



June 7-8, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Anne Milligan, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Items 465 and 470 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-4 (Mapps absent) roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 11:19 a.m.

Communications

455

[Request of Erik Colloran to address Council regarding construction on SW Capitol Hwy](#) (Communication)

Document number: 455-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Tristan Sakamoto to address Council regarding accountability and logical approach](#) (Communication)

Document number: 456-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of bRidgeCrAnE chARLeS siMChA jOHnsoN to address Council regarding the slow \\$5 million](#)

(Communication)

Document number: 457-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Kris Bakouros to address Council regarding NE Portland community concerns and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church safety concerns](#) (Communication)

Document number: 458-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

459

[Request of Andrew Biggs to address Council regarding homelessness, safety, and emergency response](#)

(Communication)

Document number: 459-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

460

[Accept Travel Portland 2023 Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 460-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

461

[*Amend contract with Perkins & Will Architects, Inc. to include design services through construction of planned renovations at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum and increase amount by \\$4,869,800 \(amend Contract 30007221\)](#)
(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191307

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

462

[*Amend contract with Wenaha Group, Inc. to include owner's representative design and construction management services through construction of planned renovations at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum and increase amount by \\$782,633 \(amend Contract 31002156\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191308

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

463

[Accept guaranteed maximum price of \\$8,983,530 from Raimore Construction, LLC. for the construction of the Mill Park Development Project \(Procurement Report - RFP 00001766\)](#) (Report)

Document number: 463-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Accepted - Prepare Contract

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

464

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for the Healthy Streets Program not to exceed \\$84,500](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191303

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 432.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

465

[Extend authority of the Director of the Community Safety Division to execute grant agreements for gun violence reduction programs.\(amend Ordinance 191064\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191309

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Second reading agenda item 433.

Disposition: Passed

Item 465 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

466

[*Authorize application to the State Homeland Security Grant Program to fund Portland Fire & Rescue equipment to prepare for and protect against acts of terrorism](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191304

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

467

[Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent property rights necessary for construction of the Johnson Creek Oxbow Restoration Project through negotiation or exercise of the City's eminent domain authority](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191305

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 434.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

468

[*Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to execute grant agreements for digital inclusion programs](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191306

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

469

[Amend grant agreement with Earth Advantage for the Home Energy Score Program to increase amount by \\$400,000 and extend term through FY 2027-28 \(amend Contract 32001607\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191323

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

470

[Amend Small Donor Elections Program Code to consolidate primary and general elections to align with the voter-approved Charter amendments in Portland Measure 26-228 \(amend Code Chapter 2.16\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191335

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Small Donor Elections

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Item 470 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Passed to second reading June 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 3:30 pm

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Mike Porter, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Council recessed at 5:37 p.m.

Time Certain

471

[Add Utility Operators Code to govern utility access and use of the City right-of-way and adopt fee schedule for utilities operating in the City right-of-way \(add Code Title 12\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 90 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend Ordinance to add Finding 9: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)

Motion to amend Exhibit A to revise the definition of small wireless facility or small cell: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)

Motion to amend Exhibit A to add a subsection to Utility-Specific Provisions: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)

Passed to second reading June 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

472

[*Amend the Planning and Zoning Code to adopt vehicle parking reforms to comply with state rules \(amend Code Title 33\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191310

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 90 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to move technical amendments to bring the City into compliance with updated State rules: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

473

[Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115 \(amend Code Sections 3.18.020, 14A.50.020, 14A.50.050, 17.43.120, 20.12.010, 20.12.030, 20.12.100, 20.12.230, add Code Section 14A.50.025, and repeal Code Sections 20.12.070 and 20.12.150\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191311

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Second reading agenda item 451.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

474

[Amend contract with Squire Patton Boggs for federal representation for a one year extension and increase amount by \\$198,000 \(amend Contract 30006128\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191312

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Second reading agenda item 452.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

475

[Authorize borrowings of not more than \\$38 million in anticipation of the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund levy for FY 2023-24](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191313

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Debt Management and Investor Relations; Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 453.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

476

[Authorize Portland Parks & Recreation to establish and collect fees in-lieu of mitigation activities to implement restoration projects in natural areas](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191314

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 454.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

477

[Vacate a portion of SW Greenleaf Ct east of SW Greenleaf Dr subject to certain conditions and reservations.\(VAC-10135\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191315

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 443.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

478

[Vacate a portion of N Kerby Ave south of N Halleck St subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10139\)](#)

(Ordinance)

Document number: 191316

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 444.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Beth Woodard, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Time Certain

479

[Accept the 2022 Annual Report on Sister City Activities](#) (Report)

Document number: 479-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 45 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Absent

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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June 7, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: This is the Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, morning session of the Portland City Council.

Speaker: Good morning, Keelan. Please call the roll. Ryan here.

Speaker: Here maps. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

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

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at Portland. Dot gov slash council slash agenda. Information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. A timer will indicate when your time is done. Discuss active conduct such as shouting refuse to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberation sessions will not be allowed if you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave wants ejected or is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess to reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a

lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: First up is communications. First item is 455. A request of Eric Colleran to address council regarding construction on southwest capitol highway.

Speaker: Eric was going to join in person. I believe Eric is here.

Speaker: All right. Next individual, please. Four, five, six. Request of Tristan Sakamoto to address council regarding accountability and logical approach.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. Thank you.

Speaker: My name is Tristan Sakamoto and I'm a city of Portland employee, although I'm here on my own time today. On September 13th, 2021, I submitted a religious exemption to a vaccination policy, which was a condition of employment for city employees. That was to be fully implemented on October 18th. My exception was approved on October 6th, 23 days of anxiety, stress and emotional turmoil where my livelihood was placed in the hands of people unqualified to assess my religious beliefs. 23 days of wondering if your belief in bodily autonomy outlined in resolution 37492 only applies when it comes to a woman aborting a child. 23 days of headaches, tears and prayers. Because you believe you hold the right to what I do with my body for six months. You require discriminatory testing for unvaccinated employees. You targeted us, ostracized us with knowing, knowing fully that vaccinated employees were spreading COVID within city buildings. This was your attempt at creating a safer workplace, vaccinated employees weren't required to get tested or wear masks. And within the six months, any in any given two week period, there were dozens of exposures in city buildings. Exposure data was collected by the city. This data was analyzed and

reports were developed to clearly identify the problem. Yet you did nothing to rectify the wrongs. Why did you target us? Mayor Wheeler was. Is it because we refused to follow the narrative of because we were strong enough and had enough courage to stand up for what we believed in? That is certainly what it feels like for 577 days. The illogical, irresponsible and inequitable policy remained in effect on may 1st, a citywide email was sent by cathy bless, indicating that the vaccination requirement had been lifted and the city was no longer requiring employees to be vaccinated against covid 19 risk receiving this email was bittersweet. I immediately was overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude, frustration and anger. The citywide email was a missed opportunity, an opportune city to hold ourselves accountable and apologize to those of us that were targeted. Whether it was being forced to take a vaccine that had not been adequately tested, those employees who lost their jobs because of your illogical policies, or those of us that waited while unqualified strangers decided our future, do you think it is appropriate to send an email to lift a vaccine policy without so much as a simple apology? What type of leader doesn't admit when they've made a mistake? I've sat in front of you several times, politely requesting that you review the ineffective ness of your policies, and you dismissed me each time. The one time you pretended to entertain me and request I email you directly, you ignored me and wouldn't supply me with logical reasonings for your policy. What will you do to right this wrong? Mayor Wheeler? You should hold yourself accountable and offer an apology to those that were negatively impacted by your poor policies. Let's be honest. You owe us so much more. But most of us would be grateful for this simple gesture of leadership and accountability.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Next individual, please. 4 or 5, I think we're seven.

Speaker: Request of bridge crane. Charles simcoe johnson to address council regarding this low \$5 million. Good morning. Good morning.

Speaker: I'm bridge crane simcoe charles johnson. When I originally wrote about the slow 5 million the piece of paper I don't know if you get a copy of the piece of paper I did, I think maybe I submitted electronically. Anyway, it said if blm matters is why the slow 5 million? And I'm pretty confident that we all believe that black lives matter. Maybe some people who are against public health policies can never actually let those words come out of their mouth. But we believe that black lives matter. However, with the long lag time it takes from signing up for public testimony until now, now we have to say which slow 5 million. And of course, we're going back to that very messy crisis of democracy. See where you couldn't decide if reimagine Oregon should get the promised \$4.8 dollars or not. And you know, there were some concern that, you know, in some people's eyes commissioner Mapps was the major villain. But let me tell you, thank you for coming around to doing the right thing. But you all had egg on your faces. The idea that for a very long time, a \$5 million program, \$4.8 million program to assist the black community in Portland, couldn't get properly implemented and we had to have this huge, messy public event is shameful. I'm not sure I agree with every request you get for an apology, but I hope that apologies will go out to reimagine Oregon to justice rajiv, and especially that as part of that apology process, there'll be better communication with leaders in the black community. I think the timing of that was such that it happened maybe right before we found out that some powerful white men have great wives, that can move around \$400 million into the 1803 fund. So while you have many things and we're watching the last few years of you being commissioners, pretty soon there won't be any more city commissioners. They'll only be City Council members. I do hope that regardless of which bureau portfolios you have, you'll look at the work that prosper. Portland is doing to activate that \$4.8 million and add that all of you will think of thoughtful ways to help amplify black

voices about leveraging that with the 1803 fund. So there's a lot more that can be said, but I think I have to wait seven more weeks to sign up. Good luck. Thank you.

Speaker: Next individual, please is 4 or 5 eight request of chris baker to address council regarding northeast Portland community concerns and mount olivet baptist church safety concerns.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thanks for being here. Hi.

Speaker: Thank you for having me. I feel intimidated. I'm speaking extemporaneously and I realize I know very little about how policy is made, but I definitely feel that policy is destiny. The last 30 years I've had property in northeast Portland. It's called the south. Elliott area. I don't know how many people of you are familiar with it. It feels like not many, because in all of my attempts to address our community's issues, I get a lot of response. Where are you exactly? So take Broadway from second street and mlk and travel all the way over to perhaps Albina, you call it. And historically, it's an area that's been so hugely underserved. But a powerful, powerful part of this city. If you go all the way back to the 1890s and you find the demographic, the population that served northwest Portland, the docks, the tanneries, the liveries, the stables, the hotels, the train stations, those people lived in that area in 1905. City Council came through and designated a clean sweep of that area in order to provide a more amenable property. For the 1905 world fair. All those people, those service people, poor people moved into what is Albina, South Eliot, Boise. And they were gardens, they were houses, they were little tiny, poor functioning communities. Us and then city policy coming through in the 40s, 50s and 60s as the Guild, the Guild Lake transitional housing, 10,000 people from 1939 to 1940. Van Port, another 10,000 people. Immediate housing. Provided between 1939 and 1940. Those areas were swept and again, those people moved

into this area. Boise Elliott Associates nation so when we bought property there in 1906, it had been decimated by the Memorial Coliseum, recreation and entertainment for the city. It had been decimated by the freeways, transportation, Robert Moses and what's left now? I don't know if any of you I've lived there 30 years and I can't recognize a neighborhood, right? I can't tell you where Flint is and where it comes and ends. I can't tell you where Hancock ends and disappears into the freeway abyss that's currently being possibly exploited as an additional highway space. Freeway space. But I know that since 2016, I've been living with a situation where people who have no other housing also live there with us, and it's kind of untenable and intolerable. And people like me who are small landlords we have to exodus and when we leave those small affordable housing options in that area are going to disappear utterly. I ask you to think back on how policy is destiny and how you can get smart lawyers to write smart policy that will either implement or supersede the federal regulations that are handicapping us right now. Thank you so much for your time and I'm glad you're here.

Speaker: Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you, guys.

Speaker: And then I believe the last is 4 or 5 nine, please.

Speaker: Request of Andrew Biggs to address council regarding homelessness, safety and emergency response. Well welcome.

Speaker: Thanks for being here. Thank thank you, Andrew Biggs.

Speaker: So yeah, I own two businesses in the Pearl District and I live in the Pearl District. And in April or sometime mid April, I was walking to work, opened my door and there was a homeless drug addict in the door and I asked him to leave and he attacked me violently, almost choked me to death and I would have died had my neighbor not recognize me. There was plenty of people standing around, but no one does anything because it's just become normal in this city to walk around dead

people or odd people or people that have defecate on themselves lying on the sidewalk. So I sat there for a few minutes, being choked to death. And finally my neighbor ran across the street and saved my life. So I called 911 and the person was the worst person I've ever dealt with. They just basically had no compassion or care. They said, the police aren't coming and just let it go. Leave it, leave it as it is. And I encourage you to listen to that 911 call because I made a complaint about it and they're under investigation for not following the protocols of that call. So I proceeded to freak out on the phone until the police came, not letting it go. The police finally came and they were fine, although they didn't. The guy they didn't do some. Normal questioning or follow up on all that. And so basically I came down here, I went to the court hearing, I told them, you know, they should be prosecuted for attempted murder, but it's not because I didn't. I only had a black eye and a cut ear and a bruised kidney and, you know, but none of that is bad enough for a felony charge. It's only like if I had gotten stabbed or shot, maybe it would have been a felony. But there was some he did say some derogatory words to me. I'm just going to say it. I'm sorry. But he called me a and a gay whatever. You know, he just started saying all these horrible names to me. So then I complained about that, and then they were trying to make that charge felony. So that makes it a felony charge. But anyways, so this the. I just need the street to be cleaned up, the camping, the 24 hour new law that you guys are about to pass, I think you're voting on it today is like the drug. It's the drug problem in this city. 100. Mental health is a minor issue on the homeless people, mostly drugs. You've got to take care of that first. That is the number one priority. You guys made a haven for drug activity in these tents.

Speaker: I would encourage you to do whatever you can to get that and put the money into drug treatment centers or some kind of response to that.

Speaker: Yeah. Thank you for being here. First of all, thanks for having businesses in Portland and thank you for sticking it out. And I'm sorry, I just sound 2 to 10 year leases in the pearl. Thank you. Just that's that's two months ago and this happened to me the day after I signed a lease successful. I agree with your assessment that the drug problem is becoming untenable, that it's becoming a more major influence on public safety as well as livability on our streets. I've been calling for all of us at all levels of government to pay attention to the fentanyl crisis. Yes, there was a time when I felt like I was a bit of a lone wolf, howls into the wilderness that I think it's readily apparent to everyone that this is a significant issue and we're not going to solve it alone at the city level. I had a meeting just yesterday that included the governor and included a representative of our congressional delegation. It included the Multnomah County chair and we're we're all in agreement this is a serious issue. And we need to step it up to address it. And so I want you to know you're not coming in here and talking to people who don't hear you or don't care. I absolutely agree with you. And it does need to be resolved. And with a great sense of urgency. So I appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks. Oh, commissioner commissioner Gonzalez, mr. Biggs, grace from my office is in the back of chambers.

Speaker: And if you don't mind if she could get your contact information, I'm responsible for boec, which is 911 dispatch. I would. We're going to have our team look into this. Concerned and what you've shared today and so appreciate your testimony on that. We will be following up on the 911 and aspect of this more broadly, the state of our city is unacceptable. All when it comes to crime and desensitized really, we've been desensitized to random acts of violence and we've got to turn it around. And so all I can tell you is we take very seriously every part of what you said today. We are working with our, you know, other public partners to address this as directly and as urgently as possible. So please keep testifying. I'm

sorry it was required. I'm sorry. What happened to you and we're in it together, turning the city around. So, again, thank you for testifying. Graceful. Can't miss her. She's pretty tall in the back. So please share your info with her. Commissioner Ryan also has a copy.

Speaker: Andrew, I just want to thank you for your courage for being here and for following through on going actually to the court case itself and also for your commitment to Portland by signing the leases. A day doesn't go by where there isn't a story somewhat like this that comes to all of us. And I think, mayor, I don't I hope you don't feel like you've been a lone wolf for a while. We've been pretty united gradually on this council over the last two years and anyway, thanks for being here. I appreciate your courage. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Next item, please. Time certain. For six zero except travel.

Speaker: Portland 2023 annual report colleagues, I'm pleased to join cully introduce this item with commissioner Rubio, who represents the city on travel.

Speaker: Portland's board of directors as part of the city's long and productive partnership with travel Portland. 1% of the city's transient lodging tax goes to support destiny marketing and promotional programs. In addition, Portland's tourism improvement district collects a 3% fee on overnight stays at hotels, as well as at vacation rentals, with oversight from the lodging community. Local governments and industry partners travel Portland invests these revenues to promote to promote Portland as a destination, attracting visitors, creating jobs and boosting spending at local businesses. This annual report to City Council is a requirement of the city's agreement with travel Portland and I always look forward to hearing about travel. Portland's efforts in the state of the travel and tourism industry in our city. The travel, tourism and hospitality industry generates over \$5

billion in annual spending, helping to support thousands of jobs and businesses in Portland. With that, I'll turn it over to commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Rubio thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Um, as our city's liaison to travel Portland, I want to highlight the incredibly stellar efforts that Jeff and his team are making to remind Portland and the world for that matter, why we remain a world class city and a destination city for everyone to visit and enjoy. And because of these efforts that they are making recent media coverage for our beloved city has been fantastic. And I'm sure that we'll hear more about that from the team and they'll go into detail in their report. But I just want to highlight what an incredible job that Jeff and staff are doing to get our amazing story out to the public at large. As we all know that we have challenges as a city. We're all actively working on that and undertaking all those things. And that's our reality. But it's also important to share the fuller story of what Portland has to offer and the progress that we're making as we recover. So I also want to lift up the incredible work related to diversity that travel Portland is doing and not just within, but also supporting through grants, through recruitment partnerships with our events and film office. There's a reason that this is one of my favorite presentations every year. I was just so looking forward to this today and I feel that we are so incredibly lucky to have this partnership with with this organization who not only loves our city, but also recognizes the power that our small businesses, our neighborhood ads and our independent spirit of Portlanders, that that you bring to this city. So just wanted to thank you for all the incredible work, really looking forward to the presentation today and I will turn it over to you, Jeff, to get us started. Terrific.

Speaker: Thank you so much. And I want to thank you all for coming to our annual awards lunch. It was a great celebration of some of the wonderful people in

Portland doing creative things. So we'll jump right in. Next slide. This is always fun for us to come and do our annual report. There's Portland is coming back. There's still work to be done and I've have joining me megan conway, our chief strategy officer, and james jesse, our chief sales officer to share some of the program of work. Next slide. I'll start with our four priorities that we developed during the pandemic and how they've evolved. Our focus is to rebuild leisure demand and convention sales. And you'll see that both programs will require that we do it through a lens of edi and very importantly, rebuilding the destination reputation. And as we all know, we need Portlanders and Oregon fans to remember how great a place this is to live. Underpinning all of this is that we assure a sound financial structure. Next slide, the economic impacts of tourism. Next slide. I've shared the economic impacts of three of the three county region from dean runyan many times. And while you see the large increases in purple and that we're almost back to 2019, this isn't the Portland the story of Portland, Washington and clackamas county were not as hard hit and their recovery has been much faster. You'll also see how local taxes remain stubbornly low. Next slide. This slide tells the story of our hotel struggle, focusing on the central city, which includes the lloyd district, the box on the left is the occupancy for the calendar year ending in December. You see Portland at the bottom in yellow, a very nice increase in occupancy. You see minneapolis and san francisco and red. Red is bad, but they are similar to Portland in green. Our competitive set of cities, you can see their occupancy is 15 or more points higher. The green is good and the box on the right is year to date through April. Yellow and red remain bad and green remains good. I hate to be so simple mystic about it, but it's pretty stark on the page. Seattle isn't recovering as quickly as they would like either, but certainly better than Portland. Next slide. The next four slides are a graphic representation of the lackluster recovery. This is for the

central city rooms sold 2019 is in green at the top and 2023 is in red in the middle. Next slide. This is the number of rooms sold in the entire city of Portland. We sold 11,000 more rooms last year than last year in April, only 11,000 and almost 80,000 less than 2019. The next slide, revenue for the central city, which we both rely on for lodging taxes and central city revenue. The hotels in the central city represent 70% of the total hotel revenue and in April we were 8.4 million less than the year before. And next slide revenue for the city 39.5 million in April versus 50.4 million in 2019. It's very tough news for hotel economy. We are we do have a meeting with the hotel ownership groups tomorrow to share some of this information. So we are working very hard with those partners to make sure that we're sharing our efforts and that we understand what's going on. Next slide. You know, we've really focused on our internal edi efforts and certainly our external as well. Next slide. I'm very proud of our accomplishments in hiring before the pandemic. We had 75 employees. We went to 38. We came back up. We're now at 70 again. And you can see that we've always been a majority female team at travel Portland. However we've increased the diversity of our staff from 19% pre-pandemic to 36. Now and that's through very intentional work by all of our team. Next slide. These are just two examples of the training and activities we're undertaking to continue and learn and grow and grow. Our staff and have underrepresented communities tell us their stories. I'll now turn over to megan conway to share some of our programs and successes. Megan. Thank you, jeff.

