



January 11, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

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

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

Council recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

Council adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Communications

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[Request of Nick Christensen to address Council regarding the deficit in public services provided to residents of Portland](#) (Communication)

Document number: 20-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Chris Reid to address Council regarding update on SW Capitol Highway Rose Lane Project](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 21-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Fatima Magomadova to address Council regarding SE Division Street safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 22-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Robert Butler to address Council regarding SE Division Street safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 23-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Amber Barnes to address Council regarding nuisance property in Kenton neighborhood](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 24-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

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[Proclaim the second week of January 2023 to be Slavic and Eastern European Heritage Week](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 25-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

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[2022 Steve Lowenstein Trust Award](#) (Presentation)

Document number: 26-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Time certain: 10:00 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

Consent Agenda

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[*Accept grant for \\$312,277 from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Emergency Management Performance Grant Program to administer an integrated all-hazard emergency management program](#)
(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191128

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Emergency Management

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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[Reappoint Kevin Rogers to the Community Budget Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2023](#)
(Report)

Document number: 28-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea
Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea
Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea
Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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[Update salary grade for Information Systems Manager II, Information Systems Manager III, and Information Security Manager classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading January 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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[Amend Secondhand Dealers Code related to housekeeping changes \(amend Code Sections 14B.90.020, 14B.90.090 and 14B.90.100\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading January 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Port of Portland for reimbursement of costs incurred for design and replacement of the Alderwood Pump Station and Force Main Project](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191129

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 12.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

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[Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lake Oswego to purchase property for replacement or expansion of the Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191130

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 6.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

[Amend contract with JCI Jones Chemical to increase amount for bulk supply of sodium hypochlorite \(amend Contract 31000640\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191131

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 16.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
January 11, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

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Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

January 11, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome, this is the January 11, 2003 move for passage. 2023 session of the Portland City Council. Please call roll.

Speaker: [roll call]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: now we will hear about the legal rules of decorum. If you wish to testify you may sign up in advance by signing up on the council clerk's web page www.Portland.gov/council/agenda. [reading] your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist and if you are representing an organization, please identify it. For those joining virtually, please unmute yourself once the clerk calls your name. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes unless otherwise stated. Disrupted conduct such as shouting, or refusing, if there are disruptions a warning will be given that further disruption a person will be ejected. If failing to leave may be arrested fortress pass, the council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: item 20.

Speaker: Question of nick christensen to address council for deficit of public services provided to the residents of the city of Portland.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Question if I can make technology work.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: one of my questions too. We won't start it until you get it all. Just let us know when you are ready.

Speaker: Thank you for letting me join the zoom meeting simultaneously, the idea of powerpoint on zoom while talking is both genius and daunting. Zoom is at, it's a length that is unique to me. All right, we will make this work. I really do apologize for that.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: can you forward the presentation maybe to you?

Speaker: I got it.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: okay, good, you are a genius.

Speaker: I got it. Maybe not. Safari won't open the page. I will talk and then I will send the powerpoint with the beautiful pictures of our beautiful city to you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you.

Speaker: Hi, commissioners, thank you for being here and listening today. I'm here to offer a view, as a 14 year resident once. As a parent and someone who moved to Portland because it was a city of opportunity and a city of yes we can. The storied city that works. I'm here in hopes that you in your final years of city bureau directors can guide your staff to break through the barriers they have developed to get Portland working again and create a machine that the new bureau system can hit the ground running. I get there are moving parts in any machine as difficult as Portland government. I'm here to ask for improvement. The first is registration for Portland parks and recreation activities. As many of you know parks activities now offer priority registration to certain community groups in an effort to advance

