



October 4, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

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

Council recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:28 a.m..

Council recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Communications

821

[Request of Susan Bladholm to address Council regarding public-private partnership](#) (Communication)

Document number: 821-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Sorin Garber to address Council regarding funding for the Frog Ferry pilot](#) (Communication)

Document number: 822-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Jennifer Schloming to address Council regarding mass transit for St Johns](#) (Communication)

Document number: 823-2023

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[Request of James Paulson to address Council regarding low income transportation](#) (Communication)

Document number: 824-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Steve Kanter to address Council regarding 911 problems and a solution](#) (Communication)

Document number: 825-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

826

[Proclaim October 2023 to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) (Proclamation)

Document number: 826-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

827

[Proclaim October 2023 to be Filipino-American History Month](#)
(Proclamation)

Document number: 827-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Placed on File

828

[Appoint Mike Walsh to the Citizen Review Committee for a term to expire October 1, 2026](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37633

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Independent Police Review

Time certain: 10:25 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

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

829

[Appoint Kip Silverman, Kerry Driver, Odelia Zuckerman, and Mollay Ramos to the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing](#) (Report)

Document number: 829-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Time certain: 10:40 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Confirmed

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

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

Regular Agenda

830

[Initiate foreclosure action on certain properties for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the properties](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191465

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue Division; Treasury

Second reading agenda item 814.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Absent

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Absent

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

831

[Authorize acquisition of shields for research and development by the Special Resources Division](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191480

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Council reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Rebecca Dobert, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Time Certain

832

[Amend Title 33, Planning and Zoning, and the Zoning Map to reduce the impacts of future flooding on the city and prevent the degradation of floodplain habitat for endangered and threatened fish species \(amend Code Title 33 and the Zoning Map\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191477

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 2)

Previous agenda item 777.

Oral and written record closed September 1, 2023. View written testimony on [Map App.](#)

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to update the findings and reconcile documents to reflect the amendments: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-3)

Passed to second reading October 11, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. Time Certain as amended.

833

[Amend Flood Hazard Areas Code to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program requirements and modify compensatory excavation and removal requirements \(amend Code Chapter 24.50 and 24.10\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191478

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 2)

Previous agenda item 778.

Oral and written record closed September 1, 2023. View written testimony on [Map App.](#)

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Passed to second reading October 11, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. Time Certain as amended.

834

[*Adopt the FY 2023-24 Fall Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191482

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget Office; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (1 of 2)

Submit written testimony on [Map App](#).

Disposition: Continued

Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as filed to appropriate one-time General Fund discretionary resource in the Commissioners' Offices: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-Mapps, Ryan; N-Wheeler) Motion failed to pass.

Motion to reconsider: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-3)

Continued to October 11, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. time certain.

Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as filed to add the position of Urban Forest Pest and Pathogen Specialist: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Mapps. Vote not called. Continued to October 11, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. time certain.

Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as filed to recognize Supportive Housing Services Funds approved by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners for the implementation of Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites (TASS): Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called. Continued to October 11, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. time certain.

835

[*Update the Fund Statement of Purpose for the Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund to allow the City Budget Office to establish set aside funds for an operating reserve policy](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191483

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Budget Office; Management and Finance

Time certain: 3:30 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (2 of 2)

Submit written testimony on [Map App](#).

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 11, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. time certain.

Thursday, October 5, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

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Speaker: Good morning, mayor. And commissioners. Meps Rubio, Ryan. Gonzalez. Wheeler we will now hear ordering decorum.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: 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.Portland.gov/council/agenda information on engaging the 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 deliberation 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. Please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist and if you are representing an organization, please identify it for

testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you very much. All right. Good morning. Before we get started today, I just want to quickly inform everybody that we'll be taking a recess at 11:20 a.m. The recess is to accommodate a nationwide drill by fema that tests our alert and warning systems. So hopefully we will be disrupted both in terms of our cell phone, but also our broadcast will be disrupt noted as well. So during the test, since televisions, radios and all phones will be interrupted, we'll go ahead and just take a break. We don't know exactly how long that break will last, but it could last up to 30 minutes. I want to take this moment to remind those here in the chambers and listening to sign in for public alerts at public.alerts.org. That's my shameless plug for the morning. These alerts ensure that we stay informed regarding hazards in our area. So thank you everyone for that. We'll start with community actions. First item, I believe there's a number of people who want to come up together. Is that correct? So why don't we go ahead and read it looks like two people for frog ferry is that correct? For the transportation stuff?