Speaker: Good morning. Mayor and commissioners. I will share our sentiment, research and the work we are doing to build a positive narrative about Portland. Next slide, please. And next slide, please. Thank you. Our work is guided by research and our most recent consumer sentiment survey results show perception of Portland holding steady or moving in an upward direction. These results were

captured in April with a national polling size of more than 1100 people with a higher concentration on the west coast. Next slide, please. When it comes to tone of media coverage about Portland, the perception of it being positive has been trending up over the last four quarters. And the dip in this last quarter is not significant due to sample size. Next slide, please. Portal islands appeal as a vacation destination has also been on an upward trend since q4 of 2020. And the q2 2023 appeal is up significantly from the first quarter. Next slide, please. What this slide communicates is that our visitors really do love Portland. Intend to return, if you have been here before, has reached 2019 levels. Next slide, please. And one more, please. Thank you. Now, switching to local residents in 2017, research found that 88% of Portlanders encouraged friends and family to visit, making them great ambassadors for the city. Next slide, please. Fast forward to January of 2023, and new research shows that Portlanders are less likely to recommend Portland with only 61% encouraging visitation when there are some nuances to the study, which has a sample size of 600 300 of whom live in Portland and 300 in Multnomah County. But outside the city and in clackamas or Washington counties. Results show that Portland residents and younger residents are more likely to recommend the city as a place to visit. Additionally how recently people visited downtown has a direct correlation to whether or not they recommend the city. Next slide, please. We've assembled a travel Portland task team to determine a strategic approach to get more out of these younger urban dwelling locals in order to raise awareness of downtown events as food, beverage, cultural and retail happenings to increase attendance at events and attract traffic to local businesses and to get more people to advocate for the places they love. In downtown, we believe in turn, this will create more fans and advocates, create momentum that will lead to more recommendations and invitations to visit and ultimately create more visitors to

downtown. Next slide, please. With the summer season approaching and local and visitor traffic to downtown increasing travel, Portland is proud to open a new visitor center in downtown Portland this month. Next slide, please. The transition to this location in the west end was guided by downtown foot traffic counts and the desire to be in a location near a large number of hotels and visitor anchors like Powell's Books. Next slide, please. We know some of you will join us for the opening. But here's a look at what you can expect starting on June 23rd. We'll be open Thursday through Sunday through July and transitioning to seven days a week in August. We also will extend to be open from Thursday to Tuesday for the 4th of July holiday weekend. Our internal teams and partners from industry and Swinerton worked on an ambitious timeline to help us open in time for the summer visitor season. And we'll be soon adding a mural by local artist Niyamasabha. Next slide, please. And now for an update on our impact on Portland's reputation when we built staffing levels back up, we hired first on the PR team, knowing that enhancing the city's reputation was critical to success in all other areas of our work. You all should be receiving our good news newsletter and behind the scenes there is a team of five on our public relations team pitching positive, diverse and thoughtful story ideas to domestic and international media. In the first three quarters of this year, the team has worked with 96 visiting media, secured more than 250 pieces of positive media coverage about the city and had more than 700 media engagements that incorporated a diverse story business or other angle which aligns with our organizational goal of ensuring Portland's tourism economy impacts all communities, knowing there is still a large volume of negative media. The takeaway is that since July of 2022 are targeted, efforts are generating more positive articles than the number of negative pieces of coverage. For the first time since the pandemic. Next slide, please. To highlight coverage earned by the team, you can

see here a piece on Portland's recovering and expanding culinary scene that focuses on pop up restaurants, travel. Portland has been leaning into the city of pop ups angle with visiting media and through media events in san francisco, los angeles. Tonight in new york and Seattle. And not only does the angle have a strong reputation or representation for communities of color, but it also has connections to Portland's prominence as a food cart and street food capital. On the right, laura begley blum, a journalist travel Portland, has had a long relationship with names. The forbes best places to travel in 2023 and pulls coverage from other writers to describe each destination. Next slide, please. The online version of the san francisco chronicle featured Portland in a spring travel feature in February. San francisco is a key market for visitors to the city and national geographic uk highlighted Portland's urban wineries and diy mentality, and this is one of several influential publications in the united kingdom promoting the city and supporting direct air service from london to Portland on british airways. Next slide, please. The daily beast provided a frank and honest look at the city and its challenges in a piece that describes why Portland is still the best city in the country. And amidst all of this media coverage, I would be remiss if I didn't mention just how big of a week the city is having with seven james beard awards. Recognizing the strength and diversity of our culinary, our current food scene and culinary media scene to highlight a few in the reality category of the media awards. All the homies network, a collective of bipoc food focused creators and small businesses, led by filmmaker mike truong, bested a competition from the likes of top chef and bon appetit to take home the top award in the chef and restaurant awards. There was a first for the city as top chef alum gregory gourdet and the team behind carne marked the first win for Portland in the best new restaurant category for his wood fired haitian concept. And vince nguyen of berlu took home best chef northwest and pacific for his

contemporary vietnamese hotspot. We have much to be proud of. Next slide, please. Changing gears. The additional 1% tourism industry. Tourism improvement district funding. The council approved has enabled us to support the Portland events and film office. Next slide, please. This year, travel Portland funded film efforts with nearly \$160,000 for programs designed to develop the local film industry and attract outside projects that have economic impact and drive overnight stays. The office helped coordinate nearly 350 filming permits and had more than 450 engagements with organizations interested in filming in Portland. Travel Portland also participated in several tv productions, including a segment on ktla in los angeles adventure cities on the discovery channel and places to love with samantha brown on pbs. Next slide, please. Knowing that a robust series of large signature events balanced with mid-sized and smaller community events, help establish and maintain a lively and appealing downtown, we are thrilled to partner with the team leading the events work at the Portland events and film office this year. Travel Portland financial provided financial support and technical assistance through a \$100,000 contribution to their grant program to help mid-size events scale up. We've budgeted another 100,000 toward this effort in 2024 and continue our support of my people's market with a 5 or \$50,000 annual contribution in. Next slide, please. And if we could go one more, please. In addition to these partnerships, travel, Portland is sponsoring key events like the winter light festival that activates downtown in a traditionally quieter season, as well as pride and other large events on the waterfront. We also support the good food foundation, which relocated its award ceremony and mercantile from san francisco to Portland in 2023. A nice win for the city. Next slide, please. Travel Portland has made a concerted effort to invest in the community, especially in infrastructure that will attract visitors and enhance their experience in Portland this year, we awarded

\$140,000 in grants to the Portland art museum. Lan su chinese garden kickstand comedy festival, milagro theater and the Portland street alliance. We've also invested in placemaking efforts around the central city from helping to fund the mural at the end of the blumenauer pedestrian bridge to supporting the public engagement for the re-envisioning of o'bRyant square. Thank you for your interest and your partnership in this work and I will now pass things to our chief sales officer, james jesse.

Speaker: Thank you, megan. Next slide, please. Good morning, mayor. All commissioners in attendance. Thank you for this opportunity to present our efforts surrounding leisure marketing, convention sales and travel. Portland's preferred partnership with sport Oregon. Next slide, please. As an organization, we work hard every day to address each part of the sales funnel that's generating awareness via proactive public relations and advertising. Driving engagement with mid-funnel tactics and partnering with online travel agencies to help convert lookers into bookers. But in the next few slides, i'll focus on our top of the funnel advertising campaign. Next slide, please. To compliment this work, we also invest in content partnerships. And because Portland's culinary scene remains our top travel motivator, we're working with eater, which is delivering Portland food content to their readers and key markets of los angeles, san francisco and Seattle. Next slide, please. Before the pandemic, we focused our advertising efforts during the winter, which is when the lodging community needed help the most. But now our needs are year round and so is our always on campaign. This is Portland, which targets key west coast feeder markets with 40 seasonal videos we've aligned to travelers interests. Next slide, please. We're also finding innovative ways to support our smaller or smaller limited service hotels. And we're committed to driving incremental leisure demand. Their way to do so. We have partnered with adjoa, the

asian American hotel owners association, to create and fund three marketing programs that are available to ahoa members located within Portland city limits. The first two shown here are elevating hoa's members visibility on online booking sites. As you can see, these pilot programs are delivering both a room night lift and a solid add on a solid return on ad spend and the third program, a partnership with waze, is literally driving last minute bookers directly to the front door of o'odua properties. Next slide, please switch. Switching over to convention marketing, which focuses on the needs of meeting planners and convention delegates, highlighting the components that rank high on the list of reasons planners choose destinations plan on Portland campaign provides big stats to elevate Portland's hotel and convention center offerings. Next slide, please. Portland's largest ever convention marketing campaign will be featured through page social google advertising and a host of trade media editorial coverage, sponsored content and webinars will also be part of a multi-level strategy designed to refocus planners on the positive attributes of Portland. Next slide, please. The sense of Portland. This will be our surprise and delight element of the plan on Portland campaign. Will the sense of solar sunkist remind customers of our leading sustainability efforts or with the smell of crisp currency? Remind him of zero sales tax. We'll soon find out when this direct mailer hits the road. And the internal favorite. So far in our office pole is the hotel linen scent.

Speaker: Hotel linens.

Speaker: Next slide, please. Moving on to convention sales. Next slide, please. Coming out of the pandemic, we were confident that 2023 could be a rebuilding year, primarily due to the success with future advance bookings. A few examples are of some recently hosted citywide campaigns or conventions that brought tremendous economic impact to greater Portland international association,

convened in March and brought over 7000 delegates from 100 countries. Specialty coffee specialty coffee association returned to Portland in April and represented another group that performed to pre-pandemic levels with over 9000 delegates and 10,000 room nights consumed. And the government finance officers association was the most recent group to convene in Portland just a couple of weeks ago. Also proven to be a major lift citywide with over 5000 delegates and 14,000 room nights consumed. I'd like to take a quick moment to pass on. Thanks to the mayor and our local government officers association for their partnership and support in securing this business for Portland and serving as gracious host for your industry association. Next slide, please. Taking a closer look at specialty coffee association, the true impact of this event was felt citywide as Portland city hotels registered two consecutive nights with hotel occupancy topping 93. Like wise for average daily rate as increases were 44\$ or up to 28% over last year. Next slide, please. Equally exciting, more upcoming conventions that prove our intentionality surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion are paying dividends in the form of future bookings. As shown here, our bookings that resulted in recognition of travel. Portland's focus on supporting supporting diverse meetings and those in the executive space. It also takes a partnership of local organizations to show that Portland has a network of local support from affiliated companies and community groups and to that end, I would like to recognize and thank the native American youth association, the Portland chapter of noma and a host of local minority chambers of commerce for their work and support of our efforts to convince these groups that Portland was their right choice. Next slide, please. This fiscal year has also netted some impressive, some impressive future convention wins for greater Portland. The first major announcement announcement was Portland being awarded the 2030 women's final four and the women's basketball coaches association, an annual

convention led in partnership with sport Oregon. The moda center and a coalition of local universities. This win was years in the making and a major turning point for the local hospitality community. Next slide, please. Following the success of the women's final four announcement, Portland backed this effort up by confirming the largest program that will come to Portland to date. The national education association will fill some much needed short term dates and will impact Portland hotel segments from downtown lloyd center north Portland and the airport corridor. This program was too large to host solely in our own convention center, so the combined partners came together and presented a multiple facility option utilizing five venues as satellite locations, thus pushing the impact of this convention on throughout local businesses throughout Portland. Next slide, please. In conclusion, i'll report on travel, Portland's preferred partnership with sport Oregon. Next slide, please. Travel Portland is close to entering the third year of our preferred partnership with sport Oregon, with the intention of providing incremental economic benefit to the Portland region through sports tourism. This annual investment allows sport Oregon the infrastructure of a program of work to promote Portland and solicit future sports business at national trade shows and funding to support events locally, setting them up for success and connecting these events to the local business community. Next slide, please. And in just three short years, sport Oregon has revived and expanded Portland's list of hosting major motor sports events as the return of indy car racing. The introduction of nascar racing with the xfinity series and the debut of formula e racing in June of this year, which positions Portland as the first us city to host this international event. And coming in 2024 sport Oregon. The Oregon convention center and travel Portland will play host to the sport's eta annual convention, exposing hundreds of tournament organizers and events rights holders to the city of Portland and all of

our sports and tournament venues. This will be a great opportunity to keep the momentum moving forward as we look to build our resume of hosting sports events inclusive of youth and amateur sports, all divisions of collegiate sports and professional sporting events. Next slide, please. That will conclude our presentation and i'll turn it back over to jeff miller for final comments.

Speaker: Thank you. We're happy to answer any questions you may have. Sorry. That's okay.

Speaker: We're happy to answer questions if you have any.

Speaker: I have.

Speaker: I had one. Go ahead. It was a slide that had that showed there was a dip in March couch in the hotels in 2023.

Speaker: And so I was just curious about that. It looked like a month of dip and then it went back up. And so I'm hunching here, which means I have no idea what I'm going to say next. But my hunch is that it maybe during spring break we didn't get the leisure travel and there are less conventions during that time.

Speaker: But it's a combination of leisure and conventions. I don't know specifically the details of all of that. One of the things that we are really looking forward to is understanding how leisure comes back in the summer. That is a big base of business for us. Obviously in the summer. The convention calendar this year is very good.

Speaker: So that was my through line was that we're the variables are more clear when it's a convention in the variables are obviously more mixed when it comes to leisure and people telling their friends to come visit that. I think it corresponds with that a little bit. So that's what my little brain was doing when I was looking at your slides. Is that kind of on the right track?

Speaker: You're right on. Okay right on page one sec.

Speaker: Jacqueline, I'm sorry. I'm going to do the consent.

Speaker: There's a junior pride today, so we're trying to figure out the logistics on how to be here most of the day and then there for a couple joyful hours. I understand back to leisure.

Speaker: Appreciate it, mayor.

Speaker: Sorry, we're trying to figure out how to make the schedule work.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez. I so appreciate your report today.

Speaker: Unfortunately, we have some very difficult scheduling items today. And but the importance of your industry for the city, everything you do every single day and projecting a positive image for the city as we confront some very difficult issues on our streets is deeply, deeply appreciated. So I'm going to wrap it up, and that's all I'm going to say right now. But I so appreciate your report. Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this report?

Speaker: We have one person signed up, Charles Rich Crane, Simca Johnson. All right. Thank you.

Speaker: And we're going to say nice things about you in a minute. So go ahead and take a seat. Cool your heels. Thank you for the report. Welcome back. Charles Rich.

Speaker: And indeed, we are going to say nice things. That was the most beautifully disguised blue collar and minority status report we've had in a long time. And the reason I say that is because, as we live in really polarized times and somebody probably like, oh, that tourism stuff and wine. But this report that is about blue collar worker workers, minority women and men and jobs, can I ask people please not to yell thank you. But that point of exploitation of low wage workers is relevant. And we know here in the city, we try and get we're moving, trying to move towards a living wage. So we always need to be mindful of when

we're having success, how people are doing at delivering living wages to the people who are changing those linens, the linen scent winner in the benson in the dossier in the dunaway and also what our city can construct so that the people that work in those places will remain employed. There won't be a financial catastrophe where the overly speculative owners of these hotels hardesty. And so I'm not asking for any public funding. I'm saying I'm hoping that there are conversations with joe weston. We know one of our local big guys is tied up with opening up the ritz, but the good reputation in Portland also means that we find a way for those people who still have a strong asset picture to kind of cushion one another and make sure that increasing wages are available to the people who are doing the prep cook work at ballou and at can so this is critical. I think the only thing that would have maybe dress it up more for next year is if we don't just talk about\$ but do talk about those people, the employment levels. How does hospital rank compared to whoever our biggest employer is? Ohsu providence, whatever the latest is, and that varies from the city limits across the area. But but I know you've got some scheduling stuff, so we'll stop there. Thanks. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it. I'll enter. Well, actually, jeff, do you know off the top of your head how many employees there are in the travel tourism and hospitality industry? Do you have a rough estimate?

Speaker: 36. About 30,000 incremental jobs because of tourism.

Speaker: 30,000. And that's here in the city of Portland. Yes. So 30,000. So it's a major sector of employment. And thank you for raising that issue. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. Commissioner Ryan moves. Can I get a second? Second commissioner Gonzalez seconds. Any further discussion? See none. Please call the roll. Ryan. Jeff

Speaker: Megan, James. Thank you so much. It was a great report. I got a lot out of it. And just to highlight a couple things once, first, I should start with saying thank you for moving so quickly to get the visitor center open. It looks so lovely and I noticed it's in the west end, which really is a part of downtown that feels more vibrant. And so I think you're going to get a lot of activity. So anyway, this is a real value added. I always would say to Jeff, like we have to demonstrate first that we're feeling safe and excited to be downtown to attract others. So thank you for walking your talk. That was a really great addition. Also, your advocacy and your alignment with working with Commissioner Rubio's office on activating the night, the night markets and of course the winter light festival was such a that was such a joyful experience because it is a dreary time of year and to see so many people out so thank you for your partnership on some of these activities. As I also just have to say, your partnership with Sport Oregon is really obvious and really deliberate. And I appreciate that as well. So there's so many other things I could say. I do want to get my hands or perhaps my sense, my smells on this, this marketing package that you're sending out. And I was surprised maybe to hear that linen smell is the number one hit in your office. So I have to see if I agree with that. Anyway, great work. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: You didn't vote?

Speaker: Oh, I didn't vote. Of course I accept the report. Gonzalez

Speaker: I accept the report. Thank you.

Speaker: Rubio.

Speaker: I want to again, thank Jeff and Megan and James for that great presentation and for all the hard work that you do every day to lift up our city. We really do have an exceptional exception team at Travel Portland. I've been incredibly impressed in the several months I've been having the honor of working with you all

and I feel that we're incredibly lucky to have your talents and passion in working very actively on behalf of our city and it helps to remind us all about what we love about our hometown in and also why others love it, too. And I just want to make a plug for everyone to visit the travel Portland website to learn about all the incredible events that are happening all over the city, some of which are in great partnership with our events and film office. And also just to encourage your families and friends to get out there, enjoy the summer in our city. So just thank you for all you do. I really look forward to seeing the work progress and as Forbes put it, to see Portland reemerge like a phoenix. So I'm happy to vote. I Wheeler well, all I can't say enough good things about travel.

Speaker: Portland. Obviously the work that you're doing is critical to the recovery of the city and I have experienced firsthand the great work that you're all doing. And I appreciate the focus that this report clearly illustrates in terms of where you think the best opportunities are and how we can uplift the most people in our community. And that comes through loudly and clearly. The tide has turned and that's the good news. But nobody's popping champagne corks here. We have a lot of work to do. And we know it. And I think that's frankly one of our strengths at this point is we know it and we're working together to solve the challenges that yet remain in our recovery and I look forward to visiting your new visitor center. I think that looks pretty great. And one more step in the right direction. So thank you for your leadership. I'm happy to support everything you are doing and accept the report I vote on. The report is accepted. Thank you, colleagues. Before we move on, I just have a point of order for legal counsel. We can hear. But not vote on emergency ordinances with only three members present. Is that correct? Or can we not hear them with fewer than four members present? I believe it's just the vote, though, is that correct?

Speaker: I would like to call a lifeline on this one and call linly.

Speaker: Call a lifeline and then meanwhile, i'll ask my colleague, could could you I need when? When is your heart out? Commissioner Gonzalez I'm confirming I thought it was 11:00, but we're seeing. People all okay, so here's here's here's what i'll do. Assuming that we can hear for items with fewer than four members present, I think we'll push forward and hear the items, but we may continue them to this afternoon. And if we don't have time this afternoon, we'll continue into next week, assuming legal counsel agrees with that. I just want to keep us moving.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Will you repeat that?

Speaker: So I'm just trying to figure out how we get through our work. Understanding will be with fewer than four commissioners present. And so my baseline question is, can we hear emergency ordinances is without four people present, can we do it with a mere quorum? Okay. And then assume that we can if we can't get through everything this morning, I'm going to continue some of these items to this afternoon and if we cannot get through them this afternoon, I will continue them to next week. I just want to make sure we keep moving through the agenda because it's a big one. Good so with that, we will hear these right at the moment. But I'd like to go to the consent agenda. Commissioner Rubio has just told me that she is not going to pull for six six. Yeah, I've had my questions answered.

Speaker: Very good.

Speaker: So are there other items that have been pulled from the consent agenda? We've had two items pulled.

Speaker: I think it's 465 and 470. Very good. Please call the roll on the remainder of the consent.

Speaker: Ryan Gonzalez.

Speaker: Rubio, a Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The consent agenda is adopted. We'll go back to the second time. Certain please. That is items 461 and 462 to be read together amend contract with perkins and will architects, inc. To include design services through construction of planned renovation options at the veterans memorial coliseum and increase amount. By \$4,869,800.

Speaker: Item 462 amend contract with wenaha group, inc. To include owner's representative design and construction management services through construction of planned renovations at the veterans memorial coliseum and increase amount. By \$782,633. Colleagues, I'm pleased to introduce this next item which pertains to the approval of two contract amendments related to ongoing work to renovate the veterans memorial coliseum in late 2019 and early 2020.

Speaker: The city metro and Multnomah County approved amendments to the visitor's facilities intergovernmental agreement, which included \$40 million in funding to renovate the aging arena. The funding comes from dedicated tourism facility dollars, which are generated by the transient lodging tax, which we just heard about in a slightly different context. These investments are critical to the continued operation of the coliseum and will help us make badly needed improvements to the reliability and dependability of the building, while also greatly enhance the patron experience. Carl lyle with the office of management and finance will present items 461 and 462 together and give us a preview of what's in store for the historic civic arena. Good morning, carl. It's good to see you.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. Yeah so really, these are technical amendments. They're contract amendments, but I wanted to take the opportunity because we haven't shown what we're working on at coliseum for quite a while. And it's actually very exciting. So I have a few slides for you. So this is

perhaps a pretty significant understatement, right? So you know, that was 1977 as a big day, right? The coliseum has seen frightfully few major investments since that time. Really many of the systems in the building are original. Still, mechanical systems, the seats, things of that nature were very far out of compliance with current codes. Current accessible city requirements and a long list of other things. So we're working hard now with our partners at rip city management to invest \$50 million ish into a critical repair replacements and upgrades to the 63 year old historic building that's funded from transient lodging taxes through the visitor facility. Trust account. And we're looking forward to construction beginning in 2024 and taking 2 to 3 years to implement. So I wanted to give you just a little you know, I think the city's work has a long history of kind of working and looking and considering different options for the coliseum. I would call this kind of the recent within the last ten years, kind of look at what the council has said in 2012, in 2012, coming on the heels of a of a large process led by the mayor to look at many different options for possible reuse or replacement of the coliseum council came to the conclusion that it really is best suited as a multi-purpose arena. It serves the community best in that capacity, which is what it was designed for and that we should be pursuing in investments to sustain the ongoing life of that building. And so that's what we've been working on since then. In 2015, the vmc options study looked at in detail with detailed market study and architectural feasibility work, a number of different options and again came to the same conclusion that really that building is best suited for what it was designed to be, which is a community serving multi-purpose arena and that it actually does pretty well. And with strategic enhancements that it could do even better and continue to serve the city for a long time. In 2019, we managed to secure a funding commitment through the visitor facility intergovernmental agreement, which is a three party city of Portland,

Multnomah County and metro agreement to provide up to \$40 million in 2019, which would escalate out to be around \$50 million in 2024\$ in funding for those improvements. And then just last fall, we were here with an extension of the coliseum operating agreement with our operators, rip city management. And I should point out chris oxley is behind me, senior vice president with the Portland trailblazers and rip city management. He didn't want to sit up here with me, but he's here. If you have very specific questions, you could probably drag him up. And I also wanted to let you know that rick norman, who is the city's design services procurement supervisor, is on line. I believe if there are technical procurement related questions. So I'm not totally alone, even though it looks like that. So the case for renovation is really probably based on on five key points in the economic impact of continuing operations in 2017. That was estimated at around \$30 million a year of spending that we're that was induced by events at the coliseum. Obviously with the right kind of upgrades that could be increased, but it's not insignificant. The building is operationally sustainable from a financial perspective. It doesn't generate the full capital it needs to replace those systems. But it has generated a modest operating profit every year for the last 8 or 9 years, with the obvious exception perhaps of 2021. The covid year when everything was closed, when it, along with all of our venues, lost a significant amount of money. But it's back on track since then and doing quite well operationally. There are some really unique advantages that come with having two arenas on a campus. You can have simultaneous events, which is great, so there's more offerings and more activity and more going on, which is good, but also there are certain types of events that can use both arenas at the same time. So these are events like the davis cup and tennis, which simultaneously use the arenas. And the more recent pk 80 and pk 85 ncaa basketball tournaments, which were able to use both arenas at the same time,

bring a lot of people to town, a ton of teams in town, a huge amount of work from our operators to pull those off and had a really significant impact nationally televised events. It's this community asset. There are a lot of things that happen in this picture shows that in that building that really don't have a lot of other opportunities or places to happen, many people in this room probably graduated in that building, either from high school or college or university. It it it supports amateur athletics. The every year the osaa wrestling championships are there often dance and drill, sometimes basketball, all various different things of that nature. And we have a community event program there in partnership with our operators that provides reduced rates for nonprofit and community groups to use the facility at cost. And then finally, the historic status. So following the effort in. 2009 to 10 ish, when demolition was being considered and frankly, the a local group of historic preservationists and architects organized to nominate the building to the national register of historic places. And it is listed historic structure. And then a few years later, the national trust for historic preservation declared the building a national treasure and really elevated its status. This is to say, there is a strong following of support for the building from the local architecture and historic preservationists, as well as veterans community for whom the building is named. That that that felt very strongly that it needed to be preserved and continued so that actually is one of the big reasons, I think, to continue investment. So this slide is just to say it's been kind of a long and winding road to get here. These original contracts were set up pre-covid. We didn't really know what whether the funding was going to be secured to actually employ meant all the work. So they were set at really conceptual design level costs. And so that's really the reason they need to be now increased to take us all the way through design permitting, construction of the improvements covid obviously happened, created a huge amount of uncertainty about the funding

sources and the timing. And it was really just earlier this year that we finally had the certainty in the projections through the visitor facility trust account that we were going to be able to implement these projects and issue the bonds backed by the fta. The visitor facility trust account. Next year, and make this work happen in 25 to 26. So 24 through 26. So that's kind of how we got here. We the first product developed was a reinvestment strategy by the design team really looking at four different goals, kind of back science efficiency of operations and, and, and mechanical functions, reliability of the building, as well as enhancing the guest experience and support, but also recognizing and reinforcing community connections and trying to be part of an evolving neighborhood where a lot of different things can happen. And I think everybody wants to see things change around the building. That strategy said continue the ongoing work of sustaining investments in the building to keep it running on an annual basis, which is funded out of the spectators annual normal budget. But then with these investments, the \$50 million to really focus on critical deferred maintenance, but also upgrade the fan experience and the user experience by addressing the woeful conditions in the seating bowl and replacing all those seats. And then all the code required improvements that go along with that. And then there's a step three which is not funded stuff that's further out. There are a lot of things that would be great to do that building that are not currently in the package, but they are included in that strategy. So this is the proposed scope. We won't go into detail here, but you can see the kinds of things that are included in the work that's scheduled to be done in 24 and 25. That's being designed under this design contract. We're looking at the middle column are things that may or may not be possible with the with the current resources at hand. So some of those might move into the left column. Some will move into the right column. And then there's a whole list of great things that would

be things that would be great to have at the building that we're not going to be able to get to. And we know it at this point. Things like dealing with the aging glass curtain wall of the building, which as you can imagine, is not the most efficient thing being single pane glass, I think there are 4000 sheets of glass on the building. Something like it's totally an amazing number. It's just mind boggling. But new loading docks, things like that, that would be future projects. So I wanted to give you a little eye candy. This is actually very exciting, the kinds of things we might see out of this work. So we've got some before and after pictures. So this is kind of what the building looks like today in winterhawks hockey configuration and with the seating bowl replacement, this is kind of what you would look at all new seats with hand railings, a lot of safety upgrades and then you know accessible seating areas that actually meet code, meet the ada requirements both at the event level and at the cross aisle. Another view looking at that cross aisle specifically, this shows the really horrendous current situation regarding the accessible seating. Those are completely non non standard accommodations in there and we get a lot of complaints about it. And so the improvements would make that fully compliant, completely meet the targets and also if you look in the kind of the background there, it creates the opportunity to start to create some premium and sort of group seating areas which the coliseum's never really had and the winterhawks are very excited about. And would be beneficial for a variety of different events and operations. So that's the kind of thing that we're looking at. And then oh, and then on the concourse. So, there's also some interesting opportunities with the receding project. We're actually going to be reducing the overall capacity a little bit of the building, so we'll have fewer seats, but it'll be a much better experience that creates the opportunity to actually eliminate some of the existing exit stairways that take you down to the lower level on the concourse and eat up a lot of space. And so that

creates opportunities for future other uses of the concourse and a lot of improvements there. You can also notice the larger restrooms if you look very closely where it says the winterhawks p there, that restroom wall actually comes out about 3 or 4ft. And so the restroom is much larger. And like the old doors are gone. Right. And you can see and it's just a much better experience all around. So so the requested actions today are actually pretty simple. There are about approving these two contract amendments with perkins and will architecture. That's the main design and engineering contract. And then a group which is a related contract for owners, representative and construction project management services, helping us to oversee all the work that's going on. So that's the question on the request. Next steps are today is approval of those design related contracts. We continue working on that. It is an emergency ordinance because of just the timing and not wanting to lose time. I'm we're pretty much out of resources on the existing design contract. So to keep things moving on pace, which is important in the design and construction world, we do request the emergency clause. We'll be back next year to request approval of the bond issuance funded by the visitor facility trust account. So that that will have to happen. Those bonds are currently imagined to be sold in 2024. In the summer. So we'll be back in the spring next year for approval. Their construction would happen in 24 and 25. And then, of course, this isn't the end of the line. There are more things that could happen as the building starts to perform better and there are more resources. So that's my presentation on very good colleagues questions.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Just a couple real quick, commissioner Ryan. Yeah.

