

November 30, 2022 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

Council adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Communications

980

Request of Frank Blackston to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village (Communication)

Document number: 980-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

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Request of Tom Ulrich to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village (Communication)

Document number: 981-2022

Disposition: Placed on File

Request of Alberto Santaballa to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village (Communication)

Document number: 982-2022 **Disposition:** Placed on File

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Request of Adam Bult to address Council regarding NW Naito Pkwy Safe Rest Village (Communication)

Document number: 983-2022 **Disposition:** Placed on File

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Request of Kat Ulrich to address Council regarding public safety on NW Naito Pkwy (Communication)

Document number: 984-2022 **Disposition:** Placed on File

Time Certain

985

Adopt the West Portland Town Center Plan Goals and Policies, Visions, Action Charts, Land Use Concept and Circulation Growth Concept Diagrams, and Coordinated Growth Strategy for Zoning and Infrastructure; amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, Title 33, and Citywide Design Guidelines (amend Title 33) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191079

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Second reading agenda item 958. **Disposition:** Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Proclaim December 1, 2022 to be World AIDS Day (Proclamation)

Document number: 986-2022

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Time certain: 9:55 am

Time requested: 20 minutes **Disposition:** Placed on File

Consent Agenda

987

<u>Declare Trackchair as surplus property and authorize the Portland Police Bureau to proceed with disposal or donation</u> (Ordinance)

Document number: 191085

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Second reading agenda item 967.

Disposition: Continued

Continued to December 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Agenda

988

Amend the FY 2022-23 Revised Budget and make other budget-related changes (amend Ordinance 191050)

(Ordinance)

Document number: 191080

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time requested: 10 minutes

Second reading agenda item 979. **Disposition:** Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

<u>Accept bid of Moore Excavation, Inc. for the N Jantzen Ave West of N Pavilion Ave Water Main Improvements</u>
<u>Project for \$1,534,790 (Procurement Report - ITB No. 00001960)</u> (Report)

Document number: 989-2022 **Introduced by:** Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

990

Accept and appropriate grant in the amount of \$63,500 from State of Oregon Transportation Safety Office for the English as a Second Language Driver Program and authorize future Transportation Safety Office grant program agreements (Ordinance)

Document number: 191092

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

991

Authorize competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements for staff augmentation to support the Bureau of Environmental Services Capital Improvement Program for an amount not to exceed \$28 million over five years (Ordinance)

Document number: 191093

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services **Time requested:** 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Authorize the Portland Water Bureau to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the Bull Run Filtration Projects through negotiation or the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Ordinance)

Document number: 191094

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

993

<u>Authorize bid solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Fulton Pump Mains Replacement Project for an estimated cost of \$4,700,000 (Ordinance)</u>

Document number: 191081

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Second reading agenda item 975.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Session Status: No session scheduled

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Speaker: Thank you for being here, those of you who are here in person, thank you for those of us who are joining us virtually this morning. This is the Wednesday morning, November 30th, 2022, session of the Portland city could be similar. Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: Good morning. [roll call]

Speaker: Now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum, good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor. City Council's holding hybrid public meetings. If you wish to testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance by visiting the council agenda on the web page at www.Portland.gov.council/agenda. You must, may also sign up for public testimony

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conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude testimony when time up or interrupting others' testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given. After being ejected, a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. First up is communications. First individual, please, Keelan. Item 980.

Speaker: The group has requested to present together.

Speaker: Sure.

Speaker: I'll read all five. 980, request of frank blackston to address council regarding nw naito parkway safe rest village, request of tom ulrich, 982, request of alberto santaballa to address council regarding nw naito parkway safe rest village. 983, adam bult and 984, kat ulrich to address council regarding public safety on nw naito parkway.

Speaker: Good morning. Welcome. Are the microphones on? They are. Okay, great. So you don't immediate to pull too close, about 6 inches is fine, and if you could just state your name for the record. And collectively you have 15 minutes, however you'd like to use them.

Speaker: Can I ask a quick question? Where do you see the clock that tracks our time?

Speaker: Can they see it from where they're sitting? [inaudible conversations]

Speaker: Okay, good. Thanks.

Speaker: Quick question. We have a presentation we'd like to display at the same time?

Speaker: All right, there it is. I see it. Good morning. Thanks for being here, we appreciate it.

Speaker: Good morning, and I drew the short straw, so I'm the initial spokesman. Good morning, my name is adam bult. My husband and I bought here in the pearl district in March. I'm the baby of the group in terms of time in Portland. I'll be speaking to introduce the group and neighbors for -- and then I have co-presenters. I want to first begin by saying that we do love Portland. We have family in sherwood. We spent 3-4 years looking and ultimately landed in Portland because we love it, and we do love the pearl. We say that to say we're not here as another nimby group, we're really not. We're here as a group that has partnered with the city with a homeless shelter that's already across the street from many of us and one right next door just really isn't an option. With that said, I'd like to mention a little bit about what neighborhood -- shelters is, and then i'll turn it over on some other issues. Next slide, please. I think we have one more -- one back. Thank you. Two back. There we go, thank you. So my co-presenters are frank blackston and the ulrichs. Ive already told you the name, and we are over 800 members of individuals and businesses that are opposed to a northwest naito riverfront srv in an already densely populated area. I will tell you that number is creeping on 1,000. We support shelters. You will not hear one member of this group put down partnering or what makes Portland unique in how it wants to do its part for the unsheltered. What you will hear is what we already put up with does not have realistic security and safety protocols. And because of that reason, we cannot support another no-low barrier shelter. Next slide, please. The last thing I want to talk about and then turn it over to some people who have been here longer and you'll want to hear more from, are the deq issues. I will not belabor you with what is a highly technical and legal issue. It is the subject of a public information request that is due next week. But suffice it to say that the union station parcel has had its problems in terms of contamination. The Oregon harbor of hope was

approved at a very high rate and is a very past rate and was the subject of litigation in 2019. We peer something like that may -- fear something like that may be happening with the next site, and that's the reason that we've submitted the public if information request. Next slide, please. Our initial research suggests that the rap was approved in one day, you know, mr. Winkler -- may he rest in peace -- was involved in this next site, and we have significant questions about that rap. Next slide, please. And the difficulty that this group comes to City Council with is that we do not have answers. We've asked for things, we've asked for transparency, and we're not getting it. And unfortunately, we've had to hire who law firms, and the most recent of which has made its public information request, like I said, that is pending. But because we have a thousand members strong, we've been able to do what other neighbors may not be able to do, and that's go hire a law firm to find out exactly what is going on here. And that really leads into an issue that we're not seeing something from the city that concerns us, and that's transparency. With that, I thank you for the time, and i'll turn it over to my co-presenter, mr. Frank blackston.

Speaker: Great, thank you. Next slide, please. Oh, next slide. All right. Hi, everybody, my name is frank blackston.

I live in the borough, I live close to the harbor hope shelter. I moved to Portland in 2015. Love this city. Moved to the pearl beginning of 2020, love the area. But i, like everybody else, I have concerns. When it comes to our partnership perspective, we're doing our part. We already have a shelter in our neighborhood. The issue is after it was put many place, the good neighbor agreement was not honored. The neighborhood was left to deal with issues that came with the shelter. Next slide, please. While -- one thing I want to point out on presentation, these are all pictures from many front of harbor of hope and the proposed svv site. While a shelter can do great things, they also

bring unwanted issues to the neighborhood. We have told you this. So in addition to what you see in these pictures, we also have safety and security issues that will be addressed later in the presentation. In your response to this, you want to place another shelter in our neighborhood right next to an existing shelter we've told you has brought issues. So you're doubling down on an approach that sacrifices neighborhood safety, security and livability. Next slide, please. I'm only going to focus on two things on this slide. If you look at the pictures, these are from our neighborhood too. This is from behind a hotel very close to the harbor of hope. It's not just us that think there's going to be issues, or know there's going to be issues. Even our neighborhood association has issued a resolution, opposing the srv for these reasons. Next slide, please. So we've asked for meetings to discuss this. You ignored us. The srv team points to stakeholder meetings as neighborhood consultation, which is not the case. The meetings are between city and county agencies and a few hand-picked residents. The meetings are marked as private, and minutes are not shared with us. Many meetings are canceled last minute. You've left neighborhood residents in the dark and excluded from the process. I have to state this again, we already have a shelter in our neighborhood. We cannot absorb another one. We have a petition against the proposed srv. It already has 800 signatures, and it's creeping up. 600 have already been delivered to you. We have an additional 200 on the way. We still don't have a response from you. My question is, how many signatures do we need to deserve a response from you on this topic? Next slide, please. It's not just our neighborhood that is having issues with the shelter. I mean, we can all probably think of a few off the top of our head. Here's some pictures from some. But it boils down to this: the evidence is everywhere that shelters negatively impact their immediate neighborhood. Please do not put an

additional shelter in our area. Thank you very much, and with that I'm going to pass to to talk about safety and security.

Speaker: Hello, I moved to Portland 8 years ago, and I felt then this was the best city in the u.s. On all fronts. This has shifted 180 degrees. I've walked to work for 7 of those years, and this year I had to start to leave later pure to being scared to walk through the streets in pearl before the sun comes up. The deterioration of the riverfront, when I first visited Portland to plan the move, I stayed right by the morrison bridge. It was wonderful. The views of the river and the bridges and the park right across the street. Today I wouldn't walk a dog at that park, much less take children. When I scouted the pearl, I looked at the area around the fields and -parks, but I selected it specifically for the river. The greenway along the back was the biggest single determinant. I would never have a worry going all the way down to seal bridge even if it was starting to darken. Fast forward to -- I'm sorry, next slide, please. Fast forward to today, naito has become a slum, and it's getting worse. When I have to walk to the waterfront park, I walk in the street with cars going by because both sidewalks are clogged with tents in the seal bridge area. While naito is a significantly short -- walk up to 9th or 10th across and back down to avoid the same area. The river district navigation center was counterintuitively placed on the riverfront drive and attracted tents even while it was being built before it even opened. When the srv project was announced, same hand on a much of grander scale, approximately 50 camps in a 2-week period. We see attempts at cleanup, but the numbers does not tell anything. What's important is that over the life of the navigation center, there have only been four nonconsecutive weeks in four years where there were no campers within a block north or south of the center. That's an area much smaller than the promised 1,000-foot good neighbor, and in that same 4-year period, the radius has never been cleaned. [inaudible] in

addition to reports, I personally see people hiding in the bushes behind albert's mills, campers with fires down by the water in the same area, a fire in a tent with a propane tank that took out a car directly in front of harbor of hope and an attack on two -- pier residents. These last two could have caused the death of innocent people. I know a decent waterfront is possible because I've seen Vancouver turn theirs into a vibrant area for residents and businesses even as ours declines. So anyway i'll pass it over. This is kat ulrich. Next slide, please.