Speaker: Okay, good. All right, good. So the first for then why don't we go ahead and have 82182282, three and eight two for the first four individuals, you can come on up together and.

Speaker: And would you just like the time to be collective so 12 minutes total or how would you like to do it. Sure sure we'll see how good we are with timeliness.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: All right. Very good. So why don't you set the timer for 12 minutes, please, and i'll quickly read through the title.

Speaker: Please go ahead. The timer item 821 request of susan blanton to address council regarding public private partnership. 822 requests of soaring over to

address council regarding funding for the frog ferry pilot. 823 request of jennifer schladming to address council regarding mass transit for saint john's 824 request of james paulson to address council regarding low income transportation. Good morning. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners.

Speaker: My name is susan blad holm and I am the founder of frog ferry. I'm here to talk with you today about what could be a really easy win, including frog ferry in the regional transportation plan constrained project list for at least 20 years, Portland City Council has considered a passenger ferry. In 2006, the city conducted the willamette river water taxi study. In 2017, when pbot proposed a ferry operational feasibility study and it wasn't funded. We picked up the task. Commissioner saltzman was in office back then. In 2019, we conducted that study and the results indicate that it's feasible. Well, it's affordable. It's an excellent way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve community resilience while getting Portlanders back downtown and out on the river. We know the city's budget is tight and your staffing resources are limited. That's why our grassroots effort has delivered about \$30 million in value to in planning, in community outreach and research over the past six years. And mayor, you have a number of packets that are in front of you that show a number of the different plans. I'm hoping that you will pass them around and share some of those resources. Are those up there in the files you see in there just take a peek at them and pass them down. But I want you guys to have a sense of the work that's been done over the past six and a half years. There are 70 letters of support from major employers and institution to join the hundreds. You and your predecessors have received in your offices, including a letter from Oregon's congressional delegation. The best practice case study that you help fund under mayor Wheeler's support several years ago is in there. The operational feasibility study that you helped fund \$40,000 that went towards the

\$350,000 plan was under commissioner eudaly. The finance plan, which is even more robust today given pcf and fta infrastructure bill of resources, is the federal fta funding request, which was sponsored by commissioner hardesty and had a 50 vote in our partnership and working together, the 2018 regional transport action plan you'll find included. We're in chapter eight all we need today is to be included in the constrained project list. A list that's comprised of hundreds of transit projects. Also, you'll find the river reconnaissance report, the demand modeling report, and many more. We have now cycled through four pbot commissioners and we thank commissioner Mapps for his leadership and support. City Council has adopted the climate investment plan and now we need action, not talk, but actual projects to provide climate solutions for our community. We have operated with integrity. We data community involvement and a spirit of collaboration and we have been equipped with the nation's best ferry expertise. I thank the many supporters who are here today and listening in online and the 2600 supporters we have on our listserv. You guys know we're in the midst of a climate emergency. We're in a crisis to rebuild our city. We cannot afford to be derailed due to what should be a very simple step that has cost us nine months of inaction to not step up and vote frog ferry into the regional transportation plan constrained project list. It is a clear sign of sticking with the status quo. Please help us move through the bureaucracy and commit your vote today. Thank you. Thank you. Folks.

Speaker: Folks, I can stop the clock for just a sec. That cuts into their time. So if you want at the end, go ahead and apply. But let's let him get through their presentation. You can restart the clock. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Commissioner, i. Commissioner Ryan commissioner Mapps. My name is soren garber. I'm a southwest Oregon Portland resident. I'm a friend of the frog ferry. I'm also an independent transportation