Speaker: When you did the before, after, was that in the middle column? Most of that or was that in the first column? So that's actually going to happen or did I just get teased most of that's first column.

Speaker: There are a couple of things in there that are kind of middle, which is which ones? So we so one one good example is the curtaining system at the top of the bowl, which is one of the most unique architectural features. Let me just cut to the chase.

Speaker: I know we're short on time. The seats are the seats in the first seats are in. Thank you. Seats are in. And then the other one is. Have you been in dialog with the good people at alpine vision trust? Because even though this is one container within the big area, it's a very important part of the restoration of the souls that are working on this project. Absolutely. So it's really important that we always have keep them in the foundation level of the dialog. Yeah. So over the past few years we absolutely have been.

Speaker: And I'm sure you're aware there's a whole city kind of technical group that meets with alpine division representatives is on a pretty regular basis to kind of review the work that they're doing. What I can say is the, you know, their community investment plan and their visions that have been put out, which are incredibly compelling for redevelopment of that neighborhood. And a very conscious and social justice sort of reparations kind of look, they have all, at least so far kept the arenas. And we've asked very specifically, you know, are the arenas in this vision? Is there room for the largest event district in the state to remain in this vision? And the answer thus far has been has been yes. I don't know that that's changed. We would certainly want to find out. But these improvements are all within the four walls of the building. They don't do anything to preclude, you know,

the redevelopment around the arenas, which has been our understanding of the goals of. Yes.

Speaker: And that's a very important part of that area. And what happened in that area. So I would hope that in the spirit of going forward, that someone from their board could come and testify in support of what we're doing. So I just want to make sure that that's my feedback is to make sure that the conversation is I'm not saying it's check the box, but we don't want that. We want it to be engaged. Sure. All right. Thanks. A brief question, commissioner Gonzalez so thanks for the report.

Speaker: Corporate suites are not contemplated in this renovation. The could you just memorialize kind of what the what that excludes this facility from what type of events that, you know, essentially makes it ineligible for? You know, I know. So not having suites, is that the question?

Speaker: Yeah. Yeah I mean this might be an interesting opportunity to see if Chris wants to talk about it, but I think, you know, we do have Moda Center next door right. Which is providing that kind of level of experience for that level of event. So, you know, the Coliseum can be something else and really is something a little bit different. So the types of events and things that we have typically had at the Coliseum and we imagined to continue to have concerts, hockey, you know, amateur sports, various different tournaments, things like that, they don't really need the corporate suite. And I don't know that there would be a lot of desire for them. We are in pretty regular conversations with the Winterhawks and this is, you know, this is their primary home. They play all their home games there. There's new ownership there. They're very excited about this building. They are very in tune to wanting more ticketing options and premium kind of options and maybe some club areas and those those group party kind of areas and perhaps even some like club spaces on the lower level that aren't in the seating bowl that they can kind of

package with a premium ticket experience. They're very excited about all that. There hasn't been any real strong interest in in the sort of traditional suite environment.

Speaker: All right. Thank you.

Speaker: I just have two brief questions and chris, could I just get a head nod? I assume you are supportive and your organization is supportive of this. Is that correct? Yes. Thank you for that, for nodding in the affirmative. And then just a technical question. So I assume during the renovations, the winterhawks will not be able to use the facility. Has that been sorted out?

Speaker: No, I think I think the goal would be to have minimal disruptions to their season by phasing the work during the off season and perhaps adjusting the beginning part of their season a little bit for more away games and things like that. But no, the goal would be to have the bulk of the hockey season take place.

Speaker: Terrific.

Speaker: Thank you. Keelan do we have testimony on four six 1 or 4 six two?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Rich crane, simca. Thanks for all. Oh, it's only 1043.

Speaker: Good morning. I'm sorry. Rich crane, an and this socialism is maybe beautiful, but it is a little interesting that with the former state treasurer sitting on the center stage that we don't just explicitly talk about roi. I didn't go deeply into the report, but when we're talking about spending public dollars and not talking about where the winds are, I mean, we know that bill gallagher is no longer the Portland winterhawks they've restructured under new ownership there. But just spending these millions of dollars so that we can have a continue ing history of indoor graduations is might not be be the best spend in a city where occasional weekend headlines are eight people dead from drug overdose. I think having

looked at the whole package, I do think there is community value, but I really believe that spreadsheets, roi, the cash flow through to the vmc, the veterans memorial coliseum has a place here because we're definitely it seems like talking about dollars going out and I'm not sure exactly if you've made it clear to constituent s what the source of these tax dollars are. Are they part of just the portal and general fund? Are they strictly from the transient lodging tax, etcetera? So so it's probably a good enough package. We can improve it without getting those clarified. But I do believe that the high standards you hopefully set for yourselves mean that if anybody tries to pigeonhole you later buttonhole you and find out what are the sources of revenue sources that this goes, that fund this project. Thank you very much. Yeah. Thank you.

Speaker: And just to clarify the answer to your question, it comes from the lodging tax. Thank you. Appreciate it. Any further testimony on either of these items, please call the roll on item 461, an emergency ordinance. Ryan yes, thank you, carl.

Speaker: That was a great report. I appreciate it. And I've been to a few events there over the last year, and boy, is it needed. It's pretty dilapidated in terms of the seating and actually ripped a pair of pants when I was sitting in my seat. So it's and everyone I think is experiencing that. And so it's definitely high time for that. And I think the middle column has a lot of value. And so it'll be good to stay in touch about that. And I appreciate the fact that you heard me on how important it is to keep meeting with and listening to the good people around albina vision trust, because that space is sacred to them in terms of the history. So I really want to make sure we stay on that anyway, thank you. I vote i.

Speaker: Gonzalez i.

Speaker: Rubio thank you, carl. All and all the folks that were involved in managing the visitors facility, the visitor facilities trust account, these contracts amendments

will allow for implementation of really much needed improvements to the coliseum to improve accessible quality and meet those code requirements. And it will be a safer result and more accessible building. So I'm happy to see these investments being made. I also want to acknowledge you, Carl, for all your extensive knowledge and your great work on some of the city's biggest assets and managing a lot of key partnerships in Portland and for the help that you personally give us and understanding these things like these. So really appreciate your work and happy to vote I Wheeler well I think it's exciting to think about a renovated, renovated memorial coliseum as being part of the city's efforts to reinvigorate the rose quarter.

Speaker: And as we've heard, this supports the Albina Vision Trust goals for community reinvestment as well as supporting other events and activities that happen at the to not only the coliseum, but also at the Moda Center immediately adjacent. This is one small part of the effort and I think it's compelling and it is much needed. I look forward to updates on the project. I vote item. The ordinance is adopted. Please call the roll on 462. Also an emergency ordinance. Ryan hi.
Gonzalez

Speaker: Rubio hi, Wheeler. Hi. The ordinance is adopted.

Speaker: Thanks, Carl, for your good work on this. And thanks, Chris, for being here. We really appreciate your your efforts as well. Let's let's go to why don't we go to the consent agenda next? Just and specifically, we is there one of these that you said that was related to the fire chief and you had the chief on board?

Speaker: I think it's stayed on consent.

Speaker: Oh, that was the four, six, six. Okay, then forget that. Let's go to item four. Six three, please accept guaranteed maximum price of \$8,983,530 from Raymore Construct, LLC for the construction of the Mill Park development project

colleagues. The mill park construction project will provide playground picnic and fitness areas open space and a community garden accessible to the mill park neighborhood and others. One is fully developed mill park will serve 1440 households in the area. 881 of which are not currently served by other Portland parks neighborhood service areas. Before we hear from chief procurement officer biko taylor, who will walk us through the report, I also want to hand this off to commissioner Ryan to share some remarks about this project. Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Actually, you mentioned most of my remarks, so let me just scan quickly. I want to thank you, robin johnson. Craig, I think I saw you out there for your hard work on this project for commissioner Rubio, for taking the reins from commissioner fritz to keep this moving along. And really, to me, what's exciting is it's close to an elementary school and it's in east Portland where we definitely need to keep focusing on building assets. So I turn it back to you. Thanks biko it's all yours.

Speaker: This is a report.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Good morning to the commissioners. For the record, my name is biko taylor. I'm the chief procurement officer. On April 21st, 2021, City Council approved. Ordinance 190371 to complete this project, which was in the pre construction phase on November 19th, 2021. Procurement issued a request for proposal with a due date of December 21st, 2021. This particular contract was published under the alternative bidding methodology. So this was not a low bid. Raymore construction had the highest cumulative score and was the recommended awardee by the independent evaluation committee. Since then, on April 20th, April 20th, 2022, I like to acknowledge that council passed ordinance 1907 82, which authorized the chief procurement officer to pilot inclusive

contracting policy is designed to increase contracting with minority and women owned firms. We will. We believe those ordinances passed by council contributed to the city's partnership with the raymore construction today because we were able to subsequently apply some goals more specifically, the city's regional workforce equity agreement and the contract diversity and inclusion program applies to this solicitation with a 25% aspirational goal. So even though raymore is an african-American owned firm, we know that at least 25% of this project will be completed by certified sub contractors. Raymore. Anticipates 60% of this project to total will go to equity contractors. So I would like to acknowledge council for providing us with the tools to walk down a path to reduce barriers for minority contractors like raymore and open the doors for contractors like raymore to create business for other disadvantage and business owners. With that said, I'd like to welcome robin johnson, craig capital projects manager for parks. If you have remarks, robin, this is your moment.

Speaker: Oh, perfect. Thank you.

Speaker: Council clerk can you please pull up the presentation? Um, mayor Wheeler. I'll wait for the presentation to be loaded. Yeah. This is a momentous occasion for this project. I'm super excited and had a sudden illness and so decided out of caution to stay remotely here. So I apologize that I cannot be in person today. I was really looking forward to this. So very excited about about this presentation to you, mayor Wheeler and members of council. My name is robin johnson. Craig I'm a capital project manager with the asset and development division of Portland parks and recreation. And thank you, biko for presenting this item. We are here to tell you about the exciting new park project for the mill park neighborhood and to request council to accept the guaranteed maximum price. Of 8,983,532 raymore construction, llc. For the construction of the mill park

neighborhood development project procurement report, rfp number. 0000401766. Next slide, please. The mill park project site is located in the mill park neighborhood east of I 205 between southeast stark and southeast division and closely adjacent to the southeast 1/22 avenue, the site is a 6.17 acre undeveloped neighborhood park in a park deficient area of east Portland. The park land was transferred to the city of Portland ownership and a transfer agreement from Multnomah County in 1986. Next slide, please. Mill park is located within the blocks bounded by southeast 117th southeast mill court. Southeast 1/22 and southeast lincoln, located directly next to the mill park elementary school in the david douglas school district. The existing park contains an informal walking trail and several mature trees, but is otherwise otherwise undeveloped. Next slide, please. Mill park has the highest diversity in student population in all the david douglas school district schools with 77.5% diversity in enrollment. 298 of 439 students, or 67.9% of mill park students qualify for the free and reduced lunch. 229 of the 439 students, or 50.52, are enrolled in the english as a second language program. Next slide, please. In July of 2021, parks acquired the property. At 1949 southeast 1/22, highlighted here in red, which provides a direct linkage. Linkage and a new front door to southeast 122nd avenue, which is just really incredible. The property acquisition also directly supports the safe routes to school crossing on southeast 1/22 avenue at southeast stevens, which is highlighted with the yellow arrow. We are currently coordinating with pbob and trimet to support additional streetscape improvements to the southeast. 1/22 frontage to improve pedestrian and bike safety and to move the bus stop to the park's front door. The acquisition property has been leased for free to cultivate initiatives a non profit houseless service provider. Shortly after the acquisition, beginning in August of 2021, to use the space for workforce and community services and storage. No overnight shelter was provided on the

acquisition site. Cultivate initiatives was provided a year's notice for the upcoming construction efforts to start in August of 2023. Next slide, please. The park improvements are intended to create an inviting new community space for the public and will be a major step towards providing equity and park access and development to all Portlanders. The mayor landscape architecture team has done an amazing job supporting Portland parks and community needs and the design development of the park. The key features of the future park include a playground fountain community garden, Portland loo, a fitness area. Chinlone courts art, a loop path, a quarter mile loop pathway picnic shelter and picnic tables and central lawn areas and landscaping. Next slide, please. A new park will serve a culturally diverse community rich with ethnic and language diversity. For example, the adjacent school as I mentioned, over 25 languages are spoken. Our community engagement effort included five advisory project advisory committee meetings with a 16 person committee representing neighbors, the school religious communities and cultural communities. We also hosted three community gathering events with a broader community, and by partnering with division midway alliance, we were able to reach communities who speak a total of seven languages. The partnership supported a process that was equitable and inclusive by reducing barriers to engagement and ensuring that the ultimate park design reflected the communities it's intended to serve. Next slide, please. Funding for the project was allocated in three phases. Commissioner Rubio allocated 6.5 million in 2020 and an additional 33.9 million in 2021. Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Ryan allocated 2.82 million in 2023 for a total project funding of 13.22 million. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. And by the way, these will be the first chinlone courts in the entire inventory for this special sport, which is the traditional national sport of burma. Next slide. Raymore has been an incredible partner and has collaborated and worked with and the

mayor read landscape architecture team to support pre-construction services for the mill park project as part of the contract procurement services at council's direction instituted the regional workforce equity agreement on this contract and as biko mentioned, raymore as the prime contractor has committed to meeting the equity goals of the rwa, which is 25% overall to equity firms. And raymore has gone above and beyond and is targeting 60% over and all overall, raymore has been instrumental in outreach efforts and developing respectful workplace training as part of pre-construction services, and we're excited to have them on board for this project. Our next slide, please. Our purpose today is to ask council to accept guaranteed maximum price of the 8,983,532 raymore construction, llc for the construction of the mill park neighborhood or mill park development project procurement report. Rfp number. 00001766. Our understanding is that with council approval, the action will be effective immediately. We request council's approval of this report, which will allow our procurement services to pursue this construction manager general contractor construction contract with raymore construction for the development of mill park. Next slide. Thank you very much for having me. We will have four members of the public that that have volunteered to testify today, including heather craig from the principal of mill park elementary, jeff morland, president owner of raymore construction. Lisa lisa shrestha, the director of the division midway alliance, and trevor hopper, our chair of the mill park neighborhood association and a member of our project advisory committee. Very good.

Speaker: Why don't we get to invited testimony, please? Biko do you want to call people up? Yes in person we have lisa shrestha, director of midway alliance, and trevor hopper on the on on line we have heather craig, principal of mill park.

Speaker: Can we start with heather craig, please? I am so excited for this project.

Speaker: As robin said, the mill park and david douglas community is super diverse. We have over 25 languages here and so our burmese community has an apartment complex right there and we're going to have chinlon. I just think it's such an incredible opportunity for our communities to just flood in. Um, I can say that having any mill park events here, um, it is, is successful. Our families are, are very grateful for this and I'm just so appreciative we're going to be able to have our after school son program and go over to the park. We're going to have be able to have little field trips from our school to go over as well. And so it's just very exciting for a community and I really appreciate this investment in david douglas area in east Portland.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. Heather can we go to jeff moreland, president of raymore construction online?

Speaker: Hi, jeff.

Speaker: Hey, everybody. Good afternoon. Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Council members. For the record, many of you know me, but for the record, my name is jeff moreland and I'm the president of raymore construction. And I want to take a brief moment to acknowledge and encourage the importance of funding projects like the mill park development project. Mill park is one of the most underserved neighborhoods in the city of Portland in proximity to one of the last major minority census tracts in the state of Oregon. Mill park elementary school is adjacent to the park consists of 76% minority enrollment and is one of the top five diverse schools in the state. Mill park elementary is not just a school. It is a community hub that offers services to nearly 500 families, which will be expanded to over a thousand families. With the building of this park, including after school and summer activities. In coordination with, like you just heard, the Multnomah County son program, the immigrant and refugee community organization free lunch services. Throughout

the summer, weekly food pantries and a host of numerous community events. The building of this park is vital for this community, and we'll continue to demonstrate Portland's commitment to supporting communities of color as a community based company, ramer was excited about being selected as a cmg for this project. As we have spent the last four years working intimately in this community with the building of the trimet division transit project, the city's commitment to utilizing alternative procurement methodologies is vital to the achievement of equity and inclusion as communities of color not only receive benefit from the enjoyment of the park itself, but tangible economic benefits by having opportunities to participate in informing the design and the building of the park. I can't emphasize enough the importance of communities of color being allowed to participate in the building of projects that directly impact our communities. Having employment, career development and entrepreneurial opportunities for meaningful work that directly impacts your community is transfer optional for all community? Rs especially communities of color? Are these opportunities for meaningful work? Is a hand up, not a handout? Raymore employees well over 100 people, primarily from communities of color, with 70% of our management staff and 50% of our field staff being women and or people of color. Having a community based economic engine helps to breathe life in into our communities as people of color are able to see people who look like them employed running businesses and building their building in their own backyard, which again is transformative to historically marginalized communities. I just want to encourage our city leadership just to continue the work of being bringing real benefit to our communities of color through the way that you are procuring and delivering projects. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, jeff.

Speaker: Alisha shrestha, director of midway alliance.

Speaker: Yeah, good morning, mayor Wheeler and council. It's good to be back presenting testify in person after a long time. I have been testifying virtually, but it's great. For the record, my name is Lisa Shrestha. I'm the executive director of Division Midway Alliance and I'm glad to be here today to speak in support of the Mill Park development project and request to approve the guaranteed maximum price of \$8.98 million. Division Midway Alliance collaborated with Portland Parks and Recreation as the culturally specific community outreach partner for the Mill Park planning and development. We provided support to the Parks team without reach, recruitment and facilities station of three discussion sessions in 2021 and 2022. We reached out to community members from Arabic, Burmese, Nepali, Latin and Vietnamese communities, and the facilitation was done virtually and in person in seven different languages. About 70 members shared their feedback on each session. And I would like to share some key highlights from the discussion and the report for 54, 54 percentage of the participants reported that they speak a language other than English at home. This shows the diversity of East Portland and of Midway District, one of the top priority is shared at the final session was the need of community garden. 53% of the participants voted to have a community garden inside the park and 98% is strongly agree that the park will create a community gathering space for all cultures to come together and celebrate the diversity of Midway District. As you are aware, East Portland is in critical need of investment in many areas like safety, economic and infrastructure development and creating green spaces. Adding parks with amenities should be one of the top most priority. Many of the renters with small children in the neighborhood have no access to nearby parks to go and play, therefore adding resources to build all features as shown in the final design is very crucial for our community's overall well-being. Recently held a community visioning session where 105 community members from

eight different ethnic and language backgrounds participated in the discussion. The goal was to better understand and their vision for infrastructure developing in midway district. What we learned is they really need access to more green spaces, and that was one of the five priorities that they shared at the visioning session. And it was great to see you, commissioner Gonzales there. Thank you for your partnership passion. And as you can see, DMA's community vision, diverse east Portlanders dream of having more green spaces and the need for the park with better facilities are very much aligned. Therefore, I and our community community strongly support approving the full project cost for the construction of Mill Park. Thank you. Thank you. Trevor Hopper, chair, Mill Park Neighborhood Association.

Speaker: Good morning, Mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Commissioners. My name is Trevor Hopper. For the record, as chair of the Mill Park Neighborhood Association, I put together a little bit of a history going back to 1959 on this site, and I'm going to read it because I'm not very good at talking on August 21st, 1959, a recommendation was brought to the board of the Multnomah County planning commission by the David Douglas School District for the county to purchase property for a park adjacent to a new elementary school that was to be built by the district on September 1st, 1959, the Multnomah County planning commission, unanimous voted to purchase property located in the vicinity of 117th and Mill Court. The land was purchased by the county in August and October of 61 to create Park 27. The land sat next to a new school Mill Park Elementary, to be built in that same year. On November 14th, 1974, the Mill Park Site 27 committee met and it was announced that the following improvements were to be made in the summer of 1975. Grading planting of grass sprinkler system, removal of a barn. Other feature improved. It's a bike trail esthetic area, fence parking play equipment, a tot lot, a multipurpose concrete slab for an outdoor theater, tennis courts, tree

planting benches as checkerboard tables and a swedish jogging trail were all considered. And I'm sorry to interrupt.

Speaker: Could you speed it up just a bit? I don't want to lose my quorum. I definitely want us to support this. It's important what you're saying.

Speaker: Certainly there's a way to speed. Thank you. On December third, 1974, the mill park site committee met to discuss the name for the park, and it was decided a contest would be held.

Speaker: The winner to receive of \$15 per eyes mill park apparently won lists of goals was also listed for each year from 1975 to 79 for the gradual improvement on December 11th, 1974, there was a press release issued by the Multnomah County commission regarding these goals set for the park. I believe sprinklers were installed as I've heard that there is evidence of that on site, though it's not been as long been out of commission on November 19th, 86, mill park and midland park were annexed to the city of Portland with several other east Portland parks through the mid 1980s. In April of 2015, a survey was put out by then commissioner amanda fritz and the Portland parks and recreation regarding opportunity for three east Portland parks to receive a master plan mill park and midland park were both listed as potential parks. This survey was brought back to mill park neighborhood. We presented it to the neighborhood association meeting division midway alliance board meeting and the social media sites. On June 23rd, 2015. Commissioner fritz announced that mill park midland park and a property on division 150th would receive plans. In April of 2021. City commissioner Rubio announced that mill park would be developed into the new park with completion in the summer of 2024. A planning committee was formed, plans were set and the building was predicted to start in 2023. I moved into my house in mill park in 2001. As a father of four, the location was ideal. Having the elementary school directly behind my house upon

exploring the neighborhood, I discovered this baron park with dried up grass, a woodchip trail so dilapidated that there was a worn trail on the side of it because people couldn't walk on the trail. The trail had been funded by the neighbor association. Soon after annexation, annexing glisan, I'd see neighbors in motorized wheelchairs trying to navigate through the park from apartments that are around half the park. As sad a shape as the park is in, it is still frequented by a diverse many who live around it. This new improved park will improve the lives of all who live in the community more than you can imagine. On behalf of my neighbors in mill park and in east Portland, I thank you all. Thank you, commissioner Rubio, for choosing to build this park. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, for getting us past the finish line with this. And thank you, former commissioner fritz for breathing new life with this initial master plan. Thank you to everyone who has worked on this. It's very important to our neighborhood. Thank you for your testimony, all of you that complete invited testimony, do we have open testimony?

