



April 12, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Ken McGair, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

The Consent Agenda was adopted on a Y-4 roll call (Rubio absent).

Council recessed at 9:43 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Communications

271

[Request of Shaun Sullens to address Council regarding Rosa Parks Commemorative Artwork and Commemorative Marker for the Willamette Greenway](#) (Communication)

Document number: 271-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

272

[Request of Brian Borrello to address Council regarding Rosa Parks Commemorative Artwork and Commemorative Marker for the Willamette Greenway](#) (Communication)

Document number: 272-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Christian Foster to address Council regarding fentanyl issue in Portland and the TriMet system](#) (Communication)

Document number: 273-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

274

[Request of Dale Hardt to address Council regarding illegal street camping](#) (Communication)

Document number: 274-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

275

[Create a local improvement district to construct street improvements west of NW 83rd Pl in the NW Reed Dr Local Improvement District \(C-10073\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191248

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

276

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement for Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project between Multnomah County and the City for Final Design services.\(amend Contract 30007280\)](#)(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191234

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

277

[Appoint Alex Marine and reappoint Mary Sipe to the Noise Review Board](#) (Report)

Document number: 277-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

278

[*Amend legal services agreement with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for \\$1 million to provide additional bond counsel services to the City \(amend Agreement 30004734\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191228

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Disposition: Passed

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

279

[*Pay property damage claim of Kristin Haydon for \\$9,598 involving the Bureau of Environmental Services](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191229

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

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

280

[*Accept and appropriate grant for \\$20,000 from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office for removal of debris collected from wildfire hazard zones within Portland Firewise communities](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191230

Introduced by: Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Bureau: Portland Fire & Rescue

Disposition: Passed

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

281

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Peninsula Drainage District No. 1 for \\$260,000 to fund operating expenses for flood risk reduction and drainage services](#)

(Ordinance)

Document number: 191241

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

282

[*Accept grant from Oregon Department of Transportation for \\$1,882,112 and authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for sidewalks and crossing improvements on SE 174th Ave between SE Kelly St and SE Francis St](#)

(Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191231

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

283

[*Accept grant for \\$4,836,940 from the Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the 82nd Avenue at NE Glisan and NE Davis Signal Improvements Project, and appropriate \\$40,000 in FY 2022-23](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191232

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

284

[*Grant revocable permits to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation to perform activities relating to Portland Rose Festival annual celebration from May 25 through June 11, 2023](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191233

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

285

[Proclaim March 31, 2023 to be Transgender Day of Visibility](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 285-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Equity and Human Rights

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

286

[Proclaim April 9-15, 2023 to be Public Safety Telecommunicators Appreciation Week](#)
(Proclamation)

Document number: 286-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

287

[*Authorize contract with Northwest Infrastructure LLC for the O'Bryant Square Demolition Project for an estimated cost of \\$4,529,090.\(amend Contract 30008381\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191235

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

288

[Amend contract with PTG Oregon LLC, dba Premier Truck Group of Portland for the purchase of vehicles to extend term and increase not to exceed amount by \\$40 million \(amend Contract 31002162\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191237

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Second reading agenda item 265.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

289

[Approve findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and approve use of the alternative contracting method of Progressive Design Build for the Inverness Force Main System Replacement Project](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191238

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 268.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

290

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Sellwood – Sanitary Sewer Extension Project for an estimated amount of \\$7,400,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191239

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 269.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

291

[*Waive 120-day demolition delay requirement for O'Bryant Square demolition project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191236

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:00 pm

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

Council recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:18 p.m.

Council adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Time Certain

292

[*Adopt the FY 2022-23 Spring Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191245

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget Office

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to carryover General Fund resources in Prosper Portland: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to fund request for unrestricted contingency resources to evaluate the expiration of Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed adjusting General Fund resources to support Portland Parks and Recreation: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed adjusting General Fund resources in support of demolition at O'Bryant Square: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed to not approve carryover funds in the Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund for Re-Imagine Oregon: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Gonzalez. (Y-Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps; N-Rubio, Wheeler)

Vote called. Item failed to pass. (Y-3 Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps; N-2 Rubio, Wheeler)

Motion for reconsideration: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-4 Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps, Wheeler; N-1 Rubio)

Motion to withdraw the emergency clause: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Passed to second reading April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. as amended

293

[Amend Portland City Elections Code to implement ranked choice voting approved by voters in Portland Measure 26-288 \(replace Code Chapter 2.08\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191244

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Auditor's Office; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 2 hours

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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April 12, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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April 12th 2023 morning session of the Portland City Council. Please call the roll.

Good morning, Ryan Gonzales. President maps here, Wheeler. Here colleagues before we get to the rules, supporter and decorum, I would just like to acknowledge the men and the women of the Portland police bureau who are at this very moment, conducting an operation at fourth and Washington. This has been a particularly problematic spot. In the city of Portland. It's my understanding based on the updates. I've been receiving it. That operation is nearly completed and it's going better than expected, but I just want to acknowledge that there were a lot of people who got up very early this morning, many who had to come back on vacation days, all of whom are on overtime. And this was not. Particularly pleasant task, but it was an incredibly important one to recovering the downtown area of our beloved city, so I just want to really start my day and let them know that my thoughts are with them as they carry out this important mission on behalf of the city. We'll hear from legal counsel and there were rules of order and decorum.

Good morning. Good morning. 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 [www dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.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. Disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others, testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If 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. Additionally council may take a short recess and 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're a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization, please identify it. Testifier is joining virtually please mute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you. First up is communications first individual, please. Adam 271. Requested sean sullins to address council regarding rosa parks, commemorative artwork and commemorative marker for the willamette greenway. She insolence has canceled their request very good next individual to seven to request of brian morello to address council regarding rosa parks, commemorative artwork and commemorative marker for the atlantic greenway. Good morning. Thanks for being here. Good morning. Uh huh. I'm brian barilla. Uh board chaired sean sullins and she had prior work commitments so she won't be here this morning. So be quick. I represent as a board member of the piedmont neighbor association, comprised of households and businesses within a north Portland's community of 2500 neighbors. In 2006 within the piedmont lodge and woodland neighborhoods. The city renamed north Portland boulevard to north rosa parks, way in conjunction with this honorific name change and with new traffic signage and new mapping board chair sought sean sullins and I appeared before City Council that year in 2006. To request authorization and funding for a physical

embodied acknowledgement of the courage and contributions of a heroic civil rights activists in the form of a commemorative public artwork to ensure Mrs. Parks. Uh specifically if you look at paragraph six and the resolution number 36445 for the Rosa Parks, commemorative artwork 16 years later. We appear before you again to appeal for your support, not money. And finally making a vibrant, respectful artwork happen. The \$12,000 that was allocated has already been allocated in the sitting in the coffers of the regional arts and culture council since 2006. All put peanut neighborhood association initiated this project. There was never a clearly defined path towards implementation, nor much enthusiasm or assistance from any city agencies to realize the artwork. So we were left to our own volunteer efforts to do the outreach, development community partnerships and work with potential artists on a completely volunteer basis. We tried over years to work with rack regional arts and culture council, ppr, Portland parks and rec as well as pcr. I north Portland neighborhood services. Pbot junkie, delta house sorority oxley green elementary school, Portland community college, Tom Walsh development and several local artist Sam Organ. Matt Cartwright, Lisa Bates, Cherita Town, or B. Smith in order to realize the public artwork. We have together, donated hundreds of hours of unpaid volunteer work dedicated to see this to reality. So here we are again asking you to help us make this happen. We acknowledge that this artwork project should align with the city's developing policies for monuments and commemorative artworks. As well as giving a voice to artists from Portland's underserved populations. We set this project in motion a long time ago and wished to let those who will steward this project to its successful installation know that we will remain available if needed for any further assistance and as a courtesy to please keep us abreast of its progress. This commemorative artwork should be much more than historical marker or commemorative plaque, and we

enthusiastically look forward to the production of highly visible piece of public art to honor rosa parks. We want to see this project done right and for the artwork to make a real statement to augment the modest budget. It might never association could likely apply for grant from the newly reinstated neighborhoods, small arts program and from metro's community place making grants. We'd like to thank mary jane kelly of north Portland neighborhood services, who has been tremendous liaison and advocate for us, as well as jeff hawthorne, the arts program manager for the city of Portland, rex public art managers and thanks to councilman dan Ryan, and his staff, particularly daryn jones and t. J mchugh, who have been very helpful in moving this forward. Thank you for your attention. Thank you, commissioner Ryan and commissioner Mapps. Thank bRyan for being here today for serving our city on the piedmont neighborhood association and both darien and t. J are in the back of the room there, and it'd be great if you connected with them on the way out. We got to make sure that this gets implemented at least within 20 years of when this resolution was passed. Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps yeah. I just wanted to thank brian and the piedmont neighborhood for their work on this important project. I, um am frankly, I'm embarrassed that this has taken us about 17 years to hmm. Get his far as we've gotten. I think I heard that commissioner Ryan's office is going to take the lead on making sure that we get this project done, so I really want to applaud commissioner Ryan for his leadership in this space. And um, um and please thank everyone who reached out to cancel offices on this matter for their civic engagement. We really need people like you. Thank you. Awesome. Thank you. Thank you, sir. For being here. Thanks for highlighting the so I share my colleague's sentiments. This is ridiculous. It shouldn't take this long and someday. Not now, but someday I'd like to know the backstory on this. Because there's clearly a why here somewhere, and I'd like to know more

about that. Thank you appreciate your work. Next individual, please item 273. Request of christian foster to address council regarding fentanyl issue in Portland and the trimet system welcome. I believe christian was going to join in person is christian here. Hmm not yet. So why don't we skip to the next individual 274, please? Request of dale heart to address council regarding illegal street camping. I don't mind. Yeah. Can you and meet. Dale, are you able to mute? Is he on the phone? Um no. A long line. Okay there you are. Okay. Good. Good morning jail. Good morning. Okay, so. I'm gonna read this. We have thousands of drug addicts living on our streets, thousands of criminals and thousands of citizens with minimal, minimal resources or special challenges. For the past five years, they have demanded two things to be left alone and have a legal place to camp. The city has denied them these simple requests and forced them into our neighborhoods and city sidewalks. The council has forced every citizen of Portland to sacrifice their safety and personal freedom while they seek a politically correct solution. Five years is enough. I am demanding that our City Council, hear the pleas of the citizens and give them what is needed. Take one week just one and pick three or more large city park suitable for tent camping, spread porta potties and dumpsters throughout those selected parks and be prepared to provide drinking water. Then stand in unity before the people of Portland and declare those parks open for free. Public camping, additionally announced that camping on the streets of Portland's ends in 90 days do not make any permanent changes to the infrastructure of the parks used the same regulations and laws apply to every camping facility in America. Justin forced them use these parks until the new homes and camps can be established. Or tell me now that 90 days those options will be fully in effect for too many years. The citizens have carried the weight of this crisis watching us millions of dollars were spent without solving the problem. The citizens have no power to

control these campers or regulate their activity. The city does. You have had enough time to find the perfect answer. Your failure shows that there isn't one these broken and desperate citizens have asked for two things. To be left alone and have a legal place to count. Open the parks and welcome the campers into your care as each day passes, give them more. If you can do not leave them on our streets another night while you plan for the perfect solution. Caring for them is your job, not ours. If you can't do it, step aside, so someone else can this isn't about you. It is about the thousands of citizens stranded on our streets. There is no regulation or law that should be used to prevent the opening of the parks. During this humanitarian crisis. You must do this for the greater good for those citizens that will complain and contest the opening of the parks. I would ask. Are you making these objections from a soggy tent while cold and wet, wondering if you can survive another day? Are you warm and comfortable with? Nothing better to do. Nobody wants to do this. It is the last straw. Please stop sweeping people across are dying city and give them a place to camp. You can do it now. Thank you. Thank you. Dale did any of the other individuals show up yet? It's christian here. Right very good. We'll move to the next the consent agenda of any arms been pulled off consent. Please call the rule. Gonzales I maps Wheeler. Hi the consent agenda is adopted. We will be in recess for two minutes until our first time certain at 9 45. Mhm. Mhm. Mhm. Create a local improvement district to construct straight improvements west of northwest, a third place in the northwest grade drive local improvement district. Thank you, mr mayor, colleagues. This item comes to us from pbot. It concerns the creation of a local improvement district on northwest read drive. Of course council has seen this project before. Just a couple of weeks ago on February 22nd 2023 this council adopted and resolution declaring the city of Portland's intent. To create a lid on northwest read, dr. Now today, pbot is back

before this council with an ordinance, which details how the bureau proposes to follow through on council's directive to create this local improvement district. Um let me remind you how we got here, as you might remember. Northwest read. Dr is a residential street in the west hills. The purpose of this lid is to improve a section of northwest read. Dr. Specifically this lid applies to the section of northwest read drive from roughly northwest 83rd place to the coldest sac at the end of northwest read, dr. Um, as you will remember, this road was originally built by a private developer in the 19 sixties. At that time, the street was not built to city code. Would one of the reasons why this road was not built to code was in the 19 sixties, the developer was not able to come up with a strategy for managing stormwater on the street in a way that complied with city code. So um, the historical record is a little bit unclear here, but it appears that an informal compromise was struck. The developer built a road that did not comply with city code and pbot declined to maintain this road because it did not comply with code. Um and for the past 50 years, residents of northwest read dr have been responsible for the maintenance of this street. Unsurprisingly over the past half century, this road has deteriorated today. Northwest free drive is in very poor condition. In fact, today, this road is not salvageable. That's why a majority of residents on northwest read dr have come together and requested p bots help forming this local improvement district. This lid will remove the existing road grade the street properly and constructed new street, which complies with current code. Planned improvements will upgrade the condition on the street to the point where northwest read dr will qualify for maintenance by pbot here to tell us more about this project. We have andrew abby local improvement district administrator and project manager with pbot. Welcome andrew. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps andrew abby, local improvement district administrator really appreciate that introduction and if I may pay pay you a

compliment, commissioner Mapps. Um I think that is the best cliff notes version that I can imagine for 40 years of history on northwest street drive, so you really summarized that well and I appreciate that very much. There's three things upon which I wanted to touch briefly this morning. First off, we received no romance chances against led formation. Very pleased to report that, um, first of three items I wanted to cover with council or the difference between maintenance and a capital improvement. Um so when I started at p by many years ago, I won't tell you when, because they don't want to give away my age. But when I started at pbot many years ago, our asset management backlog was running in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The last time I checked, if running in the billions um, as I just want to reiterate what I said to council on February 22nd maintenance operation does not budget for capital improvements. And when you have a roadway that are deteriorated to the point where it needs a full re contraction that is no longer maintenance. It is now a capital improvement, so I just want to put that into perspective for council. So the amount of funding that the property owners have agreed to provide on this is equal to 9.2% of our entire maintenance operations budget, so I just for paving and striping and things of that nature, so I just wanted to put that into perspective that we simply do not budget for full reconstruction of streets and maintenance operations, and I really appreciate the partnership with the property owners. Second thing that I wanted to touch beef with counsel on this morning is asset management. So along those lines, uh, you know, I mentioned that it's no secret to counsel that the asset maintenance backlog of growing um, the way we start arresting that increase in asset management is to do capital projects where we have partnership. That does not mean that we do I d s all over the place. We only do them when we're asked to do them, but I can't dress enough. These are the kind of solutions that we have to bring to the table. Whether we're talking

northwest read, drive north east 47th avenue southeast, ddr familiar, you name it. These are exactly the public private partnerships that we have to do. Um to get a hold of the continuing to tear aeration in the city of st assets. And then third and finally, before I turn it over to, um, public testimony I wanted to share with you a concept that I thought might be helpful for counsel to understand how we bring these, um, project forward. So as of June 30th 2022 17.3% of the streets in the city of Portland. Were paid without curbs and 2.8% were unpaved. So roughly 20.1% streets in the city of Portland. Also including northwest street drive, do not meet our current standards for functionality. So if you were to throw a dart at the city of Portland, and it was just to land on a street, there'll be roughly or one in five chance that that dart would land on a street that does not meet our current standards. You take the city's population of about 652,000 that suggests that we have somewhere in the neighborhood of 130,000 people living on streets that don't meet our current standards again. This is throwing darts very high level, but I'm just trying to give you an overall sense of perspective. I lost track counting years ago, but at one point I think I had logged something on the order of 7000 increase around the city from people calling me up to complain about their streets. I'm sure it's up in the 10 to 15,000 range now I have not brought, um that many I I d s to counsel. So in my tenure at the city we've done roughly 80 80 85 or so I I d s if I had to hazard a guess I would say we probably have I don't know 2500 people out there that have benefited from lids since I began my career at the city, so that concept that I want to explain to you the public engagement final. So I get all these phone calls from people around the city that are unhappy with the condition of their street. We have a conversation about the problem. They're trying to solve the cost for versus the benefits. Many of those conversations are resolved over the telephone. We typically go to the next step. If people are interested in having a property on our meeting.

We are very transparent about physical impact the property the cost of the improvement. We went all those down and some some cases people really would like to have a street improvement, but it doesn't fit their budget. And those are the projects that get winnowed out. We don't move it to the petition phase. They never make it to counsel. Then we go through a petition process for those that want to go to the next step. In most cases, we only bring slides forward. If there's majority petitions support, I want to tell the council that I was very clear given the contribution that we're asking from property owners that if there was any pushback on this led I was not going to recommend that council approved the fella I'd so we went through the public engagement process we had to property on our meetings. We went through the petition process. We had a counselor hearing on February 22nd, followed by a snowstorm and I'm hoping I don't have a repeat performance for you here today for that. And now here we are. We have no romances has beat and against led formation. So based on that recommendation, or that result, I'm recommending that council passed this to a second reading and approved the lid next week. And I'm happy to answer any questions council might have. Thank you, andrew. Any questions? At this point? I believe we have people testifying. Yeah. Good. Why don't we go to public testimony? Thank you, andrew. We have four people signed up first step we have paisley jen burrell online. Welcome. Hello hi. Good morning. Um my name is paisley. Jennifer burrell and I have lived at, um 8542 northwest read drive for 18 years. My family and over that time we've watched the road deteriorate. Um as commissioner Mapps pointed out, the city didn't annex the screen. So we're one of those, um, straits that's um um and in need of, um. Improvements there's holes in the street. There's I don't think that, uh, yeah, we don't have to go into that part. But when? When I was, um what? We noticed that when the storm water drainage problem was finally completed by a home that was

constructed at the end of the street was when, um I went to our volunteer h o a and said, hey, now, maybe a time that we can see if the street will maintain or the city will maintain our street and that's when I found out that the city won't, uh, maintain the street that was in such poor condition or annexes street that was in such poor condition. That's when I started working with andrew abby to see what was needed so that we could have the street, um maintained. Um so I went to work and form to inform our neighbors of the option of forming l i. D with help of susan nicholls, who's also going to be testifying. She's our current president. We went to work informing all of our neighbors of what was going to be needed in order to create this. L I d. We sent out emails. We send out written letters to the folks who the couple folks on the street that do not, uh, receive email. Um and we had held several meetings in my backyard. The two that, um andrew mentioned. He was therefore and then one. Also, that was just homeowners so we could all just kind of event about the expense and how frustrating it is that we're gonna you know no one. No one's excited about the expense of it. But we all kind of came to the conclusion that this is the best way forward for our neighborhood. And so, um, I believe that the majority of us or all of us are aware that this is going to happen so far. All of the neighbors that I've talked to are where everyone knows. Um that this is in the works, um and like andrew mentioned we had a majority of petitions returned in favor, and so, um I feel confident that this is, um what ? What's the next step is to ask you to please approved the formation of this l i d so there are road can be repaired and maintained. Thank you for your time. Appreciate appreciate you being here. Thank you. Next step we have susan nicholls online. Good morning, susan. Good morning, everyone my there. Yep. You're here. Right uh, yeah. I really want to appreciate and echo what paisley said. Uh thank you all for taking the time. I want to thank andrew for his partnering. Um this has been a heavy lift of trying to

bring people up to be in alignment around spending this kind of money that you know no one planned for and so to have the level of support that we have the level of partnering that we have, um, just really appreciate you taking the time to hear us out today. This is this is kind of a must do on our street and we've tried, um three times in the past to either do this ourselves or to partner with the city. In bringing this, um to bear and we've not been successful and so with the amount of effort that I think everyone's put in and to the degree that we have the amount of support that we have, uh, it would be a great honor. If you would partner with us in bringing this over the hill and getting our street annexed. Ah like the rest of our neighborhood. So um, I should have started with my name is susan nicholls. I live at 24 33 north west 83rd place and I do have the wonderful role of being the volunteer h o a president, but just clear that this isn't an h o a effort. This is actually a group of neighbors coming together to do what has to what they have to do for their properties. And so appreciate you very much, um thanks very much. Thank you. Next up. We have brad, her inner good morning, brad. Thanks for being here. So thanks for listening to us this morning, so I live at 83 11 northwest read, dr. We've been ho no mirrors there for a couple of years now, um, and we're obviously strongly in favor of trying to get this, uh, street back into shape. Uh, andrew has been fantastic to work with. Obviously we've tried a number of times over the years to get this done and haven't been able to now the street is in very bad shape, I think is everyone testified to obviously bringing the street back into code will obviously help all of our homeowner values. So we have a selfish interest, but we also have another interest. We have another. We have many elderly people that live on the street that require, um, ambulance services. We've already had several calls this year. I really worry. That the street is going to degrade to the point that we're not going to be able to have emergency services like fire trucks and ambulances to go

on the street. Um so moving forward. We think this is the best way to get this done. A strong majority of people have voted to basically tax themselves to the tune of \$50,000 per house, which is a lot of money, but we would ask you to please partner with us and bring it up to code. And please bring this street into the Portland's family. Thank you. Great. Thank you appreciate it. Next step. We have todd dance in person. Good morning, todd. Thanks for being here. Councilman mayor thank you for having us. Thank you again, andrew. For all your diligent work, um as they mentioned before this has been going on for many decades. Uh we are new to the neighborhood, but we can see the future as there's new, two turnovers with residents and new generation coming in. That it's time for us to now step up and hopefully take this over the finish line. Um as we had mentioned in the past, or concerns are with the. The erosion of the street with emergency services. And I meant mentioned about seven weeks ago that, um what the increased. The weather phenomena we've been experiencing, um, the fact that you know Portland does sit near an earthquake zone and how these kind of things undermined what's going on below the street level. Um I'd like to just emphasize that that is still ongoing. Um, in the seven weeks since we met last, my little walks around the neighborhood, uh, been spotting chunks about this size that have now been displaced from the street. And then as the rains come in, as they do, and the snow and the freezes, uh they're getting wider and wider the ones that were in existence. Um so on lifetime watching this happen. On a weekly basis. Um it's quite fascinating, but my concern is that you know. You know much like lincoln logs if you take out enough pieces, um what's going to happen with the other portions that then start sliding and the acceleration of the event of the street just being um unsafe for pedestrians for vehicles and whatnot. But I hope that the council will see. See that the need for this and will prove of finalizing this. L I d thank you so much

for your time. Thank you appreciate your being here today. Next step. We have page nagle. Good morning. Thanks for being here on the other side of the fence, alright. We hear all viewpoints it this is crazy. Could you could you could you sit down? And also if you could just state your name for the record? Thanks this is crazy. Of all the roads. You have thousands. Tens of thousands of miles to this is the lowest priority roads you've got in the city. There are no potholes. I'm a runner. I run most days of the week up and down that road. I've looked at every square inch of it. There are zero potholes. And there is no buckling true. It's either gonna wear out because of the freezing and the water. Eventually that's decades from now. I would yes, just from living here, and the other thing is, I would like to know what the vote was because the other aspect of this is the finest American tradition. If you lose the election, there's been fraud election was stolen. The problem is here that this turned out unknown to me to be a non secret ballot. Other people knew at least the yes, people knew that there what has berries vote worse than by are not voting. We had voted. No we got a call from the s people saying and they wouldn't have called us if they had enough votes. So it must have been the last few days of the things that you haven't voted yet. Would you please vote for it? And they were kind of the embarrassing position of opposing our neighbors, which is just such a neat neighborhood. We want to vote lifetime. Uh for our current president, she is great. She ought to prison for life. But anyway of all the roads that need to be repaired in this city, this is not one. I wish I had pictures can show you the lower read we're talking about isn't such much better shape visually than the upper part, which now has been repaired by the city in the last year, dripping hot tar on big cracks around it doesn't look attractive are bottom half that we're talking about. Looks looks very, very nice. It's much more attractive. I would put this as a very low priority. So if we want to do this, I would say yes, homeowners. Each of you kick in