planning consultant and I completed some analyzes about population and employment and transportation characteristics in the saint johns area. St. Johns experiences the highest air pollution levels in the region. The frog ferry will remove 95 million pounds of hydrocarbon emissions each year from the saint johns area. Transit usage is relatively high, but you speak to any transit commuter in saint johns and they'll tell you it's very unreliable. The travel time, it's very slow. It takes about 65 minutes on the four and 44 to get from lombard and the saint johns business district to downtown on the frog ferry at cathedral park dock will take 25 minutes. Over 12,000 residents live within one mile of the frog ferry test. Pilot test stops. And as downtown is within that one mile radius, we have 84,000 workers. So it's an extremely convenient access to the frog ferry. The frog ferry will deliver commuters directly to max, the streetcar aerial tram. Et cetera. Whereas saint johns residents now take the form. The 44 often have to transfer to the yellow line. Then from the yellow line, they get on the red, the orange, the blue line. It's it takes them a very long time. In addition, the frog ferry can be an integral and primary part of our emergency preparedness and evacuation during a major event such as when ferries were used to replace the damaged oakland bay bridge after the loma prieta earthquake and how thousands of new yorkers escaped during the 9/11 terror attacks. The bay area ferry system is actually called weta water emergency transportation authority, and we have a lot of support from the harbormaster, the fire marshal, and been in conversations with pbem staff about the use during our council hearing in April 2022 commissioners Ryan and Rubio and mayor Wheeler all asked us to show that we demonstrate that we can be integrated with trimet. And at last week's trimet board meeting, both gm d and the board president gonzales acknowledged publicly that the frog ferry can both supplement complement and be integrated very well with the frog. With the frog ferry. I've been a transportation

planner my entire career and I've never seen a more cost effective operationally ready, directly beneficial and green transport service than the frog ferry service. It will cost the city \$0. As I've been writing grants for pbot, I'll even write the grant for free. It significantly helps the bipoc and low income populations of saint johns and other peninsula neighborhoods. It produces zero emissions. It's right of way and docks are available in being on the river. As we've seen with all the test runs we've had, brings smiles to people's faces and reduces their stress levels. Thank you.
Thank you.

Speaker: Good morning.

Speaker: Morning. My name is Jennifer Schladming. I live in Saint Johns, having returned to after a 24 year hiatus in Ashland before leaving Portland in 94, I served as personal staff to Neil Goldschmidt and Connie McCreedy. My focus was transportation on the downtown transit mall and MAX trains became Portland's trade for the proposed Mount Hood Freeway. Portland was recognized nationally for its bold innovation in the transportation sector. I'm here this morning on behalf of Frog Ferry, although in the late 70s we knew river transit was a clear next step after the mall and the trains, the federal funds for ferries just weren't there yet. With the Biden infrastructure funds. They are now. I appreciate your willingness to serve this moment in the city's history, but if in tackling the obvious issues, you ignore the opportunity of a challenging idea, you will surely fail to call in the greatest good that might come. I know you understand the window of huge federal grant opportunity. The Portland will lose if you don't partner with Frog Ferry. Now I ask you to imagine a downtown with a return of commuters and visitors walking, shopping, embarking and debarking from the ferry dock at River Place. The ferry can help us reclaim the commons as our home Saint John's residents, as you just heard, could get to and from the downtown in 25 minutes by ferry and compare

listen to a bus ride that now takes over an hour. We are a bipoc community of close close community of mostly lower to middle income folk. Many of whom depend on public transit. The appalling lack of access to express transit out here keeps many from seeking better jobs elsewhere in the city. It also keeps visitors from discovering the quirky and wonderful signature of this community and that lack of access has cost businesses here dearly. North lombard has a growing tally of shuttered storefronts that is, at a minimum, disheartening and maybe more honestly, colossally dispiriting. Saint john's deserves the same commercial vigor as alberta Multnomah village, hawthorn clinton or the northwest. But folks won't come if they don't know about us. And it isn't easy to get here. The city's handshake with frog ferry could help us rebuild the thriving retail core. Those of us living here deserve. And as you know, omsi is ready to partner with frog ferry to offer river education for all Portland schools. Our children are our inheritance. They are the reason we try so hard to get it right. Please do not miss this moment. To do that, you have the power to make a visionary transfer station choice on behalf of Portland. Again, I am begging you to take action and vote frog ferry into metro's rtp constrained project list at this suggestion of frog ferry supporter, former city commissioner mike lindberg, I offer you the many, many letters of support, not only from the saint john's neighborhood association and the downtown neighborhood association, but numerous other neighborhood associations and civic and public leaders who join me in this request. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Hello, my name is james paulson and I am the board chair for the friends of frog ferry. And I like excuse me, I come up here as a representative, not only of the board and all the volunteers that have come and helped us bring the frog ferry to this point, but also all the people in the neighborhoods that could be affected by this if you knew the number of neighborhood association meetings. And so forth