equity. The down side is almost all activities are full by the time registration for the public at large begins. In 2019, my daughter who is 7, started and was four at the time, five, I don't know. She started the penguin level of swim lessons in Portland parks and recreation. She did not advance through to the next level. Since then we have managed to get her in another round of penguin lessons. She didn't advance but round after round trying to get through the swim lessons we are paying through the levy and they are already full before registration begins. She is currently #27 on the wait list for the lessons that start next week. And of course, it's not just swim lessons. Sports camps, cooking classes, you name it, your hope as a parent is to get your kids on a wait list. They fill up before registration begins. A reasonable city, a city that works might set aside half the slots for the general public to go after as soon as registration opens up so we have a decent chance of using the programs the levy pays for. Almost all the activities are instead full. My second and third asks are for the transportation bureau. I walk my kid to school most mornings. 6:00 walk to Lindt elementary and treacherous crosswalk. Drivers still blaze through at 30 miles an hour across the crosswalk and generally act like idiots. A driver passed me on the right in the school zone going 50 miles an hour. After we passed I sped up to see, going 40. He was definitely doing 50. I know in Portland we don't like to think about enforcement as a solution, we like to think about engineering as a solution. P-bot said there's nothing more we can do. It's as safe as we can make it. What is left? Is there an enforcement option. The city continues to shy its way away from using enforcement as a tool, the result is more traffic, congestion and more people driving recklessly and tragically to more deaths since 1948. Parks and recreation is not the only perpetual, it's been 11 months since the street sweepers came through my neighborhood. I'm a little obsessive, I just want the pine needles swept out of the curb cuts and drains so I looked to see when we

were due. We were set in October but the leaf schedule was set. We waited. Our system here is comically inefficient. There's no notice to neighbors sweeping is about to happen, no towing of abandoned cars, no signs on the sidewalks. If a bunch of cars parked on the street two years of grind can buildup. The gutter before cleaning, who knows maybe the car will still be there. Cities like los angeles and las vegas have regular biweekly sweeping. It looks like a cross of rain forest hall of mosses and the salt flats at death valley because it's so cracked. Or you know --

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm sorry, I have let you go pretty far. It's good testimony and I wanted to hear and ask a question so you can state the rest.

Speaker: This is a generational opportunity. You want to leave whatever is next, you want to leave your city manager with a well-oiled machine. You want to leave them with something great, something to build on. It's on you as bureau directors in the next two years to make fine tune improvements and systemic improvements so we can have a mantra that will last a generation again. And ensure once again we are a city that works.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good, thank you. And colleagues, thank you for your forbearance. I let you go longer because you were giving specific recommendations and suggestions. It behooves us all to hear them. Thank you for being here. Next individual, item 21.

Speaker: Request of chris reid to address council on roadway capital project.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioner, welcome.

Speaker: My name is chris reid, I manage properties. I come to give you an update on the capital highway rose lane project. When it was to begin, several pieces were missing and p-bot's assessment. They didn't research the impact. They misapplied a report by two professors showing no greenhouse effect. Hillsdale is not flat. It has

upgrade with stop and go traffic at peak hours. It was based on pre-covid traffic counts, that currently do not exist because of covid. When and if that will happen, no one knows. P-bot predicted no benefit from the project, yet the \$200,000 roseline was installed. They predicted traffic diverting, which means loss of potential sales which has happened. The roseline project may work in some grid pattern areas in Portland but in hillsdale with no grid, approximately 850 feet of land locked parking the design doesn't work. Clothing boutique reports 11% decline in sales and less foot traffic in the fourth quarter of 2022. Not even a 47-year-old business could withstand the impact. Camera service report sales are down 18% from this time last year. A mexican restaurant shares frustrated late drivers are using red lanes as their personal speed zones. They risk getting hit by a driver speeding through. It's difficult to get customers in the store and keep them returning but it doesn't take much to lose them. The rose lane is causing businesses to lose business and revenue. One business commented there's been an immeasurable amount of damage to our customer base. They can't make it solely on the strong community hillsdale is fortunate to have. If the rose lane is not removed it will be left with a bad reputation causing people to stop coming from different areas of Portland. How much loss of business is needed for p-bot -- how much loss to business, do businesses need to experience before p-dot will step in and address the situation. Please stop the negative impact on hillsdale business and neighborhoods and remove the capital highway program.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Appreciate you being here today. We heard similar testimony I think last week, was it from dawn.

Speaker: You guys got my packet?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yes.

Speaker: There's a picture of the eastbound capital highway which shows with that red tag and shows the line that's causing people not to want to go to the south side where this business loss is occurring.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: great, thank you. Appreciate you being here today. Thank you. Next individual please, item 22.

Speaker: Request of fatima magomadova to address council for division street safety.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: welcome, fatima.

Speaker: Good morning, fatima magomadova owner of -- foot store.

Congratulations to newly elected commissioner Gonzalez. It is time for us to have reality that the engineering on division street is flawed. And now I want to show you a video what happens when you put form before function. I want to see if everyone can see what I have here?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: yeah, we see it.