up to a million and a half dollars to repair a couple 100 yards. Of road complete repair. Let's let mother nature to up that road for us not have machines come in and chew it up. But let mother nature chew it up. And then what really is degraded decades from now, then we can repaired and not have to have machines come in there and chew up this particularly adequate road. There are no potholes. There's no I don't know where they get this. This hot jumping talked about. It's not on that road. But anyway, and the other thing is it wasn't a secret ballot, so everybody knows I'm against it. I don't think we had a really any debate about it because the homeowners association is so copasetic there also nice we all like each other, and this has been a divisive issue. And so no one has spoken out against it except me. And I find been aware that this was a non secret ballots have been not banging on doors, too, because the pros did not have the votes because if the last few days of it they are calling us and saying, hey, you haven't turned in your ballot. I'd like to have another vote. Thank thank you. And just for the record did you are a homeowner on the street is at the bottom one household. Fair enough. That's where all the water comes down, and I know what it's like to be on the bottom or everything rolls your way. But I do I do beautifully about the drainage now it's great. There's no problem. Did you file a remonstrance did not okay, tell us why just out of curiosity. Lazy okay, that's fair. That's an honest answer. I appreciate you. We never. I never heard whether which is the way the vote went. Okay great. It didn't happen. And that was it seemed like the goalpost got moved. It was supposed. We're supposed to have a voting by the end of October and seemed like the gold postcard. Well, maybe the end of all member maybe the energy center, so I don't know when they cut off. Receiving other votes, but obviously the people were voting. Yes we're saying hey, page m voted, please. So they didn't have the votes at that point when they're calling me. I think I think I get it. Thank you appreciate your being here

today. Thank you, sir. Uh mr American. I commissioner Mapps andrew to come up real quick. Do we do the exact complete public completely? Okay, great. Thanks yes, of course, commissioner. Ah a man could just real quickly. Andrew just clarify the record. Uh did anyone vote against forming this lid? We have any ballots where someone voted now, uh, their revenue bureau sent out the notice of the led formation hearing three weeks before today required by city code. And we received no remonstrance is by the deadline one week ago at five p.m. So that is the process that was laid out basically, code. I think I heard this self description of lazy and that's fine. People can take whatever timeline they want. So I will just amend my remarks that when I stepped to the podium a few minutes ago, with 25 out of 25, it is now 24 out of 25. No objection to forming the allied. So this is democracy in action, and his council decision whether to form or not form the lid. Based on 24 out of 25 or 25 out of 25. Thank you very much. I have no further questions. Thank you, commissioner. I forgot to one mention one other thing we are going to if you approve. This led this, uh, I I d does have insufficient fire protection and the water bureau will find an additional fire hydrant roughly in the middle of the slide. That cost will not be born by the property owners that will be born by the Portland water bureau that I neglected to mention that my opening remarks and just wanted to get that on the record. Thank you, andrew. I have I have a question, then commissioner Ryan um, so when we do this when then led is approved. Assuming this one is as with others. Do all city bureaus make sure that there is no additional work that needs to pay take place beneath the street like water. Sewer do. Do we go through that checklist to make sure that we're not paving a street? That then subsequently is torn up again. We tried to mayor that is an area of asset management where there's room for improvement. Um so when I administered all I d s I tried to check for all those things. I do make mistakes. I will tell you when we formed the

northeast. 47th avenue led a number of years ago. I forgot to check that there was no sanitary sewer at the north end of the street property under submitted testimony, and this is exactly why we have the process that we do for property owners to provide input. He came into council at the resolution phase the equivalent to what counsel did on this idea. On February 20 seconds said hey, I love the project. But wouldn't it make sense to extend the sanitary sewer? Absolutely I talked to bes and we amended the lid included sanitary sewer, so that inter factor is what I was doing when I reached out water bureau on fire bureau on the fire hydrants, so we try really hard to not miss anything. Again. I think there's room for improvement. Sometimes the improvements are accidental. And the example I just gave you but yes, we do. Try to make sure that if we're going to tear up this tree, we do it once and we're not cracking open that treat again in the future. So I appreciate the really good question, ma'am. Great. I appreciate you. Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Mhm like that question. Thank you, mayor. Uh I want to start off by thanking you commissioner Mapps for the for the very quick synopsis. Um it was racist inked of the history of northwest read and northwest 83rd. I think when this first came up, I just asked some basic questions. I I'm a real big advocate for allowing people to age in place and not have you know, government do something that forces them to be burdened with their fixed income. And so I appreciate the dialogue. I really want to thank also paisley and susan for your leadership and your volunteerism for the people who testified today, uh, I'm really, really all I'm doing right now is saying I feel like I've been listened to because I've been harping on this a little bit on every ally d. And so I appreciate the feedback that you gave in the updates that you've been given and also your humility of doing an amendment to your earlier marks based on the last testimony. Um anyway, thank you. I think we're on the right track have been really thoughtful about how we move forward. And no one wants to be

here and it's tough. We obviously have conflicting scenarios on what the street looks like. I really don't want to be judge jury right now and like pretend I'm going to make a verdict on who's right, but maybe I'll do a little walk myself and that that area just see it for myself before we vote. Thanks so much. It's not. We're not voting today reading mister mr mayor before we ah, wrap up on this particular item. I just want to thank andrew for his work on this project, and I really want to thank everyone who came out and testified today. You know, I think this is this is really a classic example of what local democracy looks like. So I appreciate everyone remaining engaged with this discussion. Which um, you know, has gone on for decades. At this point. I sure hope that we can figure out a way to come together and build the infrastructure that we need in order to make it possible for you folks to stay in your homes and for us to get fire trucks and ambulances up there my pretty initiate everyone's, um, collaboration and conversation and again. Thank you for coming in today. I'll hand it back to you, mr. Very good. Appreciate it there. Being no further business on this side of this is the first reading of a non emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Thanks, andrew. Alright next step 276, please. This is also a first reading of a non emergency ordinance. I'm sorry. This is an emergency organs 276. Amend intergovernmental agreement for earthquake ready burnside bridge bridge project between Multnomah County in this city for final design services, commissioner Mapps. Thank you, mr mayor. Colleagues this item comes to us from pbot. This ordinance authorizes and an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement between the city of Portland's and Multnomah County for staffing services for the earthquake ready burnside bridge project with this, I g a amendment Multnomah County. Agrees to compensate the city of Portland for staffing services the city provides to support the final design phase of the earthquake ready bridge. Ah these costs shall not exceed 3,055,300.

This agenda covers the period between January 1st 2023 April 30th 2026 this amendment to the agenda makes no changes to city policies here to tell us more about this ordinance. We have Sharon Delay, Oh uh, city project manager with Pbot. We have Megan Neil, project manager. For from Multnomah County there received Megan. I think online and we have Taylor Stein Block, Government relations coordinator with Multnomah County. Welcome everybody. Thank you for being here today. Good morning. Thank you, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps and good morning council members. I am sharing Dalio with Pbot major projects and partnerships group and the city. Pm for earthquake ready Burnside bridge. It's not advancing. There it goes. Our current idea expired December 31st 2022. So we have requested this emergency ordinance to ensure we reimburse for staff services as the county begins the final design phase of the project. There are no project decisions as part of today's council action. Burnside bridge is a key multimodal connection from the east side with downtown and a successful curb project. Which I should have noted. We tend to call this eq r b, um it requires engagement from multi city bureaus. Pbot is the lead bureau for the project and will continue to be the liaison with the county for all other bureaus involved in the project. As the project advances through final design, the city team will be reviewing the proposed project improvements for both temporary and permanent impacts and working with the county to establish mitigation measures. In addition to the east bank, esplanade and the waterfront in general parks and recreation is also particularly key to coordination with impacted organizations such as the Japanese American historical plaza. And the Portland Saturday market. We will also continue working with the county with regard to council's previous conditions of approval, which is the focus of the next slide. So we last brought each u r b to council in July 2022 when council endorsed the modified locally preferred alternative with conditions,

and we noted that as the program advanced to subsequent subsequent phases of work per the terms of our aiga. We'd return to counsel each council action has acknowledged the consensus on the need to address earthquake resiliency and provided direction on other areas that were critically important, modified locally preferred alternative endorsed last summer reflected progress in the cost saving efforts, the county felt the need to make in order to progress. The project. City engagement will continue to inform the project development to prioritize city values, including equity and climate and prioritizing the non vehicular modes. When City Council endorsed that modified locally preferred alternative to congestions of approval were included one to maximize the pedestrian and bicycle space on the bridge and the second to provide an 88 connection between the bridge and the esplanade. These conditions align with input and feedback throughout the public engagement process as well as stakeholders, including city committees, commissions and advisory bodies and to ensure our local priorities are well defined, actionable and specifically to address trends in climate, equity, safety and mobility. We have been working at the technical and government relations level to outline a process to work through potential solutions to address these conditions, along with other concerns that may arise and now I'd like to turn it over to tailor steam block with Multnomah County, who will share a little bit more about the work plan and process. Good morning, mary council members. My name is taylor. Steam block again. I'm here from the government relations office at Multnomah County. And I'm just going to talk a little bit more about this work plan that sharing mentioned in the last slide so you can see on the current side in front of you. The timeline is from about April so we've already kicked off through mid October. And really, the hope is that we can do as much fact finding as much information seeking as possible understand the options that are out there to address various different

city concerns and then also really understand what their cost. Guests are and work with our technical folks, such as engineers to understand what's really possible. Because I think we all know in the transportation space right now. It's competitive out there. So we really want to figure out how to make this project as competitive as possible in this partnership oriented as possible so that it can be a successful project. And then when we have finished all of that fact finding and really kind of try to pick up every rock and look under everyone, and then the next phase will be that decision making phase which you can see here is outlined on the other side of that city county leadership membership group. So I know we had a little bit of a conversation yesterday about what that leadership group is going to look like. Right now. It's staff at pbot staff in our community services division, which houses transportation and then when needed, we might engage the various directors for pbot and for dcs, and then potentially also commissioned staffer, both commissioner j. Paul and chair vega peterson's offices and then commissioner Mapps is office as well. Um and that is really what the collaboration has looked like so far. And then once we start looking ahead to the decision making phase, we will also get very close to the finally eyes or the record of decision for the environmental phase, and we will already be part way into design. So really, the project is progressing in tandem with this effort, and we're very grateful for the city to be so collaborative with us on this. I know today. We're just ahead of you asking for the idea renewal, but I just wanted to make sure everyone understood that. What you are buying with this ongoing idea really is collaboration and I'm wonderful for him. Thank you, commissioner Gonzalez. Arrest man mayor please let me know if there's lag on my hand and i'll turn off my camera worried about wifi where I'm located. Um thanks for the background, just baseball lines. So this was originally proposed to be included in metro's transportation bond back in 2020

correct. I'm just reading the proposed ordinance and just trying to level set on how we got here and, um is that is that correct? This would this would have been funded through the metro bond, but it did not pass. That is correct. Okay? Um and, um I realized again that were approved or before us is rather narrow question, but I just wanted to level set on the business is an important project for steve from a public safety, perspective and resilience. Perspective um, the county owns the bridge, and the city has been contributing to the project for number is correct. Or can you level set on sort of how the existent responsibility works and, um, financial contributions to the project? Would you like me? Yeah. But commissioner Gonzalez I can try to answer your question. And maybe I might have a clarifying question as well. So it is a current county project, so the financial responsibility does lie with the county to fund the project, and I think there will be a slide later in this deck that will talk a little bit more about how we're doing that. Um, but I will say that right now, the investment we have in the project comes from our vehicle registration fee, which the city very graciously allowed us to increase and the county does retain the full amount of that vehicle registration fee increase, and it does go towards bridges. So it wasn't who we used to fund the cell woodbridge previously and it is a very key part of funding the burnside bridge going into the future right now that funds the project that roughly \$300 million and the full project costs, um from the current locally preferred alternative is about 900 million, so it does fund us roughly a third of the way there. Got it ends. Um I do apologize if you if you have remaining slides, I'm happy to wait until the conclusion of your slides to ask my questions again. A there's a little bit of dissidents that I've remote so I will. I'll stand down for now, and we'll circle back at the completion of your presentation. Thank you. Commissioner Ryan I'll wait until the presentations over very good. Thank you. Great, so I'll try to go quickly knowing we have some questions to answer. Um, this is the slide that

we've been showing on almost every one of our burnside bridge presentations. It kind of illustrates the full county. Um but I guess vulnerability is the best way to put it. So all of those red dots you can see on this slide are non seismically upgraded. Uh transportation assets and then the green ones are ones that have been improved. So you can see that burnside is that yellow line there through the center and the reason why we picked burnside bridge. Aside from the fact that it's at the heart of the city is really because it does tie entire county together, and it has very few seismic vulnerabilities on it. So we do think that after a major cascadia event there's a good chance that we actually could use burnside road as a whole, with a with a new bridge to really tie our county together and make sure that we can do both fire and water. You know, we can really provide those services in the days just after the event, but then also, we can use it to try and recover with hopes that our folks at dot can make sure that the interstate five bridges also successful, so we will have both in east west and north south connection. And then for the purpose of this project, we really focused on three areas. Of course, seismic resiliency and emergency response is very important, but also regional recovery and rebuilding. As I just mentioned in the last slide has been something we've also been focusing on. So um, emergency response is one way to design the bridge. Thinking about the long term use of the bridge is another way to think about the project, which leads me to our third purpose, which is long term multi modal use. I think our region has done a lot of work to try and take reliance off single occupancy vehicle. Goals and so we have tried to take that into account as we designed the bridge and really make sure that everybody who needs to use this bridge both today afterwards and then also during the event can utilize the bridge effectively. And then here is our slide about timeline. There's also the funding bit below. So as you can see that \$300 million got us from 28 16, which was the feasibility study all the way through mid

2025 part way into construction, so the project is funded through the beginning of construction, and we're hoping that as we get closer to construction, we can get additional state investment as well as federal investment. And then the slide is just a little bit more information on the federal grants that were seeking for the projects. We are trying to close the funding gap we do need about \$600 million. It's a tremendous amount of money and with rates changing and bonding kind of being influx often, that's a conservative assumption, but we really are working very hard with our state and federal partners to get this project funded as best as we can. And I'll hand it over to Mike Nils who is our engineer and project manager.

Good morning, mayor and council members. I just wanted to close with two slides, just reminding everyone some key components of the bridge that we're advancing into the design phase, so up on the screen now are two conceptual renderings of the bridge that will be looking into more detail. Just wanted to mention that the bridge is largely going to look like a modern version of what's out there today, namely a low profile structure on the west approach, preserving the city views. Uh vascular style footbridge span. What's out there similar to what's out there today over navigation channel, but there'll be a big change on the east approach. So part of our resiliency design of component of the bridge. We are looking to span over the highly liquefy a ble soils that reside on the east bank of the river. So we're looking to have the bridge touched down almost to the skate park so that long span results in our engineers requiring a lot of structure above the deck. Which will be very different than what it's out there today. We're looking at a tight arch structure on the left or a cable stay structure that is shown on the right and just to kind of, um, kind of health express how seriously we're taking the seismic resiliency aspect of the spread. I just wanted to mention that we put a lot of care and attention into developing a highly advanced seismic design criteria unlike any other on the bridge

in Oregon today, um we're looking to design this bridge to a spin an earthquake the largest earthquake in north America 10 times that that the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that turkey experienced recently and we're looking to design this bridge to be immediately operable after a major earthquake, so, um even if the bridge is in the open position will be able to lower it down and have it be readily usable, which is unlike any other. Bridge in downtown Portland, especially if you consider the approaches we developed. This is the seismic design criteria in collaboration with technical experts at ps you here locally as well as nationally, so works really excited to bring the first seismically resilient bridge to downtown Portland and then the next side. Just to remind her of this, uh for lane typical cross section that we're proposing. Just want to mention really appreciate the collaboration we've had through the environmental review phase with the city identify the lane allocation on this new proposed for lanes just wanted to touch on that. Well we did, uh, remove one vehicular lane from the branch to kind of to reduce the overall project costs. We are still preserving and enhancing governments for all right. That's my daughter, knocking on the door elements for um by head and transit users, so as you can see, we are preserving the eastbound bus only lane that's currently out on the bridge. Today we're also allowing for an implementation of a westbound bus only link to should congestion warned that in the future in those outside bus lanes, we are including we are designing the bridge to, um uh, take care of the lows of a future streetcar line. So sorry. Um and then moving on to the multi use path. We are looking at a range that goes that meets or exceeds the widest multi use path on any bridge in downtown Portland today, which is the tilikum structure and in addition to that were implementing a physical barrier between bike pet users and our vehicular traffic just to kind of increase that sense of security and comfort for bike paid users on into the future. So with that, i'll hand it back over to sharon to

take us on into discussion and questions. Thank you. And then it's actually our last slide. So thank you again and we're here for any questions. I think commissioner Ryan had a question. I could wait if there's public testimony or if you had invited guests. Is there any testimony on this item. No one signed up. Okay? When you mentioned hi. Thanks for that was a great presentation. I didn't hear parks mentioned as being included at the table when you mentioned who would be collaborating and obviously with the esplanade on the other side of the skate park that is, um, is a big deal. I was curious why? I didn't hear that. Commissioner so I think maybe sharing could talk a little bit more to the internal workings of the idea, but, um, on that first slide, I think she had a list of the various arab euros that have been involved in this project, and pbot has been appointed as the lead agency. But it's my understanding that it's not only pbot who's had input on this process, that is that is correct. Pbot is the lead bureau. However we just lead the we are the liaison and parks has been very, very much involved. Not only in regard to the skate park, but the esplanade and the waterfront as well. Okay I just want to make sure that we're taking in all of their voices because we don't want to delay those projects or ruin these assets are I just I wasn't brought up to speed on this side. There's my and that's on me. There's been a few other big items, nils I just need to hear more about parks. Engagement, okay? Great I have a question. Commissioner Gonzalez you go ahead first, and then i'll follow it. Came here. Yeah. Okay, um. I just also want to reiterate and then one aspect. Uh just the essential nature of this bridge from resiliency, perspective and the importance of getting this project completed for the community. Um and it's just a general observation there. But in terms of the, um, decision making rights, you alluded to it, but I just want to understand a little bit. Um, how those leadership team meetings are going to work and uh um, you hit on it, but I just want to understand who's represented the city. Uh what?

What are the voting rights? How do we know when there's disagreements on design and whether the decision rights at a high level under the intergovernmental agreement. Yeah, I think he did it towards the beginning at this is the one so, commissioner, talk a little bit more about that, and I'm welcoming sharing to paper in as well, but really, the city county leadership meetings are as inclusive as they as anyone has the interest that participate in terms of city staff. So um, I can say that Caitlin Ref and Sharon and Shoshana Cohen, um and then a couple of other folks from people that have dropped into a couple of the meetings we've had already, um, as people has acted as the lead agency. That's been the primary, um, level of involvement with those city county leadership meetings. And then on the county side, we've got some transportation folks are director government relations and our project manager. Um and then, of course, commission staff as they're interested, but I'm thinking really about the decision making is what I'm hearing that you have the most curiosity about so staff is not tasked with making any decisions. I want to be really clear that that decision making would happen at the elected level. What we're trying to make sure is that you will have the information you need to come to the table with the most information possible so that you can make an informed decision in this space so far as it stands with Burnside being a county project and then Portland being a partner agency to that project, Multnomah County ultimately would be the decision maker for you know, how does the project change? Who um, exactly what do we add or subtract from the project and do we expand the budget because we are ultimately responsible for that budget and then the city in very basic form would basically decide. Okay do we support that? Do we change? Any of the different statements we've made about the project in previous resolutions. Is there any difference in terms of public stance that we want to take about this project? In practicality, though I would also just note that

the fact that the project takes place within the city of Portland and the fact that city Portland has been such a partner. While the decision making authority stands as is, there is definitely a lot more complexity to it than that, right. Like I think one decision is going to inform the other and vice versa and much of that information sharing that will happen during the decision making process will also be very collaborative from one agency to the other. So I want to be clear that while that authority stands very formally, and those two pools, the process is not going to be, um segmented. In that way. It's very much a fact finding mission with technical advisory as well as you can see. I'm that lower bar there. And we're all trying our best to just really be at the table and figure out a path forward, which is again to why this is called the city adjusting considered concerns instead of, um the title and the prior slide is because we really want to make sure that not only do we address the multi use path and also the a d a rent, but what are all of the possibilities? And how can we be creative to make sure that this project does achieve concerns that both the county and the city have about this project. And I think that I'm sorry to say I will add that we're still working through the details of this plan. But the um escalation process is something we're still working out, and it will really vary depending on the item. If it's if it's an item that we resolve, um to align with our city policies and guidelines in our interests at the technical level than there may not be a need to escalate it, but depending on what those outcomes look like we will certainly be, um, keeping commissioner Mapps office, um in the loop, and they are very interested in how things progress and so, um, will be continuing to work through, um each concern. On its own merits. Got it. Okay um, I'll turn this over to the mayor in one second, I had to last just general buckets of questions on the on the ramp. Um I appreciate the local vacation question concerns. Um and they're quite serious, frankly, if we're trying to really build resilience, what are the various

ramp options that are being discussed now? Will there be a separate environmental impact statement? It submitted once the ramp option, you know, is chosen. What's just walk me through the process for, um, the east really talking about the east side ramp? Um, you know, dynamics. Yeah sure. So um, last July, we had the city had contracted with a consultant to study what the ramp options were. And so, um we. At that time, had several options on the table. But kind of similar to the burnside bridge project itself. We recognize the need to do some value engineering for lack of a better word cost reduction. Um, and so where we landed with a preferred alternative on that is a, um, ramp that actually would only connect to the north side of the bridge. And so that's something that we are still working through the details of because it would require kind of repositioning of the space allocation on the bridge itself to ensure that pedestrians and bicyclists were on the north side of the bridge and could travel both directions in order to access it. The reason for that, um is twofold by only providing a ramp on the north side. It actually gets the ramp structure out of the highest liquefy a ble area that is on the south side of the bridge. And then it results in a more singular ramp structure that also reduce costs. Okay got it and that that's leads to my last question to going higher level. Are there some any fundamental, uh, design decisions that will have a material impact on costs. Like so we wanted to, you know, do some cost engineering. Um on project scope. Um the things that are strictly required to, you know, from resilience perspective that aren't strictly required from a, uh just what you need to do to repay. I said bridge. Where are the bigger design? You know discretionary decisions in the current budget, um, that have material dollar impacts. I think I need to refer to the county to answer that question. Commissioner happy to take that one. So um, I think we've already talked about a few cost saving measures. One of those cost saving measures was actually to remove a vehicular vehicular early and from the

bridge. We've done a couple of other design things like choosing a girder style on the west end. Not also reduces some costs, so we have done some major cost saving design choices already in the process. And then I think, as it relates to specifically the a d, a ramp that would connect to the east bank esplanade. Part of the reason why we need to do this work plan and part of the reason why we need that specific technical group to refer to is because I think what we're trying to work through is you know what is the cost of the ramp at various stages in the project? Um, if we were to shift the lanes from one side instead of being centered, does that increased costs elsewhere? We have a lot of really technical questions that we need we, frankly you know, I think from the policy side of things. Um I think that things are really unique and creative idea, and we want to make sure that engineers agree with us on that and that we don't inadvertently increased costs elsewhere. So sometimes this project can feel a little bit like whack a mole when you do one thing, something popped up elsewhere. And so really, what we're trying to do is do this multi month long process so that we can truly understand what the options are and what the cost implications would be for that, so um, I think it's pretty clear that adding the ramp to the project would increase the cost. The question is, how much and what is the overall costs in relation to the benefit of that ramp? And how can we even those out? Is that possible? Um and then you know, as it relates to federal grants as well. Is there a way that we can approach the grant process differently? Um with the ramp being a part of the project is that does that slow the project down with the environmental review phase? Does that add costs but doesn't make it more. Likely that we might be eligible for a different grant over here. There's so much research to do around this project that that's why we're really trying to take the time and do this process and just understand the overall impact that it would have on the project. Alright I appreciate your thoughtful answers to all my

questions I'm done for now. Thank you have just a couple. So you have the city county leadership meetings who was part of those meetings in terms of the leadership team identified on the work plan, and I think that's going to vary depending on how far we need to escalate it. Um what we've talked about and we're still talking about this is that you know, will have the technical discussion and if we can't come to agreement there um it you know, we've got office of government relations. We maybe pbot director commissioner's office, so we really kind of are still working out the details of what that process looks like. Um but yeah. I mean, essentially, it will depend on where we need to go to reach consensus. Okay add to those meetings are not intended to be a decision making points. We're really just trying to make sure that staff where our elected officials feel very much in the know and understand how that fact finding progress is happening. So you know, to the extent that commissioner Mapps as the jpac member and then commissioner j. Positive pack member needs to be involved. I think we're probably looking at maybe, um, agency level and government relations folks meeting monthly. And then the staff are elected officials likely being involved, maybe every two months or every three months or something like that, just knowing you all have limited capacity, but we want to make sure that you do feel like you understand how the work has been folding and I appreciate that. It's just very obvious based on your presentation, which, by the way, is a very good presentation. So thank you that there are many, many city bureaus that are potentially touched by this as well as many interests in the community that are potentially touched by this, and I just want to know how we're making the decisions about who's sitting around that advisory table. Speaking of which you had the a d, a issue identified on one of your slides, but it's my understanding, no funding. Has been identified for ada access is that correct? That that is correct. The 80 a ramp between the bridge and the east

