this room and outside of it as the climate investment plans are created and as this program continues to grow and evolve. I plan to share a written comment after this hearing with further thoughts as this proposal is refined and finalized and I've heard many of those

sentiments expressed already. But, for now, I'd just say let's keep this program moving forward and let's get to work. Thank you. And, I'm -- I believe I'm passing it off to vivec shandus.

Speaker: Joining remotely.

Speaker: Hello. Hello, mayor, commissioners. I hope you can hear me okay.

He/him/his pronouns. I'm delighted to be able to come in front of you today to just share a little bit of my support for this particular program. A volunteer commission for the city. I also, my day job, I work at Portland state university grass a professor of climate adaptation and a northeast Portland resident. It was about three years ago today where I came in front of a few of you and talked about the relationship between trees, historic segregation that happened in Portland namely two years after that, we saw a monumental heat wave affect our communities and as other folks have already testified, that had consequences that were far reaching particularly on communities that were that have been historically marginalized and communities we knew were going to have trouble coping with these hotter temperatures. I'd just like to recognize that I play -- I was a very big advocate for pcef as a means for being able to address some of these long standing inequities. They have -- this is a program that I have had the fortune of being able to like indie and others talk about to people around the country who draw inspiration from this particular program and I am just really grateful that we have such a program and that we have incredible staff that are able to support this important work. A big part of what I'd like to at least express to you today is the role and the importance that the urban forest plays and in addressing many of these climate issues, we know that the trees clean the air, we know that the cool neighborhoods. We know they provide a myriad of social, mental health, as well as medical services to us often goes without saying, nevertheless, those trees as we know are very inequitably

distributed across our city. And, what we call the canopy gap in the field is basically describing how historically programs and plans have invested into some neighborhoods more so than they have others creating a very inequitable distribution of urban forests as well as many other services that we don't see in some neighborhoods. And, as a result of that canopy gap, we know that some communities are benefitting a lot more from cooler air, from cleaner air, from carbon from all the other services that our urban forest provides. And so part of this proposal that we are delighted to be able to support is the fact that resources will be put not only into closing that canopy gap, they'll also they'll also be able to provide maintenance to those trees that are planted by the city and by other community-based organizations. We know that the current program that the city of Portland has in store is that even if the city plants a tree in front of a Portland's home that that Portlander is then responsible for taking care of that tree it creates kind of an ironic situation where we're really in need of further tree canopy and black and brown communities and lower income communities and when we put trees into those neighborhoods, we know that then they have to take care of them which creates an enormous economic burden. And so part of what this program that I'm excited that the urban forestry commission has long advocated for is this irony to go away and that we want to not only plant trees, but provide support to be able to take care of those trees and so when we get like an April storm that happened just a few months ago and we don't have trees that are cared for, we have limb failures of trees around the city unprecedented levels of challenge that urban forestry has to deal with and being able to maintain those trees, care for those trees and give them the TLC that they need will reduce the likelihood of any further infrastructure and hopefully not human suffering or death that could occur as a result of that limb failure. So, we're in support of this, we want as urban

forestry. We also noted as a commission the raising of 5% to 12%. We recognize the large increase. A portion of those funds would also go to community engagement which has to be at the center of this work. With that, I'm just taking off my urban forestry hat for a second. Really supporting the work happening with resilient community centers right at the center of what we need to be doing to support communities. Resilient community centers can offer a respite for communities during those extreme events which are going to be increasing in frequency and intensity in the coming decades. Building operational capacities as well as investments in 82nd avenue are items that will really help with climate adaptation at the city scale. With that, I will just sign off now and be happy to turn it over to Cheryl Roberts with the African American Alliance for Home Ownership. Thank you again for considering this and I appreciate your ear today.

Speaker: Thank you. Can you hear me everyone?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: yep. Loud and clear.

Speaker: All right. Well, good afternoon Mayor Wheeler and the commissioners. Thank you for the invitation, Sam, and thank you for all the work that you've done on the PCEF so far. I was going to tell Commissioner Hardesty that she could compliment me on my gray but she left.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: no. She's here. She's just right off the screen.

Speaker: I thought that was really cute. I really loved that comment and I thought you could do my gray, you could compliment me. My name is Cheryl Roberts and I am the executive director and the founding member of the African American Alliance for Home Ownership. We are as you don't know we're AAA. We've been around for over 20 years, probably about 23 years of really doing some great work in the Portland area, metro area. We're a HUD Approved counseling agency and our core services are pre-purchased and foreclosure prevention counseling. I'm

here, of course, to support the climate investment plan. I feel -- I kind of feel like, commissioner Hardesty, I just have to echo her on the devil is in the details. I do want to express what my support for PCEF in general, what I do know. A.A.A. Was created in northeast Portland and while advocating for financing the traditional lending system. Through the years, we've grown as well as expanded our services and not just because there's money, it's because of the needs that we've identified with the people that we serve. So some of those, I just want to give you an example of some of those services which include down payment assistance programs, programs. ID accounts for those of you that don't know, individual development accounts. Wonderful program. I call it easy money because you don't have to pay it back and it is a match savings program. We have a state planning. It's through the Portland housing bureau. Excellent program. It's just another way that we can help sustain home ownership within the communities of color and African American in particular. And our newest endeavor power to the people PBS.. So power to the people received PCEF funding, we were one of the first that actually applied for that when they came out and it was for our work to provide a pathway to carbon emissions in the African American community in particular. We created opportunities for a cultural shift and a new pathway for economic opportunities for work force development. And through the PCEF funding, I just want to give you some examples of our successes in our efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. So thank you commissioner Rubio. You were there to help us celebrate the first solar install through the PCEF funding. I still haven't found the statistics to say that she's the first African American female to have solar on her home in Oregon, but I know she's probably one of only maybe three or four African Americans period. We've built capacity that we have addressed long time issues. The funds helped us develop an ideal program. That match savings program that it actually

helped to supplement some of the project costs and address deferred maintenance and that was one of our biggest challenges and it still is, deferred maintenance. Because if you remember, it was not only african Americans had a hard time obtaining a loan, they also had trouble getting upkeep and maintaining their home. So it's all that part of that red line that we face during those years. We completed 32 weatherization projects which included indoor air quality improvement and also installation. We installed heating equity systems and this is probably our proudest moment, one of them decides the solar, was we performed -- I'm sorry, we installed 1,100 cooling units for the heat response program and as mentioned earlier, that was out of the 3,000 that they mentioned that were installed. So a.a.a. Was responsible for installing 1,100 of those. So we did that because we trained eight new cooling and heating installers. They were all young african American males. Two of them are now homeowner inspectors and they're also energy auditors. And we're growing. And I'm going to make the case again over and over, it's development. When we're talking about contracting, you know, the problem is who are we contracting with? Why not create a new workforce that includes the people of color that we're serving? It just makes sense. And so we also served over 75% of african American homeowners and then the average income for the people that reserved this is all with pcef funding is 40% of the area median income and if you don't know the numbers, it's like \$50,000 for a family of four. Well, that was quite a endeavor and I think working with the pcef staff, it was not daunting at all. It was very smooth and we did appreciate every step. They were very supportive of our projects and even our celebrations because we like to celebrate. That's one of the things. So I also just want to mention that things that are not funded that you're kind of mentioning in this new climate plan that it's not funded by pcef, but the power to the people program working on transportation electrification that