Speaker: We have one minutes each. Please name for the record. Two minutes. Uh, we have john wesley pimentel.

Speaker: They were going to join in person. Is john wesley here? Okay very good.

Speaker: Any questions? His colleagues. I'll entertain a motion to accept the report. So moved. We have a motion from commissioner Ryan. Can I get a second, second, second from commissioner Rubio? Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan. Very enthusiastic about this.

Speaker: Thank you so much for the testimony. It's really good to hear the history. Trevor. I vote i.

Speaker: Gonzalez I vote i. Rubio thank you for the testimony in the history.

Speaker: Very excited for this project. I vote aye.

Speaker: Wheeler hi.

Speaker: Reports accepted the project moves forward. Good news. Thank you, everybody. You testified today and robin, thank you for making the effort. Even though you're not not feeling well today. We appreciate it. We have two items left. I think we can get through them relatively quickly here. Three, six, five. This is pulled from the I'm sorry, four, six, five pulled from the consent agenda. It is a second reading any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll next and authority of the director of the community safety division to execute grant agreement for gun violence reduction programs. 470 please a non emergency ordinance first reading mayor.

Speaker: Yes. We didn't call the roll on 465. Sorry okay. Ryan hi. Gonzales i. Rubio hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi. The ordinance is adopted. 470 non emergency ordinance first reading amend small donor elections program code to consolidate primary and general elections to align with the voter approved charter amendments in Portland.

Speaker: Measure 26 228 pulled by Ryan.

Speaker: This is Rubio's commissioner Rubio thank you. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: As you all know, the purpose of this ordinance is to align the small donor elections program with the charter changes passed by voters in November. We're following that. The Portland election commission got to work to determine the matching levels for each position because they are an independent commission, meaning they they are to operate without political interference. The discussions and excuse me, the discussions and recommendations to this council rest solely with that body, even though we maintain our budget authority, we so for that reason, that's that is the background on this. So i'll hand the floor over to my

colleague, commissioner Ryan, and also director motet on behalf of psc is here to answer questions. She's online, so i'll turn it over to commissioner.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. First, I apologize that I did this last minute. I really intended to do it. When I looked at the agenda on Friday. And the reason is because I just wanted to make sure we had a moment in the public record on the budget aspect of this. We all know that we are moving towards a new form of government. There's a good chance we'll have many more people wanting to use the small donor program. I'm a big advocate of the campaign finance reform that we've led in the city of Portland and I just wanted to hear if we think we have enough money to cover what's coming up and if we don't, we I think it would be really challenging to change the rules halfway through campaign season. So just thought it'd be good to have a little bit of a dialog about this and that's why we moved it off the consent agenda. Very good.

Speaker: Director mottet. Yes, sure.

Speaker: Um, so when the charter commission was deliberating over possible changes, is the they they received information from the program about whether or not the changes would increase or decrease the budget and by how much for the program. Um, and the answer was that some things mainly increasing the number of council seats from 4 to 12 would increase and then some things would decrease going from a primary and a general down to just a primary would decrease. Also going to district council seats would from from citywide would decrease. And so overall, long term, the sense was that it would be, um, it would be close to a wash. And then we'll gather data in 2024 to figure out if the program costs a little bit more about the same. A little bit less as the result of these changes, the change that definitely costs more, but is merely temporary is the decision that the charter commission made to hold not just the mayoral election plus half of council in 2024

and then the other half of council plus the auditor in 2026. But to in fact hold all of those elections in the 2024 cycle altogether, whether that will dramatically increase the cost of the program, approximately double it. Um, and but that will just be for that one election cycle. And then we go back to normal. So the program will be needing a temporary increase in funds in order to cover 2024 and then is not inspecting a significant change in the amount of funds it needs after 2024 to continue operating. So did I miss.

Speaker: Thank you so much, susan. My question would be, did the plan budget for small donors program compared to last year? Could you just give me some aggregate numbers?

Speaker: Oh, so typically the program gets about \$1.4 million a year, and that should over a four year election cycle, be too much in the cheaper cycles and not enough in the expensive cycles. But they actually the savings from one pays for the excess of the other. We carry forward any of our funds after the end of at the end of a fiscal year. So far, the program has not been allocated gifted signifyin currently more funds in order to prepare for the 2024 election cycle that will be bigger. There are more there, more funding opportunities to do so. We also did carry forward about \$800,000 more for this last election cycle than we anticipated. So we have a little bit of a cushion built in, but we would like to see a bigger budget allocation in, um, in the next the next couple of opportunities so that the program is if the program doesn't have quite enough money, it will do what it did during the 2020 special election, which is it had to do a modest decrease to the match caps for that council commissioner to seat in order to handle, um, you know, not having enough funding for the special election. So it has mechanisms to handle some underfunding. We would like to avoid any level of disastrous underfunding.

Speaker: Just curious because you mentioned it, what are the funding opportunities there is if there is anything available at the fall bump that would be one opportunity.

Speaker: The other opportunity would be the next fiscal year budget. That

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Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Mayor, commissioners. Don Oliveira, director for the bureau of planning and sustainability. So as introduced, this ordinance increases administrative efficacies for both the city and our utility partners to improve invoicing payments, consistent audit practices and code requirements that apply uniformly to all utilities. The right of way is the city's largest physical asset that we manage on behalf of all Portlanders. It is an essential public good. The proposed code before you governs the legal access to the right of way for utility companies who own and use assets in the right of way. While this code adopts the current fees that compensate the city and Portlanders for the use of the right of way, the proposed ordinance does not change the existing fees we've been charging for the past several years. I want to acknowledge that we've heard concerns about potential fcc rules violations due to our fees for small wireless facilities, but our city attorneys have consistently affirmed that our cost based structure is well within the city's authority to charge. In addition, what is not included in this code is the management and day to day operation design and engineering standards for the right of way, which is conducted by the bureau of transportation. Essentially, this ordinance speaks to legal access, not the management design or cost of the right of way. The code gives the city a uniform document that governs the legal requirements for utility use of the right of way. It is

the priority of myself and my staff to ensure the code protects the right of way as an asset while ensuring the efficient administration of the code with our utility partners. As commissioner Rubio stated, my team and I remain steadfast in our commitment to ongoing analysis and improvements with our partners on the components of the right of way that are outside of this code. I want to be really explicit and no action on this code is status quo. Nothing changes regarding fees or revenues for the city. I will now pass it to our franchise utility manager, Andrew Spear, who will walk us through the code specific provision provisions and the incredible amount of stakeholder engagement and process we as a bureau and our predecessor at the community of technology office have had to produce the ordinance before you today. Since coming on board in mid-March with the city, Andrew has had significant and direct engagement with parties and made several key edits to the code and administrative rules that address key policy concerns raised by utility industry partners. Thank you, Andrew.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is Andrew Spear and I'm the franchise utility program manager at the bureau of planning and sustainability. Thank you, commissioner Rubio and City Council. I want to walk through the basic purpose of the ordinance and the code to give some context and background in administratively. This creates efficiencies across both the city and the affected utilities. Consistent treatment of utilities who operate in the right of way. Fair compensation for private use of a public asset. I want to point out that the last point around fair compensation is an important one. When we think of the right of way and it as an asset held in trust by the city for Portlanders as city officials, we need to ensure that we recover fair and just compensation so that we avoid subsidizing companies who are making profits due to their use of the right of way. Next, I will present a presentation to you and give some details behind our process

and where we landed today with the code. Before you. This first slide provides a background of the value of the asset that the city maintains on behalf of Portlanders. You'll notice that the percentage of land mass within the city is roughly 20. Most of that is made up of roadways and sidewalks. The value of that asset is estimated to be \$13 billion in an essential service is could only be provided except through use of the right of way. The city manages the utility access of the right of way through franchise agreements currently, franchise agreements are individual agreements between the city and an individual company or utility provider service, where an asset needs to be installed in order to serve customers in Portland. Traditionally we have had passive management with a large number of franchisees and licenses, license holders within the city. The revenue I would like to point out is that's the amount collected annually. A large portion of that revenue is calculated on a percentage of gross revenue with other fee payers, such as per foot customers and the wireless providers on a per site fee. I'd like to just provide some context on what this code is and what it is not. This code is not setting new fees or fee levels. It is not an assessment of fees for work in the right of way, i.e. Building permits, permitting to access underground facilities fees is it is not the it's not the financial compensation for maintenance and operations of the right of way. And it is not a path to create advantages for a single utility. Much of the language of the code is commensurate with our current franchise agreements with within the city and utilities is. Next. I just want to provide some context on the right of way code in general. I'll that first sentence there is how I like to think about the right of way code or franchise agreements in relation to their operation with city partners and utilities. It's the legal access or it grants and it gives authority, the legal access of companies to operate in the right of way and install their assets. The purpose of this code is to reduce administrative burden, create a level playing field for utilities

and customers alike, and ensure fair competition version of those uses is next. This slide is just to provide some background and overview of what cities in Oregon have done and adopted like codes. You'll notice the list is quite long and even more cities across the region are adopting like right of way codes to avoid franchise agreements. Franchise agreements traditionally are multi year processes that require a lot of legal engagement and costs costs that until costs that have not been paid for by those inside touting the incremental costs upon the city, i.e. The requesting company or utility of the franchise agreement has not paid or compensated the city for the for the legal services the city has provided in those negotiations. So I think it's an important point as we think about about ensuring fair compensation during the process of negotiating franchise agreements as. In terms of stakeholder engagement, this has been a two plus year process. S as the mayor pointed out, it started with director perez as part of the office of community technology. Ag there's been two formal rounds of public stakeholder comments held where staff reviewed comments provided feedback and adopted some changes. Since my coming on in March, we have had multiple rounds of stakeholder engagements with the core utilities, pge pacific power and northwest natural. We have adopted changes given their feedback, namely in the areas of the definition of gross revenues. We've also had direct conversations and engagements with the wireless providers, owners, at&t, t-mobile, verizon and then crown castle as a provider of services. As for the leasing of assets that the provider riders use and have leases for, we've made movement on key issues, key policy issues, given stakeholder feedback back. And next, i'll provide some context on what those key concessions have been. One of the big sticking points for the core utilities pg, pacific power and northwest naturals been the definition of gross revenues, the definition of gross revenues is identified within exhibit a in the code and then

within the code, it delegates authority to the director, the bureau director to then institute administrative rules for the definition and for further defining gross revenue calculation. We have before you an exhibit c draft of that administrative code that includes the definition of what is included and excluded in gross revenues. We've made a large move in policy with excluding the revenue associated with the recovery of franchise fees, the utilities on our bills provide a line item that that collects the revenue that's due to the city for the franchise fee, i.e. The percentage of gross revenue that that money under the previous iteration of the administrative rules was included as part of gross revenues. So we are now saying that that is excluded. It is the tax on a tax argument. So we remove that from the definition of gross revenues to add clarity and conduct the calculate action as it happens today with the providers wireless providers being subject to fees and not gross revenues, as there was a concern by the wireless companies that the city was going down a path of charging gross revenues 5% of gross revenue on their revenues earned by us as Portlanders, we made clear in their section of the code that that is not the intent that they pay on fees per site fees, which are the small cell and macro site fees that are in exhibit b within the ordinance as decommission assets. Northwest natural was interested in a language change that provided the ability if there was identify by the city and the utility for an asset to be safely decommissioned and remain in the ground, that it be able to remain in the ground until it needed to be moved. Whether that's identified by the city or otherwise. So we made clear language there that that is an option and that the city would be able to work with the utility on that matter. To current franchise holders, as was mentioned by the commissioner, chair and by director oliveira, there was language change included in within the code that clearly states that if you hold a current franchise in the city that you will remain on that franchise agreement until the expiration of that franchise

fees. So just codifying that at the end of the exhibit a. The purpose of this slide, I wanted to identify possibly what you've been hearing from industry and help you understand what the rationale is for giving arguments or items that have been presented before you in terms of lobbying, there's been some concern by industry and stakeholders that the five year utility license term is too short. There's also a provision within the city's charter that requires, if we are issuing a license as a city, we cannot extend that license beyond 12 months. And so that's a practical matter. So within the code, we have renewing license for up to five years. So each year they're providing a new license application and we renew that also, when we think back to many utilities have asked, well, why just five years and I think a good a good visual for you all to consider when you think back to 2003, 20 years ago when we were when cell phones were becoming more prevalent. And you think about the level of technology that existed then versus today that that generational change in cell phone technology, e.g, that would have been with traditional fee franchise agreements had lasted 20, 25 years. And so the city would have been locked in to the operating agreement between the company, the utility and how their technology progressed for that 20 year period. This code allows us to adopt an implement new technology in a more responsive way that ensures recovery of incremental costs that utilities and providers impose upon the city in the right of way. Next the cost study for small wireless attachment fees. I know that there's been direct comments and written and verbal comments. Given that the city is violating the fcc order by not having a job, just and reasonable cost that is based on facts. As director oliveira mentioned, we have gotten legal guidance and review that. What we have calculated is within the code. For the fcc order, which which simply states that you are able cities, jurisdictions and cities are able to calculate just and reasonable costs provided that they are founded and within reason. And

so the costs that I have calculated, the small cell fee are just based on, on practical admin, ministrative and fte costs for most of the costs being within the my team and the four fte that are within next is number four competitive advantage over those existing with existing franchise agreements. The basis of this code was taken from both other jurisdictions and their their right of way code and current franchise agreements that we have with parties, namely the most recent franchise agreement being in 2018 and implemented in 2019 with at&t when you mirror the two sides of the code and that franchise agreement, many of the key components remain. The language remains the same. And so there's no intent to have different prices or fees associated with the utility with the right of way code or the current existing franchise agreements across across the different industries and providers that have franchise agreements. And the definition of gross revenues being included in code. That was a policy decision that the to the bureau at the time made with regards to having a living document that could be able to be amended easily and be able to be responsive to both industry and city needs. So the decision was to include a administrative rule that would be governed by the director and the code delegates that authority to the director. Just practically, there's already two sections that I would like to include as revisions for when the code is passed and we go out to industry and we issue our draft proposal, I'd like there to be a clarity on fee payers, how they're assessed and what timing in which they pay. And then also an administrative section that discusses the administrat arative process around the licensee and application fee. And then lastly, I wanted to note the items that commissioner Rubio raised as the amendment notes, those were two key items. The definition of small cell facilities, the city's definition of small cell facilities was included in in a more defined and narrow manner than that of the fcc definition. And so in order to create some better understanding with our industry partners,

we've made that change to adopt the fcc's order, which is a bit more encompassing of the different types of facilities that are included or not included within the small cell structure and then lastly, was the item on the fee payers for wireless companies and those being annual payments? Currently they do pay us annually for their site fees. And so this just codifies that within their section of the code which is wireless companies. I wanted to just provide you lastly with the overview of what you are considering. So exhibit a is the chapter itself, the chapter of the code. It is a new chapter within the city's code and is chapter 12 of it. Exhibit b is the fee schedule associated with the code. It includes the gross revenue payers. So the 5% of gross revenue, the wireless fees is i.e. The small cell wireless and the macro sites, and then the per foot fees along with the nominal administrative fees and that concludes the presentation. I would like to thank the commissioner for her support and I'd like to thank my leadership via director oliveira and their support has helped us achieve, achieve and adopt changes to the code that I believe give industry meets industry where their needs are at and helps the city understand its risk profile and maintain that through time to ensure that no undue risk is imposed upon the city. Given the code. And that concludes the presentation and I will turn it back to director oliveira. Thank you, andrew.

Speaker: Commissioners, I just want to acknowledge that last night we sent an email over to your offices that were outlining these amendments that commissioner Rubio shared this afternoon. And once we had legal counsel, final review, we shared those this morning with you all. So I apologize if those didn't hit your inbox as soon as we would have liked. But that those when those were conveyed and again, we are fully committed to continuing the conversation, assuming this code is adopted to working with industry to evaluate in a phase two

format, the fees and costs associated with the right of way, including our partners and the other bureaus. Great. Could I ask a couple of questions, please?

Speaker: And then I know we have some public testimony as well. So this is thick and I want to make sure that I've got my hands around it. So to clarify what you had said in your presentation, what we're discussing today, this ordinance is specific to the program for managing access to the public right of way. So it is a narrowly defined ordinance. Is that correct? Yes. Okay and my understanding, based on what you said, is and we've seen a number of different charts, a number of different notes, a number of different spreadsheets. There was one spreadsheet that identifies the fiscal impact of this particular ordinance. This ordinance is referring to the 650 ish thousand dollars that is going towards the specific management of the program as narrowly defined by this ordinance. Is that correct? For small cell facilities?

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Yes. And how many fte are associated with that program? There's my fte of four to include myself.

Speaker: If a portion of director oliveira and deputy director, deputy director, some portion of legal time and then a small amount of policy time that's related to a pbot fte.

Speaker: Okay. And some of the testimony I received on this showed a chart identifying what the cost per pole basis for small wireless is, is, and it showed our cost being about \$1,450 per pole is that correct? Based on this particular ordinance for that would be applying to the utility license and legal access portion?

Speaker: Yes. Yes

Speaker: And I also saw some charts that showed some costs or fees associated cobid with pbot. Am I correct to say that that is not part of this ordinance? Correct

okay. And then in addition to that, in addition. To this, \$650,000 spread out over our 650,000 residents, there is a utility fee, a franchise fee that you said is about 5. Is that accurate?

Speaker: 5% of gross revenues?

Speaker: Yes. And that does not change this ordinance, does not change that. The number behind that. Is that correct? Correct. Okay. And just out of curiosity, that 5, where does the city of Portland come in? Are we high or are we low? Are we in the center where are we on that? Just so I have some idea of that, that that is the kind of standard in which most almost all cities operate within.

Speaker: Some are slightly above and have a privileged tax that is generally referred to as so I'm still trying to figure out what the hubbub is about because what I'm hearing is it's \$650,000 to manage the right of way entry program for four plus fte, spread out across all of those poles at \$1,450 for the small cell wireless and I saw on one of those spreadsheets I don't think it's my place to name the providers, but it was about \$300,000 per provider for the two large providers per year for that fee.

Speaker: Is that about right? Yes so and one of those provider, as I did a quick google search, has revenues of \$130 million. So we're talking 330,000 per year on gross revenue of \$130 million. Is that what we're talking about here? Well to clarify, it would be if gross revenues were assessed, it would be within the customers a different way of defining it. And I'll trust you in the industry. Got that right. I just did a quick google search. Sure and so I'm trying to just get some compare idea of what we're talking about. But it looks like it's about 330,000 to help you with your four plus fte manage the right of way program. Yes correct. Okay.

Speaker: Mayor, if one other addition along with that, our costs stay flat. So as more small cells are or wireless facilities are introduced, the actual cost per unit

goes down because our costs stay flat. So there's also a scenario where as the utility is are expanding, their costs go down per unit.

Speaker: So. You further said that there are no new fees or increases associated with this ordinance. Is that correct? Yes. There are other ways. Is that cities would recover costs for this one. One of the things I noticed is I did my research is it's a little bit hard to look at a chart and compare apples to apples from Portland to other cities because other cities use very divergent means and diverse means of recovering these costs for example, some cities have utility taxes, right. And where are we in that department? Are we high or are we low or are we in the middle in terms of you?

Speaker: Well, within the context of this program is, yeah, yeah. We well, with regards to the 5% of gross revenues, we are at the standard within the fees assessed to wireless as some choose the safe harbor rate of 270 per site and some have costs studies that support other ranges above 270. Portland is on the higher end, but not the highest. And I think an important note there, mayor, is that the industry has argued that, well, we should do an equivalency study and understand what other cities are at. And I want to point out the fcc order and what it states. It states a reasonable approximation of costs. Those costs themselves are reasonable, are non-discretionary, allowing local localities to charge fees above the safe harbor rate level upon this showing recognizes local varying variance in costs. And so we have to use our own costs, our own costs and structures. Right. Are the way we structure our bureau and the administering of this project and this scope of work is unique and distinct. And so to use an equivalency study or an equivalency of another jurisdiction would not be complying with the fcc order. Okay, fine.

Speaker: But for the purposes of this ordinance and the city of Portland, you are saying that the legal require payment is that you may not charge more revenues to

the providers is than the cost of admin mastering this program. Is that accurate? Correct. And you have been transparent about what the costs are associated with this program and the revenues collected to support it? Yes, I know I saw a spreadsheet, I assume that's publicly at and widely available. Again it was about 650,000 for four feet plus. I think some legal support or something else. So maybe it would help me during public testimony if people could tell me what the real concern is here, because i'll be honest, I'm not seeing it. It's a narrow ordinance. It's focused on access to the right of way. It mentions, but does not include any changes to the existing franchise free fee agreements, which you say are center of target ish, certainly not out of the ballpark. It is legally permissible under fcc rules and it acknowledges there may be other city bureaus that charge if you are going to construct something on the public right of way, you're going to have to get a permit. And yes, the bureau of development services will charge you for that if you go across a right of way that is administered by pbot, there may be some cost associated with the work in a pbot right of way. So this is not the total cost. This is merely the front door. This is legal access to the right of ways that are owned by the people of this city. Correct and for that you are charging a grand total of \$650,000 for the small cell service access. Yes. Is that right? Correct. Okay, good. So if I got this wrong, somebody needs to tell me because that's that's what I'm reading. That's what I'm seeing in the proposed ordinance. And it would be helpful for me to understand if there's more to this commissioner Gonzalez nils.

Speaker: I just had a follow up question in this area. So one of the arguments we've been hearing from industry is that the city's current fees are out of market. That's the argument that they're high and that that's leading to underinvestment in the Portland market that has some digital equity implications. If it's true. And so and by that, let me be crystal clear, right? Close schools 2020, we send Portland

children home. They're dependent on what internet they have in their homes to have access to education. It's not a little thing. It went on for a year. Digital equity has been on in vogue as a policy priority in the city of Portland for a number of years. It wax and wanes. I happen to believe it's quite important, but it waxes and wanes in importance at city hall. Do you have data on relative investment in the Portland market versus some of these other markets? And certainly we're going to hear from industry, I suspect, on this point. But i, I I'm just trying to calibrate here because the argument is that we're we're charging high that's disincentivize housing industry to invest in this market and I'm just curious if you have ways to calibrate that to. I don't we don't have any direct data.

Speaker: I mean that's proprietary to each company. And so we don't have direct data. I will note that when you look at your cell phone bills, they are charging jurisdictional taxes. So they are recovering those costs. S so the argument that they are not installing and making capital investments, I've not been able to understand when they are able to recover the specific taxes and fees associated with each jurisdiction.

Speaker: So this is a I think this is actually a really important point because that raises a separate question, right? We're at a time where we're really scrutinizing what's being passed through to consumers. If we are out of market for what we're charging, you know, wireless carriers and we're passing that on to Portland residents, it's an area that I at least want us to be sensitive to. So I think this is andrew, what I take at face value, what you just said, I just want to make clear there, is this something that's largely being absorbed by the carriers, we think, or is it largely being passed on to consumers because that's their there are concerns either way. There are pluses and minuses either way. I just I feel like on this topic, I've been somewhat unclear. I had assumed it was being passed on to consumers,

but I you know, if it's just for the initial access, right. Is that what we're talking about or is it a so go ahead.

Speaker: So my background is in utility ratemaking I'm an economist and I've worked at pg and northwest natural doing regulatory be price setting and ratemaking under that construct that is transparent rate making and pricing at the puc, the wireless carriers are not subject to regulatory price setting. And so I can't answer that question directly as to what is included in our taxes and fees within the lines of our bill and what is not. I have been curious about if we were to look at a customer in gresham versus a customer in Portland, and would we see a disparity or is the is the taxes and fees equal? So I suspect they're equal. But I have no data to support that. I think, again, it goes back to a transparency and an industry as an industry for price setting and just to follow the logic, just your last point there.