Speaker: Hi, I'm kat ulrich. I moved to mccormack pier condos in 2016. There's a marina there, we have a boat, we have a boat slip, and the greenway is walkable, and it's probably the most affordable property in all of Portland. With the proximity to the many shelters and services in oldtown, there have always been street people as long as I've been here. When there was talk of adding another shelter in oldtown back in 2017 before the harbor of hope, I became involved with the oldtown community association. We did not endorse adding another shelter to our already saturated neighborhood. When the shelter relocated to lie within the pearl district boundaries, I became a member of the good neighbor task force and worked for a year on developing the good neighbor agreement. I was that person who was the devil's advocate asking what happens when it doesn't work this way, and who do we go to for help. So Saturday, September 10th, this year I was walking down the greenway with my dog down to the marina where my husband was working. We had some errands to run, and I went to fetch him up, and I saw him coming towards us, so that was good. He had phoned earlier saying there was some people bathing within the marina, and he had called security on that. So I was a little concerned when I saw a head pop up in front of him. And as I came closer, I saw that there was a man jumping up in front of my husband and pressing into him saying you murdered my father, you murdered my father, you murdered my father. And I'm just like, oh, dear, this is not good. I didn't have my phone with me. I went up into the complex to get someone to call 911, and the man and my husband followed up. There were punches being thrown. I was standing closer to the man, and he decided -- he said to my husband, you're going to sacrifice the woman. And before I could realize what the heck that meant, whether he was going to kill me or what, he punched me in the face. I went down, I had blood on my face and my nose was broken. And him and my husband were rolling on the ground. So somebody did call 911, and somebody eventually came out with some mace and sprayed the man, and he ran off. I know that we did the wrong things in that situation. I think -- thought that I would have known better. I've been attacked before by somebody under the seal bridge. But in the moment, you know, it's another story. So I'm glad someone did call 911, and I'm glad someone did come out and help us. We don't go out now without our phones and, unfortunately, without our mace and our tasers. That's just the way it is the. He wasn't a random person high on drugs. He has a history of assault. He has a history of a failure to appear and, I'm sorry to say, I believe he's out on the streets now, again. Which is another one of your problems. I understand. The harbor of hope river district navigation center has brought more campers to our neighborhood, not less. And we are dealing with organized crime, we're dealing with gangs now, car thefts, prostitution, human trafficking. These are elements that come with low barrier shelters, and they must be recognized and addressed. And we residents are the ones who are bearing the brunt of these elements. It seems like there hasn't been anything figured out what to do with the shelters that we have, and you want to put another one in. I've been watching your presentations regarding your plans to eliminate street camping. I agree with many of your proposals, and I look forward to a reduction in street camping and the eventual elimination of street the camping

in Portland. But housing in a residential neighborhood comes with the responsibility to be a neighbor. We don't have to be friends, but we are not just a resource for cars to sale, homes to break into, places to pass out on drugs and gardens to use as bathrooms. Low barrier has no place in a residential area. I'm just going to quickly ask, mr. Mayor, I also heard what you asked what you could do to help people mt. Communities that are affected by these shelters, and I do have an ask for you. And it doesn't cost anything. Mccormack pier has a pedestrian easement that runs from naito parkway to the greenway, runs right through our parking lot. People come in, they shop our neighborhood, they shop our garages, they go door to door looking for doors that are open. We are asking to have permission to close that pedestrian greenway, that pedestrian easement so that we can secure our property. And we are also asking that we can restrict the hours on the wilamic greenway so it doesn't have to be open from 5:00 in the morning to 10:00 at might. I've been working with commissioner Rubio's office on this. I'm waiting for an answer. We had a phone call yesterday, and we're still waiting for an answer. So I'm asking if you and the commissioners can give us that permission, simple yes or no.

Speaker: Happy to look into that.

Speaker: Bobby, can you make sure we have appropriate -- that's my chief of staff standing back there. Good, we'll be happy to look into that.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I'm sure we'll have comments, so -- [laughter] commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Do you want to say --

Speaker: No, he's good.

Speaker: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Ryan, did you have a comment?

Speaker: First of all, thank you for coming today. And being so organized in your presentation. It was really impactful. As you probably know, we, we're building things, and then we hand over the keys, if you will, to the county's office of homeless services which oversees the contract. I just have a curious question. Have you also done a similar presentation to the county? Who has oversight over the tpi contract at harbor of hope?

Speaker: No, but we can.

Speaker: Yeah, we can.

Speaker: And that's because we have shared responsibility. As someone that's jumped into this job, the mayor gave me this lovely assignment which is a dotted line to the county to do something about the crisis on our streets, I think everyone will agree that we need a better first response, need better onramps. And so that's what we're trying to build. I have a question about when you started noticing -- harbor of hope had a lot of great information coming to me in my first six months that, for the most part, I heard favorable information from the pearl district neighborhood association, that the good neighbor agreement was actually fairly good. Did you notice a change in when it turned a different direction?

Speaker: I will say that, this is my personal opinion, even though it is in the pearl district, it's about as far out of the pearl district as it can possibly get. So I'm sure that the pearl district was pretty happy. It was kind of out of sight, out of mind. Maybe not for people at the waterfront --

Speaker: Basically a different neighborhood.

Speaker: It's, so they're across the street from us. I didn't really notice anything bad happening directly, but within six months the camps start moving up. I used to be able to go to the door and say this is part of your good neighbor agreement that you don't allow camping, and they would -- they might argue a little, but they'd go

out and they'd talk to them, and the camps would go away. They stopped doing that --

Speaker: Do you know about when that started?

Speaker: It probably started about six months, eight months in, they just stopped doing -- I would come and knock at the door, and they'd just, they were rude. They were rude to me, they thought I was rude to them, and so --

Speaker: Yeah. No, I appreciate getting more context. Trying to do something in this crisis, trying to build something, a humane response to this crisis does include, as you said, being good neighbors. So I appreciate that we're having this dialogue. And I've experienced that over and over again where we have to have that accountability from the provider network to the county's joint office that oversees those contracts. And hearing this just gives me more inspiration to stay in those tough conversations. And as we look to adding services and as we press our reset with the county, we have to be at the table insuring that there's follow-up with these good neighbor agreement withs. We resourced them last year, but the culture has to, I think, include accountability with those contracts to the providers. I'm not placing blame, I'm saying this is what's going on right now. It's very complex, but I think a lot of people sometimes don't understand that it is a shared responsibility and that the city has, we're a donor to the joint office, but the joint office is run by the county, and they have to oversee those contracts. And we're having that dialogue as we hope up the safe rest villages as well, so I just wanted to make sure we had a thorough dialogue --

Speaker: Can I answer that? I have a follow-up question. Thank you, by the way.

Speaker: Absolutely.

Speaker: From an average resident perspective, I think that's been part of the issue. We raise our hand, we're like, hey, talk to me more about the shelter, and they're, like, you need to call this group, you need to call group --

Speaker: That's right.

Speaker: -- and you need to call the county. If two groups aren't on the same page, I mean, you've got to get on the same page, you're not going to meet your objective. I'm preaching to the choir, I know --

Speaker: 100%.

Speaker: But I don't understand, I get frustrated on how do we not get there. And I know there was a lot of press with your announcement with the candidates for county chair about this. I just really hope you get into a true partnership, because otherwise, I mean, I think I sent an e-mail to that respect, get out of the partnership. This is me on an individual basis. I would not give money to somebody else who is not aligned with my objective. So I just wanted to add to that.

Speaker: No, I appreciate it. This is the type of transparent dialogue we're supposed to have as we're in a crisis.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: It's interesting what you said about the pd and e because I know that within the past six months they have actually issued a statement to us saying that they're aware that the gna has been a failure. And I belong to the pearl clean team. I actually don't clean the waterfront area because of timing. They do that during the week. But I know that the clean team has been there multiple times. Once a week, they go out there. And I know that they have rarely seen it not have tents. So I'm very surprised that, and this may be on us to follow up, I'm very surprised that you got something from the pd and e saying that things look good.

Speaker: This was, let me be clear with you, this was not recently.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: This was about a year ago to a year and a half ago.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And what I've experienced from -- I go down there and check things out, and I do hear you. It has been different of late. And so I just want to say that.

Speaker: Yeah. And if I can add just one more thing --

Speaker: Yeah. And, yes, we are aware that they're against the safe rest village --

Speaker: Yeah. Sometimes you're not aware like, for instance, there was some work on the srv plot, and so there was a cleanup of a couple of tents there. And the people that worked it may think they're gone, they have moved 100 feet to the other side of the broadway bridge. They're still very close, as far as I'm concerned, they're still in the harbor of hope plus or minus a block. So --

Speaker: Yeah. I know the employees at projects are doing the best they can. I do think that this dialogue is necessary as we get to the heart of the matter of accountability of contract management. So that's really helpful to hear. I'm so sorry that you experienced the violence that you did, and the gentleman in the picture, the other --

Speaker: My husband.

Speaker: Okay. Sorry about that.

Speaker: So, commissioner Mapps, go ahead -- were you done?

Speaker: I want to just say a couple more things --

Speaker: Sure.

Speaker: -- because I've been living this as a person, I know you had -- last night, but as a person going out there listening to the community for the past year and a half taking every shot you can take as everyone's angry and frustrated and I understand that, I do know that the safe rest village team in earnest has been

meeting with some of you or many people. So I know that they've been doing their own dialogue. So I just want to --

Speaker: I know that was part of our presentation that maybe slipped out --

Speaker: And I know --

Speaker: The stakeholder meetings are not public. They are with businesses, and they have a few very select people who are invited to those meetings. They're private. People can't just go in. There's no minutes produced, they're not available. They're not transparent meetings, and they're not meeting with the community.

Speaker: Okay. I hear you and I believe you. So I will do this, my chief of staff, kelly torres, is in the room, and we will have a follow-up meeting, and it'll include the hard working people from the safe rest village team.