addresses the city's carbon footprints and how we're doing this right now is through education, partnerships with other local and national groups like -- I wanted to say pinot noir, but e.v. Noir and they're a national organization out of atlanta that's doing some really great things we electrify America and also some of the Portland, Oregon, area. And so we also provide outreach and just -- and we have an ida program where people could actually purchase an electric vehicle with the savings i.d.a., so it makes sense. It makes sense. And so it also makes sense that pcef is now aligning its goals with the city climate goals. That just makes sense. A.a.a. Supports that. However, back to what commissioner hardesty has said, we've been around the block I don't know how many times, but we've seen it. And, what happens is, you know, if we're not realistic about the challenges, what's going to happen is that we're going to fail again. We're not going to -- it's not going to continue to serve the population that it was intended to serve. Right now, a lot of our homeowners of color are facing challenges that they're unable to participate in the climate resilience movement that's happening not only in our city, state, but it's happening naturally. So we need to get people ready and they need to get ready from the ground up. We see this fund as being that opportunity, but it has to be considered at all times. We see this as an opportunity to build a new work force. You know, within -- so that african Americans participate in the energy sector. It's a wide open feel right now. It has no african -- very few african Americans that are actually working and making that a career. Why not? So I do want to stress the need to ensure the original intent and goals of pcef for people of color are upheld and strengthened. Not just upheld, but strengthened during this structural transition. We've seen it. As I said, we've seen the historical impact with good intentions that go bad. So we want to be smarter and I can just say thank you for listening to me. I want to introduce bruce --

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: commissioner hardesty has a question.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you so much. You have been such a strong advocate for at least 20+ years in this community. Let me just say, I don't see any gray in your hair.

Speaker: The gray washed away. It's on the edges.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: yeah. You point it out to me, I can see it, but it looks good. You've earned every one of them and I know how hard you work on behalf of our community. So thank you. I had a question for you really about how do you think, now, you've been with us from the beginning. You've had a couple of grants from pcef and probably things you didn't thought you were going to do like heating installation and stuff, right. So can you tell me based on your experience, what do you think the missing piece is now? If we just funded this piece, then pcef would be a gold mine for the community it's supposed to benefit.

Speaker: Yes. And I think that if we're able to so the problem we have is if a person wants to install solar, but if their structure is not together, if it's rotting or whatever, then we need to help them with that so what we're doing is we were actually coupling with other funding, not just pcef, but other funding, volunteers, I mean, it was a very creative process that we went through, but why did we have to go through all that which took time? You know energy, plus, we don't have the work force that we'd like to see that really represents us. So it's called deferred maintenance. If you were locked out of the lending institution because of your rates or where you lived, how are you supposed to sustain that household. So is it's deferred maintenance and it should be part of any of the funds that come out. If I want to install which I actually did, but the -- oh, gosh, their cooling systems, heat pumps. The heat pump's extent. I could be a cheer leader for them. It's an excellent way to cool your house and my bill was like -- it took like \$150 off my electric bill

and this is the truth. I'm a witness. So but in order -- you know, if we have to install that, then maybe the person needs their siding may be molded or they may have some installation problems there and so we're -- there was too many limits to really getting to the point.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: let me just say, you're absolutely 100% right. I remember, I had a friend who had a home and they wanted to -- they needed a new roof and this is how a lender works. Right. They needed a new roof, but because one was -- one of the couple was retired, the other one didn't make enough, the bank said no. Had they not gotten their roof repaired, it would have caved in and it would have caved in and the house would have been worth zero because they found someone who worked with them and, again, I learned if you're black, and you need a loan, you can't get one from the bank. What they did is work with a gentleman and I cannot remember his name at the moment who during covid started a business where he was going around helping low-income people fix up their homes, like doing the porch repairs, roof repairs and I'm blanking on his name because I'm old and I can't keep those names in my head, but I'm using him as a model because my friend's home is now worth almost \$700,000 and it would have been worth zero had I not been able to connect her with this community resource, right.

Speaker: Yes. Yes.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: what I know is that seniors in our community are actually desperate to be able to get those repairs and make their homes energy efficient, but it's that catch 22. If you don't have money, you can actually get those repairs done. If you're a senior, you can't get the loans from the bank. So I'm looking forward to figuring out how pcef can help be that in-between for homeowners who just need a little help to actually make their homes more energy

efficient. So, you know, you just made me remember that story and I will at some point tonight wake up early in the morning and remember the guy's name who's doing incredible work as a community volunteer, but those are the kind of things that I think this pcef fund was intended for, right, to help people stay in their homes.

Speaker: Yeah. But it had that energy component which was kind of restricted, but you have to fix this up in order to get to this. You know, just like people needed new electrical panels to get to the solar. There's just a lot of variants there.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I'm going to stop you because I see the council president looking at me sideways because we've got a lot of people going and we need to get going. I really appreciate you being here today.

Speaker: I support what you're doing with the new. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: just to kind of level, I want to remind staff and folks watching at home, I think we have a little more than 20 more people to testify before we're done here today. So why don't we move the show forward. Sam, what happens next?

Speaker: We've got Bruce Brooks on zoom to testify and then following produce, we'll have Mika and then we're ready for public testimony afterward.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: great. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Bruce Brooks. I use the pronouns he and him and I'm the president of Craft Three. Craft Three is a nonprofit community lender with an almost 30-year history of providing creative responsible loans to small businesses, nonprofits, and residents. Not all lenders are alike. I do acknowledge your comments, Commissioner Hardesty. Particularly in urban, rural, and tribal communities across Washington and Oregon. Our path forward will focus even more intently addressing the challenges that climate

change and systemic racism impose on those communities. We appreciate the opportunity to address the proposal before the council today, commissioners today, and respectfully offer comments grounded in part on a record that includes delivering 6,000 loans of all types for energy projects in the Pacific Northwest. First, I want to express support for two important elements or directions we see in the proposed PCEF changes. One is aligning funding with climate priorities and working within a coordinated and consolidated context for both policy and implementation. We believe that's a prudent strategic approach to navigating what you all understand is a complex landscape. Secondly, elevating community voices and ruralists is key to understanding needs and setting priorities so that rural barriers and everyday challenges can be eliminated or at least reduced. And, while some may think of both of these points as process oriented. I want to emphasize that both will produce substantial benefits as good ideas become even better ideas and still better results when they are grounded in the lived experiences of those we purport to serve. Second, Craft Three strongly supports the recognition we see in the proposed changes that a financing tool or tool box is necessary. Lastly, we ask that you please keep in mind that the five-year funding allocations large as they are projected to be, we don't believe they will fully meet all the funding needs. PCEF recipients, their clients and contractors will also need access to affordable, equitable loans which we take to mean one that is appropriately structured and do not exacerbate barriers and racial inequities. We know this from the economic data and also from the loan requests Craft Three has already received from PCEF grantees, clients, and contractors unable to implement projects without a loan for critical repairs out of pocket portions of the project, working capital or for other funding gaps. Deploying the necessary and potentially less restrictive added capital becomes possible because organizations like Craft Three secure funding from a