bank esplanade is something that is not currently in the project, and that's one of the very key items we are going to be, um, working to address in this through this work plan, and my assumption is the city of Portland will continue to advocate for that. A d. A access, assume that that is a priority for the city of Portland. Yes okay, good because I share that. What are the next or where are we? With the east bank esplanade. The ramp connections are there specific proposals currently under discussion, or where do we stand on that? Um so we do have from the study that the city led. We do have, um, several scenarios, concepts. That, um. We prefer, um, but as far as what the ultimate and product might look like is something that is going to be a key focus of the technical focus group meetings and seeing what is feasible and then working through obviously how that would fit into any funding, and my assumption is at some point, you'll reach a consensus on what those connections look like. That is the goal. Okay and then since that was not included in the final environmental impact statement. The ei has what what is the process if a consensus is reached on those connections? How does that formally become part of the project? Given that it's not in the e? I s speak to that. Yeah mayor, I think I can talk a little bit to them and megan feel free to jump in with more details, but, um, you know, we are reaching the record of decision for this project. I it's my understanding that there are a lot of different elements of the neighbor process and that sea level is one of them and so actually adding, this ramp could potentially raise the water level. Um and so that could actually trigger an additional study for the project, and so one of the things that will be discussing in the work plan is okay if we were to add it, and it would look like this or this or this option a b and c. What's the sea level impact? What's the other environmental impacted? Shallow water habitat? What what is that trigger in terms of studies? Is there a way that the fact that it's by competitive frustration, church can we actually integrate that into

the I s we've already done does it need to does there need to be additional work, so these are a lot of the questions will be exploring during the process because a lot of them are a little bit unclear at this point, and as this evolves, certainly, like more more feedback on that is as you reach some of those decision points. Construction design. We're all we're all struggling with rapidly. Rising costs are are there alternative construction or design strategies under consideration to potentially reduce the cost of this project? Um I can take that one there, so I think we have already really narrow the project down to about a small as it could be without. Additionally um, harming the daily use of the bridge. Frankly, I mean, I think we've removed the vehicular early and sort of remove another one would be we would only have three lanes on the bridge. Um in addition to the multi use path, it's there today. I don't think we would want to decrease the multi use path at all. And so we wouldn't want to take from there which would mean we would have to take from a traffic lane. Um, we could start running into other complex issues like cannabis actually fit in the lane on the bridge. There are just a whole lot of things to be considered. So are part of the reason why we did the cost saving measures and why we've been so conservative about a different various parts of the project or that we would like to keep it at 900 million for as long as possible. Um and I can say that because we've been conservative and because we did adopt those cost saving measures, we've been able to keep it relatively low compared to a lot of the other major projects in the region, so we're doing everything we can to keep the project manageable. Um and really try to ah! Make it possible, I think is the best way I could put it from the funding perspective. It sounds based on your response to questions by the commissioners that you're keenly aware that there could be some drawing park resources. And so is those resources are identified. I would certainly like to be kept in the loop, and I know my colleagues would as well. What great that answers

my questions colleagues any further. Questions and again, there's no public testimony. Keelan on this item. There's an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Thank you for the presentation. Obviously everyone's interested in this because you identified it. Um as a major arterial and one that's so necessary when newcomers come to Portland's you go. How do you figure out these directions? Well, there's east west that's called the river and north south is burnside. What's burnside? It's a major road with the bridge, so everyone knows this is a major major arterial. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. You could tell by our questions. We just don't want to be surprised. By much needed sudden resources from certain aspects of our city's infrastructure. And so I just wanted to make sure that on the record that I put that out there for parks with the esplanade, a one side waterfront park on the other, and of course, the skatepark so I will. I will work collaboratively with commissioner Mapps, so we're not surprised as we go forward. I just don't want to have any regrets. So thanks for being here and taking these questions. They'll just keep coming. Everyone's interested. Thanks for your good work out. I gonzales. Super exciting project crucial for our resiliency. I got high alright. You heard from our questions. There's so many intersections. Bad plan I realized between this project and so many other facets of our city, from parks to 88 2 connectors to small business and our prizes to other city bureaus, and so i'll just echo at commissioner Ryan said. This is a project or more communication is probably going to be much better than less communication. Just so we all understand what the implications in the trade offs are. Very good presentation extremely well done. I appreciate it. I vote I ordinances adopted. Thank you. Thanks. Commissioner Mapps appreciate it. Thank you for your time. All right. We'll move to the regular agenda. Item number 285, please March 31st 2023 to be transgender day of visibility colleagues. Our next item is a proclamation recognizing

March 31st 2023 as transgender day of visibility will now turn it over to commissioner Ryan for our presentation. Commissioner Ryan thank you, mayor. And colleagues for joining us today to celebrate 10 transgender day of visibility in Portland's I appreciate the leadership and commitment from deep leadership team. Thank you. Judge Kemp, InFLUENCIA artists. You're all back there gathering. I want also think invited guest Nikki Gillette from Basic Rights Oregon and also a playwright who currently has a play up and running in this market. We'll talk about that. I'm sure and Zell Low Cellos Mark Shan't carrying about pronounce your name right from 10 tiny talks for joining us today. And now welcome the city's I g b t q. I a to s plus policy analysis, Lex Jankowski. I usually just call you, Lex. Did I just read your last thing works? Take it away. It's great to have all of you here. Good morning. Good morning. Mayor Wheeler City Council. Great to be here in person with you all. My name is Alexia Kosowski. I used a them pronouns, and I'm the first person to hold a full time I g b t q. I a to s plus policy focused position at the city of Portland. I'm really honored to be with you here today to celebrate the second transgender day of visibility. Since I've been here with the city. I want to extend a thank you to commissioner Ryan Darien and the clerk's office for helping coordinate today's proclamation. Really appreciate it as the first person to hold this role I drive to support internal and external policy development and also serve as the communities liaison. I feel extremely honored to be serving in this inaugural role of the city and really appreciate counsel. Support for this works growth within the city. In the last two years I've seen council really show up to invest programmatic funds into the I g b t q. I a two s program. Support building cultural competency opportunities for staff. But now with the county to ensure that the joint office supports are transgender community members and accessing services supporting cascade aids project and expanding to north courtland with their prison health

clinic and also to most recently to fund a limited term position to continue to support this program were broadly so. Thank you for all of that support, and we're actually on a side note. We're in the final stages of hiring for the limited term position to help support the program, so thank you again for that. As a new program. I continue to identify opportunities for development. Uh and I'm grateful for the queer alliance deep group, many members who are here today with us, as well as Portland's larger queer community for continuing to highlight the myriad and mountain of challenges. Um the specific to the transgender community and housing workforce education. Public safety and health care. I'm here today alongside leaders from our community in the queer alliance deep group to uplift and honor transgender day of visibility, which technically was on March 31st. We're a little bit late this year. Today we celebrate transgender day of visibility amid a torrent of anti transgender legislation across the country. It is important important now, probably than ever before that we as a city affirmed that Portland's is in solidarity with our queer community and specifically is in solidarity with our transgender community. So with that, I'm going to pass the mic over to some more community leaders and deep group leadership to run us through the program. But thank you for your time this morning. Thank you. Premiums counselors. My name is mickey gillette, my pronouncer. She her hers and I'm the major gifts officer at basic rights, Oregon. Thank you for recognizing chance. Day of visibility episode of Portland again. The international translated visibility was founded in 2009 by activist rachel crandall was dismayed that the only event recognizing the trans community was translated remembrance and annual visual more realizing those lost to anti trans violence. In 2019. I approach mayor Wheeler's office. With the request recognizing trance state of visibility. At city hall through a proclamation. With the support of sarafiya, allen and blair. We were able to make this a reality,

and it's since become an annual tradition or city employees and community advocates to come together and uplift the needs of the trans community while providing space. For a policy ask of council. Over the years we've appreciated responsiveness to policy asks like the passage of transpacific funding for homeless services. Unfortunately as we meet here today, state legislatures across the country are passing hate fueled draconian laws prohibiting adolescents from accessing the lifesaving, gender affirming care prescribed to them by their physicians. This is care recommended by the American medical association, the American academy of pediatrics, the American psychiatric association. The American pediatric endocrinology society and every other medical board that's reviewed this practice. It's like these aren't meant to serve the best interests of trans youth there. An authoritarian, authoritarian attempt to return the country. To a time when the law itself kept trans people from living authentically. There aren't two sides to the issue of trans people's existence, though we exist and we're asking the council to build on the steps its taken toward weaving lgbtq two s plus equity into the fabric of the city. Last year at transient visibility. We asked for a commitment to institutionalize this equity work. Into the city's structure. Since that time, lex has worked with community organizations like basic rights, Oregon and the q center. And the queer city employees to craft and l g b t q. l h two s plus strategic plan that articulates the work of the program at the city and demonstrates what it would look like. To see lgbtq two s plus equity across all city bureaus. This strategic plan speaks directly to the ask we made of council last year. Portland is a haven for trans people. Basic rights Oregon we hear from trans adults and parents of trans children who are uprooting to move here in hopes of finding safety and acceptance. Some of them have the means to do so. Some start with nothing because they feel they have no choice. The commitment outlined in the strategic plan is away. The city can show

that the trans community is valued so we're here today to ask for your continued engagement in the strategic plan and to affirm the steps contained in it. In this moment, it couldn't be more important to move this work forward and ensure that lgbtq. I a to s plus and trans equity. Are a part of the way we do business at the city. And now we'll hear from zealous ellis marshall. Thanks, mickey. Thank you.

Council layer. My name is diblasio's martians and also short that's fine, pregnant or he him his and they and the founder and artistic director of teenage grand theater. Um a member of the black and beyond the binary and a board member of the black advisory business council on the west side. As mickey pointed out. This year has been incredibly dark for trans and non binary people and gender expansive people in two spirits in our community. But despite being villainized, transgender and expansive folks, we continue to add so much to the fabric of our communities, as we have for thousands of years. For the commissioners who on the diet story and asters heat of proclamation. You will remember mickey, ian alexis and myself. Sharing about the transgender community's unique challenges on behalf of the larger transgender day of visibility committee. You will also remember our ask for your commitment to commute to build lgbt q. I plus and trans gender equity work at the city. We're so heartened by the council's reception to this ask and commitment to continue building this work at the city, and we have been excited to see the movement that has come from that ask and both an additional limited term position to support lgbt q. I a to s plus programming as well as the development of an lgbtq way to us plus program strategic plan. There is so much opportunity in the passage of the strategic plan to serve as a model for other cities and counties, who are just in the initial stages of building out their lgbtq. I to us plus equity work. The group of folks who have been involved in tetovo in years past or so thrilled to see this plan moving forward, provide feedback and will be anxiously waiting to support

it when it comes to council later this year. With that I would like to pass it to judge kim from the city's queer alliance deep group. Thank you cellos. Good morning, commissioners. Mayor. My name is judge kemp. I use he him pronouns program coordinator at pbot. And I am the newest member to join the deep queer alliance leadership team. I'm here today, speaking on behalf of the over 200 city employees who are part of our queer alliance affinity group in support of today's transgender day of visibility proclamation. I'm also here to show my support for my transgender friends. And community members. Who are continually attacked. For living their lives. The city has within its networks, the diverse and empowered employees of Portland's group or deep that represents the various cultures. And racial demographics of our employees. The queer alliance was one of the first deep affinity groups to be established in July of 2008. And currently has a membership of over 200 employees. Members of the group represent multiple bureaus and are often well positioned to flag bureau specific issues that need policy attention. The group has always worked to center policy. That specifically addresses equity for transgender and non binary staff. Some of the groups accomplishments over the years include advanced transgender healthcare for city employees in partnership with mayor adams office in 2009. The group also worked on all user restrooms and gender neutral policies, including advocating for pronouns in citywide email signatures with the late commissioner fish in 2015. Unfortunately more institutional support. Is needed. The work will not continue to grow at the necessary pace without it. This is why the queer alliance was vital to advocating for the l g b t q. l a to s plus policy analyst position. As well as the quarterly lgbt q. l a to s plus policy focused meetings with commissioner office liaisons. In closing. We thank all of you for your commitment. Assigning a liaison to engage with these quarterly meetings. And have been happy to hear. Support for the growth of the lgbtq, two s plus

program and strategic plan. That works to address many of the pain points of the queer, trans and non binary employees. So thank you. And with that, I'd like to introduce my colleague balance. See? Good morning. My name is violence. E asteras pronounced. They've them I'm a civil engineer working for the Portland bureau of transportation. I joined the queer alliance leadership team in early 2021. Over the last two years. I have read emails and taking calls and sat in rooms with our members who are sad and scared and exhausted as we endure. The relentless and intensifying attacks on our community. And I've also been. Starting the agendas foreign facilitating many of our monthly meetings run and shared out our surveys organized social events. Co authored the pride proclamations and helped administer our teams channel and mailing list, and I've had the great privilege of working directly with lex on all of these things. Lux has been wonderful, consummate professional, quick witted and well informed, empathetic and a tireless advocate. They've been our first institutional support, inviting us to assist in crafting the strategic plan and other policy. And also being a person we know that we can trust with the issues most important to us. The queer lines deep group aligned with basic rights, Oregon, the cascade aids project and a q center in supporting the first strategic plan for lgbt q. I two s plus issues in the city's history. The plan also has support from our friends and peers in city labor unions. This strategic plan sets up a framework for advancing city culture and city policy, labor development. Community engagement and demographic data. Being counted and being visible. We have the potential to make the city a more inclusive place for not just queer and transport lenders. But for everyone who lives works and visits here. And changes that happen in Portland can have regional and national effects that extend far beyond our city boundary. A major focus of the plan reflects the priorities that have been identified by deep group members. Over the years,

employees have been asking for city forms both internal and external. That allow people to accurately and correctly identify themselves and for city equity managers to have l g b t q. A to s plus equity into their bureau specific plans. Adopting this plan this year. Head of charter reform and bureau, realignments and all the vagaries of national politics. Is a bold, proactive step in realizing these basic fundamental needs. 2021 nationwide poll estimated that about 6% of Portland's residents identify as part of the l g b t q. A to s plus community. This is the second highest percentage of any city in the u. S so it makes sense that with the development of this strategic plan and the expansion of the lgbtq a to s plus policy office within within the office of equity and human rights, we are moving closer to jurisdictions like san francisco santa clara, philadelphia. Boston and Washington, d. C, who all have multi member offices of l g b t q. Two s plus policy advancement. Finally our affinity group, along with lex and queer folks across the city. Have been working on policy recommendations to address gaps for city employees whose family structure and they look different. And addressing the harm being done to trans communities across the nation by creating safety here in Portland. We hope that we can count on your support for the strategic plan. And for bringing forward policies that are firm and provides safety. Our queer and trans community. Thank you for your time and consideration. And now my favorite part. Whereas transgender transfeminine trans masculine, non binary two spirits into expensive gender queer, a gender. People have always existed and made important contributions to their communities. Whereas transphobic cultures, including that of the united states continue to suppress the existence and contributions of transgender and gender nonconforming people. And whereas transphobia requires disparities negatively affecting transgender and gender nonconforming, forming an expansive people in health, housing, employment and all major aspects of life. And

whereas white supremacy ableism, anti blackness, misogyny and transphobia are interconnected and depend on the continued violence against black, indigenous and other people of the global majority who are transgender or gender nonconforming, expansive, particularly black, transgender women and films and, whereas houses nous and housing services providers consistently failed to provide safe, welcoming and knowledgeable support for transgender and gender nonconforming people experiencing houses snus and whereas among cities in the united states Portland's home to the second largest percentage of lgbtq, plus people per capita, including transgender and gender, nonconforming people, and whereas the city of Portland's strives to make our communities safe and empowering for its transgender and gender nonconforming residents and whereas the city has not yet succeeded in this endeavor, and whereas visibility for transgender people is complex and nuanced and should not be a precondition for justice. And whereas transgender day of visibility is an opportunity for the Portland's City Council in the city as a whole to recommit to partnering with the community to address our challenges and investing in the city infrastructure that furthers this work together. Now, therefore be it resolved. I ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do hereby proclaim March 31st 2023 to be transgender day of visibility in Portland's and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you all. And I know my colleagues on the council and I would like to share a few of our thoughts in response to your very heartfelt and much appreciated presentation. I'll start in the order. I received them, commissioner Ryan it looks like you're up first, then commissioner Mapps. Mr maps, you, mr whitman and out. Yeah you're oh, that's quite a view. Yeah well, thank you, mayors. And thank you to all of you showed up today. That was a beautiful presentation. I want to start off by just saying it was. It's more important

to hear your words than ours. And I'm really impressed with your courage. I'm honored to do two, of course, declare this day of visibility and it's really a day every day. Um I said last year, say it again. We don't get to choose or decide another person's gender identity. Um we have never been able to and then world in which people thought they had the privilege to do so is over. And then sometimes on this journey. I'm like, what do I know? I'm like an old assist. Gender white, um, came in and this journey for me is has been that as well. A journey, remember, um, cat? I do feel old when I make comments like this. Remember being part of the queer movement and always adding another. Apart to the to the table, and I've always been proud of our community for not pretending we don't need to do that. It's just always been about inclusion. And what do I know? I know what it's like to be beat up for being myself. I know what it's like to be rejected from communities from jobs from, um for many decades. I know what it's like further to come out as somebody that's hiv positive. I know what it's like to go through my own journey of why I want to straddle my pronouns with adding damai dominance. He but I had they because you gave me languages movements gave me language. I didn't have it when I was going through my many layers of coming out, so I'm just so grateful that we continue to have the dialogue and continue to open up. I'm so proud. To be a Portland er. Most days, but especially on a day like this. When reminded of the population base. That's here. But to hear you all talk about where safe haven for people to literally feel safe to be themselves and turn them to add so much to our community. I've had the pleasure and the challenge. Why is it a challenge? Because watching a friend go through their coming out as trans is always been fascinating to watch. Have been in those awkward dialogues where I have to remind people there is gender and their sex, sexual preference. They're not the same thing, and I can only imagine how exhausting that is, for all of you. So I'm always an ally and also a

participant, and I'm grateful to be on this council at this time. To have all of you come forward and be yourselves and I love all the flags, so I hope at the end we can do some sort of a flag thing. And there you go. Do the flags. Yes flag thing if you want a beautiful alright, let's make sure at the end we have a moment with all of this anyway, I had prepared remarks nights stopped looking at them awhile ago, but I just wanted to say I'm I'm I'm I'm for clamps, and then all of my spouse. Who has taught me a lot of their gender fluid over our six years now have been in relationship. I know that's really deepened my journey as well. So anyway, thanks to all of you for being you and for being visible for being proud. And for also bringing some joy to the council chambers today. Thank you. Commissioner commissioner commissioner Mapps. Thank you, mr mayor on colleagues. I am honored to join you in declaring March 31st 2023 to be transgender day of visibility here in Portland, Oregon. On that day we come together as a community to reaffirm our commitment to fighting for equality and prosperity. For our transgender friends and neighbors and on transgender day of visibility, we recognize the work that still needs to be done. Transgender Portland's face a shocking amount of discrimination. Here are some hard truths that hold true even here in Portland's black transgender women are the most brutalized people on this planet. Members of the transgender community suffer from high levels of domestic violence. Members of the transgender community suffer from employment and housing discrimination. They're more likely to find themselves homeless, they are more likely to suffer from hate crimes, and our health system continues to fail or transgender. Friends and neighbors. Portland must do better, and that's what transgender day of visibility is all about. And that's why I'd like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate. The people in organizations were helping Portland's for ken ginger community thrive. Let me start by expressing my appreciation to the

community members who shared their powerful testimony with us today, so thank you. Zealous, zealous. Thank you, mika. Are mickey. Thank you, judge. Thank you for lindsay. And thank you, lex. This council is committed to working with you to bring stability and dignity to Portland's transgender community. Now just a few years ago, Portland's l g b t q. l a plus community came to this council and requested that the city of Portland corey a position specifically dedicated to addressing the needs of Portland's queer community. And today that position exists within the office of equity and human rights and is filled by are capable colleague lex who was doing great work, but there is more great work to be done. That's why I am excited to see and received the strategic plan that lexus working on I encourage commissioner Ryan o. E. O e. H r and lex to bring that strategic plan plan to this council as a report so we can review it and comment on it and lift it up. Um I would like to close today by saying this on this french gender day of visibility, this council sees our transgender friends, neighbors and colleagues. And you look like Portland's colleagues. For these reasons and more. I'm proud to join you and declaring March 31st 2023 to be trenchant today of visibility here in Portland's thank you commissioner Mapps commissioner Gonzalez. I just want to thank you all for who you are. And everything you do for our city we're committed to making and keeping Portland's safe for our transgender friends and neighbors, even if other places and people don't respect and cherish you, we do we see you your courage everything will bring to our community. Courtland and Oregon will always be your allies again. Thanks so much for coming today and being here being present and doing all you do. Thank you. Thank you and colleagues. Uh, I just want to say how much I appreciate the presentation today. I appreciate it last year, and i'll appreciate it next year as well. Thank you for the hard work you put into it. I appreciate it all of our presenters, but it's appreciated especially for me to be able

to hear what our employees are saying. What our city employees are saying, and the most important thing I can say to you is I see you. And I support you. And this council will continue to see you and continue to support you. There's more we need to do, I think, as we heard today, there, you know, we we've set a bar. And we have achieved much, but there's much more that we need to do. We need to do better. We must do better and we will and collaboration with you and with the community at large, so I just want to say how much I appreciate this presentation. There is courage. Being demonstrated here. And not just to those who presented about all of you who are here and we respect you. And we appreciate you and we thank you. Thank you, mayor. Thank you. Thank you. Should we get a photo or something? I mean with. I sort of agree with all the flags and everybody here. Let's maybe in front of the table. If we could just gather there for a minute, we'll be in recess for two minutes. Mhm. In session. The next item, please. Keelan is item number 286 also a proclamation. Proclaim April nine through 15 2023 to be public safety, telecommunications appreciation week colleagues. The next item is a proclamation recognizing April 9th to 15th as public safety, telecommunications appreciation week now turn it over to commissioner Gonzalez. As the commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications is my distinct honor to recognize the people who are the 1st 1st responders there there through extreme weather. 24 7 365 days a year, taking calls from the community and getting the right response where it's needed. Every year. The second week of April is set aside to celebrate the tireless dedication of public safety. Tele communicators that is our 911 callers and dispatchers there heard but very seldom seen, and this week we have the great privilege of celebrating the hard work that's happening even as I speak to the public safety tele communicators of boac. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the community and for the continuous hours of training and re certification. I know that

the past few years have not been easy with call volumes increasing and this that the campbell concerns on our streets, but you have remained steadfast and been a calm voice for so many people on the worst days of their lives into the class of 16 trainees. Please know that your community needs you. Portland needs you. And we will continue to encourage you and celebrate you when your training is complete. Stay strong. I also want to take this time to think. Bo ax director bob cozzie, bob, thank you for your leadership and continuous advocacy on behalf of your bureau with that I'm happy to celebrate national public safety telecommunications week and i'll pass it to you, bob. All right. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and commissioners I'm bob cozzie, director of the bureau of emergency communications. It's a pleasure to be here today and thank you for this opportunity as we celebrate national public safety tele communicators week. I want to recognize the 911 call takers, dispatchers, operations and support staff. At the Portland bureau of emergency communications. I'm so proud of the incredible work that they do each and every day. There are a team of dedicated professionals who truly care about our community. A colleague of mine recently, said the individuals at the consoles represent the best of us. It's important to take the time to acknowledge and celebrate their life saving work, life saving work of these heroes under the headset. National public safety. Telecommunication er week reminds us to appreciate these professionals. Who have accepted the challenge to serve our community with diligence, dedication and courageous resilience. And now mayor Wheeler. Not to you. Before i, uh, turning this read the proclamation. I'd like to open this up for my colleagues to make some comments. Commissioner Mapps I see you have your hand up. Yes thank you, mr mayor, colleagues. I'm delighted to join you and declaring April 9th through April 15th 2023 to be public safety, telecommunications appreciation week here in Portland, Oregon. This