Speaker: I'm so sorry. Can I add on to that too? So, yeah, completely agree. As soon as I heard about safe is rest village, I was excited like everybody else. Okay, we do need shelters. House, first is taking way too long. But when I was like, hey, what meetings do we need to get to be a part of, basically it was, no. To kat's point, a few select residents.

To me, that is not a stakeholder meeting. That does not include neighborhood residents, and I don't understand why we're left out of this process.

Speaker: Yeah. I know I've been to a couple myself, and I know one wasn't just sake the holders, it was the pearl district --

Speaker: I went to one of those. It was a safe rest village team. I think you were on your honeymoon, by the way. If that's the case, congratulations.

Speaker: It was before that.

Speaker: Was it?

Speaker: Oh, yeah.

Speaker: It wasn't a q&a. To be very honest, the safe rest village team just told us what was happening. People were asking questions, they were not getting answers. People genuinely want to understand the program, how they detail it. They would not give answers. So that's where I think the frustration is. Yeah, we had a meeting. It's, like, was it a real meeting or was it just -- and that's the feeling.

Speaker: No, you deserve to be listened to, and we'll make sure we follow up. And the one I was speaking to was well before that --

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And there were a lot of people. It was on zoom, there were hundreds --

Speaker: Oh, I think I know finish.

Speaker: And all the press was there.

Speaker: Went to a few of those and they're important, and people definitely expressed themselves.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Yes. I just want to jump in here for a moment and thank all of you for coming down and sharing your story. I also want to thank you for your patience and, frankly, your bravery for sticking with Portland despite the challenges that we face. To kat and tom, I am so sorry for what you have been through. No Portlander should be the subject of the kind of violence that you have been. That has been inflicted upon you. I'll tell you the truth, the siting of the -- micromanaging the siting of safe rest villages is kind of outside of my portfolio for the most part. However, I think every member of council including myself has a responsibility to help keep our streets clean and safe. I feel like there's some conversations that I'd like to have with you and I think council needs to have around how we can work with this neighborhood to just deal with the public safety and quality of life issues. One of the things that I would encourage you to do is if you could just send me a note, and

I think I have a stack of paper, but if you could send my office an e-mail so we can establish a line of communication, I'd appreciate that. And what I will do is I will work with my colleagues on council to -- I can't say we're going to fix all of your public safety problems, but I believe that you deserve better service than you're getting today, and you deserve a clear statement from us about what we can do and what we can't do. So i'll be working -- I see there are the some staff here from the community safety division, so those folks should probably be expecting an outreach from me on these issues and, of course, i'll be working with commissioner Ryan and the mayor's office and commissioner Rubio to make sure that we can martial the resources that we need in order to make the pearl district a place that all Portlanders can enjoy both housed and unhoused. And thank you and please stay safe.

Speaker: I just want to end with saying that I really appreciate that you all came today.. I'm well aware of these situations. I've been in so many conversations. I know that it's not your portfolio, so you have no idea what we've gone through. And we're with you. And I do think there was a change of culture perhaps at that venue. You know, there's leadership changes, there's changes at the joint office. And it's really important that we get to the bottom of why I heard from so many people that things changed at the harbor of hope especially over the last year or so. And so the timing couldn't have been worse, of course, as we're trying to offer more services to get out of this ditch that we're in. And I really appreciate you coming. It was very organized, very well done. It has a lot of impact. I'm glad it woke all of us up. I've been on this for a while, but it allows me to look at it differently. And so I'm sorry you had to go to this length. I do know that I responded with a letter in July to some of the concerns, and I will say that the meeting that we'll have that will include people from the safe rest village team, they're doing the very best they can to get to

the bottom of all of these questions as well. And we also need to include the shelter provider leadership at the tpi in that meeting. Don't you think? Okay. Great. Yeah. Accountability and transparency. So sorry you endured the violence. Thanks. **Speaker:** So I haven't gone yet, and I definitely want to say something. First of all, thanks for being here, I appreciate it. It was a good presentation. And I apologize for the personal trauma that you've experienced, the violence that you've experienced, the circumstances that you and your neighborhood have been exposed to. I'm keenly aware of them. And I want you to know I'm stepping up to do something about it. The five resolutions which this City Council passed two weeks ago, I believe, is a good start. It's a necessary start. And it starts with a controversial proposition, one that I believe in very, very deeply, which is that we must end selfdirected, unsanctioned camping in the city of Portland. We must. Not just because it's the right policy, but because I think it is the right moral and ethical thing to do as well. I do not believe the circumstances that currently exist on our street are either moral or ethical. They are not humane for vulnerable populations living on our street. Now, I'm not making excuses for people and their bad behavior. But I also have to acknowledge that in a state -- and the governor should be here, and the governor-elect should be here and the legislative leadership should be here standing here with me -- in a state where we have willfully neglected and willfully failed to fund, staff and support either a mental health system or a substance abuse treatment system, we are now reaping what we have sown. This is what we get for our neglect. And vulnerable people living on the streets, they are also paying the price. The individual that you described -- I'm not a psychiatrist, I'm not a psychologist, but it doesn't take a genius to figure out that they're struggling with very severe mental health issues. They deserve to be in a place where they get help and not be in a place where they're likely going to end up dying which happens to

dozens and dozens of people on our streets every single year. Likewise, you should not have to be threatened. You should not have to be physically assaulted by people who struggle with these circumstances whether it's a substance abuse issue, a mental health issue or whatever. What it is, is sort of beside the point. The fact is that it exists and it's happening openly on our streets. And we need to do something about it. And I decided to step forward and do something about it, and that's what the core of those resolutions are. It is me saying that the status quo has failed. It no longer works, it's not at the scale that it needs to be, not providing the right kind of interventions or preventions. The joint office of homeless services, I have serious problems with it. And it's not all their fault, by the way. But the main problem is nobody wants to be in the mud with us. We're in the mud. We deal in blood, we deal in mud, we deal in mental health issues, we deal in substance abuse issues, we deal with human feces, we deal with naked people running down the street, people who are unable to even acknowledge who or where they are because their afflictions are that series. And it is the beneath us as a moral and ethical society to have that happening in our community. And, therefore, we need to do something differently. And I have tried to paint the most blunt picture I can. It's not good enough to have, as commissioner Ryan said -- and I really support his efforts, by the way. And I do have to acknowledge, I gave him the worst assignment on the City Council, I did. I gave him the toughest assignment. And I did it because I know he has the leadership experience to be able to pull it off. If anybody can, dan can. And he has my complete support. You know, we've made mistakes, we're all acknowledging that. But he has my support, and he'll continue to have my support in this effort. But where the joint office has really not worked, in my opinion, is we haven't agreed who cleans up the mess. Who is responsible for the manifestations of this humanitarian catastrophe on our streets. We've taken it upon ourselves, but

it costs a lot of money. The litter collection, maintaining the security in these sites. There are now 800 encampments over 146 square miles in the city of Portland, and so it does not surprise me when homeless individuals report back to us or to others that nobody's ever approached them. About treatment opportunities or housing opportunities or shelter or anything else. I'm not surprised. I'm not surprised there's litter all over this city. How do you clean up litter in 800 different encampments spread over 146 square miles on a regular basis? You can't. And that's the genesis of these larger encampments where people will have access to basic hygiene and litter or collection and with the support of the county, we can connect them to mental health and substance abuse treatment and other services that are the purview of the county, that are funded by the federal and state government through the county where the county has expertise in these areas where the city does not. You're completely correct, we have to make this partnership work. And I want to give you some encouragement. I'm really encouraged by chair-elect jessica vega peterson and the early meetings that we have now had and the commitment she has made to our resolutions and to City Council. I believe that we will be able to work together in a more effective way going forward. Than what you have obviously seen and which has been the truth for the last several years. We have not been able to work together well, because we've not been able to agree on what the problem is. And I just outlined from my perspective what I believe the problem is. Hearing you here actually encourages me. It does not depress me, it does not upset me. I do not take it as criticism, but it encourages me. It makes me want to dig deeper and fight harder for the heart and soul of this city. And I really appreciate when I hear people come in to this council and say I chose Portland, I love Portland, I'm still committed to Portland, but things are a mess. We have to fix it. And you're committed to working with me and working with this

council. This is the best thing that will happen to me today, is you being here, and I really appreciate it. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Again, thanks for being so organized and telling a great story. It woke everybody up. I want you to know you're not -- you're representing neighborhoods throughout the city. We have unsanctioned camping where people are untreated and in trauma and are causing a lot of harm to themselves and others throughout the city. So the specifics around the shelter not living up to the good neighbor agreement, diving into that, for sure, based on this conversation. And I hope you can hold that the entire city's dealing with this, so your voice for the people that live near marine boulevard, it's all over the city we're dealing with this. And I just wanted to acknowledge that, that it's not just a problem in this specific part of town. And so thanks for that poise. And I also -- to all of my colleagues, we have to start using the word "we." I can't fix this. Mayor can't fix this. We can inspire and work together as a team. It's the people's money. It doesn't matter what coffers it's in when it's metro, the county or the city. We have to come together to focus on this crisis. It's a we effort. And I am hopeful, like the mayor, that we have a reset with the recent elections.

Speaker: Can I just -- I just had this thought, and it's not new, I've had it several times. But in your speaking and in using the pronouns we and ours, you know, I think is, like, really a great thing. One thing in that that you include, you have a large contingency of people who can be helping you with this, and this is the people on the streets. Having expectations for them to help you solve the problems, having expectations from them to help clean up the litter. We don't have to do all of that. It's something that we as a people living on the streets can be encouraged and expected to take a part in their recovery and in the recovery of this city. And I would

really hope that you would include those in your camps that you have that you don't have to come in and clean up their mess, they have to --

Speaker: Yeah. And in all fairness, I should say many do. Many

do.

Speaker: I have seen some who do.

Speaker: I'm responding really to the comments of, you know, those who are the most severely afflicted with mental health and substance abuse, but you're absolutely right. There are many, many people on our streets who work with us and are very diligent making sure that their camp is clean, that it's secure. But the problem is we as the municipal government have a larger responsibility to the population at large. It's not -- one of the areas that's, one of the things that's important to mention is although it's a catastrophe for people living on the streets, this is also very traumatic for neighborhoods, for residents, for people with disabilities who want to have access to a sidewalk, for people who just want their kids to be able to walk to school safely, for people who want to go visit a local business or an employee who wants to get to work safely. Everybody has a right and an expectation of safety and cleanliness in this community. And while the homeless population represents less than half a percent of the total population of this city, it is now impacting everybody. And I hear it loudly and I hear it clearly. And I hear it every single day. And so while you're here expressing your concerns about a very specific place, you represent the entirety of this community. There are many, many people who could watch this on ty -- I don't know how many people actually do watch this, but some number of people, and they're probably sitting there shaking their heads listening to you speak going, yeah, I can relate. Maybe not live in the pearl district, maybe lentz or somewhere else, but I know you speak for

many, many thousands of people in this community, and I really appreciate your being here.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: I really do. Yes, sir.