range of sources beyond just the public sector. By design, we are in a position to leverage those public dollars and do more to achieve the goals of both recipients and funders like pcef. Similar approaches have worked successfully in Portland and other pacific northwest communities. Two quick examples, a loan fund seeded with public grants matched by private capital led to more projects completed with greater equity outcomes and lasting community investment than would have been possible with public support alone. To meet rising demand for their services, contractors with access to equitable loans can more safely fund their growth, labor, and materials instead of relying on risky credit cards or potentially predatory cash advances and you've heard other speakers comment on the ability of these businesses to scale and be successful employers in had their own right and to enable the community to move forward both with respect to the individual projects, but also having skilled building and workforce support. Last I would say that ongoing engagement with all project stakeholders, something I alluded to earlier, enables us to structure and price loans for community needs while still managing rigorous compliance program funds and needed for program and funding goals. So we would thank you not only for this opportunity to speak today, but also for the program. And, lastly, I would just say to the extent there are ways in which we can be of any further service to the commissioner or the city in terms of a resource for information, we would certainly welcome that opportunity and i'll end there. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: commissioner hardesty.

Speaker: Commissioner hardesty: thank you, council president. And thank you, mr. Brooks, and I appreciate you being here and I'm appreciative to know there are a couple of lenders out there that work with black and brown community members to help them in their efforts. As you know, I'm just talking historically that has not

been the case and it became absolutely worse when the pandemic hit. It's like really nobody that didn't need money could get it from a lending institution. If you were rich, you could, but if you were actually a working class person. So just thank you very much for your testimony and I look forward to you helping us continue to actually make this fund work as we intended to make it work. Thank you. And, if I may, mr. President, the gentleman I was trying to think of with my memory issues, his name is Randal Watt and he's the CEO of Taking Ownership and he's done some incredible -- he's one of the most humble people I've ever met. He never wants credit for what he's done, but he single handedly has saved many people in Portland from being evicted or having their roof falling in their house and I just want to publicly say, go Randal Watt. After that, we should talk.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: excellent. Sam, who's up next?

Speaker: The last speaker of our invited speakers and that's Mika Messal.

Speaker: I'm the activist program manager for Portland Autobon. A local nonprofit focused on conservation of our natural resources. As an organization we've been engaged in environmental campaigns since our founding and really helped along with partners the city by working to incorporate nature into the fabric of our community. We are very proud of our role in supporting our front line partners many represented by Marcus and C.C.C. And Commissioner Hardesty before she was on the commission in the creation and implementation of PCEF and that support that we were able to lend brings us to today. We commend Commissioner Rubio and Director Olivera and PCEF staff for their leadership in thoughtfully crafting the structural changes before you today that we believe outline a future program that remains grounded in the principles of the original legislation while building strategic collaboration with city wide efforts to scale and evolve the program to meet the current moment. Let me touch on six quick points and follow up with

some written testimony. First, we support the structural changes and urge council and staff to be receptive with the community through robust public engagement. Second, shifting the pcef funds to other city bureaus must be additive. Further resourcing bureaus and leveraging their expertise is viewable to smartly

Speaker: > the scale and climate initiatives and it should not lead to disinvestment of these environmental programs. We are deeply concerned by the recent dismantling of the b.e.s. Water shed commission and don't want this to be a trend with this additional funding. Third, we urge you to expanded definition of priority populations to include the disability community. Disabled people are among those most severely affected by climate change, induced communities. Higher rates of mortality and at the same time having less access to available programming.

Fourth, we are pleased to see the green infrastructure strategies receiving attention such as the strategic program for growing inequitable tree canopy in the creation of a permanent maintenance fund. Green infrastructure is the essential tool while providing countless benefits for our community. Fifth, we urge staff with how pcef might incorporate a land acquisition and protection program as part of the c.i.p. That is able to strategically and nimbly secure parcels of land. For the purpose of acquisition as a green space to reduce flooding and sequester carbon or as to secure developable parcel like along 82nd in which can host a future pcef led community project. Lastly, we must use this unique opportunity to push for broader systems changes at the city. Commissioner Hardesty noted it's an opportunity to evolve the procurement process. It's also an opportunity to facilitate deeper interbureau collaboration to really leverage the expertise and balance competing towards furthering pcef goals and green infrastructure maintenance across the city must be considered a long-term role of the program. I think that's another broader systems change and lastly grounded in everything, the design of

all programs must truly must model truly equitable collaboration between the city and community organizations. And we think this is most importantly starts with power sharing between the city bureaus and community to lead the c.i.p. Efforts. To wrap up, we support the changes in front of you. Thank you for all your work and we will be engaged along with partners to ensure that these -- this outline of changes in the -- in front of you get translated into on-the-ground programs within the c.i.p.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: sam, does that complete your invited testimony?

Speaker: Yes commissioner Mapps. That does complete our testimony.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: Keelan, do we have public testimony on this?

Speaker: Clerk: we do. We have 20 people signed up.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: excellent. Why don't we dive in. Two minutes. I agree. We will do two minutes per person. Can you call our first member of the public?

Speaker: Clerk: first up we have yashar vasef.

Speaker: Good afternoon commissioners. I use he/him pronouns and I'm joining you today on behalf of friends of travis knudesenys with 50% bipoc identifying staff. Who I am and where I've come from is who I am today. I'm the son of muhammad, a former political prisoner during the seven-year iranian resolution. My mother fatimah was arrested for simply dancing in public once. I myself am a refugee of the iran iraq war. Last year, I joined friends with trees in part because the work we do helps mitigate the climate refugees of tomorrow. The historic investment and the urban canopy that's been placed in front of you will not only benefit historically disadvantaged communities, it's also the investment, the survival of our species and eco systems. For 33 years, our mission and friends with trees has been to plant trees together. We value our partnerships with organizations such as p.o.i.c. School.

Verdi with many others and countless more. These unique partners help our Sundaysing of inclusive and responsive community organizations. Structural changes, but we do urge you to prioritize equitable collaboration and power sharing between the city and community partners in the c.i. Team development. It is our hope that city bureaus can play a coordinating role while resourcing the community to do much of the on-the-ground work which would be inclusive of volunteers to build environmental literacy and stewardship ethic. What we do is more than thaus a tree in the ground. We provide work force development and urban forestry jobs. We engage volunteers to increase community stewardship of trees, but it will take director investment between local government and community to ensure our trees survive in the long term by prioritizing funding for community outreach and maintenance. Our climate is is changing and these trees need our collective help. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you. Can you call our next guest.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have teresa wong.