where we've got nothing but positive out like outpouring from people and how much they say, why isn't the ferry here right now? And we've worked very hard to bring that ferry. And right now we are at a point where we cannot move this work forward without your support in action on your part, will result in failure on our part. And that failure on our part is not just a failure of the frog ferry, but it's the failure of our community because we are not being we were not being innovative. We need to keep that innovation when we talk about our downtown being vibrant, it's because of innovators. It's because people came and had ideas and moved them forward. They changed the status quo. That's what we're looking for here. We're not looking for money. What we're looking for is support and cooperation. We've done everything that we can do and now it's on you. We need your help. We need your help now. And we need your help so that we can continue to support the neighborhoods of saint johns and also the downtown in our pilot. Please give us your support. Say that you'll support us in this. We can't do it without you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it. Perfect timing. All right. I don't think we've ever had four people testify at the same time. And actually finished to the second in the time frame. So that was very well done. Commissioner Mapps thank you very much, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: I want to thank susan sawyer and jennifer and james for their testimony today and for their advocacy and enthusiasm for this project. Um I support this project. I share your vision. I respect you. And because I respect you, I'm also going to speak some truth right now. And this is going to be difficult. Um I think everyone on this council and people all throughout this region can understand and, and embrace the vision of bringing a ferry to this city. I will also tell you that the headwinds for this project are are strong. If you've paid attention to some of the

conversations we've had in this chamber over the last several weeks, you have seen me come to my colleagues and talk about the grim economic fact that that pbot budget is fundamental, unstable and flawed. I'm busy trying to figure out how to cut \$32 million from pbot budget. That's about a third of our discretionary dollars, which is a challenge, which also means that expanding and creating a new mode of transportation, even one which I think would be a great benefit to our community, is awfully difficult now, I'm sure some folks will say, but commissioner Mapps listen, we're not asking for dollars from pbot. But in terms of how this fits together, if I put the ferry on the regional transportation plan, it means I don't put some other infrastruc other projects in to that slot that I kind of have to get done, which the feds might reasonably provide us some help with. I also want to talk about some of the other challenges that we face here. You know, I think this project would be great if our partners across the river in Vancouver were enthusiastic, but our elected leaders in Vancouver have told me in no uncertain terms that they do not plan to build a frog ferry terminal in Vancouver. And I will also tell you, our partners over at trimet have also expressed concerns to me about how this project would would interact with their our transportation system. Now I see some heads shaking, but, you know, I've talked to them and I they tell me that, you know, one of the your requests to them is that, you know, if we if we move forward with this project that I think they've been asked to withdraw some bus lines that serve the neighborhoods that we're talking about. And I am not a trimet expert, but I will tell you what I will tell you the kind of reception that I receive when I talk to our regional partners about trying to move this forward. Now, we are not making a vote today, and I know this conversation will continue over the next couple of weeks. But because I respect you and I am, and I want to honor your activism, I also just feel obliged to actually be straight with you about what our current field position is and of course,

you can reach out to my office. You can reach out to my colleagues on council. You know, you can reach out to our partners in Vancouver and our friends over at trimet. I am just trying to tell you the truth, and I recognize it is upsetting to many and disappointing. Um, but in my professional evaluation, that is where we're at today. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you. Could I just ask a basic question? Yeah. And I apologize for. For the simplicity of my question. I've never been the pbot commissioner. So the, the rtp is a list that is generated is that generated by the city or is it through jpac?

Speaker: It ultimately goes through jpac, through jpac and there is a limit to the number of projects that can be on the list or how does that work?

Speaker: You yes, let's put it that way.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And so, susan, could I just ask you a follow up question? Are you you're asking that it be put on the list. You're not asking for funding or any commitment. Is that an accurate statement? Hundreds of projects we're in the regional transportation plan.

Speaker: We just have to get on the constrained project list. Okay. One on a ten scale. There's no limit to the number of projects to be included.