Speaker: So driver got confused was driving thinking it was a traffic lane and this car flipped over the concrete barrier. Right here we have concrete right here. The car went all over that concrete barrier, flipped over and landed 40 feet upside down in front of my store. My employee was outside and he watched the car, at least two people trapped inside. Now look at the emergency vehicles. They have to go in the wrong direction to access the accident scene. Emergency vehicles cannot easily and safely get access. Do you see? At this time we put function over form and remove median in front of our store. Replacing it with the left turn that p-bot said is doable. But was rejected because it does not meet their project goals. Videos that you just saw is a short list of problems that just in the front of my store. And we have them all over division street. Emergency vehicles obstructed, drivers confused, cars flipping over. Going forward let's put function over form. Such as putting function

over aesthetics. We, the business owners deserve repairs to me made to unsafe conditions created by p-bot. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, fatima. It's good seeing you. Happy new year to you.

Speaker: Happy new year.

Speaker: Could I just ask?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: fatima, hang on.

Speaker: Did you mention is the driver okay?

Speaker: Yes, the driver and passenger is okay. We got to them in time. My employee ran to the car, he got both out, he could not speak english. He was asking are you okay, when everyone else were calling 911.

Speaker: Thank you, I just wanted to know.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Gonzalez?

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez: thank you for testifying today. We heard deep concerns about transportation policy, unintended consequences on neighborhoods and business communities. Learning more about the hillsdale project. I hope as we go forward we take into account the real concerns in our neighborhoods in the city of Portland on these complex transportation policy trade-offs.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: why don't we hear from robert and then I will chime in.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: I'm sorry, from who?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: the next testimony.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: on the same subject.

Speaker: Address of Robert Butler to speak in front of council on Division Street safety.

Speaker: Welcome, commissioners and mayor for a new year. You can guess I will talk about safety. I will talk about the Division Street project. And kind of to begin with, an insane amount of money was spent on Division, \$185 million dollars. And P-bot and Trimed are both responsible for what's ended up as a disaster. The public transportation commission, you know the volunteers in Salem, they gave P-bot \$80 million dollars to redo Division. 82nd Avenue Street. God help us. This \$80 million works out to \$2,000 per lineal foot. You can practically build light rail for that. Honorable mayor, you know I respect you anyway. You should reorganize the commission, councilors' jobs such that either you divide this P-bot debacle organization in half or in some way, but you got to lighten the load from this hole that we have seen dug by P-bot. Either divide the CRT and a lot of other stuff and solve so a new commissioner can focus on that. If you don't do that, at least lighten his load otherwise because you have given him mission impossible. Let me give you an example of mission example. Starting October, the first City Council meeting after 3:00, I told the City Council, we are responsible for possible death to drivers if you don't put up a no-left turn sign where you put up a median. And if you turn left on 109th you are going up Division in the wrong direction. It took probably six weeks before the city put up a sign. That's inexcusable safety. I kid you not. Well, let's just say P-bot had another serious -- [bell] the design of their safety projects were to ignore the problems created by trucking. I'm telling you, that's unacceptable for a transportation commission. What we need to do is fix the mistakes we made and make the organizational changes with people that are competent and we no longer have the incompetent people. I hope we can all work together enthusiastically and make progress and good luck. Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. And robert, just so you are aware, under the city charter I'm able to assign bureaus but I can't split the bureaus. That would have to be done by an ordinance of the council. That would have to be done at the recommendation of the commissioner in charge. I'm always open to my colleagues' thoughts how we can better manage the overall enterprise. I appreciate your testimony as always.

Speaker: I'm very much aware of that, let's do it.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for your testimony. Commissioner Mapps?

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: I just wanted to weigh in here and recognize the testimony we have heard today, especially around issues concerning p-bot. As many people know, I inherited the p-bot portfolio 11 days ago. I'm honored and excited about the opportunities that are presented here. Many of the issue that's have been raised today have been floating around for a while. I pledge to you I will engage with them and with you around these issues. It will take a little bit of time though, I think I'm a week and a half into this game. There are lots of moving pieces here but I'm deeply committed to building infrastructure which is robust and equitable. I invite you to reach out directly to my office if you have specific concerns moving forward. You should expect announcements from my office in the coming weeks and days.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Mapps. Number 24 please.

Speaker: Request of amber barnes to address council regarding nuisance property in kenton neighborhood.