Speaker: Caller: hi. Thank you. [indiscernible] my name is teresa. I use she/her pronouns. We are a nonprofit organization. -- our general support for the programs and are happy to see pcef evolve to improve structures and enable better investments and carbonize the transportation sector. We also have a few concerns that we'd like to bring up. The pcef funding was passed by Portland builders for the nonprofit sector to build a climate resilient and community projects. We're excited to see new opportunities following these amendments, we remain concerned about the possibility of nonprofits [indiscernible]. We want to continue to remind that initial goal and intention of the pcef is to pass a community at a price where the funding would help the community to build capacity to take on projects to fight climate change. [indiscernible] -- for bipoc and other underserved communities is

the overarching goal of pcef. A portion of pcef funds are for city growth, we request that there should be a minimal location for a nonprofit sector to preserve and strengthen workforce development and for bipoc community leadership in these programs. Continuing to ensure is part of the pcef program. We understand the decision to the grant proposal to the review process from the committee to staff, we want to continue to advocate some sort of community oversight for the pcef programs. And, we want to continue our support for urban trees. There should be - - sorry. We want to support half of that \$40 million to be invested into community programs so that there can be investments to compensate bipoc communities. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up darlene sherman.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Hello. Darlene sherman. I represent the 350 pdx force defense team and wilderness chapter and cascades volcano which is in Portland as well as other parts. And I'd like to thank you for bringing forth this and commissioner Rubio, I think this is going to be a real benefit for pcef and the people that it is designed to serve. We are especially interested in the tree canopy funding for our priority communities and the inclusion of maintenance of those trees which has been a major disincentive. The temperature difference in the parts of the city with high tree canopy in general is something like a 13° difference with our communities with really low tree canopy and during the heat dome last year in some years, it was a 25° difference which led to deaths of some of our community members. So this is a really life-saving issue to address. We would also like to see that make sure that this funding as things go to some of the city departments that it is additive and does not

displace other funding for the tree canopy and the current budget is \$3 million for planting and make sure that this is an additive thing. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate you being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have gale palmer.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hi, gale.

Speaker: Caller: hello. I'm gale palmer. I live in the centennial neighborhood and we generally support the changes to the code but we as small volunteer run organizations within our coalition are really fearful that we will not be able to compete under the new provisions against private organizations, city bureaus and larger nonprofits. We have two points. One is that we certainly agree that community voices are going to be essential as the c.i.p. Plans are created. We want to see community organizations like the east Portland resilience coalition and the east Portland action plan represented at the table with city staff and the pcef community members as the details are drafted and debated. We also would like to see that you dedicate at least \$60 million to \$100 million annually for community led initiatives and we also -- we all know that down the road there will be some fluctuation. I want to say lastly that we received a planning grant. We've published a community resilience report and we are ready to go with our tree planting projects in east Portland and we are ready to go with our community resilience hubs which we want to design for each of the 13 neighborhoods that we work with east of 205 in the city. And, we're looking forward to having enough community voices to help design this plan that we can be assured and we don't have to be skeptical about the outcome of these changes to pcef. We look forward to our ability to support our next implementation application even though that looks like it could be a year out from now, but we can't wait to continue our work and thank you for the time.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, gale. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: next up bruce nelson.

Speaker: What's the name?

Speaker: Clerk: bruce nelson.

Speaker: Oh, that's me.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: come on down. It's good to see you.

Speaker: My name is bruce nelson. I'm speaking on behalf of trees for life Oregon. Thank you, commissioner Rubio, for bringing forth these proposed amendments which recognize the urgency of the situation we're facing today. I'm going to reverse my comments in the interest of time. I planted a douglas fur tree in my yard, it's now 6' tall. It was planted two years ago. My wife and I greatly enjoy watching this tree grow and we look forward to stewarding it for the next however long we live. However, that tree by the time we die will still not be contributing a whole lot of benefits to our city. It's really dependent upon the future generations who care about these trees for it to really give a lot of benefits to our city. Generations of Portland residents will need to assume that responsibility of care when we are gone. Other members of our Portland community need to be invested in the care, the appreciation, and even the wonder of the trees in our city. They are such an important component in addressing pressing climate changes. In our opinion at trees for life Oregon that the essential long-term community felt positive connection to our urban canopy best occurs -- holy mackerel when our community is closely tied through actions through the development and implementation of tree nurturing policies and practices. Pcef guidelines can offer a guideline to that. 15 seconds. Watch him go. 40 million is a really good thing. It requires collaboration not domination, not proclamation, but collaboration. The strategic climate investment plans are great. Thank you for those when they're coming. I think I will

stop. You have important work you're doing and I thank you very much for it and remember the trees you enjoy today probably were planted many years ago.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, bruce. We appreciate it. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have allison burrman.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: hi, allison.

Speaker: Caller: hi there. Thank you so much for having me. Good afternoon. My name's allie burrman and I'm the communications director of Portland autobon and a board member for disabilities organization. I have expertise for the environmental and disability sectors. Today, I'm here representing myself as a disabled community member and I'm asking you to expand definition of priority population within pcef to include the disability community. Disabled people face wide ranging and deadly threats during climate related disasters. Some of those threats include barriers to evacuation, power outages that take away the use of our mobility aids, life-saving devices. Wild fire smoke and respiratory conditions. A lack of ada compliant housing and communications that often don't include blind or deaf communities. The city itself had a damning internal report come out last year saying it's not prepared to meet the needs of people with disabilities during the disaster. The report says and I quote the Portland bureau of emergency management does not have the information, expertise or capacity needed to meet people with disabilities. From that report, we already know the city is failing when it comes to emergency preparedness. Including disabled people as a priority population within pcef is an important step and the city recognizing disabled people as a front line community and the climate crisis and ensuring that pcef is accountable to their needs. In this addition would also fall in line with the commitments the city made in the 2035 comprehensive plan in which the city

states that particular efforts must be made to improve services for people with disabilities. In 2019, the United Nations passed a resolution calling on governments to adopt a disability inclusive approach when taking action to address climate change. Start the process of answering that call by making the disability community a priority population.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, alley. Commissioner Hardesty has a comment.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you, Allison. Appreciate you being here. Let me be really clear. We have what's being proposed does include the disability community. Anybody else who's testifying today, so it actually has included that language so that -- we're not voting today, but when we will vote, that language is included?

Speaker: Caller: disabled community is only included as underemployed. So there are two different pieces. Yes, it's wonderful because we experience unemployment at much higher rates and poverty at much higher rates than other communities, but we are not considered a front line community in the climate crisis.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: let me just say, I continue to say we're all only temporarily able and we're fortunate enough to live a long life. We go through periods where we're all have to operate differently. Right. So I don't think there's any question that disability community members will be included and let me just say I'm continuing the work with Commissioner Rubio and staff at PCEF to make sure that the most vulnerable people in our community will be the beneficiaries of the vision that PCEF created. I just wanted to save people energy. You don't have to advocate for that. From my reading, it looks like we're headed in that direction.