Speaker: Okay. And is from your perspective and for the record, you said no. Is there any is there any commitment that you are implying or suggesting on the part of the city? If we put this on the list? No okay. And so we'll talk amongst ourselves. But that's that's helpful for me and I appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks for your testimony. Still on communications 825. Next individual, please request of steve cantor to address council regarding 911 problem and a solution. Good morning steve. How are you today? Good.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler. Commissioner maps and Ryan, I appreciate your time this morning. I want to talk about 911 today. It's rather appropriate since we have the fema alert at 1129 111 is a problem. I want to give a little bit of a background story just so you have the context and hopefully we can talk about ways to improve the situation and fix the situation that really is not acceptable. So I came to Portland in 1971 and actually after taking the bar, the first job I had was in city hall. And I must say it's producing optimism to see. So many citizens here today. I know you don't always have so many coming with constructive suggestions and whatever the result is of their effort, it's an optimistic sign for the city that citizens are still engaged. And when I came here downtown was in trouble. I worked for a very short time while I was waiting for bar results for a city commissioner in this building who was getting ready to be the mayor. Neil goldschmidt. And with the help of lots of other people, the city solved its problems, moved forward and became a model as all of you know. And you've been working hard on them. The city faces many, many problems right now. We're not going to solve them all. You're not going to solve them all. But 911, I believe, is fixable. I want to take you back to July, July 11th. I with some trepidation, then packed a backpack and got ready to meet a friend who had started in Mexico to hike four days on the Pacific Crest Trail. I knew I wasn't ready, but I did it anyway. For what it's worth, my car was broken into that night. Thankfully, I felt lucky because I had not put all of my materia oils in the car. I got up, no window was broken. They bent a little chrome, no big deal, drove down to Ashland, had an unbelievably wonderful time on the trail. I hope you all get a chance to do that if you haven't for four days. Drove back Saturday, the 15th of July was driving over to pick up my dog from a friend's house and turned right on Cesar Chavez of most of you know, a woman was killed there. I was driving in the left lane, ready to turn on Hawthorne eventually, and a car came screaming by and hit her on

the sidewalk and killed her. There were people there. It was 620 in the afternoon, two of us called 911 and asked other people to put their phones down. So we didn't overwhelm the system. The system, the truth is, 911 did not answer. We eventually had a fire department person come by accident. I think he didn't have any medical training. He got help once the police got there. They were very professional. Well, she was long dead. 911. Unfortunately this was not a one time event. I've heard from many people since that it does not function. That is not acceptable. Fixing 911 will not solve all the other problems, including response time. But at least if we fix 911, we'll have the data and we'll know where we have to put our resources. So all commissioner Mapps did you have a comment on this?

Speaker: Sure, I'll jump in.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzales is available today because he's about to hop on a plane. Um, he's the current commissioner in charge of 911, although I had that responsibility in the recent past and so I'm not the most equipped to speak to this. However it's a space I watch closely and I want to tell you, I'm very encouraged that some of the progress we've made under commissioner Gonzalez's leadership, I've seen us increase staffing, which is one of the challenges there, is that that that bureau was understaffed dramatically. And thanks to the support from this council for the last couple of years, we've been able to rightsize it, I believe, this month to one of the other, I think original sins with 911 is that they both take they take 911 calls which are emergency of life and death calls and they take our non-emergency calls sort of like cold case stuff, too. I very much believe that we got to get the people who actually pick up the phones out of the business of picking up non-emergency calls. Commissioner although it's been little noted, I believe at this moment the bureau is currently implementing artificial intelligence to answer the non-emergency calls. You can basically the way it tends to work over there is we get

about a half a million 911 calls a year and half a million in non-emergency calls. Now, if the non-emergency works the way we hope it will work, we should get dramatically more effective. And picking up these calls in a timely fashion. So I share your concern here, not every problem in the city has an imminent solution, but I believe thanks to some of the good work being done by director cozzie and commissioner Gonzalez, we're actually making progress on this one. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you. And i'll just add to this. When an I took office, I was surprised that we did not have a fully functional, non-emergency phone system. And I believe we were probably one of the last major cities in America to have one. And I just want to second what commissioner Mapps just said. We've all at some point had responsible over that system. It's currently commissioner gonzales, who's the commissioner in charge. We have repeatedly in increased funding, increased funding for training, increased funding to hire new personnel, increased funding for overtime, made significant new investments in technology to modernize the system, significant new investments in 311, as well as advertising and communications to get people to not call 911 for non-emergency calls, but to call other numbers. We're not where we need to be, but we have. We have laid the foundation for the building we want to build. And I have great confidence that we're all in alignment on this issue. We don't always agree on everything on this one. We do agree. We see the importance of it and I want to thank you since you're here for your past leadership up. We are the inheritors of a lot of the good work that you did while you were here. And I want to acknowledge that. So thanks, commissioner. Appreciate it. May I make one?