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

Speaker: I'm a resident of kenton neighborhood in Portland. I'm here with several neighbors to help us restore peace and safety in our neighborhood and the kenton community garden. P.p.d.'s north precinct will be submitting a nuisance property

to the city attorney's office this month. We implore you to work swiftly to authorize the city attorney to begin legal proceedings to abate this to the full extent of the law. They have no concern for their neighbors or safety of our community. For years, the residents near our block have been unable to live with any sense of safety or security, due to the actions of the residents of this property and the people they allow to visit and live on and around the house. The owner of this house died in 2020. Relatives have yet to initiate the probate process and instead using it as a hub for a myriad of criminal and nuisance activities. Since we moved in a year and a half ago, we have made calls, been awoken in the night to explosions, screaming, yelling, most alarming gunshots. And finding criminals hiding at this property. Neighbors found a firearm discarded by a resident in their bushes and another resident hiding from the police in a neighbor's garage. Recent media reports show since 2018, over 300 911 calls have been made because of this property. Gardeners caring for their plots have been harassed and have had vehicles stolen. It's traumatizing and a drain on our neighborhood and city resources. It took several months of all of us making regular phone calls for p-bot with a required ppd escort. Constituted growing issue that included the dumping of raw sewage into our street on multiple occasions. All of this has reached a dangerous tipping point. One we fear will continue to escalate and result in people being severely injured or even killed. Since the cars and trailers were tagged and towed, they have shot out windows of cars while children were asleep in the home. This more than meets the requirement for a public nuisance. I know you streamline safety and livability. We have done all we can as a neighborhood and responsible community members. We worked with associations, bureaus and first responders for years and now it's time for the city to act. There's so much more that will not fit

into this three minute and we would appreciate a follow-up from the mayor's officer, commissioner Ryan and anyone else willing to help us.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you for being here and I look forward to help you. I also want to thank you for documenting this through the 3-1-1 system. There are constitutional thresholds the city has to make as a public agency with regard to private property and taking and all of that. That was, I'm sure a pain from your perspective, but it was critically important to be able to do that. We will look forward to following up with you on the next steps.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: is bobby here? He just walked out.

Speaker: My contact information is on the packet.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: cool, we got it. Thanks all of you for being here today. Appreciate it. That completes our communications. Have any items be pulled off the consent agenda?

Speaker: We have received no request.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: please call the roll.

Speaker: Rubio?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Gonzalo cuervo? Gonzalez?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mapps?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. Read the next?

Speaker: Proclaim the second week of January to be slavic and eastern european heritage week.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is the sixth annual in the city of Portland. This year the proclamation will be read in both english and russian. The city is proud of its relationships with the local slavic and eastern european communities. It's a goal to build a diverse and inclusive workforce and I'm very proud to co-sponsor this proclamation. I would also like to invite my co-sponsor, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: colleagues it's an honor joining you to proclaim the second week of January to be slavic and eastern european heritage week. Before we turn to today's presentation, I would like to take a moment to share some thoughts on why slavic and eastern european heritage week is important to the city of Portland. Now there are many reasons to celebrate the contributions slavic and eastern european communities have made to our city. We could talk about the contributions, our slavic and eastern european neighbors have made to Portland's culture or we could celebrate the contributions Portland slavic and eastern european communities have made to our city's economy. And also honor the contributions Portland slavic and eastern european communities have made to our cultural life. But this year and today, when I reflect upon the moral meaning of slavic and eastern european heritage week, I return to a different theme. This year, slavic and eastern european heritage week resonates with me because this moment reminds all of us, just as the united states is a nation of immigrants, Portland is also a city of immigrants. Today around 50,000 live in the city of Portland. The first wave arrived in the 1960's and settled around woodburn Oregon where they tended to take up farming. A second wave of slavic immigrants arrived in Oregon in the 1980's. These folks came to Portland seeking religious freedom. And they tended to settle in east Portland, especially around the foster powell and

gig way neighborhoods. Slavic and eastern european neighbors have been a driving force behind east Portland's resiliency and renaissance. Our city needs their partnership more than ever. We are taking a moment to remember and recognize the contributions our slavic and eastern european neighbors have made to the city of Portland. Here today to tell us more about slavic and eastern european heritage week is -- welcome.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: good morning.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Happy new year. Welcome, commissioner Gonzalez. My name is svetlana hadine. I'm here as a member of the slavic empowerment team and co-chair of the slavic advisory council. The empowerment team is part of the diverse empowered employees of Portland. This is our sixth annual proclamation, just like mayor ted Wheeler said. We are proud to take a moment to honor and up lift members of the slavic and eastern european community living in the greater Portland area. We are here to give a voice and recognition to this unique and beautiful culture that makes our city more diverse and empowered. I would like to recognize irene who used to work for the city who was the inspiration and instrumental leader to identify there was no proclamation for our slavic community. She gathered our community to walk us through the formation of this proclamation back in 2017. Today we have two speakers that will share their stories. First one is aggie, currently is a m.a. Student in e.s.u., originally from hungary, she has studied hungary and russia in school when it was a required subject. She has come back to learning russian. Aggie, are you with us?