Speaker: Last statement from me, I promise. No, you're right. It's citywide, we all know it, it's not a secret. I used to live up in kenton, loved that area. I saw it near my place up there. I just want to say I support your resolution. I do. And I understand you all are voting on the funding today. I'm very excited about that. I think that is a step in the right direction. I know it's probably an unpopular decision from some perspective.

But I think you have overwhelming support. I think you got tons of comments that it's supported. It is a step in the right direction. It's where we have to go. What we're doing is not working. I do want to wrap up and go back to the gist of our presentation. We already have a shelter in our neighborhood. We have issues that are not managed. We are asking you please do not put another shelter in our neighborhood. I just want to get back to that and make it abundantly clear. And last thing, I want to thank you for your time. Thank you very much for the time and dialogue.

Speaker: On your way out, kelly torres is here, and she would like to meet with you and a couple people --

Speaker: What was her name?

Speaker: Kelly torres. There she is.

Speaker: Great. And you mentioned a petition to that came to me office? I don't know what happened with that, but we can follow up.

Speaker: We can look for a follow up but, yeah, I got confirmation. I was going to say something about --

Speaker: No, I absolutely --

Speaker: I think a total of 600. We can get the specifics.

Speaker: Okay. Bobby's back there shaking his head -- I don't need you to collect

another one --

Speaker: Okay, you sure? [laughter]

Speaker: I don't know why there wasn't a response.

Speaker: You can look at mine.

Speaker: Perfect. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: To the consent agenda. I'm going to continue item 987. Keelan, that requires four votes. We don't have four votes, so i'll continue that to next week. Otherwise have any other items been pulled off the consent agenda?

Speaker: That was the only item.

Speaker: Please call the roll --

Speaker: Actually, we're not voting on the consent --

Speaker: Oh, because that was it. Got it, never mind. Okay, to our first time certain, please. Item number 985, please.

Speaker: Adopt the west Portland town center plan goals and policies, visions, action charts, land use concept and circulation growth concept diagrams and coordinated growth strategy for zoning and infrastructure, amend the comprehensive plan, comprehensive plan map, zoning map, title 33 and citywide design guidelines.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, we're back today for a final vote on the west Portland town center plan. As you'll recall, we held a hearing on the plan back on October 12th. We took testimony until October 14th. We considered and then voted on amendments to the plan on October 27th. Finally on November 16th, we voted to approve the house-amended ordinance and findings of fact report for the plan

and move the plan to a second reading and final vote. Colleagues, is will any final discussion on this before we do call the vote? Seeing none, Keelan, please call the roll. [roll call]

Speaker: I shared some brief remarks when this was at council two weeks ago, but I'm glad to have an opportunity today on our final vote to say just a bit more. I want to thank the bureau of planning and sustainability for their work to develop this plan and for the intentional collaboration with a number of community-based organizations that serve and represent specifically underrepresented communities. And the dedication and the involvement of those organizations including community alliance of tenants, unite Oregon, community organization as well as neighborhood house. I also want to thank the many community members who participated in this effort. Thank you also to the bureau of transportation, bureau of environmental services and the housing bureau for their specific collaborations and efforts. I also want to thank the Multnomah County health department for their involvement and guidance as well as metro for their support of this work and the vision of an equitable southwest corridor. I think this is really terrific work. The plan provides the first steps in the foundation for reimaging and building a more equitable and resilient future for the community in this area. I'm very happy to support effort and the building of better social, economic and health outcomes for all in this new town center. I vote aye, and the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. That concludes this particular item. Next item, 986, a proclamation.

Speaker: Proclaim --

Speaker: I'm sorry. Commissioner Ryan's asked for a 2-minute break. We're in recess for 2 minutes. We will reconvene at 10:25.

Speaker: The business up here in the front of the room. Next item, number 986, a proclamation.

Speaker: Proclaim December 1st, 2022, to be world aids day.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you for the introduction, mayor. Colleagues, I'd like to start by thanking our invited guests who are up at the dais here at the table, jim clay who manages the aging well program at cascade aids project, brett conrie who is an active member of the hiv community and a volunteer at cascade aids project and ian morton who is executive director of Portland's q center. I'd like to turn the floor over to our honored guests for their remarks to get us started.

Speaker: Good morning. Mr. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for inviting us to speak on this occasion of world aids day, always December 1st and has been for the past 34 years. I'll introduced myself, i'll give you both my personal and professional reasons for being here. Personally, I am a Portland resident, I've lived here more than 30 years in the northeast Portland. I'm a 75-year-old gay man. I've been part of the hiv community for more than 35 years. I'm a widow, which is possibly one of my key identities. And professionally, I work for cascade aids project. I conducted a needs assessment and then designed and now manage a program called aging well which supports older adults who are living with or affected by hiv. And we're here today to share the meaning of world aids day. So what is the meaning? Well, the answer is, it depends. It depends over time, it has moved. It began as solemn time of remembrance and commemoration. It was a time to express our rage, observing that silence equals death. It began as a time to remember all of those who had been lost and all of the painful and ugly struggles that we had endured. 700,000 people died. I'm sure it's not lost on you that that's more than the population of the city of Portland. All dead. Play wright william hoffman was asked once could he summarize his experience of the earliest days of aids in ten words or less. No small challenge. But he nailed it. He wrote that it was

the a time of mass death, brutality and human indifference. The gay historian, q. Ryan, was also asked the same, in fewer than ten words. He said simply, we let people die because we didn't like them. And so, world aids day is a time to call with righteous anger all of those who share some responsibility for our great losses. I lost all my friends. All my friends. I lost most of my community. I lost my husband, mark. I love speaking his name. But it's only fair and it brings us some relief to hear the heroes and angels of that time as well because there are those larry kramer. Elizabeth taylor. Michael callan. To name just a very few. Oh, and a very young, very young tony fauci. Lately, world aids day has become some thing else. It's a time to reflect on the advances that medicine has made so we can dramatically change the trajectory of this plague. We look ahead optimism and promising new treatments for the newly diagnosed, but what about those of us who have been living with this plague and are left battered by 30 or 40 years of experiencing the virus? Of experiencing the human indifference and the absence of activism on the part of our federal government? And ironically have been battered by 30 or 40 years of the very medications that promised us wellness. And yet, at times did more harm than good. We are aging prematurely. And many of us haven't been told that we would die in early death. Did not plan for retirement. So, many lives were lost, but what I want to leave you with here today is that some of us are still here. What we call in the hiv community long-term survivors. Many of us are widows. Many of us are alone. Being a gay man from the earliest years there was no opportunity for adopting children. Performing a nuclear family. For even connecting with a spouse. It was very rare for that to happen and now in our 60s and 70s some of our program participants are in their 80s. We are living alone. So, when I learned that the project was interested in supporting older adults who are still living with -- who are still living with hiv, they asked for a needs assessment. They asked for someone

to go into the community and do a whole lot of talking and a lot of listening and find out what are the needs and experiences of older adults living with and are affected by hiv. Having worked for decades in human services, I have worked for 10 years in the office of county chair, so I much more familiar with the county side of this and the health department. It's been a joy lately to see this new approach that nobody ever saw coming. Nobody ever saw coming that we need to be working with the health department. We need to be working with aging and disability services. Nobody thought we would be aging. Nobody thought we would be here. We didn't think we would be here. So, the world is a really different place now. So, I was asked to do this needs assessment based on the needs assessment. I took all of what I have learned in human services for three decades and designed and then implemented and now managed a program called managing well. Walking advertisement. Supports older adults living with or are affected by hiv. A lot of what we do is community building. Finding connections for older adults who are living with hiv or affected by hiv who are alone, disconnected, and need a social support. Need a family. Need a community. That's what we do. As I started thinking this I realized neighborhood building, community building, that really started to flow in the agenda of the community of Portland. We understand today you are considering a proclamation where you declare your support. We have some concrete ideas maybe you have some concrete ideas of how we can go about that. I'm hoping sometime in the future we can have a discussion about what that could be because we got a program in place right now. Frankly, I would claim it is successful. It's doing great work. It's doing important work. If you would like to be engaged in this and support us, we would like you to be with us. Thank you for your consideration of world aids day. Thank you for your consideration of older adults

who are living with or affected by hiv or aids. Can I introduce brett he is an active participant in the aging well program.

Speaker: Good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you today. My name is brett connery and I live here in Portland. In December, 1985 nearly 40 years ago I became hiv. I was 27. And my life changed dramatically. By 1991 I was sick. I was unable to continue working. At 33 I lost my career and my health insurance was gone. I was dependent on public healthcare for specialized health. By 1995 I was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of cancer. There was some drugs that were new and they were still experimental and they helped. I survived it. We didn't find out the long-term effects of those drugs until 2003 when I had my first heart attack. I can't remember how many times I've had to change my medication. My need for healthcare is never going to change. My demand for services through aging and disability is just increasing. Last month I turned 64. I don't have a retirement plan, but I have a social security disability of less than \$1100 a month. It's programs offered through aging well that provide me socialization, education, a place that I know I belong in a family. It's advocacy from organizations like cap, cascade aids program, I still need. World aids day is complicated for me. It's a time I reflect and remember so many lives lost and they are suffering. I also remember their encouragement and their inspiration. They taught me not to give up. They taught me to fight and not to excite hope. I will honor their passing by celebrating the success of this disease. And acknowledging that I'm one of the last group of survivors. One of the ways you can honor their passing is to reconnect with your own commitment. Your duty and your obligation not to forget those of us who survived. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: do you want to introduce yourself?