proclamation resonates deeply with me. As you all know, for my first year, two years on this council, I had the honor of serving as the commissioner in charge of the bureau of emergency communications. Now in that role, I got to see the critical role or emergency communications operators play in delivering public safety services to those who live work and play in Portland's. Our 911 dispatchers are truly our city's 1st 1st responders are 911 dispatchers work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year are Portland 911 dispatchers respond to about one million calls a year. And many of those calls represent pleas for help from people who are in the middle of the worst day of their lives. I will tell you the truth. I am still haunted by some of the calls that came through to boec when I was the commissioner in charge of that bureau. I still think about the child who was hit by a car while writing her skateboard. On christmas day. And I still think about the hostage situations that turned out tragically. And they still think about this fact. Even on our darkest days. Our staff at 911 have always stepped up, leaned in and came through for the people of Portland, which is why I'm glad to have this opportunity to thank her staff at 911 for the service they provide to our city. In addition, I want to congratulate our 911 dispatchers, director cozzie and commissioner Gonzalez for bringing down our 911 call wait times. Dramatically for example, in February of 2022 are average call. Wait time on 911 was 66 seconds now, a year later in February, 2023 are average call wait. Time for 911 fell to 47 seconds. So in the space of just a year, boec got 29% faster at responding to our communities. Our emergency calls that is amazing. Congratulations thank you so much, bob. No the leadership role that you played in making this happen, thanks to commissioner Gonzalez for keeping that going, thanks to the folks over at 911 who are answering calls at this moment, um and doing better every day. I could not be prouder of Portland's 1st 1st responders, which is why I'm delighted to join this

council and declaring April 9th. Through April 15th 2023 to be public safety, telecommunications appreciation week here in Portland's thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Ryan thank you for bringing this forward commissioner Gonzalez and also to you commissioner Mapps for your leadership over the over the division I it's really good to see you, bob director cozzie sorry, and I wanted to actually underscore the good news. I heard yesterday about the call times going in the right direction. There's a lot of momentum. I think I was visiting when you were at the peak of being in a anyway we knew that we had nowhere to go but up and you were on it and you are hiring and it was one of the most insightful. I love doing field trips in site visits, if you will, and I was so impressed with how difficult the job is. I always thought it was difficult, but to watch somebody managing the call managing the technology having the right instincts. Um like every first responder, you have to just hope that at any given moment. You're making the right decision, and it's so easy for people to criticize how those decisions are made, but always asked them to put themselves in their shoes. And so all I saw was professionalism. Uh and a lot of support from you as a leader for bringing that culture together. They were getting, um criticized unfairly and it was wonderful to see the moment you can feel it was going to get better, and I just want to acknowledge your leadership and all of that, anyway. It's an honor to be here today to acknowledge. Public safety with the cae first respond public safety telecommunications. Uh week month. There is a week. It's everyday anyway. It's just great to take a moment and acknowledge your good work and your team. So congratulations. Well, I want to add my thanks. To that which you've already heard from other members of the council. This is an extremely difficult job and it is very stressful. Those are sort of the two components that I note the most, and also the work that they're doing the triage work that they need to do requires nearly

instantaneous decision making, and the consequences are literally nothing less than life or death. It's a tough job. It's not for everybody, and I really appreciate the people who are doing that. I know that the work that that are boec employees do each and every work. It's critical to how we function as a city. We also know that the job has gotten much more difficult with time through the large surges in 911 call volume during the worst times the covid pandemic. Boec employees were there when people in the city of Portland needed them. That was an important aspect of their work. The work that they do is truly exceptional. And as my colleagues have said the results show that and so the least we could do is read this proclamation into the record, but it is heartfelt. Whereas emergencies requiring police fire medical services occur at any time. And whereas prompt police fire medical response is critical to the protection of life and the preservation of property. And whereas public safety telecommunications in the city of Portland's bureau for emergency communications boec, or the first contact for our communities, calls for help for emergency services. And whereas public safety telecommunications are professionals of the highest caliber, with expertise in police, fire, medical and Portland street response dispatch protocols and whereas public safety telecommunications monitor first responder radio activity, thus ensuring their safety while providing a vital link of information. And whereas public safety telecommunications of whether historic increases in 911 calls answering 640 to 105 calls in 22. And where I was both public safety, telecommunications consistently display professionalism, dedication and commitment, and we're as we're grateful for the important and often lifesaving work accomplished by boec public safety telecommunications. Now therefore I ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do hereby proclaim April 9th through 15th 2023 to be public safety. Tele communicators appreciation week in Portland's and encourage

all residents to observe this week. I want to thank all of you director cozzie thank you for your continued outstanding leadership, and if you could pass it on to your whole team you know what I'd actually like to tell him in person I hope with the commissioner in charge is for parents. I will have the opportunity to tell them myself. I appreciate the work they do. Thank you. Thank you. Well, don't you there? Next stop. Item number 287, but we're going to read to 87 actually know what? Let's let's take a 10 minute break because we're into the thick of the regular agenda. Now we've got some big items coming forward. Why don't we take a 10 minute recess? We will reconvene at 11 48. We're in recess. Yeah. Yeah. Mhm. Front. Yeah. Mhm. No. Mm hmm. Mhm. Yeah. Yeah. Okay? Mm hmm . Okay? Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Mhm. Okay? Session Keelan, could you please read items to 87 2 91 together, please. Item 2 87 authorized contract with northwest infrastructure llc for the o'bRyant square demolition project for an estimated cost of 4,529,000. Item to 91 wave 120 day demolition delay requirement for o'bRyant square demolition project. O brien square has deteriorated to a point where the site presents a threat to public health, welfare and safety. The first item authorizes an emergency contract to demolish the surface plaza and underground parking structured o'brien square. The property will then be backfilled to match the grade of the surrounding streets. The second item waves 120 day demolition delay requirement within the zoning code. The purpose of the demolition delay requirement is to provide time for the city to consider alternatives such as rehabilitation, reuse, relocation or salvage, rehabilitation. Reuse and relocation are clearly not applicable to this site. The parks bureau is requested that an informational plaque attached to the former bus shelter be salvaged. The transportation and water bureaus did not identify any additional salvageable pieces. I'll hand this off to our chief procurement officer biko taylor and grant more

had to provide an overview. The two items welcome biko and grant. Thank you, mr mayor. City Council. For the record. I am biko taylor, the chief procurement officer. In December. 2022 pbot leadership started that the o'brien street structure engineering criteria for emergency demolition due to structural integrity concerns on December 12 2022. It was a clear and emergency by the peabody commissioner after collaborating with procurement services to review legacy contractors that could perform this work on short notice. P box selected northwest infrastructure llc to complete the demolition work northwest infrastructure llc in the state certified minority owned business african American owned and was awarded the contract of 4.5 to \$9 million. 96.8% of this contract will be performed by northwest infrastructure. 100% of this work will be performed by african American male. Contractors. Northwest infrastructure is located in Portland, Oregon, and as a state of Oregon certified minority contractor. They have a current city of Portland business tax registration in full compliance with all of the city's contracting requirements are complete my procurement portion of this testimony, um i'll invite grant morehead to provide additional um, context to be historical site and other technical questions. Thank you. Commissioners thank you very much. My name is grant morehead. I'm with people. It's parking operations division, specifically addressing item to 91. This ordinance will wave a portion of the zoning code that establishes a 120 day delay period for demolition projects involving structures that are listed on the historic resource inventory. You can advance to the next slide, please. The demolition permit for o'bRyant square is now under review. And passage of this ordinance will expedite permit issuance. Thank you. And I'm happy to answer any questions. Very good. Short to this point, gentlemen, our colleagues any questions at this particular juncture? Keelan do we have public testimony on either 2 87 or 2? 91 no one signed up very good. These are both emergency

ordinances seeing no further questions. Please call the roll on 2 87. Ryan thank you, director Taylor and Grant. Thank you for your presentation. I thought I Gonzales. I just want to take this time to dress. This is long overdue for sitting. Uh and I want to acknowledge the private sector's focus on the square. Their commitment to it led by Tom Kilbane at Urban Renaissance Group. That have been doing their parts for years and by offering to put private dollars to contribute to this demolition rebuild, but with that, I wrote, I Maps, Wheeler. Alright vote. I thank you. The ordinances adopted to the second item ordinance 291. Also an emergency ordinance. Certainly further questions or discussion. Seeing none sleeves call the roll. Ryan I Gonzales. Alright Maps Wheeler high the ordinances adopted. Thank you. Thank you both Grant and Biko. We will go to 288288 is a second reading. We've already heard a presentation and had opportunity for public testimony any further discussion on 288? Seeing then please call the roll. Ryan. Oh, sorry, Mayor. Would you like me to read the title? Yeah, I guess you have to write. I don't want you to fight with the lawyer right next to you. That would be very uncomfortable and awkward. Thank you. 28 a man contract with p t g. Oregon I l c d b, a premier truck group of Portland for the purchase of vehicles to extend term and increase not to exceed amount by \$40 million. Very good. This is the second reading any further discussion. Please call the roll. Ryan Gonzales. Alright Wheeler ordinances adopted. 2 89 also a second reading, and my guess is you want to read the title before I jump ahead. Proved findings to authorize an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements and approved use of the alternative contracting method of progressive design. Build for the Inverness force main system replacement project. I love Keelan subtlety, by the way, colleagues I mean that that was about the most gentle way she could possibly have said, you know, we haven't even read the title. She's good. I appreciate you so much any further discussion on this item. Seeing

none. Please call the roll. Ryan gonzales. Alright I'm really happy to move this project forward. It's a little bit in the weeds, but i'll tell you it addresses probably the largest structural vulnerability that we have in our infrastructure over at b s want to thank my colleagues for supporting moving this forward. I vote I Wheeler. Peter supported by the ordinances adopted item number 2 90, also second reading, authorized competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible better and provide payment for construction of the so and sanitary sewer extension project for an estimated amount of \$7,400,000 colleagues any further business on this item seeing none. Please call the roll. Ryan gonzales. The ordinance was adopted and Keelan that completes our business this morning. We're adjourned until two pm.

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This is the Wednesday April 12 2023 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan good afternoon. Please call the roll. Good afternoon, Ryan. Brian here. Gonzales. Here. Here. Here Wheeler here now we'll hear from legal counsel and the rules of order and decorum. Hey how you doing today? Good. Thanks. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually, you must sign up in advance on the council agenda. [www dot Portland's gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council) information and engaging with City Council can be found in the council's clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. Presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. The timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct, such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others, testimony or council's deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption of warning will be given further disruption will result in injection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and 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're a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization, please identify it. For testifying is joining virtually

please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you. First up today is the spring bump item number 292 please adopt the fy 2022 23 spring supplemental budget and make other budget related changes.

Colleagues today council will vote on our spring 2023 budget monitoring process package also known as the spring bump. The spring bump is one of three major budgeting processes the city undergoes each year and it's historically composed of true ups or relatively small programmatic changes. These funds must be spent or encumbered by June 30th this year, in other words, during this fiscal year, and the funds that are not spent or encumbered by June, 30th will fall to the ending fund balance and be available for the council to distribute during the annual budget process. Yes. During last Thursday's council work session. The city budget office over viewed the bump has filed and answered counsel's questions. I want to express my thanks once more to the budget office for their great work on the bump. And for briefing each commissioner on this process, as well as the overall package as reminder. The spring bump occurs simultaneously with the work I do to develop my proposed annual budget for the entire coming fiscal year because we have yet to balance the fiscal year 23 24 budget any new set aside requests within the spring bump. Will result in a reduction in funding for priorities in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. So in that respect the spring bump and the annual budget process are intimately related compensation policy and other set aside, balances will be processed as part of the fiscal year 23. 24 proposed budget. That said. I look forward to hearing from each commissioner as we work together to pass this package. Before I turn this over to our budget office. I want to quickly review the order of events for today. City budget office director tim grew will walk us through the current spring, supplemental budget organs council will introduce and second any amendments for consideration, after which time we'll have

opportunity for public testimony once public testimony is complete. Council will deliberate and vote on the amendments. And then vote on the entirety of the ordinance with any amendments that are passed director grewe please take us through the spring supplemental budget ordinance as well as any amendments from council. Thank you afternoon to you. Afternoon, mr mayor and council members. I'm tim grew to seize budget officer with me is robert or coordinator of our bump process. Management. In my presentation today, which will be somewhat short, I will briefly revisit the purpose and practices of the spring bump. For public for the public. And because we had a work session just last week in which we went through considerable detail, um, with you as well as our meetings with you individually, this will be a fairly high level presentation today. I also want to note for the community members. Who may be watching today that would at this work session. That they can view the spring bump. Amateur and obtained materials on the cbo website. Spring this spring bump is the second of three budget monitoring processes we undertake each year. Its primary meant to provide year end financial projections. Make current year budget adjustments and true up costs between fiscal years. This includes programs carry overs, throwing up beginning fund balances, based upon the annual comprehensive financial report. It's for interagency adjustments, allocation of contingency resources and other primarily technical changes. Girls may also request compensation set aside that is budgeted each fiscal year. For cost cost of living adjustments and health benefit increases. The mayor released guidance early on in this process for bureaus. On how to draft their requested spring bumps, submissions. That outlined the types of request he was looking for. The guy is allowed for a request for compensation set aside transfers and for other current your personnel costs, including general fund backed labor costs, resulting from recently approved labor bargaining agreements. The

guidance specified. The bureau's could request one time carry over general fund resources. To either continue work. That that was funded in the current year but which the bureau's anticipate will continue into the next fiscal year. New requests for one time general fund unrestricted contingency were not permitted based upon the mayor's guidance. The mayor's proposed bump, as filed, allocates a total of 65.3 million budgeted general fund contingency and budgeted general fund contingency. That that's right. Yeah. Excuse me for a moment. The killer. Excuse me, little paper problem here. The \$6.53 million includes 1.4 million and unrestricted contingency for urgent and unforeseen needs over the remainder of the fiscal year. 8.8 million in personnel contingency for current year labor costs. Four point 44.3 million in program carry over that will be re budgeted in fiscal year 22 23 because there was no budgeted amount. There is no addition to the capital set aside. All funds. The mayor's proposed supplemental budget results in a net increase of citywide appropriation totalling 26.4 million. The majority of this net increase relates to changes and funds managed by the water bureau and the bureau of environmental services, which primarily recognize beginning fund balance changes and some additional revenues. In the general fund. The mayor's proposed bump includes 9.9 million for compensation set aside and personnel contingency. Allocations. 2.6 million in policy set aside allocations 650,000 for new general fund requests and 44.3 million and program carryover. Mr mayor council, aware of four requested amendments that have been already submitted. For deliberations. We're also aware of one new amendment. Mr mayor. At this point, i'll turn this back to you to deliberate on the amendments. Alright, very good colleagues before we move off of this piece, is there. Are there any questions for the budget offices at this particular juncture? Good seeing none will now here and second amendments. I understand my count tim was that we have two proposed amendments from

commissioner Rubio. Can I get a head nod is outright commissioner Rubio. Yes I believe one from commissioner Ryan. Is that correct? And two from you commissioner Mapps correct. Very good. Okay, so why don't we do this? Why don't each of you read your proposed amendments in order. And then seek a second. After all the amendments have been placed on the table for discussion will obviously here public testimony. So if we get a motion and a second we won't actually vote on the amendment will keep them open. And then we can hear from the public on those particular amendments, so in no particular order colleagues, do you mind if I start with commissioner Rubio ? Commissioner Rubio? Why don't you go ahead and on mute and introduce your two amendments? Thank you, mayor. Um colleagues I put on the table the following amendments for amendment one, um, in motion to make an adjustment to the to the supplemental budget as proposed to carry over general fund resources in prosper Portland, the amendment will decrease bureau program expenses in the prosper Portland general fund, equitable development outside of tiff by \$125,000. And increase general fund policy set aside by 100 and \$25,000 in support of the central city and commercial districts. Quarter analysis. This is a simple internal transport transfer that will allow prosperous to continue the central city and commercial district analysis work to focus on increasing housing and affordable housing via conversion and infill and refining, focus, small business and commercial district strategies. Second so we have a motion from commissioner Rubio. We have a second from commissioner Mapps. So this will be on the table and open will call this Rubio amendment number one. And you have a second one commissioner. I do. Thank you. Also put on the table the following emotion to make adjustments, an adjustment to the supplemental budget as proposed to fund a request for unrestricted contingency resources to evaluate the exploration of tax increment

financing districts as this City Council was reminded during a previous work session prior City Council via budget note directed prosper to engage in and complete a third party. Artie evaluation of all tiff districts associated with expecting expected returning to revenues before anything returning to funds could be allocated. Prosperous started his work as directed, but council never funded it and it should be. It should have been funded in the prior fall bump, but it was overlooked at the time during the budget process. Passage of this amendment would correct that oversight. So I with that i'll pass it back to the mayor. Second. Very good. I'll let commissioner Ryan second this one commissioner Rubio moves commissioner Ryan seconds. This will be Rubio amendment number two. It is also on the table and open commissioner Ryan yeah. Thanks mayor motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed adjusting general fund resources, support Portland parks and recreation for the following decreased general fund compensation set aside contingency by 2,000,700. In \$78,249, increased bureau program expenses and park bureau general fund fund. 100 by \$2,015,125 for current year labor cost increased bureau program expenses in the parks capital improvement program fund fund 402 by \$763,124. For o'bRyant square interim activation. Decrease bureau program expenses and parks burrow general fund fund 100 by 2,015,125. Increase bureau program expenses in the parks capital improvement fund fund for 02. By \$515,125. For o'bRyant square interim activation. Increased general fund policies set aside contingency by 1,500,000 update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change. I think this is terrific. All seconded myself. Commissioner Ryan moves all second. This is Ryan, number one. And with that, commissioner Mapps. Thank you, mr mayor colleagues. I have an amendment, which also deals with o'bRyant square. I moved that council make the following amendments to the proposed supplemental budget

first decreased the policy set aside in the general fund by \$1.5 million to fund the demolition of the parking structure at o'bRyant square. To increase budget program expenses and p bots parking facility fund by \$1.5 million to complete demolition of the parking structure at o'bRyant square three. Update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change. Thank you and colleagues let journey into to just put an intuitive interpretation of what's happening here are essentially just moving dollars between bank account at the city in order to enable peabody to quickly follow through on the demolition of the parking garage at o'bRyant square. May I have a 2nd 2nd commissioner Ryan seconds, it very good. Commissioner Mapps moves. Commissioner Ryan seconds that's maps. Amendment number one. And you have an amendment number two. Is that correct? Mr mayor colleagues. I have an amendment, which deals with the proposed carryover of recreational cannabis funds in plain wait language. Here's what this amendment does. The proposed supplemental budget carries over funds in the recreational cannabis tax fund for reimagine Oregon. I moved the council strike that proposal from the supplemental budget put more concretely I move that council one increase bureau program expenses by 4,887,003. In the sub fund for recreational cannabis funds program to the office of community and civic life, currently supporting reimagine organ program carry over to restore carryover in civic life, too. Decreased beginning fun balance in the recreational cannabis fund by 4,887,300. Spit resources will fall to the recreational cannabis tax fund ending fund balance and may be considered a resource for future budget development in fiscal year 23. The 24 4 update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change changes. Colleagues put simply with this amendment. I propose that instead of carrying over the allocation to re imagine working for 1/4 year council allowed those funds to return to the recreational cannabis tax fund council could consider how those dollars will be

spent in a future budget cycle. May I have a second? Second. Who's seconded that rene commissioner Gonzalez seconds commissioner Mapps moves that will be maps. Number two amendment number two are there any further amendments? Alright so all five of those amendments are on the table open for discussion, along with the totality of the spring bump, Keelan. How many folks do we have signed up for public testimony. Check your really quick. We have three people signed up. That's it. Bring the springbok? Yes. Great alright, three minutes each, please name for the record. Gentlemen if you want to go back to your seats will don't go far. We're going to take a run. It's a short one. First step we have marcus Monday. Mr mundie twice in a week. Hard political. It's good to see you read letter week for me. Thank you. Good afternoon council. Good afternoon, mr mayor. Thank you. Uh my name is marcus Monday. I'm a registered lobbyist with the city of Portland's. I am the executive director of the coalition of communities of color. The former president and ceo of the urban league of Portland's the former interim executive director of Portland's african American leadership forum. Ah graduate of an hbcu that's an historically black college and university for those who don't know. And let me just say for the record that I am a Portland's, er. I'm a black man in Portland's who actually cares about black people in Portland. Portland's orders and especially communities of color in this city have extremely little faith in our local government. Public opinion surveys repeatedly make this clear. The reason why this decisions like these amendment number two from commissioner Mapps. When we see our elected officials commit to solving a problem, like persistent racial injustice, only to yank that support months later, we wonder where the vision and commitment to bettering our city is a whopping 4 58% of Portland's voters chose a new path for our city government in November of last year. By approving the charter change to a new form of government and representation for all sectors of the city. This type of

action underscores why. This morning, I met with a different local jurisdiction to deal with a similar promise made and currently in the process of being rescinded. It is the frequency and incessant nature of these actions, which makes my testimony necessary today and makes the community question the motives of council. This is salt, and there is no other word for it. This assault to disembowel dollars for black focused efforts and services. In Portland's, which were allocated and identified at the height of the George Floyd inspired acceleration of the movement for social justice for racial justice are now targeted for reallocation. With virtually no notice to the Portland's as it seeks to disenfranchise we often hear you elected state. How important community and put an engagement is and yet, we the community. We call on you to reject these cuts to reimagine Oregon and listen to the voices of the black communities urging you to continue this essential funding for much needed social change. Personally, I do not have nor have ever had the desire to run for elected office but have typically admired those who do. But today is not that day. Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Mr. Mundi. I appreciate you being here today I was wondering if it would be available to answer a couple of questions for me. I'll answer what I can, and some of it might have to go to the director of Reimagined, but that's fine. That's fine. Well what the proposed budget unamended does is carry over this part of money, which has been allocated to Reimagine Oregon over the past four years. One of the reasons why we are considering carrying over these dollars for the fourth year is Reimagined. Oregon has not been able to get these dollars out the door. Can you tell me why Reimagine Oregon over four years has not been able to actually get these programs into the community. For four years. Reimagine Oregon. I'm not sure that timeframe is accurate, but even if it is, Reimagine Oregon was constructed and I was on the steering committee of Reimagined Oregon, it was constructed with a host of