Speaker: I just want to say to echo you. If it's not in the language, it doesn't exist.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I'm telling you, I read it in the language. If you didn't read it, then we're reading something different. If you can't read it, it doesn't exist, it's not there no matter what people say. But I have read it in the very complicated document that I have, but feel free to reach out before we vote for this to make sure that the language exists. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio has a comment.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: I just wanted to see if Sam wanted to address or say anything about this?

Speaker: In making the clarifications to the code, the original focus of priority populations was focused on low-income communities and communities of color as it relates to a majority of the funding beneficiaries. Now, granted people experiencing disabilities do overlap with that where the disabilities more explicitly called out is a priority work force population because of the particular challenges and exclusion within the work force experience. We didn't make any attempts in these changes to change any of the original prioritization just to clarify across the document and make sure definitions were harmonized across the board. As it relates to priority communities as the benefits to the climate project's part populations are low-income people and people of color. As it relates to workforce beneficiaries, people of color, women, sex-based discrimination and people with disabilities. So there's a little difference. The one thing I will say to both of those is yes those are priorities, but case in point with our heat response program, that focused on people that were elderly, so it doesn't exclude it, but I do want to name that -- I just want to name the specificity there.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: Thanks, Sam.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioners.

Speaker: Clerk: Next up, we have Mickey Malice.

Speaker: Caller: my name is mickey malice and I'm a student at p.s.u. And a Portland resident. [indiscernible] -- fit the disability community as a priority population. Disabled people are among the most disabled in an emergency. We have higher death rates and at the same time we have the least access to emergency support. The city of Portland [indiscernible] last December prepared to meet the needs of people like me in a disaster. I dependent on a wheelchair to get around. Transportation and temporary housing often are not accessible leaving people like me behind. People like us need the opportunity to fix the mistake when it was made and originally written. Please don't exclude people like me. I do consider our people as a priority population. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you, mickey.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have fern wexler. Fern, you're muted.

Speaker: Caller: I'm sorry. My mom is way better at this than I am. My name is fern wexler. I'm mainly calling in to reaffirm everything mickey said in ensuring the disabled community is a focus group for this. I believe that pcef is an incredible achievement, but I also believe there's a large overlap between the groups that are already being focused on as affected groups by this organization. Sorry. And I believe that this overlap should be more inclusive because I'm concerned that people already in these affected communities will not receive the care or support that they need during any kind of climate crisis related, natural disaster, or just in general trying to recreate our city. I am privileged enough that during the 2020 wild fires, my family was able to flee the state. Many people were not able to do that. It was a very severe health risk for my family. I am able bodied but I have autism. Both of my parents have severe asthma. My mom and my sister have heart conditions that were being exacerbated by the wild fires. Ki see what climate crisis does to my community first-hand and I want to ensure they're being focused on

and reaffirm that it is correct to add disabled people as not just a low employment risk group, but a group that's strongly affected by the climate crisis. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have Diane Meisenhelter.

Speaker: Hello. On the surface, many of the priorities presented are ideas we support such as developing a more equitable tree canopy, maintaining street trees and old giants in areas where right of way size affects shade equity. As well as the other emission-reducing housing and transportation goals, there is however an underlined city precedent problem on how this was rolled out with no public input process involving broad community engagement. As someone who worked hard in getting pcef passed, the community led and community centered values of pcef as approved by Portland needs to be followed and should engage in a robust and transparent community process. Strong ties to the BIPOC community will result in improved equity practices. City bureaus are lagging on inclusive contracting. Opening up the fund applicants for to for profit entities, government entities and outside of Portland needs to be a pilot program that should be re-evaluated by the pcef staff. City decisions around climate have been badly eroded giving the back room deal to nund mind the work protection program and the lack of specific concrete actions and time lines to reduce emissions in the climate emergency work plan. Therefore, the city should not be able to back fill their budget with access to funds without fewer community oversight in line with the original intent of the program. Similarly, parks and urban forestry have not been in philosophical alignment and should not be provide overright can you remind me we need to take a short break for the closed captioners at 4:00.

Speaker: Clerk: yes. Next up, we have Trevor Attenburg.

Speaker: Caller: hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: yeah. Loud and clear.

Speaker: Caller: thank you. My name is trevor attenburg and I'm a Portland resident. Climate change in a way that centers front line populations. However, it does have an important flaw as some of us have covered. It fails to include disabled populations as part of the front line community along with many others. Now we have the opportunity to fix this mistake. While disabled people have been acknowledged as low-income, they have not been acknowledged as being on the front line and thus facing some of the deadliest climate impact impacts. The city should know this well noted that the city is not at all equipped to meet the needs of disabled people during disasters including flooding, wild fires, heat related events are becoming more and more common. As a blind person, I've been well aware that climate disasters pose a much greater risk to me than they do members of the average population. Blind people are disproportionately underemployed. Low income, socially isolated and dealing with the constraints of inaccessible transit infrastructure. And here I submit to you that disabled populations that are certainly in need of direct target investment. And, let me just say once more that now that we are reworking, retooling the language, let's amend disabled people and make them prioritized. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate your being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have ronfi jaonatino vilatoro.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: welcome. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon. I did not -- I printed a copy for my testimony, so I will try to be brief. First and foremost, I'm heartened, well, first and foremost, just my personal capacity. I'm with alliance so we work with organizations and environmental challenges. In addition, I'm a treasurer for the social justice fund. Including the amendment for disabled and disability community. I think it's an

important consideration that was honestly not in my radar, but I would love to continue that conversation within the pcef community. In addition, I just want to echo the thoughts about collaboration. I also want to recognize the commissioner in trying to bring in timely results. What is process without outcomes. So I'm here to generally support what's being proposed, but I do want to note one key important issue that I have with legislation. There is a red line towards the end of this section. Section 7.07060 that adds a line to the family wage standard that creates a giant loophole for who receives the minimum wage benefit. Grass we all understand, all employees receive 180% minimum wage benefit, however, there's a line added. It states that for the purposes of this subsection, an employee is not a volunteer or trainee. The problem with this line is there is no definition for trainee. Trainee could include an apprentice, apprenticeship program, it could include a new hire or a new hire that's in the job training. So it's a giant loophole and my suggestion is a simple fix take it out.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: what document are you reading from?

Speaker: It should be exhibit A if you look at the near final page right before this severability clause.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: where it says grants and contracts there?

Speaker: Correct and subsection three, family wage standard. It says for employees working on projects must be no less protected workers. Then you'll see reference to the east legislation. There's an added line that states for purposes of this subsection, an employee is not a volunteer trainee.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: I see our avid staff here, they're looking at this. So maybe after all the testimony, we can get some clarification on that point. Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: thank you for pointing that out. The devil's always in the details and one little line can screw it up for decades.