Speaker: My name is ian morton. My pronouns are he/him/and his. I need to say thank you to the both of you for what you do and the example that you sent. My own beginnings in nonprofit and advocacy world or in the hiv community. I came out at the age of 19 in 1993 three years before trials started of what we now know as the cocktail. Myself and my remade, melissa moore, were doing our best to do prevention education in knoxville, tennessee. Yes, cities like knoxville, tennessee, were very behind the scientific curve. It was very impacted by what was coming from the churches. My own mother after I came out to her the last thing before we didn't -- when you were dying of aids, don't call me. This is part of the shadow that many of the game and in particular in the united states have on their back as they move forward. When I moved to san diego I took a job at an hiv specialty pharmacy and, like brett had said, medications were changing all the time. Even as a clerk I was fighting with insurance companies to try to get new drugs approved when their previous ones were no longer working. That's where I really learned how to fight for people. World aids day. Yes, it's such a complicated, complicated day for so many of us. I woke up this morning and realized that I didn't have any more lapel pins and this spool red ribbon I had always kept has been repurposed for my niece to do craft projects and I was a little embarrassed because I feel like I had performed some sort of betrayal because I certainly know as I worked in the community we always said never forget and today is that reminder of what we carry with us. Of what we lost. The artistic and vibrant and beautiful souls we were burying week after week. So, I appreciate the city acknowledging world aids day. I appreciate the call to action for organizations like cascade aids project and q center is also here to be a part of that conversation and with those who are wanting to make those resources available and amplified for the community. I'm thrilled that I meeting you officially today and thank you for being here and thank you the both of you.

Speaker: Thank you, jim and brett and ian for your leadership in the community and the work that you do each and every day. Especially this morning for telling your truth. Colleagues, I invite you to make remarks before I make mine and read the proclamation.

Speaker: D. Ryan: commissioner Ryan. First, I want to thank the panel for that presentation today. I want to say that I am proud to join you in declaring December 1, 2022 to be world aids day here in Portland, Oregon. As we heard since 1988, world aids day has been celebrated on the first day of December. And as we have heard the purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the aids epidemic. The purpose of this day is to mourn those we have lost to this disease and the purpose of this day is to focus the world's attention on ending the hiv epidemic. Now, in the last 40 years more than 36 million people have died of aids related illnesses. 700,000 of those people were Americans. On world aids day we mourn those we have lost to hiv. But we also celebrate and support those who are living with hiv. Today, an estimated 37.7 million people around this globe are living with hiv. Here in the Portland metro area more than 3500 residents live with hiv. On world aids day we remember that there is hope for our friends and neighbors living with this disease. Thanks to recent improved access to treatments, the death rate for aids epidemic has decreased 64% since its peak in 2004. Today, people living with hiv who seek treatment early can expect to live a near-normal lifespan. And there is more good news. Thanks to the steady March of science ending hiv epidemic is within our reach, which is why on world age day Portlanders rededicate ourselves to the goal of ending the aids epidemic. In world aids day Portlanders -- and on world aids day Portlanders remember and mourn the friends we have lost to this terrible disease. Colleagues, that's why I am glad to join this council in declaring December 1, 2022 to be world aids day here in Portland, Oregon.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commission Ryan. Gentlemen, I want to extend my thanks as well. Jim, thank you for being here today. Thank you for sharing your stories. This is actually been an extraordinary morning in Portland city hall. People are telling their stories. Engaged in courageous acts. I think telling your personal stories or acts of courage and I want to thank you for that and I will also tell you for each of you who are here telling your stories there are many in this community who are energized and lifted and encouraged by the stories you have shared with us today. It is an important day. I also want to acknowledge the important work of your respective programs. You did terrific work in this community and I just want to say personally, jim, I am really energized that you are in this phase of looking at older adults. The larger theme we've been working on on how to make Portland and age friendly community for everybody and this is an important component you have shed light on today for the council and others. I just really want to say really applaud and support the work that you are doing. The q center has been a rock in this community for so many people who are out to sea, who find companionship, who find come rotary. Who find common cause in your institution. I want to thank you for your leadership your organization provides and the community as well. I'm happy to be here and share this. Of this moment with you to acknowledge the trauma and the battles the past, but also the hope you express for the future. It is an encouraging time and I appreciate you being here to reflect. Thank you. Thanks, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: D. Ryan: thank you, mayor, and thank you, commissioner Mapps, for those comments. It will be 39 years in December. First of all, just grateful to be alive and to represent those who died too soon as I attended, as we all did, way too many funerals in the 80s and 90s. Today I am fully aware I stand on their shoulders. I know you do, too. I asked that we take a moment of silence as we think of those

we lost who lived with hiv. Thanks. In addition to hiv for those of us who identify as gay, and especially those of us born pre-stonewall in 1969 for the youngsters in the room, life has offered a lot of painful experiences. Too many to count. And while random frequent waves of fear of violence, the hate and the fear and the shame. They were all tossed at us at once. I will never forget as nietzsche once said what won't kill you will make you stronger. I'm looking at some strong people in front of us today. We came together. We built systems when government was externally slow to respond. We protested with compassion and love. And yeah, we did some jail time. And eventually we were heard I want to thank my family. I was fortunate my family was supportive and accepting of me. My employers, though I always asked for confidentiality because I wanted to be focused on the mission I was serving. Didn't want it to be about me. I felt it was my duty to be honest about being a long-term hiv survivor. My employers protected my privacy and allowed me to be judged on my ability to perform and get results for whatever mission I was called to serve and they never saw me as a liability or victim or handicapped. They wanted to have me take some drugs they thought were bad for me. To the nurses. Thank goodness to the nurses and the caregivers who help me survive some rough patches. One was in 1995 when I had been told I had just months to live it. That's when I was prompted to move back home and Portland is my hometown. As was mentioned, the use of the cocktail and scientific advances kept me and so many others I'm sitting in front of today kept me alive. I'm happy to be serving my hometown during a time of crisis and right now as a newlywed to a spouse. We just got married September 4. So, clearly I was built to handle adversary. And that goes to all of us on this dais and to all of you. Thank you, colleagues. Thank you, constituents. And most important, due to the fellow hiv survivors. What a blessing to take a moment to be silent and recognize world aids day. And now, the problem

mission. There's a part of this I say I am the mayor, but that is the mayor. Just want to give you that warning. Whereas 41 years ago the first document in case of aids brought about an era of uncertainty, fear, and discrimination and whereas far too many people living with hiv or aids have faced prejudice or bias and whereas a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, two spirit communities, specifically men who have sex with men have been most targeted and affected by age and discrimination and whereas world aids day was first observed in 1988 and focused the world's attention on ending the aids epidemic and increasing the knowledge about transmission and treatment. And whereas public outreach and education about hiv and aids, such as wearing red, continues to be a vital tool in bringing awareness about this ongoing global epidemic and whereas the decades since those first cases with research and leadership and evidence-based practices we have begun to move toward an era of resilience and hope. And whereas today the u.s. Department of health and human services recognizes racism as a serious public health threat that drives and affects outcomes for disparities with hiv and aids and whereas black and latino Americans are most impacted by discrimination, lack of access to healthcare, and whereas in 2018 black Americans represented 20% of the u.s. Population. However, they accounted for 43% of new hiv diagnosis is and 42% of the people living with hiv. And whereas hiv-aids affects black, indigenous, and people of color disproportionate rates due to racialized stigma, homophobia, and transphobia. Within and outside localized communities and whereas individually and collectively first experiences affect all people of color's inability to stay engaged with the healthcare system and whereas a Portland metro area 2500 residents who currently live with hiv or aids. And whereas commuting based programs led by organizations like our house, ministries of Oregon, q center, and united church of christ have provided resources and support for various people

living with hiv or aids. And whereas cascades project, the largest provider of housing, education, and advocacy in Washington was founded in Portland. Whereas because of antiviral treatments people living with hiv who start these therapies early can now expect a near normal lifespan and whereas city of Portland supports the leadership of individuals living with and affected by hiv and aids and advocates who continue to fight and whereas the city of Portland recognizes that ending hiv aids epidemic is within our reach and we are committed to rising to that challenge. Now therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim December 1 of 2022 to be world aids day and we encourage all residents to observe this day and show their support for people affected by hiv or aids by wearing red.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, for reading the proclamation. Thank you for being here today. We appreciate it very much. All right. We will move to the regular agenda. 988, please.

Speaker: Clerk: amend the fy 22/23 revised budget and make other budget related changes.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, this is the second reading on the general fund contingency ordinance of the fall budget process, also known as the fall bump. Council passed the technical portion of the fall bump on October 27. Today, we will vote on the budget proposal I brought to council on November 16, which focused on how to allocate our general fund contingency fund. As a reminder, on November 16 we heard a presentation, public testimony, and council amended that proposal in three separate ways. First, we accepted exhibits one, two, three, and for allowing inclusion of the budget allocations predominantly discussed at the council back in the work session on November 10. Second, we included directive e, which is waving city financial policy, which typically requires 50% of the general fund discretionary

reserved for infrastructure maintenance. Third, we included directive f, which refrains from advancing \$7 million currently allocated in the joint office of homeless services pending vote this December on a proposal to put \$15 million toward rental assistance and eviction legal defense assistance. If the county does not approve that proposal, the city will we appropriate toward rental assistance and legal defense financial assistance. With that, colleagues, is there further discussion on the fall bump for we call the roll? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: M. Mapps: colleagues, I'm glad to vote yes on this ordinance. I vote yes because this ordinance makes extraordinary new advancements in homeless services. With this ordinance, the council follows through on a commitment we made to set up new safe rest campuses, which can house up to 750 Portlanders who were currently living on the streets. In addition, this ordinance provides funds to keep those campuses and adjacent homes and businesses clean and safe. And this ordinance creates a 50 person navigation team charged with connecting house list individuals with social services. Now, I do not claim that the investments that we make today will and Portland's homeless crisis. However, I do hope that with the investments we make today we can mark the beginning of the end of Portland's homeless crisis. Colleagues, for these reasons and more, I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: D. Ryan: colleagues, the five resolutions we passed earlier this month are a significant step to serve all Portlanders. All too long we have tolerated the intolerable and our current conditions on our streets and parks are not sustainable. We must build a much better first response to this humanitarian crisis that is impacting everyone in our city and we must humbly admit the current system needs improvement and have the courage to take that action. We have heard in