Portland based black individuals who did it on the side. All of them had full time jobs were running organizations, that sort of thing. And it was only until very recently that we had a full time director serving reimagine Oregon. So some of that delay, I can certainly ascribed to that. Some of the other delay is as you've been in city government now for a little bit, you know, do forming things, creating the strategy, the structure, the infrastructure, the team that also takes time. So I don't see anything agree gis, in my estimation about the delays, and I haven't seen anything change in the predicament of black Portland's orders that would say there's no need for that pot of money that was set aside for this purpose to go away and be thrown back into the general fund. So great. Thank you. I really appreciate that perspective. Can you read remind this council and the people of Portland what we imagined organ plans to do with I believe this is now \$6 million. Yeah. What services are going to be provided the details of that? I will. I will leave to the director of reimagine who I believe is scheduled to speak. But what I will say is that it is to be focused on the needs the programs. The services. Uh specifically for that, uh, population of Portland's orders, who were most directly affected by the history of racial injustice. Sure mr mundi, um as you're aware of these dollars come from hmm. Um cannabis tax dollars. There are some spending constraints. Um they come. They come with these these dollars. Are you aware of what the heck? Spending constraints are my understanding, which could be quite wrong is that they had to adhere to what was originally a proposed by reimagine Oregon the uses of the funds now beyond that, I don't have. I don't have the detailed particulars of that. Um okay. I, um it's my understanding that there are a range of other restraints on these dollars, which are much more specific from that. I recognize that you don't do this on a date on a everyday basis. So maybe I will save some of those questions for someone who was prepared to answer. Um number

one. What the program does and how, um, how they're funded how the programming you suggest relates to the constraints that are actually attached to these dollars. Thank you very much. I appreciate you taking these questions. Thank you, commissioner. Thank you, mr moon degree testimony. Next individual, please. Next up. We have justice reggie. Welcome, mr regime. Thanks for being here. Appreciate it. The fundamental conditions under which the allocation that the city of pittsburgh courtland rather uh um. Created the ongoing application that you're speaking of have not changed. The idea of those funds when I came on board and the fall of 2021 was that it was to partner reimagine Oregon do ongoing investments. In the black community, particularly as as what I was able to get from the city in regards to what those allocations could be, was looking at the support for small businesses, um, basically, economic prosperity work. Um I think an important detail to understand what these resources is the actual processing time and also for those listening when we're dealing with public funds, you have to have a fiscally be fiscally responsible. You have to have a plan, but you also have to have a partner. In government whose job it is clear to partner with you to do the work to get the money out the door. Um I mean, I know most of you have been briefed on this, so I won't share all the gritty details here. But when you track what happened to split specifically with the 1.9 million allocation there was not a part where in partner to get those funds out the door. Um from the time that I came on board, I began working on the two different allocations and finding out the best pathway to get those resources allocated and moved. Um. To have to come back here today to have the same discussion that I just had if I'm checking um, you know, approximately five months ago. Nothing has changed. The need hasn't changed. The intention hasn't changed what has changed in which I'm very happy about and also shared with this commission via email. Is that now my understanding is I have

a clear program partner to build out the program, know all of the city rules and regulations, other things that relate to this particular allocation. And get the funds activated. In our city. That's where we're at. Any other interpretation of this situation that paint it any other way. I have the question your motivation. Um I would hope it is due diligence that any public officials should have about public funds. Ah! But I suspect and unfortunately due to my experience as a black man in America, my whole life is a good chance that someone has intentions for those funds they have more or less are just a rebuke of the idea of their origin. And a continued lack of commitment to what government says it will do with the community. I'm done. I have a couple of questions for the maps for the testified number one. Thank you so much for coming in here today. Thank you for that testimony first. Let's try to clear up some confusion that we had between the first speaker and the second speaker and my myself. What's your understanding of how many years this City Council has been carrying over these dollars? My understanding is from when the original allocation was created late in 2020 that that's the beginning. Year of the allocations count, or, you know, clark, so to speak, and those dollars haven't gone out the doors for every year when we do this little of a pandemic over clear because we're going to have this conversation. We're going to be clear in the middle of a global pandemic when many of us were primarily engaged in harm reduction activities. Before I was even in this role. This started rolling. Right then we get to when I come on board. I have initial meetings with the staff at the mayor's office who were briefing me on where things were at allocations that have been passed. We started doing that work. There were changes. Things happen. In reality. This is life we were still in the global pandemic. Right and I am I correct in the global pandemic. Alright, we're in a global pandemic. We start working on those things we have again additional changes and other

priorities. Um we put together a plan for part of that allocation. I know the clock is running. Uh my asked to the city at that time in ongoing and every time I've been inquired, I need to know one who my partner is for the 1.9 million meaning who at civic life, not just that it exists at civic life because it exists as civic life does not mean I have a program partner. We all know that the initial action activities I did working with the seeds brand program was to get the money moving because I knew it was there. That program lined up closely with the long term vision of what we would have liked to do. So being prudent and being responsible. I worked with that team to get some of the funds moving, I would have done more time would have allowed but the idea was then also again to hold. So that when we had a clear program partner, either pilot, uh, grand officer or whatever the proper title and civic life to make that happen, we would move forward. We go through the fall. We all were there. Everyone can watch the tape of that conversation. We get to January of this year when I returned, and I had planned to re engage with civic life staff at that time. About what we were going to do. I was advised that the funds were going to be leaving civic life. As of the as of July this year. Which is again we're all here working government. We understand that it wouldn't make sense to build a whole another build a whole program and then have to start working with a new agency and no agency wants to be handed somebody else's work. So in in what really counts to the last week and a half approximately great progress has been made and actually putting together a clear plan with a clear partner and a clear process, and that's why I emailed you to make sure you knew. Of my excitement in the communities excitement, so to come in here today. Discussed this. It's quite frankly, a slap in the face. Okay thank you very much. I really appreciate that context. But I would like to return to the question. Is that your understanding that this is the first time that this money has been covered, carried over as opposed? Carried over is

this the third year that this money has been carried over? Or is this the fourth year that this money has been carried over? Commissioner Mapps respectfully. I know how clocks work and out of time works. So I understand the fiscal year rotation and yes, we could get to forward when we get into details of the process dates. Things were passed when contracts were signed in which in this case in terms of 1.9 million, no actual agreement or structure has been signed. Um you know, that's there's a bit disingenuous. Okay I tell you what, I would just say that I'm not. You know, I totally respect your perspective there. I'll tell you I don't fully follow the argument. But why don't we move on to another question? Although I do think you addressed it in your comments, can you remind us how what you plan to spend these dollars on could you repeat that? Can you remind us how you plan to spin these dollars? Eventually you get around to actually getting these dollars at the door. What services will you be providing to the people of courtland? Where I think the this is very high level and what me and debris have discussed. I don't know if prosper is going to speak to that at this point, um, was primary focused on the very high level of economic prosperity and particularly investment in small business, um, and economics within the city, you know, targeting the black community, um, you know, specifically, okay. Fine details of that again are not laid out because there's lots of information that you need to lay out fine details and also needs to go through a investigators will you know a rigorous process with the community? That's not just something I rubber stamp plan and hand it to you. Sure okay, so if I remember this, uh, timeline correctly, I think, uh, this council started allocating about \$2 million to your organization starting in 2020. How many small businesses have you helped since from 2022 today has any of those dollars gotten out the doors actually helps small businesses. Commissioner Mapps okay. That's the question. We're gonna ask. How many small businesses I helped so far with these

resources, not because they're still at the city. We are trying to put together the process so the parents can leave the city and go to work. I I'm not sure where where we're going with this line of thought. Clearly no one has received the funds because the funds are still at the city. We would like to put together a process so we can start to activate the funds. Mr mayor have no more. No more questions. Thank you very much for your testimony and engaging in this dialogue. Thank you. Appreciate it. And there was one more person. Is that correct? Yeah, next up. We have sandy chung. Welcome. Thank you for being here. Good afternoon. Mayor commissioner sandy china, executive director of the value of Oregon, a city of Oregon fights for civil liberties, civil rights so that our country meets the promise of democracy in our founding documents. We believe very strongly that racial justice is a core part of meeting the promise of democracy. And all of our communities. I am here today, testifying on behalf of the essay of Oregon, too, strongly opposed the proposal to reallocate moneys from reimagine black. The commitments that the city made. Marriage commissioners. All of you know that our city our state, our country has engaged in enormous harm and violence to black individuals and communities. And like many of you during 2020. The torture and murder of george floyd that was unbearable. For many of us it was too much. We said enough. Ask each of you to think back to the commitments that you made to racial justice in 2020. I ask each of you in your personal and professional capacities to double down on your racial justice, commitments and values. When the city decided to fund reimagine organs work. This decision was made by the city to be an ally and substance, not just in words. Of the work of finding for the work of racial justice. Oregon asked you to keep that commitment. Now, please don't pull back monies from reimagine Oregon. And I also ask you this. I just found out about this hearing honestly at 1 50 on the street by happenstance and decided that this was more

important than anything else on my calendar because, of course it is. I asked you to keep your commitment to imagine. I also ask you if there's going to be any consideration to reallocate these funds. Please do so after you've actually invited the community to come and speak to you, and there's been more opportunity to have more dialogue about this proposal. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner. Did you have for sure? If you don't mind, I'd love to ask you a couple of questions. First number one. Thank you for coming in to testify today, especially on short notice. Um I realized the a c l u um isn't directly involved in managing this particular program. Um and your characterization of it. Uh I thought it was interesting. Can you remind this council again? Your understanding of what? These \$6 million? That council is allocated to reimagine Oregon is supposed to do what services in particular. Ah details the a c l u expect reimagine Oregon to deliver to the people of Portland. Is our understanding that the city wanted to work with them reimagine black. To identify those very community centered and the like programs. That would benefit and try. To reverse a lot of the harms historical harms that have happened had that have been made towards black communities. Um a couple of times, she said. Reimagine black is that, uh, my apologies were imagine. Oregon. Um okay. So you don't have any clear sense of the specific services that would that you expect? There's all you have no specific. Um expectations about the exact services that will be purchased with this experience. Dollars. Is that correct? Commissioner Mapps this is my answer to this. Oregon doesn't decide for communities what they need. Communities know best what they need. And so I understanding is that, um reimagine or again? Has the relationships and commune members so that they can make that determination. I think this is also something that also that I'd like to stay. With any amount of taxpayer monies, but especially significant monies. I think it's actually good for the city to incentivize organizations

to engage in for due diligence and planning before actually spending those moneys, which is apparently the process that imagine Oregon has engaged in. So this is the other potential consequence of your decision. If you're gonna pull money simply because an organization simply hasn't been fast enough about spending the monies. I can also incentivize organizations to spend are very hard earned tax payer of monies. On things that aren't thought out. I assume that that's not something that you want to do. Ah thank you. For that. I got one more question. And then i'll have the floor back to the to the mirror. So um, what's your understanding of the services that have been provided with this \$6 billion over the past three years? Can you identify anything based on reimagine, Oregon's executive director of statement before you he's been very clear that he has been working with the city on a process to those get those monies out of city coffers so that they can be put into communities. And so I think he was very clear about that. Great actually, I said that was going to be my last question. But I have I have one more omf. With the rack. Can you tell us a little bit about your interaction with reimagine organ ? Have you been to a lot of meetings? You know the you know the program. Well not so well that we haven't been directly involved in their work, however, have had meetings with the executive director, um and do highly regard imagine Oregon and their work. Thank you very much. Mr merrill had the floor back to you. Thank you appreciate your testimony, and that completes public testimony. Is that correct on this item very good. So we'll go back first to the amendments, then we will consider the main motion, but before that, I want to leave opportunity for questions. Commissioner Mapps did you have a question to the panel or resist residual commissioner Rubio, then commissioner Rubio. Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to be able to call to see if we could call. It should breathe. Vickers whose present to maybe give some more shed more information on this topic? Yeah, you

bet she's on her way up. Good afternoon. Thanks for being here. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm sugary vickers. And I represent I'm the director of equity policy and communications and prosper Portland. Thank you. Commissioner ruby or did you have a specific question? Or did you just want sugary to give her perspective? Yeah, sure. Sure bree, could you could could you jump in here and, uh, just give us an update of all the information you have today? Absolutely thank you so much. Commissioner, robbie. Oh, um I will say. Over the past two weeks since prosper Portland has been brought in to really work with reimagined organ in the midst of what's been happening in office, office of civic life and the plan to move dollars over we've been truly excited to work with justice raji and the reimagined organ team. Um, what we do know is I've heard commissioner Mapps. You mentioned four years and that's just going to offer that that's false. November 5th kind of mid November was when funds were first actually allocated. So that's you know, a little bit over two years, so not four years omf, their budget director here, so it's just another authentically kind of trying to keep this track, so it's the third time we're doing a carryover for imagine Oregon the second 3rd 4th. We'll be going into the fourth carryover. Okay so this is what we're considering. Today is the fourth time we have carried over dollars for reimagined Oregon distaff agree on that. What I will offer is there's carry over, and there's a lot of fun. So the staff from reimagined organ the actual grant agreement for the re that the director and folks to start working on this wasn't actually signed until December. 14th of 2022. That is, I wasn't here then, but what I can say is we now have a team in place every imagine Oregon to move these dollars forward and with the help of my team and at prosper, we look forward to moving these ah, these, um these funds forward you know, the 4.8. I hear you saying 4.8 and six and you're kind of jumping to different numbers from our understanding. The 4.8 that has been carried over is the

ongoing allotment that comes over. Um but it's not always been 4.8 that's just been floating out there and just been sitting there. That's come until now. And what we know is, you know, with the timeline that that we are planning on over the past two weeks that we've had this, we're looking forward to hiring staff to specifically work with the reimagined organ group. And the grant that you all signed in December of last year to really move things forward, not only for the community engagement portion and really to continue to work with folks I've heard you ask others who aren't a part of reimagine organ if they know how many businesses have been supported. And what we know is, um, that question seems I don't know how you could ask that question when the funds have we're just encumbered and just moved over from the reimagined, organ director and team. They just started working on that. And so we're looking forward to working with them, and we do have plans to support their strategic planning. The project coordination, community engagement and storytelling. And on the prosperity side. We're looking forward to implementing and really hiring that program manager to work with them, um, writing an economic development cohort plan, along with a grant reimagine Oregon economic development grant program process and guidelines so we can do that. And uh, well, you look forward to moving that forward come July one. Uh um, I don't know if I can answer additional questions that you have sure. Um thanks for being here, especially since you got here on late. Notice um, could you provide some more clarity on what? Exactly what's services in particular? Yeah prosper. Portland is going to help reimagine Oregon, uh, provide to the people of Portland. Certainly. So first of all, I just want to point out like I knew you were asking questions about what the funds can actually do. So when we look at the resolution, 37 37217, the funds can be shall be allocated. I'm going to specifically look at the support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women owned and minority

owned businesses, including but not limited to business, incubator programs, management training, job training opportunities and providing economic opportunity and education to communities. Disproportionally impacted by cannabis prohibition, so that's where we will seat the work that will be doing around gathering the community and really building out both the cohort plan the ongoing economic development grant plan as well as ensuring that we can come back and do really great storytelling and connect with you all here on council to ensure that you're aware of what's happening and how we can move that forward. Sure thank you. I want to dig into that some more. But I do want to return to the, uh, the original question, which is I'm still not really clear on what services prosper Portland. Imagine. See it's going. Can you say one more time? What specific services? The land to help reimagine work and delivered to the people of Portland, so it's around small business development. Is that what we're talking about here in this space? That's a part of it. So what I just read for you was what actually comes from the resolution around how these funds can be spent and with in line with reimagine organ and the team who have been gathering and connecting, we would work with them to go ahead and do strategic planning specifically around what that looks like. But for us right now, it would be a grant fund. Um um, I know we've given you briefings about how we're so support how we do support. Um small businesses and the economic development in Portland's especially I'm what I'm really excited about is the work from advanced Portland that you all will hear more on and ensuring that efforts here match up with our goals around inclusive economic development across the city, and so if you're asking about if we will support a particular business, I'm certain that will occur, but obviously we're also in the midst of doing planning, and so we're looking forward to the time we've had about two weeks here that I've been working with justice and we're really excited

about what we can move forward, and I know that that team has been working with the sign. Grant program since December. So um, December 14th, so not quite four months yet to really organized around this, okay, thank you. I appreciate that. Those comments and, um I also appreciate the fact that you kind of tied uh, your proposal to the restrictions of drawer on these dollars, of course, colleagues. These are cannabis dollars, and because their candidate installers there are guide rails around how they are, how they are to be spent. So, for example, I understand that these cannabis tax dollars could be spent on public safety, but that's not really part of what, uh, prosperous proposing is that correct? Portland is your economic development bureau for the city. So that's where we will be focusing our work and support to reimagine organ. Yes sure. And so I also understand that, uh, these dollars can be spent on alcohol and drug treatment, but it's my understanding that prosper Portland does not plan to sort of pursue, uh, programming around providing Portland's who are suffering from alcohol and drug issues. Is that correct? Portland's your economic development agencies. So yes, we'll be supporting in that specific line. Great and so it just and you're absolutely right. That's how I read the ordinance of resolution to I do believe there is space here to spend these dollars to support small businesses. And communities that have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition. And you're saying that is the lane that you imagine eventually helping reimagine Oregon serve? Yes prosper. Portland's your economic development agency continues to find our expertise and our program management, um, goals there. And so that will support our advanced Portland work. Yes and that's the lane that we would be engaging in supporting reimagine organ in what I will offer is the grant that you all signed. For reimagine organ to start doing the work in December of last year, they could decide upon a host of things and the economic development aspects specifically that are called out and

0.3 on the ordinance or where we would be supporting them as your economic development agency. Yes. Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Great thank you. Any other questions for chabrier or any other members of our panel? Thanks, jabri. Appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks gentlemen. Colleagues what i'll do now is i'll go through each of the amendments in turn, will vote them up or we'll vote them down. And we've we've completed the amendments. We will then vote on the main motion as amended, so we'll start. We'll just go in the same order that they were proposed will start with Rubio, number one, and just as a reminder this was a motion to make adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed to carry over the general fund resources in prosper courtland. Is there any further discussion on Rubio? Item number one? I just wanna commissioner Gonzalez. I just wanted to clarify that in the written materials that were distributed this so for folks who are falling at home by this out, we are referring to the first three bullet points under carbon Rubio's that's that's the amendment that's covered here. Yes this is the one that moves 100 and 25,000 from prospers equitable development outside of tiff fund to the policy set aside and this, as the commissioner indicated, supports a central city and commercial district corridors analysis in the upcoming fiscal year. Got it just wanted to clarify so that we can track what's written. So thank you. Great and commissioner Rubio. I want to make sure I didn't misstate anything on your amendment. Is that an accurate practice? Very good. Any further discussion on Rubio one seeing none. Keelan please call the roll on commissioner Rubio's amendment number one. Gonzales i. I amendments adopted, we'll go now to Rubio, number two. This was to make adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed to fund requests for unrestricted contingency resources to evaluate the expiration of tax increment financing. Districts any further discussion on commissioner Mapps amendment number two. Seeing none. Keelan, please call

the roll on Rubio to Ryan I gonzales. Commissioner Gonzalez can you hear us? Bye. Maps Rubio right, Wheeler. The amendments adopted Rubio, two is also adopted will go to Ryan one. This was the fairly long one, but it adjusts general fund resources to support the Portland parks and recreation bureau in a variety of ways. Is there any further discussion on Ryan's amendment number one. Seeing non Keelan. Please call the roll. Ryan gonzales. Hi. I very supportive thanks for putting it together, and it was complicated. So I appreciate the extra. You get extra points. I vote on the amendment is adopted. Thank you. Commissioner Mapps amendment number one. This was to adjust. The supplemental budget is proposed. To adjust general fund resources for the purpose of beginning the demolition of o'bRyant square. Any further discussion on uh commissioner Mapps amendment number one. Very good. Please call the roll. Ryan. Hi gonzales. I maps. Alright Wheeler. Very happy to support this and I'm really glad commissioner Mapps and to all my colleagues really, to see to see the, um rapid escalation and work going on around o'bRyant square. I think this this is will be a huge boost for downtown Portland, and I really appreciate everybody's leadership. On this front. I vote on the amendments adopted. Okay next up is maps number to any further discussion on maps to I have some uh, commissioner Rubio, your hand went up ahead of me. Go ahead. Thank you, mayor. Um few things to say. I will not be voting for this amendment today. Um as the mayor and commissioner, right? Remember in fall 2020 before many of us are in council, this money was promised to the black community to expand economic opportunities, wealth creation and restorative justice through a community led process. A key part of the community's vision for these funds was the process for deciding how the funds would be spent, and their goal at the time was to dismantle anti black decision making by using a community led process and use what we learned from that to inform the future council budget processes. And

as we know, in the past two years, this work hasn't moved forward as quickly as we all hoped, but but part of that responsibility is on us. The city hasn't showed up in a consistent way to support reimagined and moving the work forward. And as an example of this, nearly every city staff are involved in the original conversations in 2020, including all three bureau directors tasked with standing this work up have left the city. Forward to this past January when commissioner Ryan and i, with the support of council agreed to the cannabis fund would be transferring to prosper. We got to work with reimagine so that we were ready to pick up the work once these funds were transferred, been encouraged by the work done in the past few months and then particularly in recent weeks, weeks as we've heard, and was optimistic that we are now providing the support and building the momentum that this process the project needs. I want to thank justice raji from reimagined Oregon for being here today and for working with prosperous staff over the past few weeks to dive into this work, and they've developed an initial approach for how to proceed, which includes spending a portion of the 4.8 million for capacity building within black organizations here in Portland and using other other remainder, money to stand up new economic development grant program later this year and anything else that they do as a as a priority for their community. I fully accept. Pecked and still expect that my colleagues will want to learn more as this proposal comes together, and so we've already asked justice and prosper to provide additional details to council next month. As we've discussed during the fiscal year 23 24 budget and that communicated this with two of my colleagues as well, however, the amendment in front of us today which my staff learned about just hours ago, interrupts those conversations at a critical moment, and it also adds uncertainty about the city's commitment to supporting this work in a moment where we are fine. Only building the momentum and have that clear path forward

and even worse, it breaks community trust their number one challenge with city hall and undermines the communities key goal for this money to be in control of the decision making process. So from what I understand, there was no outreach to reimagine Oregon or the broader black community about potentially redirecting this fund. These funds, a phone call was not placed to reimagine Oregon until 11 59 today. By the supporters of this amendment. It's unlikely that we will all that we are, it's likely that we could have all been an agreement to move forward. If anyone inside city hall had picked up the phone and engaged reimagine Oregon urged the council to stick with the original plan and to allow the transfer of funds these funds to prosper as part of regular budget process as a commissioner who was asked to take this this on come July one of this year. I'm my office and prosperous, stand ready to make good on our commitments and also do right for Portland's black community and Portland taxpayers to get these funds programs and invested as intended. Thank you, mayor. That's all I have. Thank you. And I also, uh, was notified of this amendment just this morning. I think my staff may have received it at or near the close of business yesterday, but his people understand this morning was a very busy day for my staff. We had a police and livability mission underway at fourth and Washington. We had the morning council session. We had the prep for this. We've also been in conversations with the governor's office on a separate issue. And therefore I really haven't had the opportunity to fully understand the impact that this change would have. And while I understand and, frankly share my colleague's concerns about the unprogrammed funds within the cannabis program, I support the initial plan that council agreed to when we passed the 90 day reset, and I just want to remind people briefly with that language said in three point type, it said in partnership with commissioner Ryan transfer the recreational cannabis fund and its administration to prosper Portland's by July 1st of 2023. Prosper

Portland's should prepare to receive cannabis recreational tax funding in order to program and deploy funds towards the activities outlined in section 6.7 point 145 of the city code, particularly quote support for neighborhoods. Small business, especially women, owned and minority on businesses, including but not limited to business incubator programs, management training, job training opportunities and providing economic opportunity and education. Two communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis. Prohibition unquote. That was the original plan, and moreover, I believe prosper is very well suited to managing these funds and work with community partners to create a plan to activate these funds, as the council originally intended. And we have a letter that I received a copy of this morning from justice raji, whose testimony we heard earlier today, where he makes a commitment to all of us on council to work with prosper Portland to make sure that there is a clear and effective plan to deploy those dollars through prosper Portland, so colleagues when we get to the vote, it will be my intention to vote. No. Commissioner Mapps uh, mr mayor, commissioner Rubio. Thank you for your feedback and dialogue on this issue. Now it's my understanding that these cannabis dollars um there's some boundaries on what we can spend them on, and I believe the boundaries are they can be spent on public safety. They can spend be spent on drug and alcohol treatment that can be spent to support small businesses, and they can be be spent to support communities that have been impacted by cannabis prohibition. And then in I believe the year 2020. This council decided to invest about \$2 million a year, and, uh, reimagine Oregon, and since 2020 reimaged Oregon has, as everyone agrees, has struggled to get these dollars actually out the door. I will also remind you that in the public safety space since 2020 we have had about 200. Portland's murdered on this on our streets and I will tell you about half of them were people of color. Um I will also tell you that we

made this allocation to reimagine Oregon in 2020. And our hooper detox center, our main detox center in the city of Portland closed in that same year, and at the same time we have not replaced that critical service. And of course, since 2020 we have seen small businesses. Ah go under and struggle to stay in our city and we still struggle three years later to get even a single dollar of direct service out the door. Now I've met with reimagined organs several times over in my time on council. Um good project. I hope that yeah, that you can get stood up and get out there and serve the community. Um I would also argue that, um, if we allow these dollars to roll back into the cannabis fund, reimagine Oregon could still come to this council and make a pitch for ongoing funding. There's nothing about that that would would change. In the meantime, the world that we face today is so different from the world that we face back in 2020 when this council which was a very different council. Allocated this dollars. I think it's really important for us. And in fact, I believe it is incumbent on us to take a look at every dollar that we spend and make sure that we are getting the services that Portland's orders desperately need. And I will tell you Portland's tell us every day they desperately need better public safety services, and they sure as heck need better alcohol and drug treatment services. And the fact that we said on \$6 million for four years and ignore the needs of the community is one of the reasons why I will be voting in favor of this amendment, and that is also the reason why I brought this amendment forward. Thank you very much. Very good. Any further discussion before we call the roll America could I ask for a commissioner Ryan asked for a five minute recess? Sure objection, seeing none. We are in recess. Until 307. Recording stop. Hmm hmm. Hmm hmm, hmm. Hmm. Mm hmm . Hmm. Mm hmm. Okay. Mm hmm . Mhm. Yeah. Yeah. Mm hmm. Front. Yeah, yeah. Yes. Okay? Yeah mm hmm . Mm hmm. Mm. Yeah. Yeah. Mm hmm. Mm hmm. Yeah. Mm hmm. Hmm. Mm. Hmm. Mm. Mhm. Yeah. Mm hmm.