Speaker: I'll just quickly add if I can, it goes against the original intent legislation which is to ensure that we are getting folks within the trades and diverse and within the clean energy sector and while we're dealing with affordable housing crisis, we have to ensure that workers are being paid a good wage standard. In addition, the own report that I think through the construction crew's project that the city of Portland funded, it identified the same thing being a bare why are for women and people of color. I'm happy to collaborate with folks in the committee and pcef stakeholders to make sure we're addressing all needs as it pertains to this piece change.

Speaker: Commissioner Hardesty: I just want to say thank you for bringing that to our attention and let me just say everybody deserves a living wage job and we have failed to make those available across the board. And, I appreciate you because what I know is a word or two placed differently in a document could have detrimental outcomes for the communities who are supposed to be impacted. So I look forward to connecting off line prior to the final vote.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up, we have Zackery Lawrenceson.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: and we'll take a few minutes after this one.

Speaker: Hello. I'm glad to hear you taking a break. I would never let my students sit for two hours without getting up and stretching.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler: imagine doing the closed captioning for two hours.

Speaker: Kudos to them. I work at Oregon Walks. I use he/him pronouns. My job is to do community advocacy building a community coalition. The details are going to be worked out, but generally Oregon Walks is supportive of these members of the

community coalition are supportive of these changes. They make pcef more nimble to meet private needs more quickly and so we appreciate that. There's one area that I wanted to highlight that we at Oregon walks are extremely organizationally excited about and that's to talk about transportation decarbonization specifically as a category and the data's clear. We know that single occupancy vehicles are major contributors to green house gas emissions, but there's also noise and safety and a number of different downstream effects of that and so to see transportation decarbonization on here is really important. I want to acknowledge that, they're incredibly important things. Unless we talk honestly and candidly about transportation mode change, then we're missing market in terms of transformational change. As we work through the details, we really want to keep that, first and foremost, about making sure that this transportation component becomes about mode change as well. So I want to just very quickly, 34 seconds. Okay, really quickly, kind of talking policies up here and my organizing along 82nd avenue, talking to parents and students at daniel who are right on 82nd, and they say the reason we don't bike or walk, it's scary, it's dangerous. So something Oregon walks is passionate about is walking and getting people out on the streets. But you have to have the infrastructure that matches that, so we're doing walking school buses and park rows and putting, setting that up. We think that something like pcef could support walking school buses for those most hard-hit communities along 82nd like marysville elementary. Thank you so much for your time. Can I say one last little thing which is I'm ready to roll up my sleeves, Oregon walks is too if you need someone on the zip creation, please do not hesitate to call.

Speaker: Thank you. I was just going to really appreciate Oregon walks who's been a strong partner long before we got the 82nd avenue transfer to happen. And I just want to applaud your very succinct but very powerful testimony. You and I are in

alignment. I absolutely don't want the utilities to suck up all the pcef money, electrifying a community that will never be able to afford an electric car, right? So when I saw that number, by was, like, you almost made me have a heart attack. But I am absolutely committed to making sure as we redevelop 82nd avenue that it is a avenue that's ready for a lot of modes of transportation. Coach bellows' bike, I think that is the coolest thing on planet. And we could -- talk about having kids be healthy, having kids actually have fun getting to school, right? Getting exercise. I mean, that -- we should be putting that in every public school in the city of Portland, right? That's what I call decarbonization. Instead of parents driving them to school, they're all on a bike. Thank you very much, look forward to continuing this conversation.

Speaker: Thank you all very much.

Speaker: And, Keelan, just for the record, how many more folks do we have waiting?

Speaker: We have 7 remaining.

Speaker: Very good. All right, so what we'll do, we'll take a brief break. We will be back at 4:10 p.m. We are in recess.

Speaker: I just want to -- [inaudible conversations] I must have hit the mute, sorry. There, that's better. Colleagues, unfortunately, I have a hard out at 4:30. We're not voting today, we're just going to move this to second reading after we've heard the conclusion of testimony. So i'll be passing the gavel to the council president. He will close us out. But I would be remiss if I didn't thank commissioner Rubio and thank the fantastic staff for being here and for bringing this proposal forward and doing a really -- that's funny, I knew what you meant -- [laughter] doing a terrific, terrific job. And I just want to say how much I appreciate it and I appreciate the thoughtful testimony we've heard so far today. So I'm going to go ahead and pass the gavel

just so I don't make a scene when we're trying to conclude the meeting. So thank you. Commissioner Mapps --

Speaker: Oh, no, we're good. [laughter] [inaudible conversations]

Speaker: Rookie.

Speaker: Yeah, I know. [laughter] [inaudible conversations]

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Next up we have nora actor. Nora, you're muted.

Speaker: Hi. Sorry about that. Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, I'm the climate program director for the Oregon environmental council. Appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony, and I'm delighted to be here today in support of the Portland clean energy fund. We see support of pcef, and we are pleased to see the early results and benefits of this program. As we all know, the climate crisis is squarely upon us. The air quality is 158 in my neighborhood today which is considered unhealthy for everyone, and this is just one example of the impacts we, as a city, are dealing with. I'm heartbroken to witness how climate change is harming the health and well-being of my fellow Portlanders and the city we all know and love. Portlanders expect this city to be a climate clean energy and resiliency leader, and pcef is a key initiative to help us achieve those goals. We applaud and underscore that the city should continue investment beyond pcef, but it is an innovative program designed for multiple beneficial outcomes. Cutting climate pollution, building community resilience and supporting climate-smart economic development. Most importantly, it is designed to insure that communities of color, low income communities and other underserved communities have access to resources and opportunities. And that must remain its important focus. Proposed changes strengthen pcef and respond to the needs that have been identified. In particular, we strongly appreciate alignment with the city's dual focus on

community responsive grants as well as programmatic priorities. The 5-year plan should provide strategic guidance, and we hope to include both stakeholder and community engagement as well as the sectoral and scientific analysis mentioned earlier. We also strongly support a near-term priorities outline which I won't review here and want to strongly support the administrative changes which are key to insuring effective process and engagement in problem solving. So I'll leave it at that. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. And thank you to the pcef staff, committee, bureau staff and the many community partners who are delivering benefits through pcef to Portland.

Speaker: Next up we have Lynn Hanlon.

Speaker: Hi. My name is Lynn Hanlon, member of the Midway Business Association, but I'm not representing them today. But I know the area. I'm relieved to see that the city is at long last proposing some real clear steps to increase the city's tree canopy. I have some concerns about the city's ability to implement this plan and the rest of the plan. Pbot and the parks need to work together with each other and other bureaus such as the water bureau and fire department. The city has not -- has demonstrated their failure to work together. The Outer Southeast Division debacle in my area is a prime example. That I know of, there has been no remediation for the gross errors that results in asphalt in a low income area rather than the promised tree canopy. Parks and urban forest forestry cannot be trusted to handle this program. Don't forget in this changing climate with dying cedar trees, we know that new trees need more water for longer to get established. Friends of Trees was good about this, the city not so much. Fix it. Dead trees don't help. The city must not be tempted to use the pcef funds as a slush fund for your own bucket. Some of you have already made comments that suggest you would do just that. I'm looking at you, Commissioner Mapps. To help prevent this temptation, the City

Council should assure community-led initiatives by allocating a minimum of \$60 million annually, 25% of all revenues collected, whichever is larger. Given the city's recent record around climate, I have concerns about the city's ability to really implement any of this plan. The most recent betrayal by the city in approving luxe was just one example of the city's bad behavior. Commissioners Hardesty and Rubio have been voices of reason in this area, and I thank you for that. Opening up funds to more profits, government agencies and out-of-area agencies -- oh, sorry, must be scrutinized by staff. The port of Portland business alliance who fought against pcef since the beginning and continue to do so. Prove this city is capable of working with the community and the residents you serve. City government, so far a mixed bag. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up we have kat davis.