these chambers from a very loud passionate section of Portlanders that are not supportive of these resolutions. To those who came to testify, I hear your concerns, but I also want to level set what the mood is throughout the city. All of our offices have received newly 1000 calls and emails in support of the action this council is taking. We can't keep talking about the homeless people as one segment. We have to remember our homeless population is as diverse as our housed population. There are those that are living on our streets who simply could not afford to continue to live on their homes. There were those escaping domestic abuse and there are those who don't have the means to get into housing. We need to identify these groups and get them into housing quickly. We cannot pit them against affordable housing. This is a false -- these resolutions allow the city and county to bring services to the homeless population we currently aren't serving, as well as -we aren't serving as we have campsites throughout the city. We need a response system with efficient outreach and services. We will accelerate the development of 20,000 units of housing that we desperately need the permit system is improving as we speak. It was a broken system this council inherited and we are on it. Our partnership and collaboration with county officials, we will launch a program for our homeless population and create a pipeline that provides homeless Portlanders a path for work and careers out of poverty. Let me be clear these resolutions do not criminalize homelessness. What is criminal is for government to continue to accept the status quo that has accelerated over the last five years. That being said, there are some hard truths we need to acknowledge. We have a mental health crisis that needs to be addressed on the state level down to the local level. Having proportionately the largest number of untreated for mental and behavioral health and the fee was numbers of treatment facilities is a reality we must accept and improve. We want all levels of government to invest in detox facilities. There are

populations on the street that are suffering from mental health and addiction and we can't let this go untreated. Our state, region, and county are suffering. Small businesses are closing. Larger businesses having trouble recruiting employees due to the conditions on our streets be a seed funding coming from this council make me proud. People's money is there to invest in this crisis and system of improvement. No one cares where the money is currently housed if the people's money and there is plenty of it at metro and the county who had seen these funds just as I receive a majority of the general fund over the years for the city to run the county's office of homeless services. The money is they are to improve the response system. To improve on ramps to permanent housing. To provide more housing so homeless can move to a path of workforce and housing consistency. Yes, over future workforce will be led by those who we serve today. Those with lived experience. I've been listening to the community and that is a broad community. It includes listening beyond the houseless industry. I have been in the hot seat all over the city on this topic since I was elected two years ago. Like me, the mayor had the integrity to do that last night listening to those on the central eastside. It's time to be responsive to the community and build a response system today. Today we take that big step to invest in this improved system to ensure shelter and provide humane services. It's time to humbly admit we can and must do better. And I listen to those who are homeless starting with my brother, tim, who perished on our streets almost a decade ago in addition to a nephew who has been homeless for almost a decade. That is why I carry this. It's a little duck. When I was campaigning recently, I was able to meet a woman who was homeless and she stays positive by holding onto this duck. She gave me one. She said she squeezes it and tells people she's ducky and helps her stay positive. She's had to leave our shelter. She's had to leave our single occupancy units apartments because she never feels safe. She

asked me to provide shelter and housing where she feels safe so she can be back to being independent again. She is my inspiration. Do not accept the industries status quo plan until we have housing. We must act now. I vote aye.

Speaker: Clerk: Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this package funds the implementation of charter changes. It supports day-to-day operations and it addresses our communities challenges with both homelessness and public safety. This package allocates approximately \$27 million to the commitments council made on November 3 we passed the affordable housing and homelessness resolution package. I hear and acknowledge the concerns and the upset that many Portlanders are expressing over the creation of these sanction sites. I've also heard and seen the hundreds of messages to my office that have supported this work. These sites will provide lifesaving shelter and services to our most vulnerable and they will do so at the scale required to make a true difference in our community. This is not a perfect solution, but it is a solution responsive to the reality we face. Five-year wait lists for affordable housing. Rapid rates of mental illness and substance abuse. A lack of availability for treatment, as well as a progressively dangerous and unsanitary conditions with unsanctioned camps within our community. This in city just cannot wait for a solution. While critical may not be received favorably, doing what is right is not always popular. With that, I would like to thank director jessica kinard in the budget office for your hard work on this project. I also want to thank all of the bureau and office cancel staff that you all did putting together these packages in the last several weeks. Finally, I want to thank my colleagues for your thoughtful engagement in developing a package that reflects a bold change needed to make a meaningful difference in this county. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item on the regular agenda. 989, please. This is a report.

Speaker: Clerk: accepted bid of moore excavation incorporated for the north jantzen avenue west of n. Pavilion avenue water main improvement project **Speaker:** Mayor ted Wheeler: this will replace 2200 feet of pipe as well as restored fire hydrants to water services, adducing potential backflow and contamination. Chief procurement officer is out there somewhere in the ether to walk us through the report. Beeko, good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler and City Council. City Council on February 23, 2022 approved ordinance 190 719 on behalf of the water bureau to complete this project. At that time, engineers said the project was \$1.326 million. The confidence level of that was deemed high. Treatment services issued the invitation to build September 23, 2022 with a date of October 25, 2022 in total we received three bids on this project. Moore excavation incorporated was a low bidder and it is a recommended awardee. Their bid came in \$1.354 million, which is approximately 15% of the engineering estimate. The city standard 20% aspirational goal process solicitation and the following is a breakdown with utilization that was submitted for this project. 78.97% of the project work plan will be performed by moore excavation and 27% of the project will be completed by certified co-bid subcontractors. Even though this occludes 27% of participation from ferns, less than 12% is allocated to minorities and only 1% to african-Americans. I urge firms like moore to change their philosophical process for projects. I also urge burros to meet with concrete curated approach to providing opportunities for this small african-American female owned firm to grow. Please partner with procurement and the procurement's reclusive contract management team will solve this problem. I also applaud moore for their efforts in meeting the 20% certified co-bid goal. Moore excavation is located in fairview, Oregon, and is not a state code bid certified contract. If there are any questions about a procurement process, I'm happy to

answer them in. If you have questions about the project scope itself, we have water bureau party jody in attendance as well. It is recommended the council accept this report.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions for director taylor at this particular point? We have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Clerk: we have one person signed up online. Carol van dyck. They haven't joined us. I just want to make sure they are not --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: carol, are you out there? I will entertain a motion to accept the report

Speaker: M. Mapps: so moved.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps move. Can I get a second, please? Commissioner Ryan second. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the report is accepted. Next item, 990, please.

Speaker: Clerk: accept an appropriation in the amount of \$600,500 from the state of Oregon transportation safety office for the english as a second language driver program and authorize future transportation safety office grant program agreement.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, traffic crashes with people who use first language not english has grown. This provides culturally competent drivers education by teaching skills and laws in languages other than english. This is a common way of reducing traffic crashes in education that meets the Portland community where they are at. I will pass this over to captain abrahamson to continue. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Council, thanks for having me. I'm david abraham. I will exercise some history here. Let me know if these slides pop up here on the powerpoint.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: they are up.

Speaker: Next slide, please. Mayor, you already touched on this, but the scope here is to equip those who have not been provided any training for driver education. As I will get to, there's nothing in place outside of english or spanish or even for hands-on or classroom education here in Oregon. Next slide, please. In 2013 and 2014, I was in the draft division overseeing the crash team and I reviewed everything will crash report in the city of Oregon. Both were fatalities and also for a couple hundred serious injury. We began to see a consistent thread in meeting with families where a lot of victims were oftentimes they weren't the at fault were not provided education. They were self-taught drivers. Seeking potential opportunities to expand the driver manual and unfortunately that was not available then and still not available to us now. We began meeting with community organizations with our immigrant populations. A myriad of others just to listen and hear where the meat was. If it's something we wanted. We don't want to come with our agenda what we saw identified. We wanted to hear from the community. There was an overwhelming outcry asking for training and education in different communities there was different requests and trends. Upon this -- next slide, please. We started meeting with government entities. With Oregon impact. Portland bureau of transportation. Driver education center. They have a formatted education program, which is state-of-the-art and accepted by the nba. Can we put something together with our community partners for a platform where people are equipped. They aren't afraid of the rules of the road and are able to vent and navigate our roads here safely. Some of the benefits from this. In 2015/2016 I want to provide

recognition. We held three classes every year and approximately 40 to 60 students lasted five weeks for each class. It takes place at the training facility. In 2017-2018 I want to thank the city for the micro grants that were available for also supporting the continuation of this program. In 2019 I think we only had one class and covid came and it's been on hold for the last couple years but we had a dozen requests to hold these again. Based upon the requests, that's why we are proceeding. So far we had 800 new Portlanders had attended a previous course and we are equipping them with a day or two of classroom education through worker driver education system and partners providing information on bike safety, pedestrian safety, just the laws of the road. Breaking down the pretense of the police uniform. What to expect on a traffic stop. What officers are going to ask on a traffic stop. How do they ask and request for an interpreter for that conversation. What are their rights legally? Even for search and seizure. How can they file a complaint? Even through the court process how they seek different opportunities like diversion classes. It's been a great catalyst for us. In 2018 from large outcry from the russian community we partnered with Portland state university and for literally nine months interns the city brought into with conjunction with Portland state they actually translated the driver manual into russian, which has been well received and we appreciate it. Next slide, please. And it will just take me 5-10 seconds for each slide over the next few slides. This has been an opportunity for the city to step in a place where we are engaging our diverse communities. Often times for police it's difficult unless it's just on a call, especially with staffing now and community engagement. You can continue onto the next few slides. 85% of students who have attended have been women. They have never had the opportunity based upon cultural norms to even step into that driver seat behind the wheel. That first week when we had that class they see the police uniform and you can see there's fear of police. Over the next

few weeks there is that pretense broken down. Greater understanding from our members. And we have a myriad of officers that represent the bureau that come in. Some integrated into the u.s. Who share their stories of how they have become a police officer. As you can see there on the bottom right this is the backside of the 10 acres of the training facility. They provided information on the first day on really how to even set up a vehicle, to determine if it safe to use, how to check different fluids. And then we go into backing. We go into forced work lane changes. Everything is 30 miles an hour, but they are having hands-on instruction with instructors who does this full-time on a regular basis. Next slide, please. And then last slide if you can. And again, these have been a catalyst for understanding and for greater relationship. Again, we don't want to see an off-the-shelf program. We want to know the communities we serve. Not only are we breaking down fear of police, but to function safely on the roadway systems. There's tons of fear. People still have to drive. We have had reduced companies, insurance companies, provide reduced rates to see -- people with this course. I ask is the Oregon department of transportation fund this. Any questions?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate it. Colleagues, any questions? We have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Clerk: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. We appreciate it. Like a great program. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Next up, item 990. This is also a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. I'm sorry, I'm wrong. 991, so a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: authorize competitive solicitation and execution of price agreements for staff augmentation to support the bureau of environmental

services capital improvement program for an amount not to exceed \$28 million over five years pics