Mhm. On. Okay? All right. We are back in session. Commissioner Gonzalez, are you there? I am mayor and I'll have to go in and out with the camera just depending on the wifi. Very very good. Okay good. So where we were was on the last amendment being proposed commissioner Mapps. Number two. Is there any further discussion on maps number two? Seeing none. Please call the roll on maps to Ryan. Yeah. This amendment is a starting point. I've been in this conversation a few times that wasn't on the original council that passed it. But it's been a repetitive dialogue and we keep hearing some of the same reasons why things are challenging and. It's my intention that the future discussions no matter what we'll include reimagine Oregon and funding can continue to be considered. As the commissioner in charge of officer of community and civic life. I can say that we're uncovering years of poor oversight in my office is working to correct that immediately. Some are with someone who looks at my side of the street and in my responsibility. And since taking this assignment I understand that there's probably been some challenges on the city side. And there's nearly three years of unspent funds, and that's not merely a line item. Their taxpayer dollars. They need to need to be a clear plan and a strategy for implementation. So I look forward to transparent and thoughtful discussion on utilizing these funds to make it an immediate impact, and I hope the good people at prosper Portland's will be working with me about in Oregon. As you as you stated, you're starting to do so we have a clear and chris plan going forward, so I don't think this is an endpoint. But for day for today, I'm compelled to vote. I gonzales. Hi. Cbo no. Whaler no, the amendment is adopted now to the main motion colleagues. I just want to ask, uh and I'm looking at legal counsel because I want to do this in a very legal way. But this is currently identified as an emergency ordinance, meaning it would require all five of us to vote affirmatively. In order for this budget to be passed. If somebody would like to entertain a motion to remove

the emergency clause, this would be the time to do so. I'm not hearing anybody make that motion. Therefore, please call the roll. Ryan and this is the main motion as amended. Hi. Gonzales. Hi I e. Oh, no. Wheeler no for purposes of reconsideration. The motion fails. Can I please get a motion for reconsider? I'd like to propose a motion for reconsideration. Can I get a second? Second I have a second. Please call the roll on reconsideration. Ryan. I'm trying to save our budget. So I'm doing a legislative maneuver with the hope of being able to um, have a discussion about this. So I'm calling for a motion for reconsideration. And I am um. Asking if there's a second for the motion for reconsidering second. And we're voting on the motion for reconsideration. And I would encourage my colleagues to vote for it. American you, can you I'm sorry. Can you clarify what we are reconsidering in this specific because what I did earlier was I asked if anybody would like to earth try the emergency clause, and there were no takers because there were no takers, and commissioner Rubio has voted negatively. The entire budget as amended will not pass. Unless we remove the emergency clause, so I have to go back and retroactively doing it in the only the only legislative maneuver that will allow us to legally do that is called a motion of reconsideration. So I switched my vote from yes to no so that I could be in the majority. It only takes a majority of one. Two. Caused the budget to fail. So I'm in the majority. Having switched my vote to know which now gives us the opportunity to do a motion of reconsideration something we don't do very often around here, but it's nice to have so mayor asking what I'm asking, and there's no subterfuge. Sure what I'm going to ask is assuming that you all vote for the reconsideration. I believe I only need a majority vote for the reconsideration. It doesn't have to be unanimous. Then what I'm gonna do is I'm going to make a motion to withdraw. The emergency clause and we will move this to second reading is legal counsel good without everybody's good with that. Thank you. So that's

where we are. Gonzales. Yes, I months, Rubio. I couldn't hear. No. Wheeler the motion for reconsideration passes colleagues. I would like to make a motion to withdraw the emergency clause. Can I get a 2nd 2nd commissioner Mapps second any further discussion on the withdrawal of the emergency clausing non, please call the roll. All right. I. Whaler, so the motion carries. This is the first reading of a non emergency ordinance that moves to second reading is amended. Thank you.

Thanks to everybody in the budget. I forgot to thank you guys, by the way, um, sit down for a minute. Um there is so much work that goes into development of this budget. The coordination with council offices with each and every one of the bureau's and the spring supplemental budget is particularly challenging because it happens in the context of all of the planning for the annual budget, which is already at a fever pitch, and that requires people in the budget office to work ridiculously long hours, evenings and weekends. And their work is often not seen. It is often not reflected, but there is nothing we do here at the rostrum on a budget that would be successful in the absence of the guidance, the council and the technical assistance we received from you in the budget office. So thank you. Pretty half of my team.

Thank you, mr mayor, and we'll see you tomorrow as we continue to work on the regular budget. Thank you. Thank you. Next item. 293, please. Amend Portland's city elections code to implement ranked choice voting approved by voters in Portland measure 26-288. Colleagues today we are considering the first of several city election code changes council take up in order to implement the voter approved charter changes passed last November. I'm pleased to be bringing this item to you in partnership with our city. Auditor simone rede ready? Reading ready, ready in partnership with our city. Auditor simone rede who I always refer to as madame monitor. Whose office plays a critical role in supporting city elections. Madam auditor thank you for your continued support and leadership and your

work and the work of your staff to put forward these recommended changes today. In particular, I'd like to recognize Lisa Howley and Becky Lamb. Bowley, who I understand are well on their way to becoming organs experts on ranked choice voting I also want to thank the full team involved in this work for a truly collaborative multijurisdictional effort. So with that colleagues all turn this over to city auditor Simone Rede. Good afternoon and thank you for your patience. My pleasure. Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr Mayor and good afternoon commissioners near and far my name is Simone Ready, and I'm Portland's city auditor. And I'm pleased to be here with Mayor Wheeler to introduce this ordinance to amend our city elections code. Um I really appreciate your co sponsorship mayor of this item in November, 2022 voters approve significant changes to our city charter. Among them was a new system of electing city officers using ranked choice voting. The charter changes called for City Council to adopt an election code to administer that system. Under the city auditor. The city elections office is responsible for training and certifying candidates as well as proclaiming election results. My office will also continue to work with the charter transition team as well as county elections to develop candidate and voter education to prepare for the 2024 November election. My office has partnered with the city charters transition team, the city attorney's office as well as Multnomah County and national experts to ensure that the amended code meets city and county elections requirements and complies with state law as well as um, is being informed by national best practices. I'm very grateful for the continued collaboration between our teams to implement voter approved charter changes in your packet exhibit a contains the amended code. Chapter 2.8 and exhibit b is the red line version. With us today are representatives from the transition team, the elections office and the Multnomah County elections division. They are going to provide a presentation to

explain the changes and next steps before you. And I do want to give special thanks to becky lambo lee, who has been serving as our elections officer. She's going to answer questions about changes to city code as well as planned next steps by our office and I will now turn it over to shoshana oppenheim transition project manager to begin the presentation. Thank you. Thank you so thank you so much. Auditor rede. Mayor council. I'm shoshana oppenheim sushi pronouns and I'm the church at the charter transition implementation transition manager. Thank you so much for the opportunity to bring this first set of code updates to the council to implement the charter amendments resulting from the passage of ballot measure 26 to 28. This is a once in a generation opportunity to reshape our government and how our representatives are elected. Adoption of this ordinance is the cornerstone of bringing ranked choice. Voting to Portland and simplifying our elections code. I want to thank the team that the auditor also thanked who are so important in crafting the amendments to the code today that includes becky limbo, lee james eccles in the city elections office. City attorney maya hey, um, auditor's office council, howley are Multnomah County partners elections director tim scott, who is here with us today, dan eisen base and kathryn thomas from the county, the policy team of chris hughes and Ryan kirby at the ranked choice voting resource center julia meyer, our community participation engagement. Project manager and diana chiclet strategic project manager. Uh, for the transition team. Today we're here to present the first reading of the ordinance to amend our elections code. To ensure that we set successfully implement the voter approved charter amendments as you're aware in November of 2022. Portland's has voted to change city government in three significant ways. First, allowing voters to rank candidates in order of their preference. Second creating four new geographic districts with three members elected to represent each district, expanding the City Council to a total of 12

members and third, replacing our commission form of government with a City Council that focuses on setting policy and a mayor elected citywide to run the city's day to day operations with the help of a professional city manager. Today we're here to specifically talk about the updates to the elections code required under the charter amendments to implement the election elections using ranked choice, voting for the November 2024 elections. As well as eliminating primaries for our elected offices and to eliminate special elections as a way to fill vacancies for our council positions during the charter review process. Portland's expressed their desire for more participants participatory and growing democracy. Some outcomes relate directly to rank choice voting, including more part lenders vote. Voters have more choices and more opportunities to elect their preferred candidates and voters feel that their choice matters more. In addition, ranked choice voting eliminates the need for a primary election, advancing the goal that the electorate is more reflective of our entire community and that the election of candidates occurs in the election where most voters participate. Throughout the process of updating the elections code, our workgroup centered Portland voters and how they will interact with their ballots. The systems that need to be in place that they can exercise their ability to vote. And our work group of election officials are city and county and elections attorneys worked collaboratively to bring forward the code amendments for your consideration today. Now pastor becky laboulaye, interim elections officer who will share the role of the city elections office. Thank you.

Mayor commissioners. My name is becky lamb bully and I usually her pronouns as introduced. I'm currently the interim elections officer and also serve as the programs and operations supervisor for the Portland auditor's office. Our office is responsible for overseeing the candidate related processes within city elections were the first point of contact for candidates who wish to run for office in the city of

Portland, whether that is through receiving candidate filings for office, instructing them and how to register as a candidate committee or while providing candidate training. Throughout Canada campaigns we enforce city campaign finance regulations, and when the time comes, we refer qualified candidates to the county to be placed on the ballot. Multnomah Clackamas and Washington counties, then administer the elections process that Tim will speak to here in a moment. And then report the election results once our office receives the election results, we certify those results here through City Council action and then certify each candidate elect in accordance with the voter approved charter amendments. Our office will also be responsible for periodic voter education campaigns as a new responsibility. Long term. Next slide, please. Shauna summarized at the start of our presentation. The purpose of the proposed amendments would implement several charter required changes to the city's election system. This slide provides a visual of what those changes are city primary elections, while Portland voters will continue to receive a ballot during primary elections, they will no longer vote on any candidate for city office during primary elections. City officials may only be elected during a general election. This change will impact candidate filing timelines, but overall, the filing and reporting process remains unchanged. City special elections under the current city election system council vacancies may be filled during special elections. Under the required charter changes, these vacancies can no longer be filled during special elections. Instead they can see his may be filled by a vote of remaining councilors or if there is more than a year remaining in the term of the vacant office, there will be a general there will be an election for the unexpired term of that office at the next general election. Finally special elections can still be called for ballot measures such as the children's levy, which is upcoming and the May 16th ballot. They just won't happen for candidate elections. Moving to the next item on this page. City

election results certification as I mentioned on the previous slide once our office receives the election results from Multnomah County, we certify those results here through City Council action. There is no change to this process in the amended charter or amended city code. Finally city voter education charter now requires that the city conducts periodic voter education campaigns to familiarize voters with the ranked choice voting methods. I will speak more to this later in the presentation. Now I would like to pass it on to Tim Scott, the Multnomah County elections director. Who has long been a good partner to our office, and all things elections related. Good afternoon. My close enough. Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is Tim Scott and I was he and him pronouns and I'm the director of elections for Multnomah County. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the county's role in administering elections, including implementation of ranked choice. Voting for city of Portland contest starting in the November 2024 general election. We appreciate the collaboration between the city and county staff on implementation of ranked choice voting. That is reflected in the code update before you today. Multnomah County elections division conducts transparent, accurate, accessible and accountable elections in Multnomah County. And maintains the public's confidence and trust in the elections process. The division conducts all local city county, state and federal elections for the citizens of all political districts within Multnomah County. This responsibility for conducting elections as specified in state statute. Our work includes registering voters. Maintaining voter data and the statewide voter registration and election management database. Maintaining address and district data checking signatures on city and local ballot and initiative petitions. Accepting ballot and measure filings. Producing voters, pamphlets preparing, issuing and mailing ballots. Managing the main elections office, a satellite voting center in Gresham. And more

than 30 ballot drop sites countywide. Accepting and processing returned ballots. Counting election, counting ballots and releasing results. Conducting voter education and outreach activities and providing voters voter assistance to voters with disabilities and voters who speak languages other than english. The division is also responsible for the county's campaign finance contributions and disclosures program, including educating canada's and investigating complaints. We employ specialized hardware and software and as many as 200 temporary workers during elections to securely and accurately processed ballots for more than 560,000 registered voters and Multnomah County. The elections division provides voter education and outreach as of course service. Working to identify and remove barriers to voter participation in underserved communities through building relationships. Community engagement. And targeted education and our each opportunities. In addition to working with the city to implement ranked choice voting, the county elections division is coordinating with its voting system vendor. Printing and mailing vendors. Clackamas and Washington counties and the secretary of state's office, respectively. Our goal is to support the city and successful implementation of its charter provisions for ranked choice voting. The elections division will also begin using ranked choice voting specifically instant runoff voting for contests for Multnomah County offices no later than the 2026 general election. The county will be updating certain aspects of the election system for administering ranked choice voting contest. Processes like voter registration will not change. However the voting system software used by the county to design and tabulate ballots. Does not currently have ranked choice voting, ballot design or vote tabulation capabilities. Our vendor is working to. Add these capabilities to its software, and we are in regular consultation with them during their development process, the voting system software updates will need to be completed and meet

certification standards at both the federal and state level. Prior to use in the 2024 general election, as required by the city's charter. The county's vendor is indicated that city adoption of its r c v code by the end of April. Will allow them to ensure the software updates or consistent with the city code provisions and initiate the federal and state certification processes in advance of the 2024 general election. Ranked choice. Voting will also involve changes to ballot designs. Which I will describe shortly and have implications on how results are reported. Final results for ranked choice contest will show the ultimate outcome as well as the round by round tabulation results. As I mentioned. Multnomah County is working with Washington and clackamas counties. To ensure a coordinated approach for administering elections for Portland's ranked choice voting contest, including a system to provide for centralized tabulation. Of all the data that ranked choice voting requires. From the perspective of Portland's voters. Perhaps the most notable change they will see as the difference in the design of ballots for ranked choice voting contest from the design used for plurality contest. Oregon statute tasks counties with preparing ballots. County staff prepare ballots based on statutory direction and best practices for accessibility and usability. The paper ballots with which we are all familiar, have contests, arranging columns with one candidate or write in space, paro. Ballots or 8.5 inches wide and a maximum of 17 inches long. The county processes the ballots using digital scans. We anticipated grid style ballot designed for ranked choice voting contest. Voters will continue to see one candidate name or write in space, paro but with our cv there will be columns across the top of the contest showing the available rankings. This will create a grid of ovals for hrc v contest. Voters will be able to complete bubbles. Complete the bubble in the respective ranking column for each candidate they wish to rank. Voters will complete the about in the same way whether for single winner contests such as Portland's mayor and auditor rede

winner, City Councilor contest. How to mark ballots for ranked choice voting contest will be a focus for voter education. And in coordination with the city. We have begun to plan for voter education efforts. Again thank you for the opportunity to be here today and I will pass the presentation back to becky. Thank you, tim.

Now that we have reviewed the roles of the city elections office and the county elections office is I would like to transition to the proposed city code amendments before you today. Our goal. Well drop our goals will drafting the amendments were twofold. The first was to ensure the city code provides a clear road map on how to implement the charter mandated changes to our election system and the second to streamline and clarify the code where there were redundancies in state or local law. Now let's look at the amended code, which is exhibit a in your materials. For today, I will move through the document chronologically. The first section you see is definitions. Rain choice. Voting comes with a whole new dialect of terms. Because of this, we were intentional and deliberate and are drafting of the definition section. Next you'll see city the city offices section, which was updated to reflect the new charter citations. The change in how vacancies are filled and identify the new method of election it states. The mayor and auditor are elected at large, using a method of ranked choice voting known as instant runoff voting. Councilors of each of the four districts are elected using a proportional method of ranked choice voting known as single transferable vote. Next slide, please. The next section is titled ranked choice voting, and this is where our drafting team spent a large majority of our time. I want to call out just how collaborative this process the directing team utilized was we relied on ranked choice voting resource center who is a national expert, not just a ranked choice voting but specifically the implementation process. We also worked in partnership with tim's team. With the Multnomah County elections division, nearly the entire charter transition team, the

city attorney's office and several staff within the auditor's office, the demanding deadline of this project. We're set and we're we were only able to accomplish it because of the collaboration of this group in order to meet the necessary deadlines for the November 2024 election. In short, this section covers both forms of ranked choice voting, instant runoff and single transferable vote in great detail. The amended code identifies the mechanics of tabulation and what to do, and every possible scenario are drafting team could come up with. This includes things like what to do if a voter happens to skip a ranking. Or over votes in any particular ranking. In both of these cases, the next correct, marked ranking will be elevated and counted. It also identifies what to do if there's an under vote and how to manage ties. The rain choice voting selection section identifies the maximum number of rankings available to voters and the new write in candidate certification process, which is due seven days before the general election is held. This certification will reduce costs and time required to separate out writing candidates during the process of tabulation. The remaining sections of the amended code include removing redundancies with state law and clarifying language for more streamlined code overall. Next slide, please. Voter education is a critical component to ensuring the successful implementation of ranked choice voting in Portland. Voters need to feel confident in their ballot and that their votes will be tabulated in the way that they intend them to be. This will only be possible with a with a robust voter education. As referenced above the voter approved charter amendments require the city to conduct periodic voter education campaigns to familiarize voters with ranked choice voting. Well, this is a new requirement to the city. The county elections division has a long history of robust voter education. The charter transition team in our office are already in conversation with Multnomah County to ensure we co developed a unified message for broad public education, reaching as

many voters as possible. Next slide. We plan to take a three pronged approach to voter education. The first through government communication channels, the second through candidate run through candidates running for office in the third developed by community for community. As referenced on the last slide the city of Multnomah and the city and Multnomah County will partner to coordinate broad based public education. This may include videos, mailers custom mark bell. It's like the slide you said, saw a couple slides ago trainings presentations and other creative approaches. To accomplish this. We will use government communication systems already established to create and disseminate materials that are non partisan and in multiple languages. Well there are government communication channels that can and will be leveraged. We know that the candidates running for office are more deeply engaged and in communication with voters than anyone else. We feel strongly that educating candidates and providing them with the right tools will be one of the most effective ways to reach voters. Candidates have a unique vested interest in ensuring that voters feel confident navigating their ballots in ensuring the votes are tabulated in the way voters intended. My name is becky lamb, boli. Hypothetically I'm running for office. I believe in ranked choice voting. Be sure to rank me. Well there are government community. Excuse me. Finally we know that community educating community is one of the most effective way is to reach traditionally underserved populations such as black indigenous and Portland's Portland's of color as well as voters who live with disabilities or more or may need support. Completing their ballot as well as other low propensity voters. To this end, the charter transition team has released an rfp, which will contract with a community campaign manager. This campaign manager may or may not be with a nonprofit organization. And they will hold the overarching strategy and sub grant to local nonprofit organizations who already have connections with community that

are hard to reach for government entities. The manager will be the hub and spokes to give you a unified and culturally responsive messaging to communities by messengers at the community already trusts. In closing voter education holds nearly the same importance as the city code amendments needed to implement ranked choice voting in the city of Portland. Now I will turn it back over to Shoshana to talk about next steps. Thanks so much, Becky. So our next step is council vote next week and we ask for your support to adopt the changes to city code chapter 2.8. To allow the successful implementation of the charter amendments on city elections. As our team laid out for you today, the timeline is tight and an affirmative vote next week is necessary to ensure that Multnomah County and our city elections office can proceed with negotiations and preparations for the November 2024 election. After adoption of the code the county will provide for the specifications related to ranked choice voting to their contractor and start the certification process. As Becky mentioned on RFP for citywide voter education and outreach was published last Friday, and the city will be investing in our existing candidate education program for all the reasons that Becky mentioned to ensure that candidates who have the most contact with voters are confident about how ranked choice voting works. And uh, let's see, and in addition, the city will be investing in new voter education programs in coordination with the counties that already administer our elections. Then it's an all hands on deck preparation for the 2024 election, including systems, development and testing, managing the partnerships that will implement our new election methods and developing ranked choice voting educational programs that will include our district elections for City Council. We look forward to hearing from the community today through public comment and testimony, and we're happy to answer any questions that you have. Thank you. Thank you colleagues. Questions at this time. Commissioner Mapps mr

mirror. I have a couple of baseline questions that I'd like to put on the table before we get the public testimony first. I want to thank everyone for your hard work on this item. And for your, um, and for your presentation today, um, just. Maybe three or four questions about just the mechanics of how this works. Now um, let's just think about the number of candidates that Portland's hers will vote for him when we're talking City Council elections and for City Council elections all include the mayor's office now the way the current the way it's worked for the last 100 years or so when Portland's show up to vote for a member of for to vote for their City Council some years they might be voting for two candidates. If the mayor happens to be on the ballot, they'll be voting for three candidates. Under the new system. How when you go to vote for City Council, how many candidates will you be voting for? A great question? Um commissioner Mapps. Thank you for posing that question. 2024 will be the unique year there will be 14. So to be clear for the 2024 election, the mayor, auditor and all 12 commissioners will be candidates that the voters are voting for when I look at Portland as a city as a whole. The added layer. In addition to that is where implementing for districts so within each district, there will be four seats available. There could be 10 candidates per seat. Heard to say our average from year to year between now and 2012 is eight candidates per commissioner and 20 per mayor, and then one or two for auditor rede. After the 2024 election, we will begin splitting kind of how the system is set up now, so roughly half of the commissioner seats will be, um, vacant each upcoming year. So in the 2026 election half of the commissioners will be voted for again. Um and then it will kind of proceed back into the four year terms after that, so we've got a couple of funky things happening here to get us back to, um, our our usual motive of voting. If that makes sense, okay? Actually I thought interested knew the answer to that question. But now I'm surprised. Did you want to get a jump in one of the

things that I'm learning about elections, which I've been learning a lot about elections lately? Is that we're talking about contests when we're talking about the seats that are available, and then the candidates are the people running in those contests. So I think your question was about contests and not candidates. Or was it about candidates so right now? I just when I go if the mirror is on the ballot, I go and kind of pick the I could draw a circle next to the City Councilor and district four in the City Councilor in district one day like best and the member of mayors, so I'm voting for three politicians in that case, so contests contests there may be multiple candidates, right? So right exactly so what's the answer, so we won't actually know how many candidates are running in each contest until the certification of the candidates that are eligible to run for that contest. So actually, that this is a productive line of discussion. So is there a limit on the number of candidates you can you can rank the code that you're that is before you today limits your ranking ability to six rankings there. Maybe 12 candidates in that contest, but you are only ranking your preferred six candidates 24. So why wouldn't it be? So let's say I live across the street from city hall, uh and three people are going to from my district are going to go on to counsel right? And I can, uh, rank six of them so I can vote for at least six of them. I can I understand. This is a question we've heard from community as well, actually, so let me just step back a little bit. Instead there's three seats within your district that you'll be able to vote for maps. Rubio and gonzales are the ones running you can you of all of the candidates? Let's say there's eight people running for your seat. You can vote. You can rank six of those eight. Now for Rubio's seat within your district. Let's say there's eight candidates running there. You can read six of those eight in the same then for the last you don't have to split your six between those three offices. Okay I'm learning stuff. I'll tell you I've been studying this for pretty long and I think I'm still learning stuff. So I appreciate this

conversation. Um I'm still not completely clear. But let's move on to another.

Another question. Now um, in our query electoral system, uh, basically, in order to win a seat on this council, you need to get 50% plus one of the vote. Um how many votes do candidates need in order to win? Let's ignore the mayor's race just to win a seat on City Council today or a City Council under this new system will start and then I'll have Chris from ranked choice voting resource center jump in on this one, um, the short kind of two. Answer to get us going is it depends upon the tabulation type. So this is a highly complex, so the mayor and auditor redo of tabulation, we're going to ignore them. Let's just focus on good, so focusing on the counselors. There's a different way to tabulate for that type. So, Chris, that's where I'll punt to you to explain. All right. Um hi. My name is Chris you because I'm the director of policy at the Rangers Fitting Resource Center. Thank you so much for the opportunity to present to you all and speak with you all about Rehnquist footing. Um as I mentioned, my job is just to advise on and study branches floating implementations across the country. So, uh, with that program. A lot of the way. Thank you. For the question. Commissioner Mapps the, uh, essentially the way it works in the way it will work in the three seat district based elections that you all will be having into in 2024 is like Becky was just explaining voters will be able to rank up to six candidates, um, depending on the number of candidates that are running, uh, they may be able to rank every candidate if there are six candidates running. If there's eight candidates running, voters will still only be able to rank six of those eight and so on. So that's how it will be for voters, they'll be able to rank those candidates the way those votes get counted. Um depends on the number of seats being filled because every district is electing three seats. Every candidate running in that election in order in order to win election needs to get 25% of the vote, plus one vote. To win. That number is the number because that's the number

of votes that three candidates can receive. In a proportional rank choice voting election in a single transferrable vote election that four candidates cannot. It's essentially the lowest possible number of votes that guarantee three winners and no more than that, and the reason it's designed that way is so that you get what is called proportional representation. That enables communities that make up at least 25% of a jurisdiction to elect candidates of their choice or if there's multiple, smaller communities to band together in a coalition and elected candidate that those communities can agree upon. Um i'll leave it there. I see. Commissioner Ryan has his hand up, so i'll no, no, I'm actually not done. Uh okay. Sorry okay, so I kind of followed. That kind of didn't follow all of that. Maybe the bottom line is under the new system. In order to win a seat on council. You need to win roughly 25% of the vote, plus one so I'm looking at exhibit a. Um and there's a formula in their area. I think it's called. It's basically trying to calculate the election threshold for us, um and, um the election threshold, which I interpreted as being the number of votes that you need to get in order to win an election. Equals so your election threshold, according to the exhibit equals total number of votes counted over six to be elected, plus one and then you take that whole fraction and then you add one to it. And then there's a comma, which says, disregarding any fractions of, um I don't know if I'm familiar with. I don't know if that's the language, and there's a little bit weird. Um can someone described to me with the work that's being done in the election threshold formula? Sure and but I think we should start with. This is very you're you're describing how complicated it is. So you're highlighting how much we need to invest in voter education so that voters know how to interact with their ballot and experience the ballot and be able to vote their preference up and down the ballot. Sure, so let's just at the moment right here. It's just focus on that voter education is a critical part point of our ability to ensure that voters are able to vote

their preference. So with that, I'll pass to becky. You can talk a little bit more about the calculation. And actually, Chris, I'm in a pass it to you as the expert to explain this. Yeah. So that, uh, commissioner Mapps, you're correct. That is the election threshold. The thing I was describing is like a generic version of the election threshold. If you don't know how many votes have been cast in a contest, all you know is there's three seats being elected. That means you need to get 25% of the vote. Plus one vote. That's what that plus one is doing at the end of the election threshold that you described and then disregarding any fractions is just to make it a whole number one to make it clear to voters and to the public. What happened in the election week? It's a little easier to read. And because that is essentially like I said, the most the fewest votes. Three candidates can get, uh, and when election and this sort of election thank you for that clarification, but now I'm confused again. So when we said earlier that in order to win a seat on this council, you need to get 25% of the vote plus one you were actually kind of simplifying it a little bit against. It could actually be different from that is that take away or in order to win a seat on council. You need to have 25% of the vote, plus one no. Sorry. You'll always need 25% of the vote plus one. It's just a matter of, um, like the exact number can't be determined. You know the exact number of votes you need to receive that equals 25% of the vote won't be known until every ballot has been cast. That's the maybe too nuanced description I'm trying to provide here. Well I'm still a little confused, but maybe maybe it would help if we moved on to another concept, um, that we're using to um, that we're using to figure out um, who wins elections, so I'm looking at exhibit a. Um and I see right underneath the formula for election threshold. We also have something called the surplus fraction, which equals the minus t over v. Can someone explain to me both what the surplus fraction what role surplus fractions. Um, play in this electoral system and also, um what is v and what is t.