Speaker: Hello, good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Ryan and Rubio. My name is kat davis, and I'm the climate justice adviser for Portland public schools. I'm here to convey strong support for these changes to the Portland clean energy fund, in particular the recommendation of the contract and grant eligibility be expanded to government entities including schools. Portland public school students including many from front-line communities have long advocated for climate justice. They see clearly how the climate crisis compounds individual and systemic injustices and inequalities, and they have rightly demanded that adults in their lives, especially their school leaders, respond with clear action and real urgency. At pps, we've supported student climate activism through our youth advisory and our civic engagement toolkits, and last month our school board passed our climate response policy. And it prioritizes serving people with disabilities, communities of color and other vulnerable populations. As you can see, our climate policy squarely aligns with pcef's guiding principles and the city's

climate goals. We serve the same communities, and we know that pbs will be a strong partner in building a sustainable and equitable Portland. I'm here because these changes would strengthen our partnerships, and we could help grow an equitable tree canopy, transform buildings into resilient community centers, investing in walking school buses and through our career and technical education train students for clean energy and resilience-building careers. Our students, families, educators, school leaders and staff are ready to think big and to think generationally about what these funds can mean for our communities now and in the future. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Speaker: Kate, thanks so much for your testimony. But let me -- you know, I want to challenge you a bit. Because let me just say we have five school districts within the city boundaries, and most of the school districts where I live actually have a whole lot less than Portland public school has as far as resources are concerned. And so I want to be, I want to be clear that we have a lot of school districts. And what I'm looking for in partners people that bring money with them, not come to us looking for money to fix their systemic problems, right? I'm going to be working with commissioner Rubio because I honestly do not want this fund to be a slush fund for folks who have not fixed the things that are broken. And the amendment that i'll be working on is going to make sure we have matching funds. You're not just coming to us for money, but you're going to show us how you're investing as well, because I actually think that's the only way to protect this fund from gouging by people who really don't have the best interests of minority folks who have been left out of this process. So I really appreciate your testimony. And it wasn't anything you said, kate, right? But it's like before earlier today people keep talking about Portland public schools as if it's the only educational institution within the city of Portland boundaries, right? I just wanted to use your testimony as an opportunity

to say, yeah, we've got other school districts, and we've got some districts that have actually never been invested in that we should be working with. So I look forward to you telling us what Portland public schools is going to bring to the table to partner with us if you are planning to apply for some grants.

Speaker: Next up we have victoria --

Speaker: [inaudible]

Speaker: Next up?

Speaker: Next up we have victoria pacar.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and the city of Portland commissioners. My name is victoria, and I'm the -- [inaudible] climate solutions. Climate solutions is voicing our strong support to the proposed amendment to the pcef code including the creation of a 5-year -- [inaudible] that better aligns with and equitably meets the city's climate action goal. Oregonians are suffering from extreme weather events and poor air quality. As you know, bipoc, low income and other communities have been affected but are the communities least responsible for contributing to climate change. Transportation and the built environment are two of the largest -- of greenhouse gas emissions in the city of Portland as well as fundamental components of a livable and affordable city. Expanding pcef programs aimed at these two sectors in particular and focusing on populations that are underserved and have been underinvested in represent key opportunities to meet the city's climate goals and deliver equitable outcomes. These programs can help insure that pcef investments are also directly reducing energy and transportation -- [inaudible] on those with a lower income and supporting increased access to opportunities. This includes pcef's focus on providing life-saving heating and cooling for our most vulnerable neighbors in energy technologies, energy efficiency retrofits that keep people more comfortable in their homes and apartments and lower utility bills, and

pcef's focus on critical investment needed to -- [inaudible] our transportation system in addition to their emission vehicle projects like Oregon walks data, transportation decarbonization should also -- [inaudible] and push this for mode shifts not only -- climate change-causing fossil fuels but also improve our air quality and quality of life by building more resilient and connected communities. Due to limited time, I want to say that I submitted written comments with my testimony today and just wanted to end by thanking all those involved in this work, especially commissioner Rubio and the pcef staff and volunteers. Thank you for listening to my comments.

Speaker: Next up we have John Isaacs.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to be here with you today. My name is John Isaacs, he/him, and I am the vice president of public affairs for the Portland Business Alliance, the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce. I'm here to express strong support for the ordinance which will make critical and well-developed changes to the Portland Clean Energy Fund. These changes will harness the transformative amount of funding captured by the 1% retail tax into a nation-leading climate action fund. I want to express our deepest respect and admiration for Rubio's thoughtful and transparent leadership, and we strongly urge the council to continue to -- adopt the ordinance. In September 2016, the Alliance report by Eco Northwest which leads today like a crystal ball prediction of every problem that has befallen pcef, it predicted it would tax far more businesses than just retail and contain none of the -- [inaudible] that virtually all revenue measures including when they go to voters. While pcef was struggling, Portland's prized industrial employers were forced to fight against an additional proposed tax to fight the climate program. Despite the fact that pcef was hitting on hundreds of millions in unused funds. This set of

circumstances literally outraged the business community, and we expressed that feeling in a strongly-worded letter on behalf of our members earlier this year. I review this history to emphasize what a seminal moment this is in our engagement with pcef. Commissioner Rubio and director donny olivera inherited these significant challenges, and what they have developed with the director and advancing today is truly transformational. It literally shifts the paradigm. I know these are big words, but we are now genuinely optimistic about the work ahead to meet our decarbonization goals. This need was expressed directly at last week's work session. With the threat of new taxes out of the way and a commitment from both the city and private industry to emulate the danish mode of decarbonization and symbiosis, we are energized and committed to work with all stakeholders towards what we believe can be the first clean energy hub in the nation. This vision gives the private sector a stake for the first time in the success of pcef. That vision is what you are voting for today. We urge your support. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Next up we have beth woodward. I don't think they've joined us. And jonathan orable.

Speaker: [inaudible]

Speaker: Yeah, go ahead, jonathan.