Speaker: Yes, I am. Good morning, can you hear me?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: loud and clearly.

Speaker: Thank you for having me. My name is Aggie, I've been living in Portland 15 years. I'm originally from highgrade (sp?), it was the era of socialism but I like to refer to it as soft communism. I first came to the United States as an au pair after the iron curtain fell. Hungarians including my family could only leave the country once every three years using our heavily monitored passports. I embarked on my journey and arrived in California, I stayed for one year and honed my language skills. I returned to Hungary, never thinking I would come back. I did return and soon after that I met my husband. In a nutshell we lived in the Bay Area for 17 years before moving to Oregon where we raised our three children in a bilingual household. I'm proud to say I have never spoken an English word to my children and as of today they all read and speak, my husband, not so much. My life revolves around family, travel and literature. I work as a transliterator, and it's become my passion over the past five years. I spent most of my day weaving words together to make it possible for an English speaking audience to read Hungarian books. If you would like recommendations reach out to me. When I was a child I also had to learn Russian, because Hungary was under Russian occupation until the fall of the iron curtain. Fast forward 30 years and my language has deteriorated. Three years ago I began taking classes and I am currently enrolled in my third year of Russian classes at P.S.U. I enjoy both cultures from a native's point of view. I love going to theatrical performances. I enjoy meeting people from all over the world and that's why I'm honored you all listened to my personal story. Thank you for having me today.

Speaker: Thank you, Aggie. We have the second speaker who is here with us today. Her name is Elena Bilik, originally from Ukraine and is an activity coordinator at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization.

Speaker: Hello. I am very honored to be here and speak to you. Let me introduce myself. My name is elena birk and refugee from ukraine, I came from my country five years ago when the war broke out in eastern ukraine. In ukraine I have two higher education degrees. The first one I'm a medical doctor. I have 17 years working as an oncologist. My second degree is in psychology. As psychologist I work as director of the charitable foundation for orphaned children and internal refugee families in eastern ukraine. I loved my jobs and I was a successful professional woman. When I came here to the u.s.a. In 2013, I faced all the difficulties that refugees face. In a new country. I am a single mom. And I have to provide for my two sons and elderly mother. I work several jobs and went to college to improve my english. Life was very challenging but I managed to overcome all the challenges. I got help -- due to the support I got in this country and using my education and experience from ukraine, I start working at -- right now the situation in ukraine is hard because of all the war and many people have to leave their homes and the country. They came to this country to find safe refuge.

Speaker: That's okay, take your time.

Speaker: Sorry.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: it's okay. Take your time.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: All of them need as much support as they can get. I have a great opportunity to support refugees, to adopt to live life in the u.s.a. Many people we help them to get the start for a safe life here. Therefore, I'm grateful to you for supporting refugees and immigrants in Portland. And for supporting my community. I would like to emphasize that it would be impossible without your support. Working together we can stop the war, establish peace and overcome the

devastation it brought to many people. Let's work for peace. Thank you for your time and attention. Sorry.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: absolutely. Thank you. [applause] well thank you. Elena, thank you for your heart felt comments. It brings it home for all of us. We appreciate you being here. And thank you, aggie and svetlana. We appreciate it. It's now my honor to read the proclamation. But before I do that, I want to ask any of my colleagues if they have in comments prior to my reading? Commissioner Ryan?

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: thanks. I just want to acknowledge your leadership, first of all.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: I want to say your name right.