Chris, I'm gonna look to you again. Yeah, of course. Um so surplus fraction. Um, is something that is done in a single transferable vote contest to make sure that every voters vote goes as far as possible. Uh putting election you can, either if your favorite candidate gets eliminated, your vote will transfer to the next candidate you liked. But if someone you voted for wins election and has more votes than they need more votes than the election threshold, we were just discussing every voter who voted for that candidate gets to have a part of their vote count for the next candidate. They like this again is an attempt to make sure that every voter has their vote go as far as possible. And the reason we do that, with people who voted for winners is we don't want someone who is wildly popular in a community. Um, someone who might report might get 40 50% of the vote when they only need 25% of the vote. We want every person who supported them to also be able to contribute to another. Candidate's election because that one candidate clearly represents a really large swath of the community. Proportional representation election. We want to elect people who represent a majority. The goal ultimate, ultimately is to provide decision making power to the majority. That's what these surplus transfers are trying to ensure and also provide representation to members of sufficiently large minority communities, which is why we have that 25% election threshold. Okay thank you for that clarification, and just so I'm following along so the formula to calculate the surplus fraction is the minus t over v can you remind me what v and t r ? Yeah v is that the candidate has been elected. Their vote total the total number of votes that got them over the election threshold. Okay is the threshold itself, so that's the number of votes you need to win. And so we minus t gives you the surplus. How many more votes a candidate gut. Then they needed to win election. Um and then you divide that number by v candidates. Total votes. Yeah, that make sure that essentially that ensures that the right portion the exact

precise correct portion of each voters vote. Uh next ranked candidate. Okay um one more question. I'll confess, guys, I'm a little bit confused in terms of how all this works, and I take it seriously. I'm literally kind of spending my nights trying to build an excel spreadsheet. That kind of does what you're doing, and I'm stuck. And maybe one of the reasons why I was stuck is because there's this concept out there. Called um, transfer value, and I think I may not understand what transfer value is. Can someone explain that? To me in an intuitive way. I have a suggestion that I think might be helpful. So I want to also add a caveat that these numbers change by round as well. Um and change dependent upon how many folks are in that particular like how many seats are running at the same time, it adds additional nuances to it, chris, I'm wondering, could we start back? Step back a little bit, and just generally explain how tabulation explained it works. You know, this council is going to vote on this and probably we're all going to vote? Yes but I do think it's some point you can kind of, say broad. Leave you know your ranking people and somehow it will all kind of work out. I do think it's important that we actually understand what the heck that we're doing here. Um and i, it's great to have a consultant. I think he might be in chicago or something. Who uh, give me your peers and understand this as an elected official, at least for the moment, I feel an obligation to at least to try to understand what we're actually doing here so it would actually like to focus in on the question, which is? Can someone tell me what transfer value? Is. Yeah I can. I can explain that briefly, so I think to. Take a step back, but this is relevant to transfer value if. Imagine in a single transferable vote contest and a proportional ranges foot in contrast that every voter essentially has a dollar bill to give to any voter any candidate that they prefer. If you need to get a certain number of dollar bills in election. Uh um. When you've crossed when you've gotten enough of those dollar bills to win. What single transferable vote does is give

a voter maybe if you got 10% more votes than you need. A 10. Cents gives you a dime back each voter a dime bag to give to their next preferred candidate. That's the basic mechanism of what's happening when we're talking about surplus value. Surplus fractions. Transfer value is the actual is that dime? It's that share of the vote that transfers that a voter can give to their next preferred candidate. Okay thank you very much. And I really do appreciate you helping me understand what's happening under the hood of the electoral system. Um I think I want to ask our colleagues from the Multnomah County elections division. You have anybody on staff who actually understands the map here? Um fortunately, we do. Yes. We've had project manager working on this for uh, since the beginning, collaborating with this team, okay. His name is dan eisenbeis. He has he has our becky on our side as far as understanding the math, okay. The good news is for us. The software will do the mouth for us so we can just trust this software. Well we will test the software, you know, we'll test it repeatedly to make sure it's doing what we're doing. So we will have to understand how the mouth works in order to do that. Okay well, I'm glad to hear that. The county is ready to take you on this. Maybe I feel obliged to maybe ask the same question to, um our colleagues over at the city. I'm being real. Do we have anyone on staff at the city who actually understands the math of what's happening with election threshold, surplus fractions, transfer values and how to translate that into what I think of, as like a spreadsheet that could capture the various rounds of what we're trying to do here. Yes I would say that we do have staff here at the city myself included as well as james eccles, who is our elections coordinator as well as our city attorney's staff. Um the issue is it's dynamic. It's not static, which is quite the transition from our prior 100 years system. Okay and actually, I'm gonna hand it back to my colleagues in just a second. So let's just say, you know, I'm a I'm a guy who's very curious about elections. I have a phd in

political science, so I crunch electoral electoral numbers, and I'm just trying to understand how the system works. So let's just say I want to set up a spreadsheet. So on election night, I can kind of see who's went in and how how it's going. How would I do that? Like I'm kind of struggling with excel to do that? What software program or a set of software programs? What I need in order to just follow was going to represent my neighborhood on City Council. I'm not sure others can chime in. If there's any special software that you need to run the calculations for the math, it's a matter of knowing. How many votes for every candidate in the race? Is that your tabulating for having that as you move through the rounds so that you can plug it into the formula and generate the final all of the numbers that are laid out here in order to find the winners? Um okay. Um I will. I'm going to keep trying to just figure out how to figure this out. I'm glad to hear that we have folks over at the city and the county. I may give you a call sometime to help. Help me deep broke my spreadsheets and mr merrill, hand the floor back to you, commissioner Ryan.

Thanks, mayor. Thanks panel. This is a I gotta admit I started to get lost. But um, i'll come back to have a really simple question. I think so. What I recall voting on is that you could rank and unlimited ranking, like as many as you'd like. And then today I'm hearing it. Six was recalling that correctly. The charter actually does not include the language on my bread votes. It actually just directs the City Council to adopt code, which we're bringing to today to, um implement ranked choice voting, so our charter is our guiding document, and it just directs the city to implement or to adopt code. Implementing ranked choice voting so as many as we would like, so we've chosen to since we voted in November. It's a it's a policy choice before this council based on best practices, we've recommended that best practices are anywhere between five and eight rankings. Um and so we have made our recommendation to counsel and counsel has settled on six rankings. The council

has you're hoping that we do. I'm hoping that I understand. I understand trying to translation in November and then the suggestions coming at me today, that's all. And so it went from as many as you'd like to six. That's all is that true? From my reading of both the ballot measure and the charter language. It was, uh, there was no unlimited definition. It said as many as you like. Yeah and I think that that was language to implicate that if you I want to rank one want to rank too, but I think that it was always perceived by the charter commission and what's the guiding documents of the charter doesn't have a, uh, term unlimited drinking's. Very good. Um, I think it would be helpful because my suspicions when we get to public testimony, this is an issue that's going to come up. I believe there was some pragmatic first of all, let's let's take a step back. This is for the 2024 election. Correct so we get through this election. I assume there will be a fine tooth come valuation. Of all of this, including the ranked choice voting process, and then. It could presumably come back to council with changes if we decided six was not the right number eight was the right number. 12 was the right number or whatever. It was the right number that could be fixed is really the initial election that we're talking about. And i'll just tell you my own personal bias is there's a lot of changes on the ballot in 2024. I would encourage just to error on the side of being simple, and if we can get really complicated, we can do that. With time as people understand what it is, we're actually doing. That's just my personal bias. People smart people will disagree with that. That's fine. But I believe there were also pragmatic reasons why the number six was chosen that had something to do with the formatting or the ballot counting machines or something to that effect. Could somebody clarify that as well, please for the council? Absolutely mayor. Yeah I would be happy to thanks to described the piece of paper that you vote on in my testimony. Um, and it's 8.5 by 11 to 17 that 8.5 inch with is that's as wide as our ballots can be, so there's a real

practical limit to the number of rankings that we can fit on a piece of paper. And as you all know, Oregon votes on paper. Um we have to be able to mail ballots to every voter, so we have to be able to put each contest within a width of an 8.5 by whatever piece of paper and so that's one of the real, um practical reasons, but I think um maybe Chris could speak to some of the some of the research that's been done on where voter fatigue starts to happen. Yeah, I'm happy to all talk a little bit about some research that the Center for Design conducted. They held a few. There are national nonprofit that works on um election administration across the country and design best practices for design for elections. One thing they do is designed ballot design, best practices and one research project. We work with them on was best practices for rank choice voting ballot design because we wanted to be sure we could give jurisdictions like Portland really good advice about how to design these rank choice, voting ballots and what we found in our research and talking to voters, both in places that were using rank choice voting voters who had voted in rank choice voting contests. And voters who hadn't voted in rank first within contests who um you know who hadn't voted in retro voting contests. We found that especially when voters were first looking at marking arranged voting ballot they felt comfortable with somewhere between five and eight rankings it gave they felt like it gave them the opportunity to fully express their range of preferences. Um while also not asking too much of them. Essentially because this is the first time they're using rank choice voting, um, in this test and in the city of Portland. I think the goal is to make give voters um the simplest way in, um, like others on the panel. We're saying we've also done some analysis into voter behavior on the ballot, and we found that the vast majority of voters top out at 13 or five rankings on the ballot. That's where most voters are going to stop ranking when they're using rank choice voting ballots. Okay. Thank you. That's that's that's

helpful and just one quick, follow up and then i'll turn it back. Commissioner Mapps. Um so all three counties have to accommodate this correct and tim. It's always good to see you and I really appreciate your work, and I appreciate the opportunity to see you again. Frankly, you do great work, so thank you for being part of this. But also clackamas and Washington counties or berlin. This as well correct coordinating amongst three counties, right? Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

Commissioner Mapps sorry. Sure mr. Mayor I just wanted to build off of your voter fatigue question and hey, chris, if you're if you're still paying attention, I may just take it directly to you. It's my understanding that there are at least two dimensions of voter fatigue. And you kind of talked about one like how many voters how many people am I willing to rank when it comes to the ballot? You said that people kind of tend to fuss out after three. Um I think the proposal on the table is that we have six. Um, but chris. There's a second question which I have seen in the political science literature on voter fatigue in the context of multi member voting, which is at what point are you presented with so many candidates that people just kind of feel overwhelmed and kind of give up on the ballot. Uh do you have any? Have you looked at that aspect of this literature? And can you give us some insights? Uh to the point of when you're just overwhelmed when people just are confronted with so many names that they just completely bay stop. Which is how it's typically expressed, or at least how it's studied in the political science literature. Yeah so there I mean, there's been research on this in the non ring choice voting contests. You can have too many. You can have an overwhelming number of candidates in any sort of election. And you know, there is evidence that voters can become overwhelmed by the number of candidates running, but that really comes down to are these candidates running good enough campaigns that voters can know who they are and can differentiate them are do voters know what that seat is being used

for because voters are also overwhelmed by the number of contests on the ballot being having to elect super local seats. Then they may not understand it comes down to what do voters know? Going into the ballot booth? And what can you give them before they get there so that they feel confident? When they show up to vote, and I think that comes back to the voter education aspect that has been mentioned already, as well as making sure that candidate campaigns community organizations are preparing voters to vote in these sorts of contests because city contests are so important voters need to be ready in need to understand how to choose the canada side actually represent them. Sure but that that things would be a little bit different from 400 photo fatigue, voter fatigue as being this phenomena when you're presented with with, you know, a phone book of names. What we're finding is that people tend to stop stop voting after you get past the second or third vote. Do you understand the literature differently? I can't say that I've read much of the literature on non ranked choice voting contests, and there isn't enough of rain toys research on ranges voting contests to say either way, if this is something that emerges in rachel's wedding contests, okay, I think I've seen a couple of studies. I'll try to send you the references after this. Thank you. Very good. Commissioner Gonzalez. Hmm i, uh, have some specific. Questions but just want to get back to conceptual one that commissioner Ryan raised and I'm trying to look as we're talking here. The original measure language what was before voters this languages about rank as many as you like, where did that get picked up in terms of where voters, uh, what voters were communicated to, um, within leading up to what they voted on and sorry I phrased that poorly. But the I'm trying to rank as many as you like. Where did that language show up in in, uh, for voters. So that came from the charter commission report from June 2022 it states. Quote ranked choice. Voting would give Portland's voters the ability to indicate all of the candidates they

support. In order of preference by making their ballot marking their ballots to indicate first choice. Second choice. Third choice etcetera for as many or as few as they care to rank. Formal commission report that language correct. Okay and. Profits what I'm gonna say bye fully recognizing that that, um there may be practical limitations and being able to rank in different, you know, infinite number of candidates right that that what was stated in the commission report? What you've alluded to is just maybe practically. It's not practical. We only have so many room on the ballot. Um I do have that does raise the level of concern. Um you know, on a very complicated, uh, vote for voters, they were told one thing about what they voted on, and we are delivering for very good reasons. Frankly uh, something that is different. Hmm so that's just more of an observation. Um at a conceptual level again, I don't do not mean to demean the practical limitations on setting up a ballot. I just it it's not insignificant as we consider fidelity to what voters approved. Um can I just speak to that commissioner for a moment? Thank you so much for bringing this up. I think it actually has been. A point of conversation among the council offices and definitely among our staff. So if we look at the what was in the ballot measure and what is in the charter, that language is not in either of those documents and again. The charter is our guiding document. And so, um, I think that if we're true to that language and recognizing that what we're was required of the City Council is to adopt a code to adopt ranked choice voting. And I think that the charter commissioners made a very deliberate choice not to include any number of rankings in their recommendations because they knew that they were not the experts on ranked choice voting. So when the city pulled together our workgroup to kind of examine this question we pulled in experts who have implemented ranked choice voting across the country so that we could understand what is best for our community. And so that's what we're bringing to you is the recommendation of

what is best for the first ranked choice voting election for the city of Portland. So this is absolutely something that could be revisited over time if there needs to be additional rankings, but I think that much of the discussion has been focused around. Um some confusion about the dominion style ranking or elections method, which is an election. Ah tool that is electronic and not of mail in ballot. It's a very different system that is implemented in cambridge, massachusetts, which is I think where the citation comes from. Versus what we're Portland voters are going to see. So there is a technology difference in our jurisdiction and other jurisdictions that might be using different software, which might have different applications. And I appreciate the differences at some level not not not at the deeply technical, but but my fundamental observation here is that at a time when Portland's voters were demanding real change, uh, looking across the ballot, including this, uh we present them with a highly complex. Uh item to approve. And it is incumbent upon us to show fidelity to what voters approved on the one hand and, um it is at a level disconcerting right? That even though what you described as it makes perfect sense, a level but that a technical piece such as this that the formal commission report is saying acts and we deliver something different, and I understand the reasons for it. I understand the logic behind it. Um but you know, we're going to continue to face questions about fidelity to what voters approved and it's just I was not fully aware of that. That distance. Um and I'm just putting on the record. I have some concern about that again. I understand the decisions you made, and it's it were in consultation with our offices and other as as we're trying to practically execute on this, um I do want to get into some work. Can I just jump in right there for? Thank you so much. Commissioner Gonzalez I think we are. We do have the benefit of several charter commissioners in the audience who have signed up to provide testimony. So I think that they actually are probably the best folks to

actually tell you what the report meant, and the deliberations of the charter commission took so if we could maybe pause on this particular topic about the number of rankings until maybe after the public testimony and you hear from some of those charter commissioners sure that's fine and that I would would like to just transition as some specific items nonetheless, so I want to you just to make sure we're using terminology correctly focus first on the mayor and auditor race, so we're going to call that instant runoff voting correct correct. And it is and that will be the same methodology that will utilize when there's a single counselor vacancy in the district, so it's not your typical election, but we're gonna use instant runoff voting for those category of elections. Correct? Yes. Okay and is that it is the methodology we are using in those races. What are the differences? And the similarities between the county races that will be occurring at the same time with their own ranked choice voting. And I asked this. Only because I think from a public policy perspective more easily. This is understood by voters, the better and if on the same ballot we have I mean, higher level. I have concern that we have two different forms of ranked choice. Voting I'm Multnomah County ballots to begin with, right, but at least when we're talking about instant runoff voting when used in city elections. What are the similarities and differences and how that's going to work versus the county? Commissioner Gonzalez tim scott. Um. We modeled our charter Amendment or our charter measure after what the city of Portland put forward. Um so for all of our contests, which are single winner, we're going to be also using the instant runoff voting method. Of course we are. We are implementing in 2026 a couple of years after the city will, so we will have the benefit of experience and helping our the city go through their first election. There may be some decision making that happens after that election that helps guide us with our implementation, but are very strong feeling is that we want to model it as close our

votes. As closely to the city mayor and auditor red tests as possible. That you know, without judging the. The wisdom of the what was adopted for the city. That makes perfect sense to me. I think eliminating voter confusion to the extent we can is a you know, is a compelling public policy arguments. So that's great to hear, and I want to just clarify one another piece of what you just said, so the counties will implement this. Effective in 2026 for their elections that will not be implemented for 2024 for their elections. That's correct. We're going to implement in November of 2026. That's good news. That's I think that that makes a lot of sense. Um I think, um, you know, I'm gonna build off of one of commissioner Mapps is points. I'm looking at the site. Well, let let me take a step back. I appreciate the efforts here to streamline these provisions. I saw that you cut quite a bit from the prior chapter and are incorporating state law and places that made sense. I appreciate that. I think that's going to simplify the code. Um that you think that you know you have a very complex beast. Implement here. But I just want to observe to the authors here that that's helpful. Um I am working down at that formula and two point oh 8030 c two, and it's the same ones that commissioner Mapps is referring to again. I just want to make a general observation that when you have to pick formulas interest code one execution is a challenge. And to confidence that it is properly applied is going to be a area of concern. And so I hope commissioner Mapps is right that maybe it's just a matter of folks just trusting the system. But it's just an observation when you have a complex formula. Look, I've had to implement them in interpreting for 20, plus years in my professional life. Uh and they have a place, but when you're talking about it for elections, I have an area of some level of concern about voter confidence in what is decided. I put that as a side. Um I do want to just raise one more time. Could I jump in before you switch? Yeah I just want to thank you for that comment, because I think that is transparency. The plane is in the air,

and we are building it. And I just really want to support and thank you for the comment that you just made about that. Yeah. Thank you. Um and last, uh, just general, uh, observation and i'll then i'll turn it over. But I guess it's sort of a question. I don't think we can understate the level the risk we are taking in terms of voter confusion and fatigue by the number of folks they'll be voting for this first cycle. Um I do believe education is going to be important. I understand the argument for it, but we're going to be facing this with every successive election and for someone to be able to know people in their own district because that's the number they'd ranking. Um on top of what else is on the ballot. I think we're talking about such a small percentage of voters that are going to do their homework to that degree. And um, I and so when I think of voter fatigue, it's not just getting through the ballot, but it's actually doing the homework to get to know that many people in your district so I don't have a solution for that. Right now. Um I think we're going to have to play. See how this plays out. Um I do think we are. You know the people with name I'd are going to get reelected indefinitely in the city of Portland under this model, because people are gonna recognize their name and you know, you only got to get to 25% but that's um this is what we're implementing. I might might. I'm encouraging it to you all as you're implementing. This is to continue to keep confusion and fatigue. In insight and where we can to make it slower for voters. Um you know, as long as we're showing fidelity to what they approved, I'm in favor, so I believe it at that. And if you have that was mostly a statement. But if you had a if you can interpret a question of that, go ahead and answer and then i'll shut up. Thank you, commissioner Gonzalez. I think the only piece that i, um will add to this is I think we're speaking of the ideal. Right the voters do all of that homework of all of those candidates and what order they want to rank as many as they possibly can. But it goes back to voter fatigue. Like you said, if I

only want to rank three, I can rank three um and really for me. My next headache. This kept me up at night. The next one is voter education. Good thank you all for now. Thank you. Would anybody objective? We go to public testimony. There's a lot of people have been sitting around for the better part of an hour and a half and I feel like we should hear from the public. How many people do we have signed up? But we have 17 17. Alright, very good. Why don't you call as you do when you come up here. You don't need to give your address. Just your name for the record is sufficient. First step we have janice thompson. Hi, janice. Any any michael do. Afternoon I'm janice thompson, representing the league of women voters of Portland. We thank the council for hearing this ordinance as well as the previous steps you have taken to ensure timely compliance with the voter enacted charter changes. We urge your support for this election code. Update this is a step that you can take with great confidence due to the research based team effort by election administrators and attorneys for both Multnomah County and the city of Portland. We are in very good hands with local election officials who are seasoned professionals. This is reflected in this code update that is informed by research on election data in the growing number of jurisdictions using ranked choice voting. It was very prudent to consult with the r c. V resource center. An organization founded by election administrators with extensive practical experience on this voting system. It was also prudent to seek public input on a draft version of this election code update this input and the on the ground local experience. Of the collaborative Multnomah County. Portland's team results in a code that is a good fit for our city. This afternoon is the time for questions about this code. However keep in mind who will use this code. Election management professionals. Voters do not need to read the election code before casting their ballots. Voters will benefit from educational outreach on ranked choice voting. Not because it is inherently

confusing. Since since people do make making choices all the time. However it is in keeping with how to educational best practices already used by election administrators to explain the application of this ranking process on ballots. Such education is mandated in the charter, and the league urges robust funding. For education that emphasizes, um the voters use of the ballot. And includes outreach to historically disenfranchised constituencies. All Portland's orders benefit when educational efforts reflect our city's diversity. The league urges a timely yes vote on this election code update. We thank you for this and your previous steps to carry out the charter changes adopted by Portland ear's thank you appreciate your testimony. Next step. We have richard folks online. Welcome, richard. No my name is richard. Folks. I'm the vote there, guy. Three decades ago while living in corvallis. I wrote a book titled the creative problem solvers truck box, which notably has been published around the world in 10 languages. While writing it. I realized that most of the big problems and government space could be solved easily if we use well designed vote counting systems. The poland charter commission made made wise design choices and most of the proposed and then correctly implements that design within the limits of already certified software. However there however, there are some swabs, some of which you're noting I submitted written feedback about this was a few weeks ago, but the flaws we need the biggest fly is the mistaken claim that the voter's intent is unclear when they mark two or more candidates at the same choice level. That interpretation is valid in australia, where a voter hand writes a number next to each candidate name. But here in Oregon, we mark bubbles in choice columns. So in our case, the voter's intent is very clear even when they mark two or more candidates in the same choice column already certified software can't handle these cases by stopping the counting of the ballots when that so called overvote is reached. Instead, the proposed wording requires skipping over

overvotes and transferring the ballot to the next rank candidates, which is the exact opposite of the voter's intent. I suggest adopting words that allows what's ability and how over votes are counted, especially because future software will correctly counted. Those so called overlooks. Another flaw is the emission of something called batch elimination. Details about these and other flaws are posted on the main web page at right choice. Oregon .org. Although these father unlikely to change your wins, this was are likely to be portrayed as failures of ranked choice voting even though they are just clause in the proposed wording. If you the City Council members are not allowed to approve this document, conditionally, then I fully support your decision to approve it in its current blood form. I'll close by saying that adopting right choice voting purported elections is a tipping point for civilization, not just reporting. Thank you, the City Council members and they are listening and for the work you do to make Portland a great city. Thank you, richard.