Speaker: Okay. I didn't know if the other person -- I'm a small business owner here in Portland, and I'm actually talking about something that's unrelated to all the ore things, really talking about the administrative part. When we talk about low income housing and the challenges with development here in Portland, I see that there's not quite as much incentive for folks to build the affordable housing. When I go to the Portland housing authority or the department web site, in order to get taxes and pieces you need, my company's a green -- [inaudible] and one of the things that we're finding is it is very difficult and also we partner with a lot of co-

bids, different insulation companies that do this weatherization work in the field. I've been in thousands of homes here in Portland doing home energy scores, I guess what I'm reaching out to you is that the language which -- [laughter] it's talked about multiple times today, it's very important. And in the Oregon housing development and Portland housing authority, it only lists certification for a company called earth advantage. And earth advantage, I'm sure you're well aware of, is a big company, but it doesn't allow for third-party services such as the nationally known ngsb -- I'm sorry, ngbs which is the national green building institute. And I think these are important because if we want to verify these homes and these low income places that we're going to build in order to, you know, make a difference in climate, we need to make sure that they're efficient. Also in residential too. So really what my ask is to, please, considered adding the other verification programs in pcef. I was a huge proponent of pcef. I actually knocked on doors, you know, trying to get it passed. And the national green building institute, I mean, there's a lot of other good certification programs. Earth advantage is only one, and they seem like they're very connected, and I think it's a problem. So if you can just, please, take note of that, make sure that the other certification programs are available. And I had a lot more to say, and I don't have time. Thank you. [laughter]

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Oh, excellent. Thank you. Colleagues, that completes public testimony. Does anyone have any questions or comments they'd like to -- before I hand the mic over to my colleague, commissioner Rubio? For a final statement. Hearing none --

Speaker: It looks like -- may want to come up. Director --

Speaker: Sure. Come on up.

Speaker: Never turn down a moment to hang out with you all. [laughter]

Speaker: We get you everywhere. Thank you, council president. I guess for me i, you know, because this program is near and dear to my heart and soul and I spent a lot of time bringing community together to put this on the ballot, what I know is that commissioner Rubio has the right intent. She's got fabulous staff that is leading this effort. But I have to say I'm really concerned based on what I've read so far in this document, and I really look forward to getting a cleaned-up version. But I am concerned that people who don't share our value system can run dump trucks through what we're proposing. I look forward to working with your office, commissioner Rubio, over the next week before this comes back to council because, you know, this will be the third time we've made changes to the Portland clean energy fund since voters approved it. This will be the very first change that came directly from staff and did not come either from elected leaders at the beginning with the mayor and I that made some changes to make sure the program was -- successfully. So I just need some more time to really reflect. I am -- and you've heard from other people their concern as well. We don't do a good job at the city doing all the fabulous things that we say we want to do with pc everything f, and I am terrified that if we open this door, we will never be able to close it again without clear criteria with and an assurance that people aren't just coming to us for their own profit, but we're setting a standard for who gets access, who gets training, who gets living wage jobs, who gets the benefit from the employments that happen. I know you guys share this with me, I just have to put it on the public record. There's no one that doesn't believe that this is, like, critical. But I just have to put my concerns on the record, and I hope there's a way as we move forward. I know you say you're coming back in the summer of next year --

Speaker: With the cip.

Speaker: Yeah. You know, maybe we can think about not waiting that long because the bad doers will be out there putting their proposals together while we're trying to be thoughtful and intentional about what it is we're doing. Commissioner Rubio, excellent work. I understand the need for it. But just like a lot of community who testified today, I know how hard I had to fight to make sure that it wasn't raided when I first got to city hall. I had to make sure it wasn't raided when covid hit. And so what I know is that there are people that want this money bad. They don't want to pay it, but they want to actually benefit from it bad. And it is our responsibility as a council to make sure that we actually maintain the values that voters and the community members who actually move this process forward actually brought to this effort. And, commissioner Rubio, when you and I talk, we did talk about the preamble because other councils who come after us who look at this language, if there's not a preamble that actually makes it clear why this is what it is and how it came about, I have seen that the political memory is very short in this building. And so people tend to rewrite history when the people who actually did the history aren't in the room. So I hope what you're hearing is a cautious support because, unfortunately, I can't -- I know what I know.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: I just want to respond, and I just want to say I hear you, and I want to thank you for your advocacy and your role to get it to this point. I totally understand and hear where your concern comes from. So trust me, I hear you. And our team has very much carefully held at the center this fear and this caution while trying to move, move community forward and create an opportunity for community to get the most leverage and most benefit out of this very, very unique window of opportunity that we have before us. So what I will say is that, yes, we're carefully looking at that. We intentionally structured the administrative rules as a place for

the committee specifically who is charged with oversight of this to really dig in. We did not, unfortunately, have the opportunity to have in the committee weigh in because of timeline and issues this time, and we owe them that opportunity to weigh in on these critical, consequential things. This is the seminal work of the committee. This is where it belongs. And so very, very interested in working with you, commissioner, so that we can hear and insure that those concerns are discussed at that committee responsibility level. And just hang for raising your concern.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Does staff have anything you want to add before we close today?

Speaker: Yeah, commissioner. Just want to thank you all for the time and thank our esteemed guests for their testimony, obviously the public testimony that followed. We share their sentiments about the program be successful and strengthened with these code changes. I also want to acknowledge commissioner hardesty's leadership, commissioner Rubio's leadership, but also thank you to the council for being responsive to the urgency of climate change. Commissioner hardesty, I want to echo your steadfast support and appreciate your leadership and challenging us to always make this program stronger. So thank you so much for that as well.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, do you have any final thoughts you want to share?

Speaker: Thank you. I'll just say some brief -- it's been a long afternoon but very happy to be here on this occasion. It's an exciting day for the future of this program. And we'll be able to make historic investments allowing significant steps to reduce carbon in our community and expanding all of our opportunities through our green work force. So that's very, very exciting. I really want to acknowledge bps director donny olivera and pcef program manager sam barrasso and the pcef team

for all their hard work. You all don't know how hard these people worked on this over the last nearly year. And I just have to say our city is incredibly fortunate to have these two individuals and the team that stood alongside them working on this. And so I just, I have to give you so much deep appreciation for that. So thank you for your work. Our committee is lucky to have you here at the city. And also I just want to thank each of the -- [inaudible] for the insight, for the really hard and good questions, for their wisdom. Things that made us take a step and a minute and look deeper and for their guidance through this. And I'm really looking forward to engaging with them on future work that they're, that's before them to create the very first climate investment plan. So this is something really exciting for us to look forward to. So anyway, I just want to say great job, great presentation and thank you for everyone who had a piece of this on the way to get here and also moving forward.

Speaker: Great. And before we wrap up, I want to thank commissioner Rubio for bringing this item before us today. I want to thank everyone who testified. And I also want to pause and take a moment to recognize and thank pcef staff. Sam, you've done an amazing job. I also want to take a moment to call out katie, james, rachel and, of course, our director for your amazing work on this cutting-edge environmental work. I'm proud to be a Portlander today, and it is truly a privilege to work alongside you, commissioner Rubio, and my colleagues on council. Keelan, I believe that may wrap up our work for today, is that correct?

Speaker: It does.

Speaker: Excellent. We are adjourned. Thank you, everybody.