Speaker: So gresham has adopted, you know, one of these codes as if they have residents. There are being essentially charged the same for taxes and fee as Portland residents, which it sounds like that's your assumption? We haven't tested the assumption, but we assume in that scenario, then the carrier would be absorbing the difference in cost. If there's a difference in cost between the city of Portland and gresham, assuming the city of gresham was at a lower rate, a tax collection rate. Let me let me be clear on my question. So if you're if we're both assuming that gresham and in Portland, residents are being the charge are charged the same for taxes and fees, right. On their bill, which I think was your assumption? I think that's a fair assumption in a market. If the city of Portland is charging a higher rate to the cellular provider than the city of gresham is, then the cellular provider in that case would be absorbing the cost difference? Well, I would argue differently, commissioner, and say that that customers from gresham are subsidizing customers in Portland for payment of that fee that is assessed for small

wireless and this is where the assumptions become important, right? Because if and I think we're going to hear it, just a preview it that we're going to hear that that's leading in such a scenario that's leading to more investment in gresham than in Portland. And if the if the cellular provider is absorbing those costs and not passing them on through to consumers so that it I understand your point but that's the that's the argument that I guess I just want to clarify, if I was doing that cost study, I would look at the jurisdiction costs across the metro area, i.e. The three counties at up my total annual payments to those jurisdictions.

Speaker: And spread it across the number of customers within that jurisdiction and divide it by monthly right. And so that would then average out across whether or not jurisdictional costs for fees for small cells were 1000 or 1800. In one jurisdiction. And that wouldn't necessarily dictate my investment strategy. It just speaks to the because I'm recovering the costs regardless. Right

Speaker: I think you had me most of the way until the end. But I think I think for now I'm you know, when you're putting together a pro forma on investment and where you're going to, you know, what markets you're going to invest in, we certainly talk about this in housing, right? What are your upfront costs? What are your what are you going to be paying into a jurisdiction on? It's not always the most decisive factor, but it is a relevant factor to in choosing where to allocate. And so, um, but i, you know, I think we're reaching the end of what we actually know and we're making a lot of assumptions. So I just wanted to kind of let's circle back to this as we go through the testimony.

Speaker: Commissioner wonder to kind of flip the question is, if we were to lower the cost of the small cell fee, would we see a reduction in bills or a tax on our bill?

Speaker: I mean, that's a totally fair question. Or would we see more investment in five g in the city of Portland and I'd say like that's the it's I don't know the answer to

the question. I suspect we're going to hear some, you know, theories on it. I'm done for now.

Speaker: So I want to ask a follow up because commissioner Gonzalez has got my mind going here. And I want to make sure I understand again what this ordinance is and what this ordinance is not. My understanding and somebody could very well make the argument that the total cost of investing in technology infrastructure in the city of Portland is higher than other jurisdictions for any number of reasons. The permitting fees are too high. The pbot fees are too high. But this ordinance, what we are being asked to vote on, not today, by the way. It's a first reading. So when it comes back, is this. \$650,000. So the difference really would be whatever the delta is on our 650 versus what gresham charges take the delta, the difference and spread it over 650,000 people. That's what we're talking about here. And every dollar matters. And I accept that. But in terms of making massive multi billion dollar capital investment, this is de minimis. It's decimal dust. Yes. It doesn't matter unless somebody can tell me that I'm missing something that is in this specific ordinance related to fees and I'm not seeing it. What I'm hearing and the testimony I have received and people made really good points, but it's not related specifically to this ordinance that we're being asked to vote on. That's correct. So unless somebody can convince me otherwise, I'm not seeing the hair on fire reaction to this ordinance. Anybody else before we go to testimony, any testimony, how many people do we have signed up? Nine people. Nine people. Three minutes each name for the record, please.

Speaker: First up, we have alex lupe. Welcome. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Thank you. By the way, I should remind everybody, council rules if you're a paid lobbyist, we need to know that. Thank you.

Speaker: My name is alex lupe, and I'm here representing verizon. There's so much to get through. I probably can't hit it all in three minutes. I'm going to try to hit as much as possible, but I welcome any.

Speaker: We start the timer. We will also accept written testimony since we're not voting today. Okay. Any written testimony anybody wants to provide that helps shed light on this? I personally would very much welcome it so you don't have to feel like you have to cram everything into three minutes of public testimony. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much. I appreciate it. So let me start here. So over the past five years, I've spoken with each of you about our goal to provide reliable high speed 5g wireless broadband service to consumers, households, communities and small businesses throughout Portland. I wish I were here today asking you to approve of a right of way code that supports these shared goals a code that was negotiated in a transparent, collaborative manner with stakeholders and conforms to the requirements of the fcc. Unfortunate that code before you today does not meet those standards. This proposed code and rate structure will maintain the status quo in Portland, a status quo where companies like ours under-invest in digital infrastructure here and instead deploy those capital dollars to cities that have a reasonable policies and rates. I want to address the argument that the proposed code doesn't increase current fees and that the rates don't create significant fiscal impact for companies like verizon. The truth is, while the proposed fees in front of you today have largely been in place since 2018, they are not cost based, not compliant with federal law and not backed up by a thorough independent cost study. You are being asked to adopt these problems fees as binding city policy. It would create an untenable precedent for a wireless company to embrace Portland's rate, which is more than twice as high as the next highest

rate on a west coast city not backed up by a rigorous cost study. We've included robust cost studies from san francisco and los angeles in the packet that you hopefully have with you as well as the Portland fee analysis that we saw for the first time on may 31st. And you can see for yourself that Portland really has not done its homework here. This fee analysis appears to us to be a reverse engineered exercise at best to justify the exorbitant rates that Portland has been charging since 2018, since before the fcc order went into effect and before the lawsuit against the fcc to maintain those rates. City staff has also argued the rate will go down as more small cells are deployed, which runs contrary to the notion of charging cost based rates. Wouldn't the additional small cells incur additional costs for the city, like for tasks like inspection owns? This is why a rigorous cost study is needed. I want to be clear. We are not insisting that Portland stick to the safe harbor rate of 270. Recognizing that cities have different costs and apples to apples rate. Isn't the ask we are asking. We are insisting on asking and insisting that Portland follow federal law and revert to the safe harbor rate until a cost study is conducted in other words, show us Portland's apples as I do want to just I know I'm over time here. I want to end just by thanking commissioner Rubio for the amendments that she has taken. I think this is an example of the work we can get done if there is more time to work on this, we want to get this done and we want to get this done right and I respectfully request that you send this item back to the commissioner's office for further work to address the other outstanding issues in the code and rates. And I look forward to returning here sometime very soon in support of that ordinance. Okay. Could I just ask, of course. Do I take it you do support the amendments ?

Speaker: Is that correct? Those those two amendments are among the many we asked for.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: It was actually broken into three. But you get the point. Good. Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you, sir. Next up, we have John Isaacs.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thanks for being here. Hello there. Good to see everyone again.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioners, my name is John Isaacs. I'm the vice president of public affairs for the Portland Business Alliance, resident of Southeast Portland. I prefer he/him pronouns as I did last time. I was here to testify about the City of Portland's CBO on the addition of high taxes and fees. I'm going to read directly from the advanced Portland Economic Development Strategy that you unanimously adopted about a month ago on page 11 and bring a resolution to City Council to require inclusion of a financial impact analysis when new regulations, policies or taxes will have an impact on private parties. To understand the full cost of companies bearing the cost, we will continue to push the city to remain accountable to this plan. It shouldn't, must be the guiding document. If our city is going to thrive in the future. We strongly commend the council for doing exactly that with a strong stance against exorbitant new taxes and fees in the adopted 2023-2024 city budget. We ask today that you remain consistent with the fees for accessing the right of way. The numerous documents from city staff regarding this ordinance have argued that the city can charge the highest ROW fees of any major market on the West Coast, fees that are the most expensive by a factor of 3 or 4 and are conspicuous. Cully identical to those charged before losing a case in federal court entitled FCC versus the City of Portland. They have never explained why we are so much more costly than everyone else, and I have not heard anyone within the city consider this is in the interest of our residents who depend on these services to be available and affordable. And the year and a half we've been involved with this process. We have asked repeatedly for the city to transparently justify these out of

market costs and to eliminate novel policies included in previous drafts of the ordinance, the sky high costs. Ultimately result in higher energy bills, cell phone bills, internet bills and other essential services provided through the right of way. And not only do these fees drive higher consumer costs, they are driving away investment in 5g, which is essential to Portland being competitive in the future and speaking with one wireless provider representative about this recently, they said to me maybe the council should ask why redmond, Oregon, has five times the number of small cell poles. As Portland, we have sent you examples of cost studies conducted by other major west coast cities. Our request is for the same transparent and thorough evaluation to be completed here. Only then will we be able to understand why Portland is so much more expensive than our competitors. So pathway can be developed out of this position. I hope we can agree that being the most expensive city by a factor of 3 or 4 to deliver mobile or internet internet service is not something we should aspire to be. We appreciated the clarification memo sent to you last night by bureau director donnie oliveira, who's involvement has resulted in the elimination of many of the policy disagreements that existed last year. We greatly appreciate that. His memo identified a few more sticking points that have been resolved here at the last minute. We agree with the memo that this ordinance does not directly set the fees, but we take issue with the bifurcation of fees between bts, pbot and other bureaus as somewhat fuzzy accounting to any company doing business with the city. This is one set of costs and what better time to evaluate all of the costs, adjust them to be competitive and bring them into one program than now? When charter implementation is underway. And we don't actually know if the comparison that we sent are apples to apples with other cities because the city of Portland hasn't shown us its actual apples with a transparent and thorough cost study, our ask of you is to give clear direction to city staff that

the city complete a thorough cost study that identifies why Portland is such an outlier and presents a plan to bring us into line with other major west coast markets, whether through an amendment into the code or through a resolution. This edition will allay our strong concerns today. Thank you for your time.

Speaker: Thank you. And John, if I could just make a point. First of all, thank you for the time and energy you and the pba put into this. And I did receive a very thorough letter from the pba, and that helped me in terms of doing my due diligence and asking the questions I needed to ask. So I want to thank you for the time and energy put into that. I also just want to say none of the things that you're calling for are precluded through the passage of this ordinance. If we still want to talk about the other city charges that go into the development of any further access to the right of way, that's still very much on the table. We can talk about pbob. We can talk about permitting. We can talk about the bureau of planning and sustainability. In fact, those conversations are ongoing both through our budget process as well as other independent efforts that are separate from this ordinance. So that's my point. We can agree to disagree on whether this is the right time or not. Can I respond to that, mayor?

Speaker: Of course. Okay. So as I just said, we agree the ordinance doesn't necessarily set the fees. So we agree on that. As we stated in the letter, we think it's a too much of an ask for any industry to sign off on a policy that's going to set how they interact with the right of way without having a thorough understanding of the cost. And as you're hearing already, I think you're going to continue to hear there's a gulf. I mean, it's not close of an understanding between the dialog we just heard between you and city staff, who we've worked with all the time and where industry is in terms of what the fees are, the analysis we provided, which comes from industry reviewed by multiple attorneys, including the letter we sent that went

through multiple rounds of legal vetting by industry attorneys. Is are that Portland is 3 to 4 times higher than any other west coast market. And as we've consistently communicated to all of you, our concern is our competitiveness and the dramatically rising cost of living here. So that's that's our main concern. That's how we've engaged in this. Is that a, the policy is not novel, that it's consistent with other markets and that we don't have fees that are that far out of market and are driving away investment. And as we've heard, potentially driving up the costs of essential services.

Speaker: All right, fair enough. I appreciate it. And I just want to reiterate again, as your letter acknowledged and what makes this somewhat different than the last time you were at the dais is my opposition was to new taxes, fees and utility rate increases. This as your letter acknowledged it's the same and has been for four years. So this is not an increase. So there is no additional burden being asked of our ratepayers is correct.

Speaker: But per the fcc order that is a concern we have that they are conspicuously the same as they were pre fcc versus city of Portland. And again, to us, the way you answer the question is through a thorough and transparent cost study. I've heard statements from commissioner Rubio today which we really appreciate, commissioner and from director oliveira that will work on that in partnership after this. Yeah, that's what's most important to us. Yeah.

Speaker: Just based on the fact that we don't seem to be agreeing on baseline facts right. I was provided one chart, for example, that I looked at that purported to be the cost of the city of Portland versus other cities. And I am no expert on neither am i. But but it was very easy for me to pick holes in it. So we really don't have a thorough baseline comparison. And that was provided as there's a gulf to me as somebody who was in opposition to this particular ordinance, and that that's part

of why I went on my earlier diatribe on this subject. But i'll let you go. Okay thank you for the interaction. I really appreciate it. John next up, we have trey hendrix.

Speaker: Welcome. Thanks for being here. Commissioners.

Speaker: Mayor, mayor Wheeler, thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Speaker: I'd start by expressing my gratitude for the work and the opportunity to speak with your staff as they've been incredibly responsive, generous with their time open, knowledgeable and inquisitive about our issues and thank thank. I would like to thank them for that and thank you. When I heard that, I would have three minutes instead of the nine that I had planned in my comments, I had to make a decision about whether I would read my comments at triple speed or cut them back or just throw them out entirely. So what i'll try and do is maybe answer a few of the questions that you've asked. The reference to the \$650,000 cost associated with administering this program strikes me that there are some kind of a disjunct between what the staff has been trying to do and what the actual impact is going to be on the companies and for ziply fiber, who I'm here representing today, it would be significant depending on how the fees are calculated. Ziply fiber has 58 miles of fiber in the city right of way at the at the \$5 a mile or foot. Rather, we estimate it would be about \$1.5 million a year in fees, which is significantly higher than the \$650,000 cost associated with administering the program. So and maybe that's a conversation that we still need to have with staff to sort of understand that it's also possible that because ziply is a utility provider in the right of way in the city, that that it would be a gross revenue, I guess it's called a derived gross revenue calculation for the use of the fiber, which transmits a signal decent amount of internet traffic. That number we haven't done a calculation on that, but I would suspect it would be significantly higher than \$1.5 million a year. And given that cost, I've been told by the company that in no uncertain terms that if that were

going to be the cost to stay in the right of way, ziply would would move its fiber elsewhere and probably abandon the pit of building as a hub for its internet traffic. It would just simply be too high of a cost for a company with a four state footprint. And then the final point that i'll address is digital equity that commissioner Gonzalez raised. And we also think that's critically important. As you may be aware, the broadband office in Oregon is conducting a rulemaking to determine how hundreds of millions of federal dollars are going to be spent to help get enhanced broadband access to underserved Oregonians. And in Portland as well, this will add to the costs associated with building those projects. And because there are matching, there will be matching requirements to get that money. It could have a pretty chilling effect on companies ability to do those builds. And that's really a statewide effect as well as Portland and surrounding communities. So what we're essentially asking for is, is that we have some additional really thorough vetting process in written comments and stakeholder workshops where everybody can get together and have that conversation to try and clarify some of these issues. And I can take questions. And thank you again.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Thank you. Next up, we have alan galloway.

Speaker: Welcome. Welcome. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: And honorable commissioners. Thanks for having me. My name is alan galloway. I'm an attorney at davis wright tremaine. I am pleased to be here today representing t-mobile. T-mobile supports many of the city's expressed goals with respect to the ordinance, but opposes the ordinance as written. And I want to explain why, as we did in our comments. First, I just want to note that we've tried to engage with the city from the outset. T-mobile has now submitted three rounds of

formal comments and worked with the wireless industry to try to discuss concerns and raise concerns about federal law with staff throughout the process. I really want to appreciate commissioner Rubio the amendments that you announced today. Those are a further step in the right direction. I also want to appreciate that staff has done a lot of work on this and I know that this is not easy. I know the federal law on this is not necessarily the easiest to understand. While the process has gone a long time, I don't feel that we've made a lot of progress until recently. Recently, things have started to change. The last draft was a small step, but a significant step forward towards compliance with federal law and I want to appreciate the fact that the new draft appears to take steps to clarify that fees on small wireless facilities and other wireless facilities are going to be facility based. They're not going to be subjected to the gross revenue fee that was stated elsewhere in the ordinance. And t-mobile appreciates that step that step is necessary. In fact, to comply with federal law under federal law is under equivocal that fees must be cost based, that is required by section 253 of the communications act and with respect to wireless facilities, it's also required by section 332. As we've explained in our comments, and I invite you to read those, the fees in the fee schedule currently, it's not clear that they meet the requirement that they be specifically related to and caused by the deployment of wireless facilities and that they are not only a reasonable approximation of the city's costs, but that the costs themselves are objectively reasonable. Although the city is very recently provided a small cell fee analysis just this past week that document doesn't have enough detail to tie those costs to deployment in the right of way, doesn't have detail supporting the city's allocation of costs, of salaries and personnel. And it doesn't have any showing that those costs are objectively reasonable. So more work needs to be done in this area. The city should also revisit the lease or consent

requirement, which is an obstacle to deployment. As we've stated in our comments, and should revise the burdensome and unreasonable indemnification provision in the current code that indemnifies even where there is no fault or no unlawful conduct by the provider require the city to be indemnified for its own negligence. That's not fair. We recognize that this is been a long process. Again, I would like to also be able to say we made a lot of progress. I think, though, that we are beginning to make progress. I think that there is a possibility that with the current staff and the willingness that has been shown today to address some of our long standing concerns, the definition of small wireless. Thank you. We could get this right, but it is going to require a little bit more time. T-mobile would be happy to work with the city to do that and to make this code the code that the city deserves, to encourage the wireless service that the city deserves. Thank you. Thank you. Happy to take any questions if you have some if not, thank you. All right. Thanks

Speaker: Next up, we have jeremy crandall and christine crow online. Welcome

Speaker: Great. Can you hear me okay?

Speaker: Yep. Loud and clear. We see you as well.

Speaker: Excellent. And I don't see the timer, but I i'll I'm going to you can bear with me. I'll just do do one myself right here. So don't don't go over, um, mayor Wheeler, commissioners, my name is jeremy crandall. I'm here to. Oh, there we go. Thank you. I'm here to testify on behalf of ctia, the wireless industry trade association with some comments and concerns related to this ordinance. My colleague, our legal counsel, christine crow, will speak after me together. We'll briefly summarize our perspective on several key elements. And our perspective is also more extensively outlined in our submitted letter. That's in your portal. I will also just thank you all for the ability to speak on this ordinance. Virtually from Washington, d.c. Let me begin by saying that cta and our members are strongly

committed to doing what we can to improve connectivity for residents and businesses across the city. As we all learned during the pandemic, innovations in telehealth and distance learning required enhanced, reliable mobile connectivity city's residents, schools and businesses and institutions can continue to demand exceptional wireless service. And so our members are committed to ensuring that no community is left behind. I heard the conversation about digital equity. We are doing that by investing tens of billions of dollars right now in infrastructure nationwide, \$35 billion in 2021 alone in private funding to upgrade excuse me, upgrade our infrastructure for and that investment fuels economic growth in Oregon, where our industry supports more than 50,000 jobs, generate and generates \$17 billion in annual gdp growth. Our members are doing everything they can to work with state and local officials to build those networks and respond to this. Exploding growth does require policies that ensure regulatory predictable ability for our members. I do want to speak on one example specifically where we believe the ordinance creates some needless and unnecessary barriers and challenges for deployment. Again, it's outlined in our letter. But one example is the code is drafted presently would regulate service providers that do not install any equipment in the right of way or merely use others equipment for background. A wireless provider may often send its traffic over another provider's physical network or resell the services of a provider within with facilities in the right of way. And so when this occurs, it imposes as no essential burden or cost on the city in terms of right of way management, because it does not require installing antennas, fiber or other types of equipment. And as such, it would seem to make little sense for Portland to subject those providers to licensing fees, insurance audits and other requirements of the proposed code. A more sound approach that does not include this provision would in fact encourage our providers to use the facilities of others,

and that would minimize the number of separate, separate facilities occupying the right of way, which is something that I know many, many folks believe is very important. So in closing, given the exploded demand, we are seeing from consumers for more services, I would very much encourage you to adopt policies that encourage rather than derail investment. And I know our members are eager to continue collaborating with you all on that front. I'll stop there. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate your testimony. Next up, we have christine crow. Hi, christine. Hello mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Commissioners, thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is christine crow. I am with the firm of wilkinson barker knauer llp. I'm located in Washington, d.c, and again, I'm testifying on behalf of our client, cta. Mr. Crandall raised several policy concerns about the revised code. I'd like to address three additional concerns that are expressed in the letter that cta filed in anticipation of today's hearing. First, the fees for wireless facilities. The bureau asks you to enact do not comply with federal law because the bureau has not demonstrated that the fees don't exceed the reasonable actual and direct costs associated with the rights of way management in connection with these facilities. We therefore ask that you not adopt the proposed fees and instead require that fees be consistent with federal law as background. The fees that the proposed recurring fees far exceed the amounts that the fcc determined in 2018 were reasonable amounts that a federal appeals court upheld. And although the bureau just days ago attempted to justify the fees for small wireless facilities with a one page spreadsheet, it did not give providers any meaningful opportunity to respond. And it makes inconsistent and unexplained assumptions about costs, and it supplies no basis for fees for larger wire wireless facilities either. In addition, as cta's letter explains the 5% gross

revenue fee that is proposed for communications service in the fee schedule, which the bureau has declined to date to confirm explicitly, we will not be assessed on wireless providers, for example, those wireless providers who lease space on other facilities within the rights of way also violates federal law. Revenue based fees have long been rejected by courts because they are, by definition not cost based and may have the effect of prohibiting service. Second, the code unlawfully restricts a wireless providers right under federal law to determine whether to lease spectrum capacity on its facilities or to make physical space on its facility available to other providers. Portland should encourage these practices because they can minimize multiple right of way installations and promote competition. We thus ask that these restrictions be removed from the code. Third, the indemnification obligation is overly broad and would require providers to indemnify broad Portland based on the mere presence of facilities in the right of way. The provision goes far beyond what indemnification provisions typically cover. It would render providers liable simply for lawfully operating in the right of way, even though Portland had approved that operation, it should be limited to cases of negligence or wrongful acts by providers. Given these issues and others that have been raised with you today, we ask that you defer adopting the code at this time and ask that the bureau consider these concerns. Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

Speaker: And thanks for hanging in late with us time. Thanks. Next up, we have daniel schweitzer.

Speaker: Hi, daniel.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor, my name is dan schweitzer, and I'm on behalf of crown castle, the nation's largest shared community infrastructure provider currently in the city of Portland.

Speaker: We have 23 small cells and 75 towers. I want to thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony today on the proposed ordinance, which adds a new title 12 to the city code and address usage of the public right of way by utility operators. We appreciate that the city stated intent is to streamline the franchise process for all users of the public right of way. However, as a provider of critical infrastructure located in the right of way, we are concerned that what is being considered today violates federal law and that the fees imposed conflict with the 2018 fcc order, which, as you know, has been upheld by the ninth circuit. So cully communications infrastructure providers who build small cells in the right of way that are connected by fiber, that also is located in the right of way, we are concerned that the fees proposed by this legislation are not cost based, and there is some question as to which fees would be applied to crown castle and which fees would be imposed on the customers who utilize our facility to provide the wireless service that we all expect and rely upon. Is the city intending to charge crown castle separately for the small cell attachment that it installs on vertical infrastructure in the right of way, as well as the fiber that connects the small cell nodes. Or is the fiber included in the small cell attachment fee, as we believe it should be? It is not clear in this legislation. Furthermore, is the city intending to charge our customers for usage of our infrastructure? As a reminder, each fee imposed on a telecommunications infrastructure provider in the right of way must be cost base fees based on a percentage of gross revenue or linear foot fees are not cost based, and we strongly encourage you to revisit these sections of your code and bring it into compliance with federal law. We have requested clarification from staff and from each of your offices, and to date, no one has been able to answer these critical questions. In fact, it was suggested that a workshop be convened after this ordinance is adopted to work through the fee details. We believe that it would be

prudent to understand the cost before this legislation moves forward. So I've spent a little bit of time talking about some of the technical aspects of the ordinance, but really I want to also cover some policy policy aspects. And the first one is that telecommunication networks are a part of a robust economy and can be a driver for growth to health and safety considerations cannot be ignored in regards to connectivity. Today, over 80% of 911 calls and emergency services are made from wireless devices and third is this ordinance as drafted is out of step with promoting communications networks in a modern city. And seriously inconsistent with other cities. As for these reasons, I believe we should press pause on this ordinance and convene industry stakeholders and city staff to create a lawful and efficient set of guidelines concerning the deployment of communications networks within the city. Thank you. And if I could have just a few seconds to speak, mr. Mayor, one of the questions you asked was that you're just not seeing it. And I have a serious concern about \$4.95 linear fiber fee for existing fiber. I don't understand the city recovers its costs fully through the permitting process. The installer lays fiber. We are on the precipice of a large small cell deployment in the city of Portland. This ordinance will almost surely prevent it and almost certainly just on the fiber alone. So we really need to understand how the city is incurring annual ongoing costs with having existing fiber underground. Those fees have already been fully recovered through the permit process. You deploy 100 or 200,000ft of fiber. That's \$1 million of unbudgeted opex that the city is collecting. And the reasons are unclear because we haven't seen the work and that's an interesting point.