Speaker: Svetlana.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan: yeah, you are quite a force here in the city. That's a positive statement. It's my third one and you always bring a really compelling stories. And I have all these comments but what's more important is to listen to the stories. And your story, each story is unique. But there's so many immigrants I have met in my life that come here with so many skillsets and credentials and then the survival you have gone through raising your children and taking care of your mom and the three jobs and how you are showing up to serve today, to be there for those you are helping with adoptions. So I will always remember your testimony today. It just brings who am I in Portland Oregon to really understand what's going on in ukraine but I can do my best to listen to people on the front lines who are really doing something. I appreciate you being here today. And to the student who spoke. The masters student. I say my own personal experience with that, I was in a relationship for 11 years with a russian scholar. We used to go to parties states made when it was all crumbling in the late 80's in brighton beach new york city. I

was always so welcome but I was the person that didn't speak russian. But everyone was so warm. There was vodka everywhere and all sorts of food and everyone was so friendly. And I had no idea what anyone was saying, which was kind of comforting but they were also welcoming and kind. And I saw the resilience and excitement they were in our country. And like new immigrants those are the micro economies that have made our country successful. That creativity, resilience and grit that immigrants bring, new arrivals bring to our country. That's why we have always been the strongest democracy in the world. If we don't continue to always embrace that spirit and include it we have nothing. That's our real strength. So thank you for being a backbone of that strength not only for this community but others to listen to.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Rubio?

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio: thank you, mayor. I want to echo the appreciation from my colleagues here. Thank you so much, svetlana for your leadership and elena for your story and aggie as well. Very, very compelling. These proclamations just happen once a year. But it really reminds us, like we can't forget. We can't forget all the other days of the year these things are happening in real-time. These communities are contributing every day. Your communities are contributing so much to Portland, civically, culturally, economically. It's because of these contributions, it makes who Portland is becoming and we are becoming better for it. It's also important because it reminds us about the reality and the heartbreak and challenges and devastations that families are still experiencing because of the war. And we can't forget that. We need to remember that every day as well. So I'm honored that you are sharing your stories and because of your courage, as a daughter and granddaughter of mexican immigrants I also see and recognize the

resiliency and pride in your culture. And the leadership in your culture and community. So I just want to say thank you for that.

Speaker: Thank.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you, commissioner Rubio. All right, very good. I will read it in english and svetlana you will read it in russian for us. Whereas slavic and eastern european Americans are one of America's largest immigrant communities with over 150,000 people in Portland area. Where they can trace ancestry to 15 countries of former soviet union. Unique languages dialects, cultures and histories. Where as the city of Portland has many slavic and eastern european employees and team that helps develop a more inclusive workforce. Sharing culture, language and art with city employees through celebrations, displays, performances and whereas the slavic empowerment team collaborates with many diverse organizations in the greater Portland area. Whereas the city of Portland strongly aligns with international concerns as to hostilities, loss of life and suffering in regions such as eastern europe and countries like ukraine. Whereas Portland is a welcoming, inclusive and sanctuary city that celebrates its growing diversity. And whereas the city of Portland is proud of its relationships with all members of the slavic and eastern european community and will continue supporting their professional and economic advancement. Now therefore i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, hereby proclaim the second week of January 2023 to be slavic and eastern european heritage week in the city of Portland and encourage all to celebrate this week. Thank you. Svetlana?

Speaker: Thank you. [reading proclamation in russian]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: thank you. Thank you, all of you. Appreciate this so much, thank you. Next up we have item 26.

Speaker: 2022 steve lowenstein trust award.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: thank you. Colleagues this year I have the honor of presenting the 2022 steve lowenstein trust award. He served as mike lindbergh's chief of staff. In 1990 steve was stricken with cancer and died at the age of 52.

While we still mourn steve's death, we also still celebrate his life. Lowenstein was a gifted public servant and a champion of social justice. Stephen do endowed this in his will. It should be given annually to "that person that demonstrated the greatest contribution to assisting the poor and under privileged in the city of Portland, Oregon". Every year this award is presented at a meeting of the Portland City Council. Today we are gathered for the 31st presentation of the lowenstein award. This year's award winner is eric knotts. [applause] a basketball star who has spent his life mentoring youth. Here we have some members of the board of trustees from the lowenstein trust, including michelle harper and joe hintsberg and adrian livingston. Welcome to our distinguished panel. Thank you for being here today.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor and commissioners, I'm going to take a minute to talk about steve lowenstein, because I don't think any of you knew him personally. He was an amazing person and had an amazing career for someone who died at age 52. Could you do the first slide, please? He worked in the earliest days of the peace corps and ethiopia and chile. He wrote definitive definition of jews in Oregon. And for the last six years of his life he was mike lindberg's chief of staff. He was trusted in city hall as a straight shooter, consensus builder and passionate advocate for social justice. All these years after his death, steve's influence is still felt. My guess is that every one of you has people in key leadership positions in your bureaus who consider steve to be a mentor and a role model. When steve died, he endowed a trust fund "that person who demonstrated the greatest contribution to assisting the poor and under privileged in the city of Portland". Could you put the next slide