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: M. Mapps: thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this authorizes procurement to connect a competitive solicitation and award price agreements for temporary staffing services that will support the bureau of environments services capital improvement program. Here to tell us more about this ordinance we have amy with violence services. Welcome, amy.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning, mayors and commissioners. There is a powerpoint presentation. If you have that queued up, that would be great. She/her pronouns. Long-term city of Portland employee with the bureau of environmental services. Also, rick nelson is with us virtually. He is with procurement to answer any questions that might come up. Next slide, please. So, before I get into the details of the solicitation itself, I want to mention with council approval of nine fte in the fall bum, we were able to make substantial reductions in the contract capacity. We especially want to thank commissioner Mapps and michelle rodriguez for their leadership and support. Having those additional fte will make a difference. We anticipate some difficulty in finding temporary professional upper level staff, engineers, project managers, and having the additional fte kind of takes the pressure off these temporary staffing contracts. Originally the contracts were scoped with a capacity of \$40 million and a maximum staff of 35 temporary staffing. However, the new fte allowed us to reduce the capacity of the contracts to \$28 million and also reduce the maximum number of temporary staff that we can hire these up to 20. Additionally, we will reduce the number of contracts from 10 contracts total to six, which makes contract management more streamlined and reduces the workload for staff who will managing those contracts. Future request

for fte will enable us to stay in the authorized contract amount. If the fte are not approved, we may come back to council to request increased capacity, but hopefully that's not going to happen. Let me talk for a moment about why do we need this ordinance? Why do we need temporary staff? I was touring and infrastructure is aging. Many facilities have reached the end of their lifespan. To ensure continued reliability and prevent costly emergencies, these facilities need to be repaired or replaced. The progressively increasing workload requires a conference of solution that will put fte's, consultants, and temporary staff on critical asset projects. The focus of this ordinance is on the temporary staffing contracts. These contract employees will provide design engineering, project management and controls, and facility planning regular and as-needed basis. These on-call staffing services help the bureau design and construct projects, including sanitary -sorry. Storm and sanitary sewers, wastewater pump stations, wastewater treatment facilities, storm water treatment facilities, and drainage way improvements. Additional staff are needed to maintain the bureau's increasing cap project output. So, currently we have five contracts that provide us with mainly construction managers and inspectors. This rfp will replace those existing contracts, which expire on June 30 of next year. The contracts that result from this rfp provide us with the capacity to bring in these simple little personnel who are needed to address our increase in capital program, but there's no guarantee we will use up that entire capacity. This is not a new approach for us. We've had large timber rate staffing and on-call projects for at least the last 10 years. Next slide, please. These projects have provided us with opportunities and partnerships that support workforce development in the engineering and construction fields in general and they support the bes workforce. Over the years, we see many outstanding candidates, including graduates from local schools like the university of Portland,

Portland state university, mount would community college, etc. These contracts are really one way, one of several ways that we get staff into bes. Temporary staff experience. They build skills and they often compete for city positions when we have openings. Over the past five years, bes has hired 30 temporary staff into permanent positions when we had those vacancies. Often we find candidates may have not applied for government process for a variety of reasons, but their experience as a temporary contractor opens up this career path for them. And we gain by drawing on national and digital candidates specialty experience we need for our specific projects. These are often senior staff who mentor junior staff on large and complex projects. So far, bes has been working with procurement equity team to identify potential co-bid terms to provide us with terms and moving forward with the equity team will hold a meeting before the rfp is issued to provide potential barriers and opportunities for certified firms. We also will have a nonmandatory pre-bid meeting where we will respond to questions about the rfp. And to be more inclusive, we increased the number allocated to diversity and equity. Next slide. So, I want to thank you for your time and I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues? Do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Clerk: no one signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: okay, great. Thank you for the presentation. It moves to second reading.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: and I'm going to skip ahead just for a moment just so I don't forget this. Can we do 93 as a second reading?

Speaker: Clerk: authorized bid solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the fulton pump means replacement project for investment cost of 4,000,700 dollars?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Clerk: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: the ordinance is adopted item number 992 first reading of the emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Clerk: authorized the Portland water bureau to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for the bull run filtration projects through negotiation or the exercise of the city's eminent domain authority.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: M. Mapps: thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this authorizes the water bureau to start negotiations for easements needed for the construction of Portland's new water filtration plants. This ordinance is necessary because the city of Portland is required to build a new water filtration system in order to comply with federal and state safe drinking water. This is to remove sediment, organic material, and other potential contaminants in the water that Portlanders drink. In order to comply with state and federal water quality rules, this facility must be online by 2027. The ordinance before us today is an important step towards fulfilling this mandate. Here today to tell us more about this project, we have jodi, chief -- welcome, jodi. And guest.

Speaker: And guest. Thank you, commissioner Mapps. I have with me dave peters, who is the executive director for the bull run treatment program. He is here. He is the expert on all the details about this in case you have questions in case I erupt in a fit of coughing and need to leave. The presentation is that powerpoint. We are

here today to request authorization to acquire certain temporary and permanent property rights necessary for construction of the bull run treatment facility and the pipelines. Next slide, please just as a reminder, not that you need reminding, but the Portland water bureau is building a filtration facility to new pipelines to help the bureau comply with safe drinking water act regulations and it is to be completed by September 2027. We are already more than halfway through our 10 year window. City Council chose filtration because of the many benefits it offers to further protect our health, support our economy, and prepare for the future keeping water safe and abundant for generations to come. When we talk about for our health, we are talking about using proven treatment methods to deliver safe clean tracking water to customers and keeping that water safe and abundant for future generations. This will create thousands of Portland area jobs and creates opportunities for people of color and women in the construction trades. Also means we're focused on maintaining moderate affordability. For our future enhancing our water system resilience we do see future risks and better protecting our customers. Because the next few years have taught us anything it's that we cannot predict the future, but we can be better prepared. While we are all in the same storm, we are not in the same boat. This improves outcomes of historically underserved communities keeping our commitment to climate work. Since this project started I will note we've had record high temperatures. Before this project started I had never heard of a heat dome and that is becoming all too often a common terminology. We have seen increased fire risks that even border our watershed. Larger wind and rain storm events, as well as ice events. Reliable access to clean safe water has never been more important because we know that there are those who can't pick up and move or go to a hotel or buy bottled water in an emergency and we are trying to keep them centered in what we do. Next slide. You have probably seen our system

multiple times, but again while we are doing these it is not only for those benefits I mentioned before, but we are required to construct these and provement to meet federal drinking water standards. Our bull run supply has had long-standing protections on it since 1992 and disinfection, which was added in the 1920s. For the bull run program there are three capital projects included. The control treatment, which came online in April 2022 or April this year. And then the bull run filtration facility and the pipelines that will connect it to our system. So, a brief update on the program status. We have a bilateral agreement with the Oregon health authority, which has three distinct milestones. We recently met on time on schedule the second milestone by some middle of our design of the filtration facility this past October. It is not the only key milestone that is a part of successfully delivering this project on the full compliance deadline. While not on the slide, I wanted to make note that the other key action that occurred this past year was submittal to land application in September. This is one of the critical factors to us being able to move forward with the facility and into construction. We have a team of experts on our land-use teammate. A large robust team of experts that work diligently to submit nearly a 3000 page report. We worked with them and they hired a consultant to help be able to process the application. Submitted in October, which starts a multitier process. We are also on track in two counties. We are on track to submit a much smaller application by the end of this year. The land use process, as you may or may not know is highly participatory in Oregon. It included multiple steps. It is extremely common for products to have to go through two or more submittals to get a complete certification. It is very common. Sometimes it's used as a way to create more time for staff to be able to process the application. We are in the process right now of responding to the first set of comments for reapplication to be able to submit that. We do anticipate even through that to have a land-use decision

by the summer of 2023 and would have included in the schedule a potential for appeal. Like the land-use process, acquiring easements is a necessary and critical part of that project. Acquiring easements is a process that contain up to 14 months. Sometimes longer. It is not a fast process. This product uses federal funding. There are a number of steps required for the acquisition process and this council action is one of the first critical steps in starting the process and it is key to helping us stay on schedule. Just a little bit about how we selected the easements that we are here before you today. We recognize that acquiring easements both temporary and private across property is not something to be taking lightly and impacts property owners. Therefore, in the process of resigning the design of the project we prioritize using public rights-of-way whenever possible to avoid impacts to private owners. We really focused on being able to use temporary construction easements thereby minimizing our impact in looking at minimizing the number and type of easements we are going to use. Some of the other steps we use to minimize impact our placement on some of the easements that cross property, for instance. We located them on existing farm roads to minimize impact to crops or what areas farmers may be able to farm. Of course, we will be restoring all property to at least preconstruction. Federal, state, and acquisition rules will be followed. We had multiple unreached property owners impacted already. When we met with them they are aware of the easements have began discussion. The easement acquisition process what we are here today is the first step to allow us to again open negotiations. We do anticipate and it is our full intent to negotiate an easement that is acceptable to both parties and only if required and needed would we exercise eminent domain. That's part of why it is critical for us to complete this first step now is to allow time to have adequate, thorough, and collaborative conversations with those property owners for mutual agreement and not having to go through a

legal route. Next slide. All of that prep work to show you where the easements are we are going to be acquiring. You can see on the map the area highlighted in blue is where the actual filtration facility will be located. We are working with six property owners. Some own multiple properties, which is why there's more easements to property owners. We will acquire nine easements. That is for the pipeline, pipeline tunnel, and aboveground intertie facility and access and eight temporary construction easements. If you look at the map just going south of the water bureau property there's a pink/purple couple of areas going south. Those easements are for the permanent emergency access road that is required by land use. Those will be permanent easements. If you can see on the map going to the right of the filtration facility is necessary for pipeline and our tunnel, which will be connecting the filtration facility to existing conduits. The area in the left is again necessary to connect the finished water coming out of the plant to the multiple conduits we have in town. The box on the top is the only area we will be having an aboveground structure, which is our intertie where we take the two pipes and connect it to three pipes serving town. And with that, that is the end of my presentation and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: colleagues, any questions? We have quite a lot of public testimony. Why don't we go to public testimony? Three minutes each and for the record how many people do we have signed up?

Speaker: Clerk: we have seven people signed up.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: how are our closed captioners doing? Can they hold out until noon?