Speaker: And i'll ask not necessarily today, but could we follow up on that question? Because that's that's an interesting one to me, too, if I misreading it, I hope I am if the fiber that's feeding the small cells is exempted from the fee, as it

should be, because it's pertinent to a small cell facility, that's a different conversation.

Speaker: Others may have concern, but as drafted, it's unclear at best. Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Speaker: I appreciate your your input. Thank you. Next up, we have sophia steele online.

Speaker: Welcome. Yes good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is sophia steele and I represent the western states petroleum association. We have member companies that operate in the city of Portland and supply much of the fuel used throughout the state. Members of this City Council and residents of Portland have shared their desire to prioritize clean and safe energy with, and our members share this desire. Unfortunately, we're here today in opposition to these updates and we have specific concerns with the provisions addressing the fuel pipelines. As you know, pipelines provide the safest, cleanest and most efficient means of transportation of liquid fuels. Some of these proposed changes interfere with the operation and maintenance of existing fuel pipelines, as well as discourage the construction of new pipeline infrastruc feature, which will be needed for growth and the energy transition to renewable fuel products. When considering the shared goal of clean and safe energy, we respectfully request the changes to the fuel pipelines be removed. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and share our comments. Yes, and mayor Wheeler, I should mention we did file a more formal letter with all of our concerns outlined in detail. Awesome

Speaker: Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you for doing that. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have skip newberry. I skip. The mayor Wheeler, members of City Council.

Speaker: My name is skip newberry and I'm president and ceo of the technology association of Oregon. We're based in Portland and I live in northeast Portland. We're testifying today in in opposition to the proposed rules governing right of way, specifically with respect to how calculations of fees have been conducted. We've already submitted written testimony, so I don't need to belabor those points. Now I think productive conversations have been underway since the rules were shared at the end of may and even before that. And as demonstrated today, I think by some of the amendments that were offered up, I think could work is undergoing and we applaud the city staff as well as you you all for your work on that this is a complex area in terms of the issues that were raised today around you know, exactly how the underlying facts were arrived at. There are some questions, right, in terms of some of the underlying assumptions as it relates to how the fees were calculated at. And we think it's important to get the policy right, given what's at stake. Both for area businesses and residents were all in an increasingly digital world. And it's important that we take the time now, I think, to make sure the policy is as good as it can be. We also wanted to just mention that we agree with other testimony that's been provided today as it relates to a logical next step being a transparent cost study and in particular looking at how that might compare to other west coast cities that were often competing with for businesses and frankly, residents as well. So thank you for your consideration. Thank you, sir. Yep

Speaker: Our last testifier is bridge crane simcoe, welcome. Thank you.

Speaker: I'm sure.

Speaker: I'm bridge simcoe charles johnson. And I'm sure it's been crystal clear to everybody everything we've just heard. However, the good part was that crown castle was here because I don't think people really understand what the fcc is insisting. We can regulate.

Speaker: You know, old school franchise fees are fading away. What we're witnessing right now is that verizon and t-mobile are are engaged in a customer war with comcast that they want to see comp fast subscriptions fall as people switch to 5g. These companies are experts. They're going to extract that money from us. It is possible all that, you know, two years from now we'll sit back and go, oh my god, broadband in Portland costs 1.7% more than it costs in Seattle. I don't know if that's a very determining factor. Maybe we'll turn out to be less, but but you have it's been a long time since I talked about whether we have more than 40 city attorneys that have looked at the ninth circuit's opinion about what the fcc says. And they seem ready to go. We had a different agenda item where when we get into federal litigation, sometimes you have to scooch a few hundred thousand out the door to private counsel because the city attorney's office doesn't feel ready to go to the ninth circuit. But connectivity will not collapse. If you approve this, crown castle will continue to put towers in. They'll put a tower in and then some verizon equipment will get hung on there or maybe just they'll put equipment on there and they'll lease that equipment to verizon. And verizon won't even own it. And then possibly only t-mobile will hang some equipment. Right on the same tower. The fcc has told us that doesn't matter. Localities can only look at the right of way impact. You had two staffers has come up and say that. So small cell is you can word it either way you can invert it as a great service provision opportunity or of course, the reason the companies are doing it is not because they want to provide service. It's a revenue for them. They think that they can make a lot of money selling little verizon boxes for five g. So so if you feel like the city attorney's office has had a reasonable reasonably talked with you about the ninth circuit's opinion on how the federal rule applies to what you can regulate and what you can't take gross revenues from you can pass this there's a chance you'll get sued, but hopefully

there's been some briefing about potential costs of litigation in this matter. I i as you spent many minutes talking before, we have this question of why all the hoopla when these are not the actual fee schedules although we've heard about cost per mile or what on fiber. Good luck to you all. But it's not as apocalyptic as it sounds. Thank you.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Very good. Colleagues, any further questions? We will get to the amendments today and then we're going to pass it on to second reading. But did anybody have any follow up questions for staff? Great. Terrific I want to thank everybody who testified. It was actually a testimony. I look forward to having more conversations so over the course of the next week. So thank you for taking the time to be here with that. Then we'll get to commissioner Rubio's first amendment. This was the directive that this ordinance meets the requirements of a prior resolution regarding work sessions and executive sessions. Any further discussion on amendment number one, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan hi. Gonzales hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler hi.

Speaker: The amendment passes the second it amendment revises the definition of a small wireless facility as defined by the federal communications commission. Any further discussion on this amendment seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan hi.

Speaker: Gonzalez hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: I just want to thank commissioner Rubio and her team as well as the city team, for working with industry. I should have said this on the first one on all three of these. I appreciate that. I vote on the amendments adopted and last but not least, amendment three. It adds a new subsection to the utility specific provisions code in exhibit a, any further discussion on please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan hi. Gonzales hi. Rubio hi. Wheeler hi.

Speaker: The amendment is adopted. This is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading as amended. Thank you, everybody. Doo doo doo doo. Next item, 4.72, please amend the planning and zoning code to adopt vehicle parking reforms to comply with state rules.

Speaker: Colleagues, today we're holding a hearing on parking compliance amends moments project.

Speaker: This project is being brought to us by the bureau of planning and sustainability, so i'll pass this over to commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: I'm pleased to introduce this ordinance that proposes zoning code amendments to bring the city into compliance with the new state of Oregon parking rules.

Speaker: The rules are intended to support the state's goals for reducing transportation related pollution, which accounts for approximately 38% of Oregon's climate pollution. They were adopted by the state, and all cities must comply by the end of this month. The project removes minimum parking requirements citywide and adjusts parking maximums and parking lot standards to bring the city into compliance with the state's new rules. And I'd like to thank the staff for their great work on this. I would also like to thank the planning commission for forwarding the recommended action for our consideration. This is the first recommendation we've received from the new planning commission since its formation early this year. Before I pass this on to staff to begin the presentation, then I'd like to introduce a package of three minor technical amendments that staff brought the need for the amendments to my attention and have submitted a memo into the record dated January or I'm sorry, June 2nd, 2023. These amendments were included in the clerk's Tuesday memo for council and the public to review in advance of this

meeting. The amendments bring the city into compliance with even newer, updated rules adopted by the state earlier this spring that are more feasible to meet. I've asked the staff to explain the technicalities. So sandra, can you please share the details and show us the slide with the proposed amendments?

Speaker: Yes, thank you. Good good afternoon, commissioners. And mayor, my name is sandra wood with the bureau of planning and sustainability. I'm the code development manager. And the three amendments that commissioner Rubio was describing are on the slide before you. The amendments basically change the rules to development standards that apply to parking lots that advance what we would consider green features of those parking lots. And they would only apply to large parking lots. So in essence, these changes reduce the regulatory requirements for parking for which parking lots need to meet the green feature standards and reduces the requirement for tree canopy coverage from 50% to 40. The actual changes to the code language are shown in the parking compliance amendment project as amended. Draft that has been linked in the item on the council agenda. Next slide please. And as a part of housekeeping, part of the amendment is to replace what we originally filed as a council filing, which is the planning commission's recommendations with new documents that show this this amendment reflected in the new documents. We wanted to thank commissioner Rubio for bringing this for moving this amendment forward, especially before the testimony we appreciate you making this change. And it brings us back into an alignment with the state rules. So with that, i'll pass it on to jay mcneil. He is going to present the planning commission's recommendation.

Speaker: Should we vote on the amendment first?

Speaker: I think you need testimony first. Oh, yeah.

Speaker: Just to be clear, these these appear to be technical amendments. Would you describe them as such? Yes okay. Very good. Why don't we put them on the table for discussion? Glisan, do you want to move? Yes I move that the council move the amendments as discussed and replace the documents shown on the slide. Can we do them as a as a slate or do we need to do them individually?

Speaker: Do you need a second as as a slate was what the city attorney said we could do.

Speaker: Very good.

Speaker: Second, commissioner Ryan seconds the amendments are on the table.

Speaker: Thank you. Great. Thank you. And then the public hopefully can testify on them. And we've posted them on our website last week. Yeah, great.

Speaker: Okay. Good afternoon, commissioners.

Speaker: Mayor, I'm jp mcneil. I'm a planner with the bureau of planning and sustainability, and I'm going to talk to you about the parking compliance amendments project. This is a response to mandates for parking reform in the state's climate friendly and equitable communities rules. We're just climate friendly rules for short next slide, please. So there are three is a quick overview. There are three main proposals with this project and they are to remove minimum parking requirements citywide to update and simplify the maximum parking requirements and to add some new development standards for large parking lots. Next slide please. So the first proposal is to remove the minimum parking requirements across the city. As of now, there are only a few remaining areas in the city that still have minimum parking requirements. And so this project proposes to remove them to comply with the climate friendly rules. That's the bulk of this project. And just I'd also like to point out that removing minimum parking requirements does not equate to no parking with future development developers can still build parking. It

just means that the amount provided isn't set by the code, but it's determined by the market rate. So next slide, please. This map illustrates the areas where minimum parking requirements are proposed to be removed in purple. So the areas where we're talking about where we're removing minimum parking requirements are generally on the outskirts of the city. It's largely industrial land parks and open space. And because of that, the impacts are minimal because minimum parking requirements have already been removed in most areas of the city. And as I said before, parking, it's not prohibited. It can still be provided to accommodate uses as needed in these purple areas. The next proposal is next slide, please.

Speaker: Oh, sorry. Right.

Speaker: The next proposal is for the maximum parking requirements in the rules. The state requires us to require cities to adopt maximum parking requirements. Portland largely complies with those rules already we have maximum parking requirements in place because of metro rules and so we're just updating our maximums to align with the state rules and simplify some of the parking ratios. Next slide, please. The last proposal that comes in two parts, the large parking lot development standards. The first part limits the size of surface parking lots for buildings that are larger than 65,000ft² in size. So think of a big box retail store. And so in that case, the surface parking lot can be no larger than the building itself. So 100,000 square foot building can only have a surface parking lot of 100,000ft². Next slide, please. And the final piece of this is the large parking lot. Green features, as Sandra mentioned. So currently and as proposed by the planning commission, it applies to parking lots over a quarter acre in size. One of the amendments is to up that to half acre in size to trigger these requirements. The requirements that are triggered are to either incorporate tree shading for new, larger parking lots,

solar power generation on site or for public buildings. They can meet green energy building requirements that currently exist in, but that only applies to public buildings. And then the second piece to this is that access ways, the major travel routes through a parking lot need to include trees along the edges and pedestrian pathways along the edges of those access ways. The reason we're here today, I've mentioned previously about the climate. Next slide, please. Oh sorry. Just do that. The reason, as I mentioned, the climate friendly, equitable community rules the state adopted those last summer and they require communities to update their land use and transportation plans to support the state policies to reduce Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2050. So the project is in alignment with that. It's also in alignment with city policy as well, including several comprehensive plan policies related to reducing parking demand and managing the supply of parking to limit the development of off street parking for land use and transportation and environmental goals. Next slide, please. Is our community engagement for this project has been this project is a compliance project and we have a short time line. It needs to be adopted by, in effect, by June 30th. So we were pretty limited on our time frame. But the state had a two year engagement process for the climate friendly rules. Since this is a state mandate, so much of the engagement took place at the state level. Local we reached out to the district coalitions and some neighborhood groups. We met with the ones that asked for a meeting. We asked the district coalitions to send notice of the project to the native neighborhood associations in their districts. We also presented the proposal to several of the public commissions, the design commission, historic landmarks and we also had a public hearing at the planning commission on April 11th, 2022, and here we are. 320 oh, yeah, you're right. And then the public hearing today at City Council. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to sandra for some housekeeping. Yeah

Speaker: So at this point, we did have some pieces of written testimony. I think there's eight pieces of written testimony and the map map for this project before you and there's additional evidence in the in the project record on the auditor's website. Next, please. So what we're asking the City Council to do is to consider the planning commission's recommendation and the procedure would be to vote on the amendment that commissioner Rubio put on the table and then to vote to approve the emergency ordinance, which adopts the as amended draft and amends the zoning code as jp mentioned, we do have a June 30th deadline per the state and that's why we're proceeding with the emergency ordinance. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues. Any questions, public testimony.

Speaker: We have one person signed up, katie gould. Hi katie.

Speaker: Thanks for being here.

Speaker: My name is katie gould. I'm a senior transportation researcher with sightline institute, and I urge you to vote yes on this proposal. And I know there's not a lot of controversy around this, right? I'm the only person testifying about parking that's new. But I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the historic moment that we're in right now. Over 60 years ago, back in 1959, Portland began requiring predetermined amounts of parking for every new home business, civic institution, um, as a condition of development tonight, these rules have blunted home construction. They've killed small businesses and they've forced new buildings to be literally designed around cars. We've long been aware that these rules are problematic, which is why we've made so many exceptions to them over the years. There are so many carve outs for parking mandates today in Portland that even the most ardent parking reformers would say we're essentially eliminated. But these rules are still on our zoning code and other cities are still copying us. And those codes that are in there today because Portland has long

been considered a really good leader in good urban planning policy. Which brings me to today. Because of this state action, we can finally leave these regulations as in the past, where they belong. That being said, when parking controversy happens has happened. I'm thinking specifically a decade ago when I first moved to Portland around division street, this City Council has looked to parking mandates as a solution to resolve people's concerns about street parking. And while that's may be good politics, it's actually done very little to solve people's actual parking issues. So moving forward now that we don't have this tool, we need to be more comfortable using the other tools in our toolbox that actually work like meters and permits. And I would urge the city to take a more proactive role in managing its parking supply in the future to and implement the pricing policies that have already been recommended by the poem task force. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate your testimony. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: That completes testimony.

Speaker: Very good. This is an emergency ordinance. If there's no further questions, please call the roll. Ryan. Hi

Speaker: Gonzalez hi. Rubio

Speaker: I want to thank again staff for all their great work on this. And I'm also grateful that our city I'm sorry, amendments I forgot to vote on the amendments.

Speaker: Can we hold on the vote? Okay. Let's go to the amendments. Please call the roll on the amendments. Ryan hi, Gonzalez hi, Rubio hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: So the amendments are on the table. Commissioner Ryan, do you want to keep your vote where it was? Yeah but do I have to do it again? Why don't we just. Let's make it clean?

Speaker: Exactly. Yeah. Ryan i, Gonzalez, i, Rubio thanks again to the staff who worked on this.

Speaker: And for all your great work, I'm really grateful that we live in a city where that has already done a lot of the heavy lifting and on a lot of parking reforms. So the changes in front of us, while they're significant, it also feels in many ways like minor code cleanup because of our progress so far so this is just one of the many things we're doing to move Portland forward. And every part counts. I vote I Wheeler hi. The ordinance is adopted as amended.

Speaker: Thank you. All back to the regular agenda. Second reading item 4273, please amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with house bill 3115 colleagues, this is a second reading of the time place and manner ordinance council heard last week. We had substantial public testimony on this item. I want to thank everybody in the public for your engagement. We had almost 200 people sign up to testify in person. We have received almost 700 written comments. This council did not have the time to hold a discussion on this item last week, so I'd like to welcome my colleagues to ask any questions or share any comments they may have. Staff is here to answer any questions. Why don't we have staff come up just so we're we're here and ready to go in the event that anybody has any follow up questions, colleagues. I don't I may have just made you walk up here for no apparent reason, but at least you got to stretch your legs. Very good colleagues. Any other we've had public testimony. We've had the staff presentation any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Yes. Last week we had a lengthy testimony on this ordinance, and since then, thousands of Portlanders have submitted written testimony and comments. Every day I talk to tenants, property owners, employees, families and elders who no

longer feel safe in our city. Portland, you have been patient. I hear you. Your patience has run out and the status quo is not working. We are building a robust it system for those who wish not to be homeless. We are committed to accelerating those services and we will continue to push Multnomah County to deliver more as they own and fund these services. As leaders elected to serve this city, we must be honest with ourselves. There are many people on our streets who refuse these services for those refusing, we need to stop enabling and allowing people to do illegal things on the streets. We need accountability. We must continue to differentiate those who are ready to receive services so we can help them quickly by building resilience and expediting the transition into housing and life off the streets. For those suffering from addiction and refusing services, we need to send a message that Portland is no longer a safe haven for criminal behavior and crime will not be tolerated. This proposal focuses on the homeless community that refuse services to our day service providers like rosehaven and blanchett house, who testified last week. I hear you local government must provide more support for your operations to ensure those who need somewhere to go, somewhere to be during the day can find respite. His poisonous drugs take over our city and our great state, the city, the county and the state must align efforts to take urgent action. The impacts are ravaging people in ways no one has seen before. The first step to recovery is to admit we have a problem. The mayor's proposal demonstrates an honest, thoughtful and balanced approach to managing public spaces. Portland's best days are ahead of us with hope for recovery. I vote i.

Speaker: Gonzalez I'm going to vote I today, as mentioned last week, I hope to strengthen the mayor's proposal.

Speaker: Do have some concerns about the complexity of it. What that means for implementation. But we're not going to let perfect be the enemy of the good. This is

a step forward if the city commits to actually carrying out an enforcement, it will improve things on the streets of Portland. And I feel very strongly about this. And I'm just going to reiterate the reasons why particular, our focus is on criminal behavior that has occurred at times in the city of Portland. It is not targeted towards those that are suffering from economic upheaval. All that we need to continue to support on our streets, the homeless problem is complex. It is multifactorial. There are multiple segments within that population, those that we need to continue to offer, helping hand to and then others that we need to drive out of the city. And when we talk about driving out of the city, that's criminal behavior. So we did receive a lot of positive support for our amendments, but there isn't sufficient political support at this time. So we decided not to pursue and to my colleagues, I hope we can continue to keep focus on improving safety and livability in the city of Portland, the city we all love. We're going to have some tough conversations. We will have at times very vocal minorities that will oppose what is the right thing to do. But this ordinance, this change in code is a step in the right direction. So I vote. I Rubio I want to thank everyone who's called, testified, emailed and written about this important issue.

Speaker: As I've shared with the mayor's staff who've graciously spent a lot of time with me and my staff on this issue too. I'm voting no today, and here's why. The spirit of this ordinance is to balance the very real need to get more people into a variety of shelter options and the safety and livability of neighbors throughout our city. And that is a hard balance to strike. I hear, know and understand the concerns that we all face when we are seeing crime, livability issues, trash and all the concerns that people very validly have. Nothing about this work is easy. And that's why I want to lift up the hard work of staff and of city and county employees from street service coordination center to safety net and first responders to project

street response and everyone else who are in our city every day working with our houseless community members and working to make sure our city is ensuring accessibility, safety for all. Portlanders I also know that the mayor's intent here is not to put in place a green light to arrest people that I don't doubt, but for me, I need to see that this ordinance is planful about its impact and does not cause harm. As I said last week, this council had a public discussion last year about our values related to camping bans. And while we agreed a policy would be needed to discuss and put on the table in the future, we also committed to exclude any provisions that would criminalize people solely for being homeless and it's not clear to me at this time if this ordinance maintains that commitment. I do believe that with some time in alignment that we have had an opportunity to get this right and by giving all people involved, whether that is neighborhood associations, shelter providers, police officers, security officers, houseless folks, an ability to truly understand the implications of this ordinance and make plans to address gaps accordingly. For example, I would have preferred that our timelines match with the increase in available shelter sites. I would have preferred to give our shelter providers time to understand and adjust their daytime capacity accordingly and bring in new partners for additional capacity. I would have preferred to give our new training. Dean who starts tomorrow, the time they need to train our officers, not only in the details of the ordinance, but also on our expectation that any enforcement mechanisms will be carried out with dignity towards our in-house neighbors. And finally, time for providers and houseless individuals to know what is in place. So that when things do go into effect, there is a shared understanding about where people can go or be referred to. And I think one suggestion that we heard last week was a resource list or map, which I which I thought was a good idea, but to move the policy forward before all these pieces are ready to go does

not make good or responsible policy sense. As I see it, the success of us solving the houses crisis risks in our arrests and our ability to work together jointly, not siloed. And this feels like a unilateral action by the city instead of in partnership with others. Not doing so creates an us versus them situation as we saw play out during testimony last week and I know that we're all tired and saddened by this narrative. Finally, before I cast my vote, I want to be very clear that I continue to support the temporary alternative shelter sites with service his to bring the stability houseless community members very much need and I stand with the mayor 100% on this and will do all I can to ensure its success. In addition, my team continues to work to speed up housing production, to build a fuller continuum of support of supports for many different individual needs, and to provide a path away from the houseless crisis. We need to do all of the above, and I'm committed to everything we are doing except for this one step. I vote no. Wheeler commissioner Mapps had asked if I could please read a statement on his behalf before I give my voting remarks.

Speaker: He asked that this be read into the record. This is commissioner Mapps. I support this time place, manner ordinance. I thank the mayor and his staff for leading on this critical issue. This ordinance aligns us with house bill 3115. But more important, it reinstates enforceable rules and expectations for our streets. Portlanders have been consistent and they've been clear. The unfettered camping and the behaviors that accompany it are unacceptable until the pandemic, when we were hearing cdc guidance, Portland had never allowed rampant street camping. We didn't allow it for obvious reasons. It creates a public health and humanitarian crisis that is inherently unsafe for everyone. I see this ordinance not only as an end, but as a beginning. Portland is are compassionate people and want folks to transition off the streets into programs and solutions that work well today we're making rules regarding where are involuntarily, where involuntary homeless can

and cannot camp. We're also working tirelessly on alternative shelters that are resource rich, rich and safe. We will undoubtedly need a significant increase in sobering detox and inpatient drug and mental health residential treatment. Again I want to thank mayor Wheeler for this clear eyed and thoughtful resolution to the problem of unmanaged street camping. That's from commissioner Mapps. These are my remarks. This update to our city code is necessary to comply with state law and with martin v boise ninth circuit decision. An. I want to thank governor kotek for her work on house bill 3115. The state law that requires us to update our code and give clear guidance regarding camping in the city of Portland. I also want to thank governor kotek as well as chair vega peterson, for their incredible leadership and partnership. As we stand up necessary shelters and services in the form of our temporary alternative shelter sites, as well as the existing safe rest villages. These reasonable restrictions now codified in city code update its existing city code and incorporate its language from the recently completed ada settlement. The proposal also builds in a warning system before any penalties are applied. We've also worked in partnership with our city bureaus that operate within this space to ensure that the enforcement process of this ordinance is both successful as well as credible. The next few months will be focused on education as well as outreach with an emphasis this on ensuring the homeless navigation outreach teams have the clear and thorough information that they need on this new ordinance. This, my team will also work with our civilian training dean, who starts tomorrow on including the operations and enforcement related to this ordinance in all training and education for our Portland police officers. These reasonable restrictions, coupled with our work on increasing shelter availability along with access to services, his are a step in the right direction in towards a revitalized Portland. I want to personally thank my staff, skyler rocker knapp, who is here as well as sarah morrissey, my deputy chief

of staff, and indeed the entire staff in the mayor's office for their long standing and tireless efforts on behalf of this ordinance. With that, I vote I in the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next item also is second reading for seven four, please lemon contract with squire patton boggs for federal representation for a one year extension and increase amount by \$198,000.