up, please. This year we are presenting the Steve Lowenstein award for the 31st time. Could we see that slide? Second slide? There we go. Everyone of these awards has been done in Portland City Council chambers. Eric joins a distinguished group of local heroes, many of them unsung. It's been an honor and privilege to give them a bit of recognition they deserve. You will certainly recognize some of these names but you might not have when they received the award. Selecting the honoree is the most humbling and rewarding thing I do all year along with my fellow trustees I would like to mention them. Here today are Adrienne Livingston, Art Alexander, Jamar Fulsome, Margie Harris and Michelle Harper called in sick this morning and missing this presentation for the first time out of all of these 31 years. I think she might be the only one with perfect attendance. Other trustees, Monica -- Adrienne herself was the 2018 recipient of the award. She will introduce today's honoree Eric Knotts.

Speaker: Mayor, commissioners, I am thrilled I get to personally get to present this 31st Steve Lowenstein award to Eric Knotts. Someone I personally know. I have seen his work for decades. What he does, he doesn't do it to be on this stage or in the spotlight. When he sees injustices he vocalizes it loudly. So as the person who nominated him said many things about his work, I want to highlight this one quote from her. Eric has lived his whole life advocating for the Black indigenous and people of color communities. There's not a day that goes by where he isn't speaking up for equality or justice for his neighbors. Unapologetically. That is Eric. He exemplifies living a life that makes a difference for the underserved. I want to tell you a little bit about some of his work. Because obviously three minutes can't incorporate all of it. In the 90's he bought a home on Northeast Schafer, he started first nonprofit, Urban Progress. To be a beacon of hope for men at the crossroads of gangs and drugs. We know in the 90's the drug epidemic was large. He did that.

Present day eric founded a campus based program in east Portland where many members of black, brown and indigenous communities live. He serves as a positive role model providing the support to be both safe and successful. Cultivate trusting relationships with family members and engage school representatives in the broader community who surround students helping them stay on a positive path to a brighter future. Also founded charter school in partnership with reynolds school district. Honoring their lived experience and unlocking opportunities to realize their full potential. And that is a beautiful thing. So, eric, we, the lowenstein trustees are so honored to award you the 31st annual steve lowenstein award.

Speaker: Thank, appreciate it. [applause]

Speaker: Thank you. I'm truly honored, mayor, commissioner, to receive this award. You can't do this work, I have found, without a therapist. [laughter] you can't be in this work without a therapist. And you know, you spend your time figuring out how you got here. Why you are driven to this kind of work. I serve black, brown and indigenous kids in east county pushed out of inner north and northeast Portland because of gentrification and other historic reasons. And as I was talking to my therapist, I had a pretty traumatic past. I grew up with some very tough circumstances. I grew up in south l.a. Grew up in a broken home. Had to navigate a lot. And had to grow myself up. Without a lot of parental supervision. I was talking to my therapist. My therapist, I said, I don't understand why I'm driven to this work. Why, I'm so passionate about, I get up in the morning and it's as easy as putting my socks on. I think about this work. He says, well it makes sense because you are an orphan. Orphans understand orphans. That's been my work. I serve a population of kids that have been orphaned. That have not been considered or represented. And America's whitest mid-sized city. That's always been my work. I think of a girl who is 8 years old. She is african American every year in the spring we interview our kids

because we try to match them with mentors who look like them, because we believe you can't be what you can't see. We try to match them with adults that represent them in every way and give them a gateway of opportunity to see what the possibilities are. So we were interviewing this african American 8-year-old girl and we asked her a question, like we ask every kid. We can't match every kid but we asked this girl what do you want to be when you grow up. Her response was, I want to be myself. I want to be myself. And I thought that was extremely intuitive because that's going to be the fight of her life. As a young black girl in America, trying to figure out who she is. I think of ron doss spiritual leader in the 60's who said part of our world as we engage each other is to help each other find our way home. And all of us in here wrestle with identity and home and place. And what does it mean to be yourself fully. And holla is unapologetic serving black and brown kids who have been displaced for various reasons in east county, to help them have a space they can call home. And that is our passion. That is our heart. That is what we do. I'm reminded of one quick story and I will end this. I'm a storyteller, I love telling stories, that's how I communicate with my kids. But my mom and my grandparents, my grand dad is african American, my grandmother is jewish. She went to new york university. And my grandfather grew up in housing tenements in harlem in the 30's. One of eight children in a very poor part of the city. He had a writing skill and he ended up getting a scholarship to n.y.u. So he went there at the same time my grandmother went to n.y.u. They met and fell in love. Here is a black man wanting to marry a jewish woman, you can imagine there's only a few places, they ended up moving to mexico city because he was an educator and she was a prolific artist. In mexico city, my mom being the oldest was on a play date with one of her friends and that person came, that dad came to pick up my mom's friend from this play date. He happened to be a doctor. So when my grandmother opened