Speaker: Clerk: yeah. I think we are okay.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: first up we have commissioner mark sheldon.

Speaker: Yes. Good morning, mayor Wheeler, commissioner Mapps, commissioner Ryan, the people of Portland. I speak to you this morning as an individual commissioner not on behalf of the board of commissioners. I'm here to represent the concerns of ratepayers and property owners in the areas of bull run, boring, and sandy, as well as concerns for our neighbors in palma county. Our citizens live in the fifth highest cost of living and we are concerned about the effects of water bills to the filtration plant be built. The threat of tolling, inflation, potential recession, the high cost of living, and now the potential for a four or five time increase in water bills is not affordable for many of our families. I have spoken with residents who have used bull run water for 70+ years and they have never had a bad glass of water. Does it cost to benefit for this expensive plan to justify further pressure on our family finances? Are there other solutions? Such as filters for families who may have a vulnerable family member? Does that save us a milliondollar bliss project? As a county commissioner, I'm elected to stand up for the interest in the people of the county and I urge the city of Portland the impact is costly and controversial to the filtration plants. Let's use some common sense in responding to the federal clean water act, and act should be focused on flint, michigan, and other cities with serious water problems. Not on the most pristine water source in America. As to the issue of the easements on our valuable farmland, again, I urge the city of Portland to stand down and consider and look at the quality of life for people and work with us to keep down the cost of living for our families and maintain the productive and beautiful farmland our people value so much. I thank you for your time this morning and concerns.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have gabriel shoning online or in person. No? Let's go to dee white.

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clear.

Speaker: Okay. My name is dee wide. This eminent domain agenda item is another display of the Portland water bureau display of exuberance. Pare more distracted than we already are. During these times, the water bureau in the city always unleashed their calculated moves, such as this landgrab. This landgrab, which will directly affect six property owners in our rural community is another example of the water bureau putting the cart before the horse for their ill-conceived, misguided, and corrupt that will provide no measure health benefits as well as skyrocketing water bills for decades to come. Commmissioner Mapps, the water bureau proposed \$1.5 billion water filtration plant oils of pipelines is not a viable project and should be terminated. It is not approved by the counties is the land-use application was rejected by Multnomah County and is back at the water bureau for answers. Unsurprisingly, the application is full of holes because they raise so much wrong with what the water bureau is doing here. The water bureau is gas lighting level homes -- to get their way. This is a rural community mostly farm and nursery land with a longtime property owners, young working families raising children, retired folks. Do not think for one second there's not going to be a fight and do not think for one second that the \$6.6 million allocated here is going to cover the cost for this shaky landgrab. Much of the ratepayer's 6.6 million-dollar monies will go to the water bureau was lawyers. These property owners, along with the entire community, are fighting for their livelihoods, their property rights, their families security, and their happiness. Meanwhile, Portland water bureau has ongoing high lead in water results. They had a federal lead in water exceeded less than a year ago. The highest level of lead in almost 20 years. The 1991 rule states lead in tap water is to be minimized to the greatest extent feasible. It is 30 years past time that

the Portland water bureau started following the law instead of abusing it and harming us both rural and urban residents. Thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have suzanne quarter.

Speaker: My name is suzanne quarter and I live out in the area right near the water bureau is proposing their project. I'm here today -- first, I'm going to address some comments earlier. Yes, the federal government has asked that the water be treated. It doesn't choose how it's treated. It doesn't choose where it's treated that all lies on the hands and shoulders of the water bureau. People out there feel like they have chosen a poor spot. We live in a rural area. We shouldn't have to be dealing with impacts from Portland out there. And so, I'm going to say -- I'm going to be honest here. For the last 3+ years people have been threatened about this landuse thing. People have been threatened about having their property have easements on it. Anyone have spoken to or heard about have said when they've been approached they are not offered enough money to make it worth it and at the end they always slip in we can do eminent domain. I think eminent domain request is premature. I'm not saying it doesn't have come at some point in time to be honest, but they don't have a project. They don't have land-use. They don't have a complete application done and they are trying to take this land and they know darn well if they get it or never giving it back to the people of the land-use goes through. My comment here is for the people who have been fortunate enough to buy a house out there for most of them there major financial investment is in that land and that property and they are not going to get equivalent of what it's worth. I'm talking also about the nurseries that are impacted out there. They are not only at risk of losing land. They are at risk for losing their livelihood. This is a big thing. Until land-use is done, I think this needs to be tabled up your I think because it's not in Multnomah County. It is clackamas county. I don't think eminent domain should be

processed. And to capture one of your comments earlier today, mayor Wheeler, I say that it's not ethical to do this prior to actually having a project. We have been terrorized out there for way too long. People are fighting and to have the water bureau keeps saying we have to do this. We have to do this. They don't have to do it there. They don't have to do it that way. They need to keep going ahead of the project taking people's land, their livelihood. All my neighbors are having their land directed in that project that you just saw there. Please do not approve this until there is land-use.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have chris quarter.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome, chris. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Good morning. My name is chris quarter. I live in dodge park in boring Oregon where it's no longer boring. Regardless of where you stand on the proposed project by the water bureau, some of you are for it. Heard you talk about it. Some of you are against it and maybe some of you are in between. And that's okay. But this is the wrong time to grant them any eminent domain. They are so far from getting the permits that they need. They are so far from ever doing any real work on it that if it ever gets that far, which I don't think it's going to, they want you to think that. They want everybody to think this is a done deal. It's not a done deal. And so, for them to tell my neighbor -- I see the stakes. I live right next to this. There's 100 feet of stakes marked off for two or 300 yards. We are taking this land from you. At this point that's really sad. It's worse than sad. There is obvious finagling on their part. They are not close enough to be asking you for this I'm hoping that you don't agree that to them. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, sir. Appreciate you being here.

Speaker: Clerk: next up we have [inaudible]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome.

Speaker: Hi. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loudly and clearly. Welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. My name is lauren quarter. I am a property owner and also enacting committee member for the control planning organization in clackamas county. Commissioner Mapps, the ordinance that you present today is quote the project has been designed and located in a manner that is most compatible with the greatest public good and least private industry this product is intended to serve nearly 1 million water customers. However, it is now well known that your water customers are dwindling fast. Do you and your constituents know that the City Council and its predecessors chose the most excessive location because they didn't want to put it in the backyard of Portlanders? The city's solution was to put it in rural east county with the least concentrated number of people, thereby checking the box of least private injury. There are those of us within the Portland city limits, but the least private injury you are trying to avoid is resulting in the most excessive public injury. You and the councilor will be associated with the most excessive water filters project in the country and that growing price tag will be paid by the ratepayers for generations to come. So far, the City Council has granted water bureau permission to spend hundreds of millions of dollars for the project that is not viable. The water beer was land-use application has been deemed incomplete by the county. The water bureau does not have land-use approval. And this proposal is acknowledged by the water bureau will end up in the land-use court of appeals and the likelihood of further legal action. It will years, years, before the water bureau will have a viable project. Yet here we are discussing acquisition and eminent domain for a project that has an uncertain future. For the last three years your water bureau has been terrorizing us, individual landowners, and our

community. This ordinance is more of the same. Do you know who the walters, the burkholder's are? Do you know how big of an economic risk is for nurseries? These are families who have invested their lives, properties, businesses, and this community. You know that one of the easements the water bureau wants is an access road that runs heavy equipment right next to an elementary and middle school? The answer is probably no said you have not generally taken the time to know where you want to solve your problem and how it will impact the people who live there. This ordinance is completely inappropriate to ask and in all decency these revisit this agenda item when you have a viable project. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Clerk: our last testifier is sean emerson online. Go ahead, sean. Sean, are you able to unmute? Sean, if you are on the phone, you can try *six to unmute. Sean, would you prefer not to testify? I don't think they are going to testify. **Speaker:** Mayor ted Wheeler: all right. Very good. Colleagues, any further comments or questions at this point? I guess I do have a question. A number of the

people testified indicated that it is premature to request or enact eminent domain. Can you talk a little bit about that? The timing and why is it not reasonable to wait until you have it in place. Presumably you can use eminent domain and any time.

Speaker: Yes, the eminent domain process as I mentioned is a long process. All we are asking for is the authority to start the conversation and have some guarantee we will be able to reach a successful negotiation. So, that is the intended process. As I mentioned, it takes 14 months longer or shorter depending on how the negotiations go. The land-use process if we start today will be early 2024 when we will anticipate potentially being at the park were going into or signing into easements for acquisitions. Our land-use applications we will have made here. The land-use process you will get a decision from Multnomah County and from there it

is up to the applicant to decide even if the project is appealed whether they want to move forward with the project or not. That is a very common, especially for large projects like this, it is a common occurrence for some components of a project to go on to be appealed. But typically that is a very narrow window on what the appeals is for. The timing is critical because if we wait until we get through the landuse process essentially we would be delaying. We are at the point where you can imagine in less than five years to have a facility and miles of pipeline delivering water is getting pretty tight. If we have any hope of meeting that compliance schedule delaying ourselves nine months to start a 14 month acquisition conversation and put us -- we would definitely have to go back to oha and ask for an extension to our proposal. We will not be following through on easements until we get to land-use.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I guess that's my question. What guarantee can you give that's the case? Understanding generally people don't trust government and to say hey, give us this authority, but we are not going to execute on it until we have final approvals. What can you offer people that guarantees that?

Speaker: Well, I can offer my personal guarantee. I'm not sure if there's any legal component of the process.

Speaker: As long as I have the bureau I will hold myself and the bureau accountable for not moving forward until we have engaged in a dialogue with property owners and done everything we can to ensure this project has the least impact on residents as possible.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: I would also mention there is a cost to these easements. If for some reason do not go the way we fully anticipate them to go, we would not want to expend water ratepayer funds that have no benefit.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: first legal council and I believe the last person who wants to testify was able to connect. Legal council first.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I wanted to mention a phenomenal component of eminent domain is necessity and if there can be a filtration plant built there, there is no necessity. Eminent domain would not survive a legal challenge in that instance.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: that's helpful. I appreciate that. Keelan, we have one other person to testify?

Speaker: Clerk: let's check if they are available. Sean, are you able to unmute? It doesn't look like they are going to testify to

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well, we tried. Colleagues, any questions? Very good. This is the first reading. It moves to second meeting. Does that conclude our business for this morning?

Speaker: Clerk: it does.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your patience, our closed captioner in particular. We are done. [adjourned 11:58am pst]