Speaker: This is the second reading we've had opportunity for a presentation, public testimony, as well as discussion.

Speaker: Any further business on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan hi. Gonzalez hi. Rubio hi. Wheeler hi.

Speaker: The ordinance is well, actually, let me thank some people here. First, the office of government relations, particularly deputy director nils tillström, for taking the time to walk us through this ordinance last week. This one year extension will better align ogre's timeline on rfps with the implementation of the city's charter transition to ensure a smooth federal relations services come 2025. I vote I in the ordinance is adopted. Next item 475 is second reading authorize borrowings of not more than \$38 million in anticipates of the fire and police disabil and retirement fund levy for fy 20 2324 second reading any further discussion on seeing none, please call the roll Ryan.

Speaker: I'd like to thank our firefighters and police officers for continuing to serve our city. We are grateful. We appreciate you. I vote I gonzales.

Speaker: I. Rubio. I. Wheeler

Speaker: I want to thank the city's debt manager, matt burak, for walking us through the ordinance last week. The issuance of the short term notes is obviously required to pay fire and police, disability and retirement fund benefits early next fiscal year. While we await the collection of the property tax revenues that are not received until late November, this is necessary. I vote i. The ordinance is adopted

next item is 476. A second reading authorized Portland parks and recreation to establish and collect fees in lieu of mitigation activities to implement restoration projects in natural areas. Any further discussion on this item, please call the roll. Ryan sorry, this change in authority makes good operational and financial sense.

Speaker: We had. I'm really grateful I vote I Gonzalez i.

Speaker: Rubio I Wheeler i.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted I next stored autumn item also a second reading item. Number 477 vacate a portion of southwest greenleaf court east of southwest greenleaf drive subject to certain conditions and reservations. Second reading any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Ryan. Hi gonzales hi. Rubio hi, Wheeler hi.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted. Four, seven, eight.

Speaker: Second reading a portion of north kirby avenue, south of north boec street, subject to certain conditions and reservations any further discussion, please call the roll. Ryan hi. Gonzales hi. Rubio I Wheeler hi.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned.

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Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon, everyone. This is the Thursday, may, June 8th, 2023. Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Good afternoon, Keelan. Please call the roll. Good afternoon, Ryan.

Speaker: Here. Gonzalez here. Maps Rubio here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: We'll hear from legal council on the rules of ordering decorum. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [ww dot. Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://ww.dot.Portland.gov/council/agenda) information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Does eruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council delivered actions will not be allowed. And if you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass.

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Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: We have one very important item on our agenda this afternoon for 79. A report except the 2022 annual report on sister city activities. Colleagues, today we have the opportunity to hear from Portland's sister city associations as part of their annual report to the City Council. Well, for those who may not know, Portland has nine sister cities with whom we've forged ties to encourage cultural understanding, friendship, collaboration and partnership. Our sister city associations are led by dedicated volunteers who build bridges across the globe and represent an uplift our community here in Portland through this presentation, the council and the public have an opportunity to learn more about the work of our sister cities and their associated regions. Now I'd like to hand it over to chido delaware.

International relations director in the office of government relations, to introduce our Portland sister city associations. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Thank you, mayor. Commissioners my name is chido, delaware and I use she, her and her pronouns and I serve as the international relations director in the office of government relations. As part of my work, I support Portland's sister cities a committed group of community leaders and volunteers who work together for to put on an incredible variety of activities and events that support our engagement with the international community. Be before inviting my colleagues to speak, I would like to provide some background on the

sister city program and the work of the international relations program. As you are all aware, the international relations program is housed within the office of government relations. We help to elevate Portland's international reputation, promote the city's priorities and help make Portland a more welcoming city. I do not exist in a vacuum. Portland's local international community is tight knit and we work in partnership with local international facing partners and stakeholders. The past few years have certainly been challenging, but we've been steadily reengaging and finding opportunities that align with the city and allow us to share best practice, quiz, share information, lessons learned on some of the most pressing issues cities across the globe face. We build bridges of mutual understanding in the process, something that we all need now more than ever. You last heard from the sister cities group last September due to the fact that last June's report had been postponed because of covid 19, I'm happy to have this report out to you this today. Once again, during the month of June, around rose festival week. As we've done so in previous years through my work, I've had the privilege of experiencing and belonging to a community of individuals who play an integral part in our city's culture, fabric and vibrant living, be it taking and taking part. In the rose festival parade, gao xiang for years has brought the dragon boat races that have typically begun training right before spring on the willamette, Portland, guadalupe, cinco de mayo events along the waterfront has included a naturalization ceremony for new us citizens like myself. Our sister city associations have deep roots within our communities and contribute to uplifting the lives of Portland's rose from student exchanges. Arts at Portland's sister cities are a member of sister cities international, a nonprofit organization that was initiated in 1956 to foster mutual friendship and peace internationally. True to the spirit of sister cities international, Portland's nine sister cities and friendship city enhanced international ties for the Portland

metropolitan area by facilitating cultural, educational and economic exchanges between our local community and communities across the globe. Today, the leadership of Portland's sister city association is pleased to present their annual required reports on their efforts and activities undertaken in the 22 20, 22 calendar year and the year ahead. Thank you for taking the time to listen and accept this report. Without further ado, first up, I'd like to introduce James Autry, co-chair of our Portland sister cities coalition, the glue that keeps things together and the president of the Portland Ashkelon sister city association to present well Mayor and City Council, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life again.

Speaker: Again, I'm James Autry and been president of the Portland Ashkelon Sister city association for about ten years. I've been to Israel three times when 1998 again in 2005 and then 2010. And the previous president had an opportunity almost to meet with the Mayor of Ashkelon. But it did not happen. So I have not been back and have not had a chance yet to engage personally. But let me talk a little bit about Ashkelon. If we could go to the next couple of slides here. This is our current website and how we engage with our members as well as folks overseas. You always find the local time there on our website at in Israel. Next slide, please. But Ashkelon is a sister city for the last 36 years. So small citizen city about 159. It's like the getaway place for most Israelis and Arabs to get to the coast south of Tel Aviv. And it's home to the largest water desalination plant. Israeli brew beers as well as other creative young entrepreneurs. So next slide it's a 5000 year old Phoenician sitting city. That's mentioned several times in the Bible. And it was one of Rockefeller's foundation 100 resilient cities. Next slide. Our current Mayor is Mayor Tom Glavin and he, like I said earlier, is a bedroom community for many Jews and Arabs, as well as Israel's Silicon Forests, with the inventors of the Pentium four chip for Intel and other amazing technologies that come out of Israel. Next slide, please.

So our association has been rebuilding. We've been struggling a lot of the leadership in our organization went to israel with the governor, and then they formed an israeli israel Oregon business association. And so we're in the process of rebuilding that. And in the meantime, I'm as my expertise allowed, I was able to create a facebook page and a website for our sister cities coalition. And as cheeto mentioned, I chair the monthly meetings that we have here in the rose festival, rose room at city hall. The other fun thing I get to do is kind of manage our festivities today, as well as our grand floral parade that we had last year. So next slide, please. This is our current website. Next slide, please. We have our reception as you experienced today. And next slide, please. And then we did our proclamations and these are past pictures and we always keep amazing records of all of that. Next slide, please. This is our trolley that we decorated last year, and we had their queen, esther and mordecai, those representing ashkelon, israel on the trolley. Next slide, please. And we always have with our grand floral parade a sign that is like a banner that goes before us. And we always have some amazing shofar blower that are announced our entry in the parade. Next slide, please. And we are honored to have ted Wheeler to be a part of our parade last year. And we're very excited that he may be able to join us again this year. Next slide, please. Next slide. All right. Next, bologna.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: My name is mark brubaker. I'm a member of the board of directors of the Portland bologna sister city association. I'd like to thank the mayor and the commissioners and specifically cheeto del hoyo for all the work she does in supporting the sister city sister city associations. Our president, phil potestio, usually gives this update, but phil is spending six months this year in bologna, but he sends a big ciao to everybody. Our objective is to deepen the ties between our

two cities, and we do that through all kinds of exchanges, cultural and other. If we could go to the next slide, please. Portland is bologna is the seventh biggest city in italy. Its nicknames tell you a lot about the city. La rosa, the red for its rooftops and politics. The la grassa, the fat things like parmigiano-reggiano cheese, balsamic vinegar and prosciutto di parma all come from the region and la to the university of bologna is often recognized as the first university in the world. It's got 90,000 students that bring a youthful energy to the city. Next slide, please. Just last month in romagna, the province of which bologna is the capital, all suffered from flooding where it received six months worth of rain in a period of 36 hours. 15 people lost their lives. Hundreds of homes were made uninhabitable. All and the damage estimates are in the billions of dollars. The city of Portland was kind enough to send a message of support to our friends in the region. And we at Portland bologna sister city association are working on ways that we can help, including fundraising event in August for flood flood relief. Next slide, please. In terms of other activities and events, we're thrilled to have this summer be the return of our youth exchange program. 11 students from bologna will come and be hosted by families in Portland. We've got a great program of events for them. They'll go to a thorns match. They'll have a day of community service. It's going to be terrific. And in 2024, those Portland families will send their kids to bologna for a program they're. Next slide, please. And here we've got a list of past and future events in 2023, i'll focus on a couple of them. We did a cooking class with chef giorgia lambertini from her restaurant's kitchen in bologna in April for Portlanders, and we used that also to kick off a new fund in the name of maria rosa bartoli, boec, who was born in bologna. But lived in Portland for decades and was a very prominent member of the italian American community in Portland. Through that fund, we hope to sponsor further cultural exchanges centered around food and friendship. Tonight is

actually our annual amici dinner. Amici means friends in Italian where we get together with supporters in the community and you can see the rest. And there's more detail on all of these on our website. These are all made possible by our dedicated and amazing executive director, Julie Davidson, fellow board members and volunteers and other amici. Next year will mark the 20 year anniversary of the sister city relationship between Portland and Bologna. And we're already working on ways to celebrate that, hopefully including delegations going from Portland to Bologna and vice versa. Thank you very much. Grazie. Mille grazie, I'm Rick Lamberson with the Portland Guadalajara.

Speaker: Sister city association mayor and commissioners. Thank you so much for having us back in person. This is great to get back together and to reengaging is really the kind of key word for us as an organization this year to do. We kind of have we're down to about six really dedicated humans that have been working hard to kind of make things happen this year. But we're in the process of expanding and growing and doing well. Next slide. Just a quick information about Guadalajara. Essentially it's about three times the city of Portland size of the city of Portland is quite large. It's Latin America's 10th largest city, which is pretty amazing to me. It's also the city of roses. Just as a reminder and absolutely love that. Next slide, please. The this year we with the help of the city with with really every one of you and with the Portland police bureau we were able to put back on the Cinco de Mayo fiesta waterfront park. It is our our it is our gift to the city of Portland. It's also our largest fundraiser. And this is our it took us 39 years to get to our 37th anniversary. But but we're really glad that we got to come back. And so just personally, before I get started on that, I just want to say thank you so much to all of you for supporting us and for everybody that did that. Next slide, please, just some quick information there about some of the stuff. I guess really the kind of the

thing that we're very proud of is that we get to bring music sessions and dancers from around the metropolitan area and the mariachi troupe from guadalajara, who's been coming for many, many years. They are mexico's national treasure, mariachi troupe. And it's so it's such my honor to see them every single year. And they work so hard for the citizens of Portland to just have a great time here. Next slide, please. Just some more pictures there. Next slide, please. Just wanted to include kind of all the things that happened on the weekend. So that's all that really is. Next slide, please. This was the naturalization ceremony that that where we actually had 48 people from 36 different countries show up and become citizens on that day. And if you haven't seen that with us, I'm sure most of you have seen that we invite you to come down next year and watch that. It's a very powerful thing. Next slide, please. This is the mariachi mass where and I think this one's a few years old, but maybe not. But it is where the mariachi is actually play. And it's kind of a musical mass where everybody is invited for a for a religious ceremony at waterfront park. It's really wonderful. Next slide. And you know, just a reminder, this kind of helps fund business education, culture and the and the true love between the citizens of Portland and guadalajara. That's our primary goal next slide. We've got kind of two things that we're going to be focusing on as an organization for funding this year, but our primary one is the bombero program that we support. Bombero program really is with the help of the Portland fire department and their their retired equipment that we actually have a team of men and women that actually train firefighters in guadalajara from all a lot of south America and surrounding areas. But they are trained in guadalajara and we help we primarily are the people that fund that and started that program also we'll be doing a looking forward to an artist exchange and this year and hopefully we can cajole many of you to travel with us next year as we go down to do an artist exchange.

Next slide, please. Just another picture of cinco de mayo fiesta. Next slide, please. And that must have been it. So thank you very much. Okay okay. My name is clyde travis.

Speaker: I'm with the Portland young sister city association. And thank you for inviting us here. And to be able to talk to you today. Next slide, please. We were founded in November 1987, in the City Council approved us in 1988, and we selected the dragon boat as our cultural event for Portland. And every year we have a dotting ceremony that's performed on April 10th of 1989. But it was also performed every year at the opening session for the practice for all our boats. Next slide, please. This is a slide talking about our promoting our people exchange. Every year we go to kaohsiung as a delegation in the spring, and then we receive people back in June for our function here today. Okay early last year, the board canceled the plans to send a delegation to taiwan because of the pandemic. So we didn't do that. And also in March, we proceeded with the annual boat dragon boat dotting ceremony and kicked off the 2021 festival season, also in conjunction with our key sponsor of the taipei economic and cultural office in Seattle, which known as teco. They donated 100 personal pandemic care packs to the taiwan can help program. Next slide, please. In may, we participated in the local high school chinese student scholarship program where we offered \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving local high school student of chinese descent. Next slide, please. This shows this slide shows us one of our trips to their. Next slide, please. There are some photos of our parade and whatnot here in Portland. In may, we worked with teco cultural center association to a program to recruit local young students into taiwanese culture, folk dance, drumming performance program and performed in a rose festival grand floral parade. Next slide, please. In June, we held our first welcome dinner for the rose festival. Dragon boat race since the pandemic pronounced the

return of the dragon boat race and corporate sponsor program, there were altogether 46 teams and over 6000 peddlers speculate paddlers, spectators and participant participated in the two day event on 11th and 12th downtown. Tom waterfall park. This this shows this slide here shows the students from our high school that's exchange high school students that come over here and are hosted by people in our in our community. 2 to 3 people per family. And there's picture shows them we take them to mount hood. In fact, that's where they're at today up in mount hood, playing in the snow because most of them never seen snow or been in snow. So that's what they are right now doing that up there. And then also, next slide, please. We also perform. We also print out every year a program book for this for this or active city. And if council would like, we can make sure that each member gets a copy of that personal copy of that. Please let us know. Okay, next slide, please. There's a picture slide there showing a dotting of the i. This is where we awaken the dragons every year. We open, open up the eyes, and then that's when we start the program starts off. Next slide, please. There is our welcome dinner for every year we do welcome dinner for our guests. Coming from overseas and the local people here in town. We have approximately 200 people at this dinner. Next slide, please. There's some pictures of the races showing the races and whatnot. People grabbing the flag. And our ceremonies for that next slide. There shows us they're putting the boats away. Okay. This is where we were storing them at the time. Shows us lift them up and whatnot. And in September of this year, our tom crowder let us know last that he was not going to be director anymore in our organization. He'd been doing it for 40 years. The man's 80 some years old. So he decided to hang up there. So we're making a special deal for him as far as thanking him for all the work he's done for the last 20 some years. Next slide, please. I think

that would be it. Any questions? Thank you very much for your time. We appreciate it. My office would love one of your books there.

Speaker: Thank you, sir. I will send one to everybody.

Speaker: Thank you. I'll give it to cheeto. Okay

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is shireen farahi and I am vice president of the Portland habarovsk sister city association. I appreciate your time today as I present you with our annual report of pica's activities for 2022 to 2023. Next, please, jabbar rose has been a Portland sister city for 35 years. Is the regional capital of the russian far east and is russia's inland port where the amur river borders china and connects with the ussuri river. Next slide, please. The Portland habarovsk sister city relationship was founded during the cold war era as part of the Portland based ground zero pairing project initiated by dr. Earl molander of psu, who's pictured here, which sought to counter the official narrative of the us government and the then soviet government by establishing grass roots connections between us and soviet cities and towns. Next, please. And now we move on to current events. Next, please, out of sensitivity for the situation that continues to unfold in ukraine. Pika has once again this year pared down its standard lineup of annual events, keeping them few and low key. Next, please. We have also started 2023 with an online book club that meets bi monthly on zoom and what makes it unique is that we also have participation cats who join us in real time from khabarovsk. So that 7 p.m. In Portland is noon the next day over there. Therefore, our reading selections are all russian literary works that are available in both russian and english. Next, please. Earlier this year, the habarovsk city administrator invited schoolchildren from Portland to take part in their young talents for beloved city international children's art exhibition. Next, please, the letter of invitation to participate in this project ended with the quote, your school

children's paintings will help russian kids to understand American culture better and make the friendship between our cities stronger. Next, please pika past president allen ellis helped oversee this project. Next, please. Here we can see the drawings from the previous slide up close. Next please. Here we can see a phenix rising as well as a sun shining rays of peace over the world. Next, please, the word friendship is spelled as two words. Friend and ship. This in the first drawing there. This recognition that the word friendship is actually a blend of these two english words is not just indicative of a successful bilingual education. Probably of a native russian speaker learning english. It also suggests that the artist sees the just a second sees the earth as a ship ideally inhabited by friends. Next, please. It will not be lost on our friends and habarovsk that Portland public school students are expressing themselves in russian. Next, please. So that's the exhibition there in habarovsk and a thank you letter dated June 3rd from andre camara of the khabarovsk city administration. He writes, I'm sure that the participation of American students in this exhibition shows that America is aren't enemies to russians, and that both russian and American children want to live in peace and friendship. Next slide, please. Thank you for your time today. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: Sure. Thank you. Thank you for your support. Means a lot to us. So I was waiting for my slide to hinge, but it hasn't changed yet.

Speaker: There we go.

Speaker: There we are.

Speaker: I'm dana morrison. I'm with the Portland mutari sister city, and I've been a volunteer with the sister city since early 2000 when I started doing work in hiv in the Portland metro area. It is a city of jacaranda trees. That's what I think of when I think of mutari. So it might not smell like roses, but it definitely smells like beautiful

flowers if you've ever had a chance to be there. Next slide, please. It is. We were established as a response to apartheid. So many folks think about apartheid and they think about south africa and not realizing how bordering, bordering countries were impacted. And so in 1991, bud mayor excuse me, mayor bud clark established a sister city with the mayor of mutari at the time as a way of raising awareness of the impact of apartheid on the southern african region. At that time, Portland and mutare, zimbabwe actually had a very similar population size. They were both inland port cities and had similar backgrounds and forest tree and farming and tourism. And it remains a region known for growing coffee, especially in the vumba, which is the beautiful mountains that are right above the city. Next slide, please. One of the things that we did in addition to the work original work around social justice and raising awareness about equity is we really worked to respond to the hiv epidemic in the 1990s, the city of mutare and surrounding villages at one point had at least a third to a at least a third to a half of folks were infected with hiv, with a rising number of orphans. In response, doctor maria cosmatos, who's a nurse practitioner who's right there in the center, who unfortunately retired during covid, she actually was able to travel there and realize that during operation murambatsvina, they had bulldozed all of the clinics in the region. There is a rule that if you have a clinic, the government has to staff it and has to provide medication. And so one way to prevent that from happening was to bulldoze the clinics. And so we rallied as a city to rebuild a clinic in the region to provide care what I'm happy to report is we are no longer sustaining that project. They've been able to secure international donors and funders and the government is fully supporting that. Clinic provides services to a catchment area of about 15km and this highly impacted region. Next slide, please. We continue to support the family aids support organization, which is a group of hiv positive individuals that have

come together to provide psychosocial support as well as material supports. You may have seen our embroidered panels in the past. That was part of one of the things that the community would build and make together and sell to tourism, to tourists that were coming. And unfortunately, tourism has declined and not recovered since the covid pandemic at the time. We are still supporting them. They have shifted, which you'll see on the next slide there. Their efforts. I just go back I'm sorry, but I do want to say that currently there are 47 hiv positive members and we are additionally providing support to four child headed households that means that the oldest person in the household is under the age of 17. And in these households have 6 to 12 children in that household in order to make sure that they have some supportive services. The way we continue to support the community is providing access to vitamins and medical care outside of antiretroviral treatment doesn't always get covered. So making sure that folks have access to preventative services as well as food, basic needs, and then school fees so that children can continue to go to school. Next slide. So this year there was a pivot from making embroidered panels to making sanitary napkins and reusable all supplies for menstruation for girls so that girls wouldn't have to stay home and could continue to go to school. So foso partnered with some mayo school of sewing and creative design to train fossil members in creating these reusable sanitary napkins in order to have them for distribution in the community. And so that's just one of the examples of one of the projects that's ongoing and being really responsive to what's going on in the region. Next slide. This is just my last slide, really reflecting. You may have seen this mural and not realize that this was a sister city project because we did this quite some time ago. But actually, every one of those images is a person either from Portland or zimbabwe that's been a part of the work that we've done with the saint warburg's clinic in the background. And I really want to bring attention to the

phrase hope is vital. That came from the hiv positive folks that we worked with in mutare standing for hiv. And it takes a planet to save a village. And so that's the work that we continue to do and continue to hope to reengage kind of post the covid pandemic as things get more stabilized in the area. Thanks. Good afternoon.

Speaker: My name is mami kikuchi. I'm president of patreon supporter sister city association, the sister city relationship between sapporo and Portland is one of the longest standing sister city relationship in the world. In the us, beginning in 1959. Our mission is next. Slide please. A mission is to foster and promote friendship and mutual understanding through exchanges and interaction between the people of Portland and sapporo to build a foundation foundation for a more peaceful and sustainable world. We will be celebrating our 65th anniversary next year. Next slide, please. So in October 22nd, 2022, held a kick off event for this anniversary brand board members, our key volunteers and stakeholders gathered at the Oregon convention center in front of the peace bell, which is dedicated 30 years ago at the 30 year 29 years ago for city year anniversary from sapporo and we rekindled our relationship. Currently the anniversary steering committee is planning a series of fundraising event next slide, please. Okay and in March 2023 and 2022 and 2023 and sapporo international communication plaza co-hosted online exchange program for high school students from both cities. Students enjoyed chatting and chatting and playing games in small groups via zoom using both english and japanese. We found this is a great way to provide a mini forum experience to a wider demographic without significant and significant financial and time commitment. So we plan to keep hosting hosting this kind of event in the future. Next slide please. Thank you. However as the pandemic is slowing down now, we are enjoying the in-person event such as grand flower parade and also next slide, please support fair at uwajimaya. A japanese supermarket in beaverton. Next slide,

please. Oh, I'm sorry. Could you go back? Thank you. And this summer. So as pandemic is easing down this summer, after a three year hiatus, high school students program will finally come back at 20 high school students will visit sapporo and experience japanese student life and working closely with grant high school grant high school, pta and sapporo international communication project psa has been supporting this program since the its inception in 2012. Also we are informed that the Oregon pottery association is planning to visit sapporo this summer and we are very excited to see many international exchange program being resumed. Next slide, please. To conclude this presentation, I would like to recognize our board members due honoring the last annual report I mentioned our two board members who served for decades. Dr. Thompson fowler is serving since 1981 and stephen olcott served since 1980 85. Both of them were a former former board president, tirelessly worked for the association. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to mayor Wheeler and commissioners for officially proclaiming proclaim. In January 19th, 2023 to be stephen olcott day as well as February 16th, 2023 to be tom farrow day in Portland. So thank you and thank you to the and so this meant a lot to all of our board members also welcomed three new board members gia shank stephen prague and elijah sprint. We are very fortunate to have new sapporo enthusiasts who are offering new ideas and perspectives to the board next slide please. Okay so we continue supporting our community by fostering friendship and mutual understanding between our two great cities. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: I'm bob fraser, president of the Portland, suzhou sister city association.