the door he noticed a lump on her breast. He told her go get that checked out. It looks pretty serious. Turned out she had breast cancer, they gave her three months to live, she died in a month. At the funeral, man gave my mom two paintings and said your mom was an incredible artist. I made these paintings for her. I hope you appreciate them because they represent the beauty and creativity of who she was. My mom kept those paintings. My mom and her siblings moved back to Inglewood with my aunt and her sister. My grandfather wanted to stay back in Mexico City and spend a few years grieving. My grandfather moved back to L.A. with my mom. My mom, you know, she grew up, met my dad, kept these paintings, put them on a wall. And to be honest, growing up as a child, I used to see these paintings and my mom would talk about these paintings but they didn't have much meaning and actually they weren't that pretty. I got to Oregon State on a basketball scholarship. My mom and dad had broken up and my mom had fallen behind on her property. If you go to Inglewood California, my mom is known in the city as Mother Teresa of Inglewood. My dad was a straight hustler. My mom had a big heart in community work. She would have big dinners at her house. I will wrap this up. To make a long story short, she was behind on her property and she was going to do this event but she was just struggling to pay her bills but decided to have this event, have a leadership meeting, get everybody there. There's a guy who just moved in at the end of the block he moved in and my mom went down and invited him to the leadership meeting to welcome him to the neighborhood. When he came down my mom showed around the house, he walked her by the two paintings he said these were given to me from a man in Mexico City when my mom died. He looked down at the signature of the painting and they were by Diego Rivera. I don't know if you know who Diego Rivera is. I don't know if you understand the worth of those paintings but the man happened to be an art appraiser. He said Claudia, that's her

name. Do you understand the worth of these paintings? My mom had no clue who diego rivera is or the worth. I all always tease her, what did you do when you found out the worth. She said I sold them and bought a gun and sold one to change her life. She took one to bottom and butterworth, sold it and it changed her financial circumstances to say the least. I always use this story because I always tell people that the work that we do, is like an art appraiser. We come alongside black, brown and native American kids because they don't assess the true value of their worth. They don't see it anywhere, media, education, the history even of our own city. I love to be in parts of town where our kids who have been displaced to create a space for them to understand, the beauty, value of who they are. So receiving this award, I love hearing the stories of steve lowenstein, absolutely honored to be a part of this fraternity. And thank you for considering me for this prestigious award. Thank you. [applause]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: well thank you all. Thank you, mr. Knotts and congratulations. We appreciate it. It's almost like poetry, hearing your story. Thank you for sharing it with all of us. And thank you again to all of you involved in the lowenstein trust, all the trustees for making once again an exceptional choice. Commissioner Mapps I will give you the last word on this.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps: actually, mr. Mayor, I would suggest that we break for a minute and take a picture with our distinguished guest, if we may.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: it's his reputation. [laughter] [break for photo]

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: we will go ahead and start recording. Very good, we will move to the regular agenda. The first item is item 32, second reading of a non-emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Amend intergovernmental agreement with the city of lake oswego to purchase property for replacement or expansion of the tryon creek wastewater treatment plant.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: this is a second reading, we have already taken testimony, any further business? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Speaker: Rubio?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Gonzalez?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mapps?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. I appreciated the presentation. Ordinance is adopted. Next item is item 33, also a second reading.

Speaker: Amend contract with jci jones chemical to increase amount for of sodium hypochlorite.

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: any discussion, please call the roll.

Speaker: Rubio?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Ryan?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Gonzalez?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Mapps?

Speaker: Aye.

Speaker: Wheeler?

Speaker: Mayor ted Wheeler: aye. Ordinance is adopted and we are adjourned. [adjourned 10:41 a.m.]