Next step. We have mark stefan. Hello my name is mark steven and I am a associate professor of political science at Washington state university. Vancouver and I'm also a resident of Portland's, um, I'm gonna try to keep it quick. Basically I think this ordinance should be supported. I think it actually comports well with what political science says about rank choice systems. Um importantly as well. I think we really do have a solution going forward of sorts when it comes to any confusion or questions about the way in which we, um calculate the vote. Um many citizens based on trust alone won't be particularly interested in that and that that matters their trust really matters. And for those who really want to know more, there will be ways working with the city working with the county to learn more about how this is done, and those voting advocates will only help make it better if there are any questions or concerns. Um the second point I want to make is that the city and the county working together have really set the standard for

collaboration around electoral reform. I think they should be. The staff should be collected, um, congratulated for all of their work. Um this may help us in the region overall as others consider such reforms and even at the state level, I think what Portland's and whatnot Multnomah County have done will really stand out. My final point is actually to simply this that the voter education is critical, and it will need to occur over multiple election cycles. Um this will only get better with time. I think citizens for the most part will actually be excited about this as they learn more and there will be some learning that needs to happen not just in 2024 but again in future years as well. And as long as we think of voter education is a multi year process, I think would be better for it. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Next step we have melanie billings, young. I'm ellen. Thanks for being here. Thank you. Whoa this was made for taller people, okay? Good afternoon. I'm melanie billings union. As you know, uh, former member of the Portland charter commission. I've come here to support the election code before you today and to address some of the confusion we've been hearing. As co chair of the commission. When we passed the amendment, I can assure you that this code fulfills both the letter and the spirit of its ranked choice voting provisions. Our stated goal was to advance participatory and growing democracy. I can only applaud the thoughtful work of our city attorney and election officials in accomplishing that aims. By addressing the issues. Faced in other jurisdictions of skipped rankings and over voting, established guardrails to minimize spoiled ballots so that as many votes as possible can count. By allowing the ballot and excuse me and by allowing the ranking of up to six candidates. This called gives Portland's ample choice to express their preferences without feeling overwhelmed a concern that I've heard across the board today. Inclusiveness and accessibility are a vital balance in any voting system. Dozens of conversations with Portland's about charter reform. I heard broad support for ranked choice voting,

but I also heard a concern from many about the burden of having to rank too many candidates, so I'd explain that voters wouldn't have to rank every candidate they could rank as few or as many as they cared to. Of course, when I said as many, I did not mean an infinite choice. In fact, we on the commission were meticulous in stressing that we didn't know how many rankings would be available as that would be up to the city. That's the point. I want to emphasize here today. The charter commission intentionally did not include language mandating the maximum number of candidates voter could rank and measure 26 2 to 8. We agreed that it was appropriately the purview of election officials to design a ballot and of City Council to adopt an election code that would reflect the will of the people. Now with your adoption of this code, you will have given Portland's orders the voice they have asked for. Thank you. Thank you appreciate it. Next up. We have rachelle rosenberg. Good afternoon. Thanks for being here. Pleasure. My name is rachelle rosenberg. And I'm, a retired public school teacher. I did not. I did not support the campaign to change the charter. After listening to the pros and cons presented during that last election. I along with the majority of the voters in Portland. Voted in favor of the new charter. I have read the election code update before you today. I am impressed with the work by your officials. And urge you to prove this ordinance. I am most impressed that ranked choice. Voting will be used in the next election. As an educator. I know the importance of educating the voting public prior to any changes in the voting procedure. In order to achieve our shared goal of a participatory and growing to mock rasi. I urge you to adequately fund an education campaign. Prior to the election. To ensure the voters across our city comfortable using the new system. Thank you. Thank you. Next up. We have christine nielsen, followed by margaret noel and yvonne garcia. Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler commissioners commissioners. I'm christine nielsen. I urge your yes. Vote on the

code changes that you're looking at today. This competent collaboration of city and county and the right choice voting resource center. Has brought you language that is compliant with election law requirements, state law and written based on best practices. It deserves your support. I also ask you to continue. Their support for a successful implementation, as you have done so far. And going forward by providing the budget resources necessary for outreach and education as you've been hearing from other speakers. Every Portland's voter is impacted by the implementation of this measure. But even before implementation, they're impacted by the messaging coming from elected officials. And by the city's administrative staff. Voters heard from abundance of charter reform, some of whom may be in the room today that ranked choice. Voting was too complicated for them, but they weren't smart enough to do it that it wasn't going to work. A majority of voters didn't buy that. The message they need from elected officials now is yes, voters. You're smart enough to do this. And your city government is smart enough to implement it successfully. As we heard from these wonderful staff people today funded adequately and provide the support that your city government is smart enough to fund it adequately and provide you the support you need to successfully participate. These last years have been difficult. Portland's confidence in themselves is shaken. I thank you for your dedication to public service during these hard times. I think that each of you has the opportunity as your legacy. To usher in a new and positive era for city government. Adopt the ordinance. Prepared to robustly fund voter outreach and education. Thank you. Thanks. Appreciate your being here. Next up, Margaret Noel. Hello hello. Good afternoon. My name is Margaret and all I live in northwest Portland's. I am pleased to speak in support of the code. You will be adopting for right choice voting. I believe that Portland's is on the right track to make our elections more inclusive, so

that oh, Portland's voters feel their voices are represented. My first experience with ranked choice voting was in 1980 a few months before our third daughter was born. Our two older daughters were eight and 10 years old, then. We used a ranked choice, voting as a family to select our new baby's name. It was easy to girls easily. Brandt their choices from first to sixth. What was impressive was how much we all felt that our votes mattered. Everyone felt included and we were happy with the final decision, even though our initial top choices were different. I was sold on this fair way to vote. Since then, I've learned a lot about ranked choice voting. Our third daughter now lives in New Zealand, where they choose their City Councils with the same proportional ranked choice voting that we will use in Portland's last November voters in Portland's main approved proportional ranked choice voting. For their local elections. And of course, Maine as a whole has ranked choice voting, adding to the and that added to the growing number of U.S. cities that are adopting ranked choice voting in preparing to vote last fall, I watched a lot of videos about ranked choice voting clearly the key to helping voters used this voting method is teaching them a few simple rules. For example, we need to help people avoid overvotes appropriately. Proposed code appropriately, the proposed code will not count over votes. So voters must learn to rank their top three choices as 123. Not all this number one. With education. They will understand that many voters in our country and in the world successfully used ranked choice voting and Portland's can do it too. I hope you will follow your vote on the code with a solid vote for funding the required voter education and thank you. Thank you. Excellent testimony. Appreciate it. Next step, Yvonne Garcia. Thanks for being here. Hello good afternoon. Mayor, Wheeler, city commissioners and staff. My name is Yvonne Garcia. I use pronouns like she and her and I am the deputy director, the Oregon the value of organism, non partisan, non profit organization dedicated to

preserving and enhancing civil liberties and civil rights with more than 28,000 supporters of statewide we are one of the organizations that represent Portland united for change a coalition that helped the passage of measure 26-2 to 8. I am testifying today to urge the city to move forward with adopting the Portland city elections code as it is presented to the council. Selections or dense is critical for guiding how city elections will be conducted and is a necessary step for implementation of measure 26-228. During the charter review process, the charter review commission made the correct choice of leaving election details out of the charter to be determined through code. We appreciate the diligence and highly competent work of city and county staff on this ordinance and the collaboration of staff with ranked choice voting resource center. The ordinance was clearly designed with voters experience in mind. And reflects best practices for ranked choice voting. The passage of this elections code is a vital step for a thriving and representative democracy in Portland and is required for candy elections administrators to implement measure 26-228 as the county moves forward. With incorporating changes to our voting system. And the city turns its focus forward to voter education. We urged the city to continue an emphasis on best practices, voter experience and partnership with voter education groups and community organizations to ensure that all Portland's orders are prepared for their charter change. It is crucial that the city works with trusted community organizations to provide multi lingual multi model and culturally specific outreach to communities throughout Portland to ensure that everyone has the resources they need to vote. We appreciate the work the city is doing to implement measure 26-228 and ask you to pass the ordinance. Thank you. Thank you. Next step. We have mike alfa knee, followed by brian nielsen and felice mueller. Thank you. Mayor Wheeler, City Councilors and staff. My name is michael phony. I'm a Portland voter. And I'm the

executive director of organ ranked choice voting advocates. We are also part of the coalition of organizations that represent Portland united for change, and we also help support the passage of member to six. That's true to eight am testifying in support of moving forward with amending the Portland's city elections code as it is presented today. We are really impressed with the thoughtful work the city and county have done thus far and amending the elections code has been absolutely clear throughout this process that the city and the county collaborated closely with nationalized spurts at the rank, rank choice voting resource center, as well as considering the lessons learned from other cities that have already adopted ranked choice. Voting amendments to the city election took load. Clearly reflect the best practices of ranked choice voting elections and thoughtfully incorporated the voter experience. Administering these changes now is a key step towards ensuring that our election officials have the framework they need to move forward to successfully implement ranked choice voting elections here in our city and as the city moves forward to the voter education, we strongly encourage continued prioritization of best practices through partnership with the rank choice voting resource center, fair vote and democracy rising our organization coordinated closely with these specific national experts during the implementation of rank choice voting here in Oregon in benton county in 2016, and their expertise helped ensure voter education included not only the important of how to rank candidates, but why ranking candidates gives voters more power on the ballot. We also urged the City Council to partner with trust and community organizations to provide comprehensive and culturally specific outreach to communities throughout the city. With those partnerships, the city can ensure all voters understand and are comfortable. With their ballots come election day in 2024. We really appreciate the work of the city and the county you're doing to create successful frameworks for our elections and asked the city to pass

this ordinance. Thank you for your time and your consideration. Thanks, mike. Next up. We have brian nielsen. Thank you so much. Mayor Wheeler commissioners. My name is Ryan nielsen and a member of and the political representative with laborers. Local 7 37, where union representing about 3000 laborers, primarily working in the construction industry. Across Oregon. We have many members who live and work in the city of Portland and I myself live in northeast Portland. Our union was supportive of the charter reform campaign more closely following its implementation. We've been working alongside Portland united for change the walls, a bunch of other unions, who are stakeholders in this process and see it as important. Um I know a lot of folks have put in a bunch of hard work on this ordinance, and I'm asking you to support it think it's really important that this process keeps moving along? Because we still have quite a bit of hard work ahead of us to, you know, establish our new system of governance and all of the structures that it's going to take. Um and you know, I know that it's easy for folks to feel pessimistic about the state of our city. But I just want to say that I feel really, really hopeful. I'm really excited about what's ahead of us. You know, voters approved a really, really needed change to how how we live and how we vote and how we govern the city. Um, and we know that things like geographic representation, having a city manager and to his voting all those things, they're not going to solve all of our problems overnight, but I think they're a step in the right direction. So I didn't come with any lovely stories. Unfortunately about naming any children withering choice voting, but I still hope that you'll support this ordinance. Thank you all so much. Thank you. Next up. We have police. Mueller. Good afternoon. Thanks for being here. Felice mueller at Portland's resident. I'm delighted to be here today in support of the election code before you, which will establish ranked choice voting for mayor and City Council. Passage of this code will

be a momentous step toward achieving the more representative government that Portland has resoundingly endorsed five months ago. I understand that some of you are leery of this change in voting methods that's normal with a big change. Certainly vote by mail and the motor voter law aroused plenty of opposition when they were initially proposed, primarily because of the concern that these methods were untested. However that's not the case with ranked choice voting. Ranked choice. Voting is now used by 13 million voters in 54 cities across the united states. Because of this, our attorneys in elections officials were able to draw on a rich set of data. And best practices from those who have come before us. And they have been diligent and researching and incorporating those tested guidelines into the code. You are now considering of course. Code alone cannot successfully implemented new voting system. Here too. We can draw on the lessons of our predecessors, for example. In 2020. Benton county was the first jurisdiction in Oregon to rank choice voting. And by all analyses, it has gone smoothly. When their elections director was asked what he attributed their success to he pointed to an early and sustained public education campaign. This stands in contrast to the voter difficulties in those cities that put only a few months into voter education. So once you have passed this code I urge you to move quickly. In funding and launching a public education drive that will reach out to both voters and potential candidates in every corner of Portland in their native languages, starting at least a year before the November 2024 election that is this fall. In four months. By passing this code lickety split and delivering a public education campaign with consistent, meaningful messaging ready to roll foreign months from now, so that Portland's has a 2024 election. To be proud of. You will ensure that Portland's maintains the vanguard position of the coolest city in the usa because Portland's is a place we're dedicated advocates of making democracy work better for more people. Take a stand and

win. Thank you. Thank you. Next up. We have margaret dellinger, followed by debbie kitchen and isabella via via real. It's margaret here. No, uh, debbie hi, debbie. Good afternoon. Thank you, mayor and commissioners for the opportunity to speak today about ranked choice voting and the implementation that's before you. I was honored to be served as a member of the Portland charter commission. Um and so I'm here today to support the amendments to the Portland city elections code. I want to commend the work and the collaboration that the city and county staff and experts on right choice voting all work together to develop this ordinance. I believe it is in strong alignment with what the charter commission intended and what voters approved and I urge you to vote. Yes to support it. Um I think it is important to note that the charter commission's intention was to leave some of the policy details regarding elections up to code to be adopted by the City Council. Rather than putting them in the charter. The city charter serves as the as the city's constitution, so it is at a very high level. It's not appropriate or prudent to have everything about the city's operations and policies in the charter that would create an operating system that would be too rigid and not adaptable to changing conditions. Since any change to the chart charter must be approved by voters. And the other place that policies and rules for city operations are expressed are in code and administrative roles. So it's appropriately in code today that we're looking at some of these election rules as a commission, we received extensive briefings from city attorneys and experts of what belongs in a charter and what types of details would be more appropriately related represented in code. And at many steps in the process that this came up as a point of discussion of details that we should put in the charter amendments or what should be left for City Council, so I think that we was a very deliberative process, and it was with our expectation and intention that some of these details, but we worked out in code. I believe the ordinance before

you is a strong alignment with the charter amendments that were passed, also like to say a few words and supportive right choice voting. One of the commission's desired outcomes was to have participatory and growing democracy, with more voices being heard in elections choice voting allows voters to fully express their preferences without fear that their votes won't count. Because their first choice is not as likely to win. So many voters are discouraged by the current system and do not feel motivated to vote feeling that their vote and preferences don't matter can lead to cynicism and a lack of participation. And increasing participation helps our communities because people are more invested in the community when they feel their vote matters. Um and in addressing just voter confusion that was talked about a little earlier. I believe it's important to know that the ballot will look the same for citywide elections like the mayor and auditor and the City Councilors, and they're actually be fewer contest for an individual voter to vote in when they vote. They are voting within. Their district and they're voting for either the mayor or you know the auditor in election, so there's actually fewer contests that they're weighing in on. Um and then so those I think, are factors that affect the voter confusion and fatigue. Thank you for the opportunity to be here today and to express my opinions. Appreciate it as always. Thank you, debbie. Next stop. Is isabella via real? Good afternoon. My name is isabella vila real and I am the policy and communications director at next step action fund. Our mission is to build the political power with diverse young people to achieve a more just and equitable Oregon. We are also part of the coalition of Oregon organizations that represent Portland united for change and help support the passage of measure 26 to 28 today I'm testifying to urge the city to move forward with adopting the Portland city elections code as it is presented. To the council. From the drafting to the public comment period that amendments we have been impressed with the work of the

city auditor's office, city, transition staff and county elections in legal staff. We know that our elections administrators are highly complex. Accessible secure and transparent elections. His code is reflective of the expertise of our elections administrators, a willingness to collaborate a commitment to best practices in overall competence of the city auditor and city transition team in moving forward with implementation of trust, charter changes and next action fund formerly known as the best project, we are in the vanguard of policy solutions to expand our democracy to engage Oregonians to the fullest extent. Possible. We know from decades of election systems change, work that policy solutions take time and care to implement and it takes a couple of elections to truly understand the impacts of policy. It also takes voter education to ensure our communities know about the changes and ensure that their voices can be heard. Thank you for moving this elections, code forward and investing in voter education. These steps are critical for Portland ear's to be able to have what we voted for. Please pass the code and continue to deliver transition results on time and on budget. Thank you so much. Thank you. Next up. We have bob weinstein, followed by hope baraka and nadine rosen. Make any difference. Anyone is your pleasure to see you, mr bear and commissioners. My name is bob weinstein. I'm here to speak on behalf of myself and former commissioner mike lindbergh. Ah to state some concerns about certain sections of the proposed election code revisions, especially those which seem to represent significant post talk policy changes from what the charter commission stated to the City Council into the voters and what the voters approved. We're especially concerned over what seems to be a combination of incomplete information and the cherry picking of information. Apparent effort to justify some recommendations in the proposed code revisions. Why does this matter? It matters. For example, the city disseminated a video as part of a survey on election

code issues. It contained a series of misleading statements develop design makes it hard to fit more than eight. Now six rankings charter does not specifically state how many rankings should be available with regard to the ladder there? Maybe a couple of reasons that specific number of rankings were never recommended. As you heard the charter commission's official final report presented June of 2022, as part of the islanders report had to relevant statements. You heard it read, so I won't read the whole thing. But it said voters would be able to vote for as many or as few as they care to rank. And our all and as many as they care. That's about as clear statement of legislative intent as I've ever seen. The report also stated at that in the stv system, the goal is to make every vote count every vote count and a ranked choice of action. There's a inverse relationship between the number of permitted rankings and the number of ballots that become exhausted. All the candidates ranked by a voter or eliminated that voters ballot is exhausted or not counted as the tabulation continues. The fewer the rankings, the greater the chance that a ballot will become exhausted if you want to make every vote count, you want to maximize the number of rankings. Second, the commission would not know how many candidates there would be going to give an election. If there were 15 candidates. There will be 15. Rankings if there were 55 and so on. Um hmm. The charter commission frequently reference cambridge, massachusetts, which is the only city in the united states to have used stv ranked choice and City Council elections for many years. We recently called the cambridge elections commission to confirm they tallied by computer. Uh, and there s tv elections they do with great success. Um, they used to have unlimited rankings. They changed in 9 2002 to a limit of 15. I want to briefly address a couple of sections of the code. Uh, sections 208030 a one a b, appear to give sole authority to the county election officers to reduce the number of candidates voted my ring bungalow six to an unspecified

number. If that officer determines that they cannot accommodate six, we did not believe that such blanket authority should be given. Related and greater concern appears to be a clear case of the tail wagging the dog and section 208030. B for elections administered by multiple counties that will give the election officials and Washington and clacking this county's apparently the ability to reduce the number of rankings that all Portland's voters use. So that means if they determine they can only rank 43 or two candidates that what applies to voters who resided Multnomah County as well. That's absurd and represents a further departure from what the charter commission promised the voters and the 2022 election. 20220.38 of 1% of votes were from Washington and clackamas county. It seems unreasonable to that the counties representing less than 1% of the voters determine the number of ranking somehow for the 99% of voters who reside within Multnomah County. Last night and closing, determining the way elections will work and the number of rankings voters will have under the new charter is an absolutely critical issue. The proposed code unnecessarily limits the ability of voters to rank as many candidates as they wish from their top to the released preferred candidates. Cambridge can do it portly can do it. Please take the time to get it right fulfilled to the maximum extent possible. The promise by the charter commission bob voters could rank as many candidates as they care to rank. Make every vote counts. Thank thank you. And I'm sorry I went over time. Alright. Thank you. Thank you was good information. Thank you. Next up. We have hope baraka online. Welcome home. Thank you, mayor, Wheeler, city commissioners and staff. My name is hope. Baraka I am the owner and managing principle broker of think real estate atop sales agency for sales per agent in the state of Oregon. I also own think commercial. As chair of the board of directors for business for better Portland. I am here representing over 400 members. We represent companies and organizations in the Portland region who

believed that in order for business to thrive, it is critical to do business in a thriving community. We're part of the coalition of organizations that proudly represented with Portland's united for change and helped support the passage of measure 26 to 28 and testifying today to urge the city to move forward with adopting the Portland's city elections code as presented. Happy bpd x. We support a collaborative approach that convenes government agencies, non profits, foundations and businesses to answer pressing problems. We see that in the process of crafting this elections code the city has delivered on a collaboration with working with the auditor's office, the county ranked choice voting resource center and engaging with Portland's on the policy changes inside the code. It is clear that significant care and attention has gone into drafting this ordinance, and we agree that this ordinance reflects best practices it's designed for voter experience. And it's ready to be adopted. Local business owners deserve a city government that functions effectively and that best represents them and their needs regardless of where they live. This election code is a step in the direction of creating a new, more inclusive paradigm for the city. We appreciate the work the city is doing to implement measures 26 2 to 8. We ask you to pass the ordinance. Now we're find a. I attended today's council meeting to hear your staff updates on charter reform election code and provide this testimony. What I witnessed at the beginning of this meeting via maps budget amendment to his left me deeply shaken as a citizen, it appeared as no less than an absolute ambush on reimagine Oregon. Critical effort from the Oregon cares fund coming out of covid and out of the tragedies of 2020. From my perspective, this amendment with shoved through holding the budget at large hostage. I'm sorry to be the mayor. You let the previous speaker finished, so I have to. This is on an unrelated issue. No notice to the organization and in contradiction to miss vickers recommendations cut them off damage. Thanks sorry

that it's an important issue, but it's unrelated to this last test fire is nadine rosen. Welcome. Thank you for being here. My apologies were standing up. That's embarrassing, but I have a cramp in my right leg. Totally understand cramps believe me, rosen, mayor commissioners. Everybody has said what I'm going to say which is please vote for this. This is a really good charter change very much for ranked choice voting. I will say with regard to some of the questions that was going on. I tried to explain why choice voting for me to my husband and the first time I explained it, he said. I don't know about that. And then I heard new york city and they were explaining how they handled during choice voting. And the fellow who was in charge of publicity and education, he said. It's really simple. The young kids understand it, he said. Tell them vote for the one you are and then vote again and vote again. And I thought okay. I'm gonna make that to my husband, and he then understood ranked choice. Voting had no problem. He knew that if you were going to run for mayor, you vote once and then you vote again. And you vote again. And if you want to vote six times for six different candidates, you go right ahead. I don't know of anybody. I'm going to vote for six to any group of people. I'm going to vote for six times. But when you get into the districts now there's three people running. But that doesn't mean there's only three candidates. I mean, we might have 25 candidates, but you can only vote for six. Well I think voting for six is plenty. Thank you. And I'm so pleased. We are going to have districts that we can vote for. They're going to be neighbors. We're going to know their addresses. We're going to know their streets. We're going to know whether they walked their doors or not. And I thank you. Thanks for being here. Appreciate it. That complaints testimony all right, very good colleagues that completes public testimony. Where obviously just so people know where we are. This is a non emergency ordinance of the council isn't voting today. But if people have other questions are follow up before I move this to

second reading, mr bear. Can I just double check? I'm looking at the testimony order did we call margaret? Telling me for. Okay, great. Thanks. Alright, great. Good all right. Thank you. Everybody who's stuck with us the whole afternoon. Really appreciate it. And I'm sorry to the person I cut off, but, uh, testimony has to be germane to the ordinances being discussed and that was related to an ordinance we discussed earlier, so I wasn't trying to be um. Uncivil but that those are the rules of the council. And it's my job as the presiding officer to make sure those rules are upheld, thanks to staff. Thanks to all of you who testified today. Thanks for those of you who are here, listening. And just being engaged on a really important subject will move this forward. This is the first question of course, commissioner right. The testimony. First of all, I'm very supportive of rank choice voting. That was never a concern for me. I so good work, and now I understand that there are some testimony that was really helpful. A couple of people when they describe the charter was debbie the constitution and then these are got it now. I just was looking at it literally. Um but my question now is about the education of voters. So not everyone has a spouse that's going to educate her has been like the last person who testified. And I can't available to child. The babies that were named that was the best testimony thing I've ever heard. Um but how are we going to educate the voters? What's our plan for that? Is that part of what we're voting on next week? It's not. But we can give you we can give you a little bit of an update. Um we have issued an rfp for voter education partner to initiate that work that might. That effort is funded in this fiscal year, and there were asking for additional resources in next year's budget. Voter education will be a multi cycle, um, effort and, of course, in collaboration with the county and the counties that are actually have experience in this area, so we'll give you an update at our next opportunity

about the results of that. I just didn't want to miss an opportunity of dialogue about that. Alright got it. So this is really about ranking