Speaker: It takes a team to make a lot of this happen, so I'm welcoming to our presentation. Wei nathan wait, wait. What's our mission?

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Good afternoon. Thank you for being here. Portland suzhou sister city association is celebrating our 35th

anniversary this year. It is not without difficulty, but we are trying to find areas in our relationship where we can find collaboration and cooperation peaceful, coincidental coexistence is not a choice. It is a necessity. Portland suzhou sister city associations mission is to provide, promote education, cultural exchanges as well as business development opportunities to the benefit of Portland and suzhou and perhaps we should add the mission piece of peace. We recently introduced a small business delegate mission from suzhou to andrew reed with prosper Portland. We are in the process of identifying areas where there are mutual opportunities. His next suzhou is a very high tech city.

Speaker: Photo on the left is an an incredible high tech studio industrial park overlooking jinji lake on the lower left is tung tongli, watertown, suzhou. With its incredible canals, giving suzhou to the suggestion of being the venice of asia. So much history and culture to be discovered in suzhou with its suzhou art museum on the top right, designed by world renowned architect im pei to its wonderful heritage. Classical gardens such as our beautiful lan su chinese garden here in Portland. Next some facts to remember suzhou founded in 514 bc.

Speaker: Shortest travel time between shanghai and suzhou by high speed train can be only for 21 minutes. This is a city of possibilities of making dreams come true. A major economic center and focal point of trade and commerce for china. The population nation of approximately 7 million people in the city proper and the 13 million people in the administrative area. Average gdp growth rates have been as high as 14% in the past 35 years. Famous for its world heritage, classical gardens dating back to the sixth century bc, back in 1987, suzhou and Portland agreed to build the landstuhl chinese classical garden as a symbol of friendship and for the promotion of international tourism. Shortly thereafter, the Portland suzhou sister

city association formed in 1988. We've had our share of virtual meetings with the city of foreign affairs office.

Speaker: Some of them very, very successful. One was whereby the suzhou foreign affairs office assisted an orchestra during the leadership of the suzhou gardens to host a virtual meeting with our land sue chinese gardens. This was a wonderful opportunity for our new director, hillsboro nai, to meet her counterparts in suzhou at the conclusion of the conference, a student art contest was launched entitled the garden in the eyes of children. We invite the students from the hope chinese charter school to the garden. One beautiful Saturday morning and they were provided with a tour in mandarin and they asked questions in mandarin that blew me away. And then we provided them with some art tools to let their imagination wander to find a spot in the garden and to let it be. They came back with some wonderful art pieces next, Portland has nine sister city schools with suzhou, one of them is the harriet tubman middle school sister city school to sip qinghai experiment middle school in the suzhou industrial park.

Speaker: They participated in several successful virtual exchange programs with each other. A shout out to mandarin immersion teacher andrew pan, who is from suzhou and a graduate of psu and up and coming dedicate instructor in our Portland public schools. Next continuing with the theme of ska's focus on our young people.

Speaker: Thank you foreign affairs office for gifting Portland his children's colorful book entitled a little shennong's herbal adventure, which introduces to the student the chinese culture and their historical approach to medicine, which is much older and different than our western approach. It really gives them an opportunity to empathize with the different cultures here and to see that things are not always

done in the same manner. Next did you know that we have had leadership exchange programs between the Suzhou Museum and the Portland Art Museum's?

Speaker: Brian Ferriso, executive director at PAM, joins our other 30 members of PSA's 30th anniversary delegation visit to Suzhou in 2018, including Mayor Wheeler. This particular art exchange program was initiated by Portland artist John Tapley, the international mural by Mayo Project. John Tapley invited artists from Suzhou and around the world to contribute their artwork in the mural format and send it to Portland to have an artist. In this case, John Tapley contributed his work to it. This exhibit session was held at the Portland Lloyd Center Saturday, May 13th, where John also held a virtual interview with the Suzhou artist Jodie Inman next this year.

Speaker: On the occasion of Portland's 35th anniversary as a sister city, PSA partnered with the Lansing Chinese Gardens, and the Suzhou Foreign Affairs Office. The city of Suzhou gave us a cultural exhibit of Kunqu Opera, as well as a Kunqu Opera performance, which will be presented at the Lansing Chinese Garden Saturday, July 8th at 6:30. The exhibit will run July 8 to 30 at the garden. We invite you all to participate. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, join the PSA 35th anniversary delegation visit to Suzhou October 16th to 21, 2023 to enter the future world of possibilities where we can work together with one of Oregon's most productive partners in intelligent trade, where both parties form a mutual agreement of benefits to serve our regions. Oregon economy has one of the best GDP growth in the nation. Low unemployment levels and record export growth, according to Business Oregon. We can continue to seek partnership opportunities such as the Lanzhou Chinese Garden to promote international tourism. And like Nike's LEED Platinum distribution logistics center in Suzhou and the first in China to put footwear on the ground in Southeast Asia, we will be seeking leadership from the transportation and urban planning field.

business, as well as educators from our colleges and universities, autonomous autonomous transport station driven by ai is coming to our city soon and with it, all of the challenges associated with safe and efficient movement of people next. May peace be with us all.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Any questions? Yeah. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Hello. Good afternoon.

Speaker: My name is Katherine Morrow and I am the secretary of the Portland Wolsan Sister City Association. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to present about the Portland Wolsan Sister City Association and our sister city in South Korea, Ulsan Metropolitan City. The next slide shows a close up of where Ulsan is. It is a 2.5 hour bullet train ride from Seoul and also a 45 minute drive, five easy drive from Busan, which is the second largest city in Korea. Next slide, our sister city relations began 36 years ago, stemming from a relationship between the port of Ulsan and the port of Portland. The port of Ulsan was in search of a west coast port to bring Hyundai cars, which were manufactured in Ulsan. And they were looking for a US port to bring them to the US and pass through here. Still today, Hyundai cars come through the port of Portland and that picture there is an image of the port of Ulsan and it's hard to see, but there's hundreds of thousands of cars there lined up waiting to go onto the ships.

Speaker: Next slide. Also is a city of 1.1 million people.

Speaker: It is approximately the same size as the greater Portland metro area. It is also the leading economic powerhouse of South Korea. It is a major industrial city with with four major industries automobile manufacturing, shipbuilding, petrochemical oil production. They have one of the largest oil refineries in Asia there. And now now focusing on new renewable energies as a major industry.

During the 1990s. Also on quietly studied Portland and then in the early 2000s implemented and green spaces city parks and also cleaned up their air technically dead river to restore it. All of this was modeled on and inspired by what they saw in Portland in the early 1990s. At the bottom there, it says kind of three major parks. The river park that was inspired by willamette park along our river. There's also the rose garden, which was inspired by our rose garden and their grand park was inspired by our Washington park and forest park combined. Olsen is now a model green city with a new industry focus. As I mentioned, on renewable energy. Next and besides that, next slide, they boast the largest list rose garden in all of south korea. There is a whole dedicated bed of roses dedicated to the city of Portland within their garden. Next slide, our sister city association's activities over the years have focused on cultural and educational exchange. Our association volunteer members have helped host numerous government delegations from ulsan when they visited, often unannounced and at the last minute our association would hear about government delegations and we would jump to help host them for dinners and things. Sometimes, like I mentioned, in the 1990s, they would be here quietly observing and learning about the city on their own, kind of unannounced. It we have had Portlanders visit ulsan for both educational exchange and professional exchange and also to visit their rose festival which takes place the last week of may. Next slide. Most recently last October in 2022, our sister city association president visited korea together with the Oregon governor's delegation. This year, our association is focused on rebuilding a brand new leadership for our board and focusing on future projects that will be an outgrowth of new energy coming on our board. Let's see, go to the next slide. I think I skipped one. Okay that's what we did. Now, back. I'm sorry. Go back. One slide. So there is now a lot of new interest in Oregon and across the united states. In south korea, our associations board feels

that we are poised to be a bridge advocate and facilitator of new connections with korea, with using ulsan as a gateway and building on connections that many private people in Portland and in ulsan have. We wish to help not only rekindle the old former connections that we had, but to build new connections and engage in robust exchange with our city. Again, thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Speaker: My name is tatiana turtle. I'm president of the port linly friendship city association. I want to start by thanking Portland City Council for declaring the city of lviv, ukraine, an official friendship city on September 28th, 2022.

Speaker: Thank you very much for that. This was the milestone that a lot of people in Portland and also lviv work towards for many years. So that was a very, very important thing for us. There are very many we already existing unofficial links between our two cities and it was really good to establish now this official link. I also really want to thank chido for all her support of the years and help. Thank you. Thank you so we started so that was the main thing that happened last year, 2022. So September 28th, 2022, we also started making connections some one of the previous presentation mentioned john tapley and I talked about the i'll talk a bit about the international art festival, but let me again remind you about lviv. What is our new friendship city like? So residents of lviv will tell you that it is the most important city in ukraine. It is definitely the center of art and culture. It is famous for its beer industry, chocolate industry, tea and coffee industry. So it's very familiar to us in Portland. That's why we all thought that we already so much alike that we really need to have this relationship going. Lviv was founded in 1256 by king danilo halytsky, who named it not in his own honor, but in honor of his son lev. So which means lion leo and lviv is known as the city of lions. And you will see lions everywhere on the city. Simbolica and like in coffee shops everywhere, it's a city in

the west of ukraine, close to the polish border. So now during the war, it grew in size as by about 50% because it's housing so many refugees and also is a main center for refugees traveling from occupied areas and going to poland and europe. So a lot of our people in local ukrainian community are themselves are from lviv. And many of us have traveled back to lviv since last year. Uh, so what I want to say about the international art festival. Next slide, please. So john tapley from john tapley, government gallery met with the Portland city sister city coalition and invited artists from sister cities to join this project and participate in this project. At the time, there were already two ukrainian artists who were participating in it and they started work on their murals before the war, but they were not from lviv. So we worked with our local community members and I want to thank natalia sereda, who is here in the audience for connecting us with two lviv artists who took part in the in this art festival. So one of the artists is called mikhail skop. He works under the art name. Navon made. He sent this print, which is an overlay of the word frida in the english alphabet for this exhibit. He was also part of the zoom call that john tapley did as part of the art festival on January. In January of this year. And there is ten hour difference between our cities. So we had this program starting at 1 p.m. In Portland. It was 11 p.m. In ukraine, so it was already night time. It was January. It was also time when russia was bombing ukraine and trying to destroy all the energy facilities. So a lot of ukraine spent a lot of time without power. And one of the artists who joined from kyiv area in ukraine, she actually had her power disconnected during the call and she just did not come back. But mykhailo, like many, many people in ukraine, already had a generator so he could continue it on the call. So some of the volunteer activities we've actually been doing is providing generators during the winter and donating food generators to the winter. So we were happy that we could continue this conversation between Portlanders and

artists in Ukraine, even during war time. So next slide, please. So another part of the art festival was the interpretations by Portland artists of the war poems of the Lviv poet Alena Kruk. So Helena Kruk is a famous poet in Ukraine. She is a professor of medieval literature at Lviv State University and that university is only second oldest in Ukraine. It dates back to 1661, but she is also a famous poet. She writes books for children and young adults, and some of her poetry is translated into English. So she supports artists, took her poetry and interpreted it through small plays, short plays, and also through dance. The pictures you see are actually the dancer, the dancer and choreographer who lives here in Portland. She is Indian American Wiccan, and she interprets COVID, one of the poems called My Love Language Couch through her traditional Indian dance and it was such a great combination of Ukrainian poetry in English in Portland by an Indian dancer. So just spoke to how international our city is and how many links it already has. Um so that was a time also when we presented to American audience information about our new friendship city, and actually tested a new logo that we're working on. It was really interesting to see how people responded to different logo ideas, but we're not ready to show it yet. But there will be a line on it, I can promise you that. So next slide, please. So what is coming up this year is because of the war, we cannot have an official delegation going to Lviv. So for now, we will continue with virtual activities. So we want to do a book club, but it will be focused on Lviv authors and also books about Lviv. I am a fan of science fiction, so I want to start with Stanislaw Lem, who is a famous Polish science fiction author. He is famous in America, mostly for Solaris. His book Solaris, but he was born and lived in Lviv and his Highcastle book is talking about his childhood in Lviv. Of course, Helena Kruk I already mentioned, and her war poems that translated into English and Oksana Zabuzhko is a famous Ukrainian author who collection of stories you add can go here. It's translated in English. We also will be

continuing to educate our community about the new friendship city, and we'll be present at the events that are coming up in Portland. The world of ukraine, the world is with ukraine. Concert will be on June 18th here at the alberta rose theater. And then we'll have ukrainian day festival on August 26th and lviv, friendship city association will be part of the festival. So I want to thank you again for starting this relationship and declaring it official relationship last year, and I look forward to presenting again next year. Thank you. Thank you. And with that, that concludes our report.

Speaker: Thank you. Thanks, everybody.

Speaker: Excellent presentations. Excellent reports. We greatly appreciate it. I'll open it up to my colleagues for any questions or thoughts they may have at this particular juncture. I i commissioner Gonzalez I can do in our closing.

Speaker: Good afternoon.

Speaker: The report we're going to accept the report. Let me just make a comment first. I feel all a mixture of optimism and a pinch of regret. The optimism I feel is that the sister city associations here in the city of Portland have continued to be very active during very trying times for our city. And obviously without the ability to travel during covid, that threw down some substantial obstacles to the cultural, the educational and the economic exchanges that we got used to. And I'm starting to see those opportunities as reemerge. And I know this council looks forward to finding ways that we can continue to support our sister city associations. That's the optimism now that we're gret. I'm thinking back on when the last time was I actually traveled to one of our sister cities and I'm embarrassed to say it was nearly five years ago and the reason it was i'll explain why shortly after taking office, the theme of my mayor loyalty has been crisis after crisis after crisis after crisis, an unprecedented number of simultaneous worst case scenario crises. And it just

never seemed right. The right time for me to hop on an airplane and go somewhere else. When there were such pressing issues at home and some of you will remember that I did travel to sapporo and I enjoyed that thoroughly. And I had the opportunity to go to suzhou as well. And I took a degree of criticism for that. I don't need to go back through the interplay, but the crises for the city of Portland did not start in 2020. They actually started somewhat at back. And frankly, a few short weeks after my taking office, we had an unprecedented series of cold events. And then shortly thereafter, we had a very tragic situation. Take place on one of our max trains. And it did not seem like the right time to travel. And I foolishly believed, well, there is always the opportunity to do it next year. Well of course, then we entered into the world of covid and there's been very little travel up to that point. So I just want cheeto to recommit to the effort to see and visit our counterparts in our sister cities. I was very encouraged by the interactions that I had in the opportunity to see firsthand what our sister cities are doing and how we're collaborating and the partnerships that we have. And this would be a good time for all of us to think about how to thoughtfully reengage, engage with our sister cities. It is an automatic partnership that we already have invested in. And as we think about rebuilding and restoring and recovering our own city, there are actually populations that share affinities with us who are ready to reengage with us and come and support and see the great things that we're doing here and share, share ideas and even engage in tourism again to come back and see Portland and see where we are and how things have progressed. And so that's sort of my commitment to all of you. I'd like to reengage on that front. I'm really appreciative of what's happening here. Cheeto, I did have one question and I know I asked this when last year we elevated lviv to friendship city. What what is this? What is the process by which it becomes a sister city? Yeah no, mayor, that's a great question.

Speaker: I'm glad you asked. And so we established a friendship city relationship with Lviv on September 28th. We do go through a one year trial process whereby after that one year we revisit it and determine whether it makes sense to move forward and formalize that relationship up to sister city relationship. And then we take that request and come back to our council to formalize that process. At times it can take a little bit longer, but at the minimum it takes a year and we are coming up to that one year. So I look forward to reaching out to your offices to have that discussion.

Speaker: Good.

Speaker: I more than look forward to that. That'll be terrific. And I want to thank you for your leadership, leadership, cheeto. And I want to thank everybody who's been so supportive. And by the way, it hasn't just been the good folks from our local ukrainian community and our local russian community. By the way, the divisions are not substantial here in Portland, and that's something I think we need to keep in mind. But it's come from the other sister city association who have really welcomed and encouraged this relationship. And that's that's something as Portlanders, I think we should all feel really proud about. So thank you for that as well. Thank you, commissioner Ryan, it's good to see you.

Speaker: Question is the new Portlanders committee. Is there intersection between people who have moved to Portland and the sister city network? So new arrivals, new immigrants to our country that are from these countries? What's that relationship like? Right

Speaker: Right. There isn't one that I keep certainly track of, but I think indirectly it certainly exists. Because keep in mind, our associations are community led with folks who are have deep roots within the community. So i, I have no doubt that there is certainly some connection to new Portlanders and the resources that they

provide, and I could double check and follow up to see if let's follow up with my office. Yeah, okay. Yeah. No, that's, that's a great I feel like there's a natural affinity there that could go deeper.

Speaker: Yeah. Thanks all right. Thank you.

Speaker: I'll entertain a motion to accept the report.

Speaker: So moved. Commissioner Gonzalez moves the acceptance of the second commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Seconds. Any further discussion? Seeing none. Keelan please call the roll.
Ryan

Speaker: Oh, very easy to accept this report. Thank you, cheetah. That was wonderful. It is so much better to do this in person in my first two and a half years have been on zoom with all of you and you know, I remember enjoying it. But it's entirely different when we had the ceremony earlier and now all of you are in here. Growing up in Portland, I think sapporo was the one that I always thought about the most because it was it's been around a while and I always would wonder, what are these really do? What do they mean? And then, mayor, to your point, you know, the optics sometimes seem like, oh, this is soft and it's not necessary. And I can't think of a time where it's more important to lean into such relationships if we're so polarized on so many topics that most people don't really obsess over. But the social media and certain fact factions do. But the fact is, most people want to connect with one another, whether it's and it's always seems to be food and music. And isn't that a great place to start out. And so anyway, I just want to say it's very joyful to sit through this presentation today. I had formal remarks and I forgot to look at them. Sorry about that staff. I also want to call out my dear friend maria cosmatos. I was grateful that you brought that up. I actually texted her and she's feeling really good about this. So we I'm very close friends with her and so when

that was getting started, the hiv center in zimbabwe, I went to a few fundraisers for that. And that was the first time I really saw the action that could take place from a sister city relationship. So in the spirit of knowing that, we'll continue to look for those that will also maybe knit together some deeper relationships with the new Portlanders committee and i'll look into that. I'm really excited to be here, to be present with all of you today and to accept this report. Thanks mayor.

Speaker: I apologize. We actually had one person sign up for testimony for this report. Why don't we go ahead and take that testimony? I'm not sure that they're here. They were going to join us virtually. They're not here. But let me just see if alan kessler is here. Alan kessler. Okay. I think we're okay to continue with the vote. Good. Continue. Please the role gonzales was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our nine sister cities and soon to be live.

Speaker: And they're crucial work for our community. I also wanted to thank prior city leaders for establishing these important relationships. Each sister city brings us unique perspectives on culture, art and wonderful food sharing. These is just one part of what it means to have relations with sister cities. Modern technologies allows us to connect with anyone, anywhere there at any time in the world. And often superficially, though. And while an amazing option, it does not beat connecting in person, breaking bread, laughing together, singing together. So as our city reemerges from the pandemic, reestablishing old connections, reconnecting with old friends is crucial. The exchange of culture connection with trade are essential for a piece on our planet. Our essential for a thriving world. You know, as I reflect on Portland, it's sometimes in its history has been inward facing. It is Seattle is often looking out to the east and at times the city of Portland is felt internally facing. And your work helps us open to the world and even we can google stuff, but the reports you bring, the culture you bring into the council is real. It's

tangible. So thank you for your work and thank you for your commitment to international sisterhood and transnational brotherhood. You enrich the city of Portland with your work. I vote I cbo.

Speaker: I want to thank cheeto first for all your tremendous and wonderful work with the office of government relations and also all the work for today and also all the sister city and friendship city representatives that are here today. As my colleague said, it makes such a big difference to be here in person with you because we feel your energy and excitement and it makes us very, in turn excited for these relationships that we have. But also, I just want to thank you for your leadership and your roles in continuing to build, as you know, as leadership changes on the city side, what has remained steadfast and consistent is the deep relationship with these sister cities and that actually has is a strength and a tremendous asset to Portland. So I want to thank you for investing your time to make sure on behalf of our city that we have those strong relationships with others. As the commissioner overseeing the economic development agency, it's personally important to me that we're a city that values intercultural exchange, and that's very important. And each of the work you're doing really deepens that. And also for our global understanding of what's happening in other places and which in turn helps us understand ourselves better and our role as well in the world. And since my early days at the city, long, long before my role up here, where I was able I was lucky enough to witness that firsthand and see the joy in learning and cultural exchange between communities. When I was able to be part of the delegation for to guadalajara with the robertson's so many years ago, but that that I can't tell you that that was so formative to me and my experience there. And how I understood and differently how important it is. And and how these learnings really deepen our connection to each other and just opens up tremendous opportunities, some of

which we've learned about today. So I'm excited to strengthen the bonds and really look forward to the work ahead. And thank you so much again for your leadership and your love for our city and for other cities. I vote i. Wheeler well, I want to tell a little story first.

Speaker: Just because it's fun and entertaining and I don't know who else I'd tell it to. I have no friends left, so you're a captive audience. So some number of years ago when I was state treasurer, governor for kulongoski was going to lead a economic delegation mission to china to a number of cities and he asked if I would fill in and lead that delegation. And it was very last minute orders of his doctor. He wasn't to travel. So I certainly agreed to do it. And chip terhune, who many of you know was responsible as his chief of staff at the time, to organize everything. And chip did a great job of throwing me into the mix with with one minor exception, they got me a one entry visa. And so when we got into I believe we were in hong kong traveling into an economic sector to visit, I believe it was nike. I don't remember exactly who it was because I never actually made it. I was stopped at the border and I had to get out and wait at this very small rural border crossing while the delegation went and visited this factory inside this other area and came out because otherwise I would that would be my one entry in exit and we didn't want that to happen. So what's the point of this story? The point of this story was I spent about 3 or 4 hours at this little outpost with 5 or 6 very young guys in the military whose job it was to manage this sort of tedious outpost in the middle of nowhere, trying to between these borders of the economic zones and they were so happy to have me there. I felt like it was one of the warmest welcomes I'd ever received anywhere I've ever been. And they were plying me with all kinds of questions and thoughts about the why was I here? And I said, well, we're here to build our economic relationships and our cultural and educational ties with our friends here

at and that was so meaningful to them that we had made this trip. There like it's so far and you've come so far and the road is long and it's hot out and I want to pair that story with a fact. The fact is that our sister cities take these relationships very, very seriously. And dan said something that sort of got my juices flowing. There's sort of a cultural in ambition. We have as as American elected officials to be perceived as doing what is called a boondoggle while traveling somewhere on the public dime. And it's almost uniformly viewed with skepticism as, are you really doing anything important or are you simply taking a vacation on the public's dime? And the flip culture is from our sister cities who send very large delegations to the city of Portland. And I meet with them all the time and they'll bring multiple elected officials, they'll bring their corporate leaders, they will bring their educational leaders. They will bring people who work with student associations and others who exchange culture ties and we should reciprocate these are sister cities and like any kind of a relationship, it cannot be one sided. It has to be a both sides are in agreement. So I just say this by way of I appreciate how directly and overtly you have kept up our side of the bargain from the community level. And I think it is on us as elected officials is to continue to build the support with cheetos. Great leadership ship to make sure that we continue to move these sister city relationships forward. And I think when the public here in Portland sees that we take these relationships seriously more people will be interested in joining and volunteering your organizations. So i'll skip the rest of my notes except to say, thanks, cheeto. Dowell thank you so much for your continued leadership. Thank you to all of our community volunteers for great presentations, great reports. Yes, I join my colleagues in voting I and accepting your report. Thank you. And we're adjourned.