Speaker: Yes, please.

Speaker: Of course. You bet.

Speaker: I'm sure everybody is trying and I'm sure you have devoted more resources. This has been a problem for several years. I've heard from so many people since this incident was reported. 911 does not function. We may be in process of improving it. 911 should answer within three rings every time and we have an emergency now people are giving up. Even if there's going to be a solution with artificial intelligence or whatever. Yes, you need training. Have law students answer the phone. In the meantime.

Speaker: So i'll just respond to that.

Speaker: Our our nation has never experienced a labor shortage like we have today. And for the first time in my life, we don't have a line of people even wanting to be firefighters. Do you remember how how competitive that used to be? Um, we're just in a different time when it comes to labor, so we this council has allocated the funding for positions as, as you know, there's an extensive training period. It's like being a police officer, except it's a different profession that requires a lot of training before you're good to go. Um, so I feel like we're doing everything we can and approaching this with a sense of urgency that it deserves. But the reality is this is work that should have been done a decade or two ago. And what we are where we are, I'm not saying that law students are going to permanently solve the problem, but in the interim, until we get there, that's the law.

Speaker: Students can be trained very quickly to at least do triage. Let's get the rate number of phone numbers and volunteers from the law school or other colleges and get this thing answered because the city is losing the capacity to have citizens feel like they can get through. Yeah. And that's that's a serious problem.

Speaker: Interesting they have to be certified though don't they. Yeah

Speaker: Yeah. I mean what I would add to this, I would add two things to this conversation. Um, I think people have a misconception about what our 911 call

takers do. A lot of folks think of them as kind of working in a call center, which really misunderstands, um, the nature of their work. I think their work is much closer to being an air traffic controller, where they're getting lots of information about a crisis. They're taking a look at the resources that we have on the ground and, you know, even though you have a fire station, it doesn't necessarily mean you have a fire truck right there. So it's very, very complex work. It takes 18 months to train them. So you know, our 911 operators are recognized as first responders by this council. And like every first responder in our system, it takes about 18 months to bring them up to speed. I am really hopeful here. It's unfortunate that commissioner gonzales is not on line because something and I don't know how this experiment is turned out turned out. But I believe at this point we have turned on our artificial intelligence 24 hours a day to answer our 911 calls, which frankly, should make us 50% more efficient. You know, we're probably about into our 100 of this current experiment. So I don't know and I haven't gotten a brief on how it works, but I believe and I'm hopeful that this moment that we're in right now represents a pivotal turning point in how quickly we're able to get aid to where people aid to people in need. Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you. Last last thing, I apologize for taking more of your time, but I don't claim that fixing 911 would get the resources out to people.

Speaker: It won't. But if we don't, at least have 911 functioning, we don't even have the data. And it doesn't take 18 months to train somebody to be a triage responder. Law students could do it in the interim. It's not a perfect solution. But let's not have the perfect be the enemy of the good. We need to have this fixed right away.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: First, thank you. Colleagues are closer to it for answering all the questions. I just missed some important details. What was the date and time of the incident?

Speaker: It was July 15th. Saturday. At 6:19 p.m. That's six. I know that because I called 911 at 620 and there were people there. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. Appreciate it.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: That completes communications. First time certain item is item number 8 to 6. A proclamation to proclaim October 20th, 23 to be breast cancer awareness month. Colleagues, our next item is a proclamation naming October to be breast cancer awareness month. I'd like to welcome susan stearns, who's the ceo of the pink lemonade project, to present this year's proclamation. Welcome. Thank you for being here. Hi. It's good to see you. Mr. Wheeler.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler. Excuse me. City Council. First of all, just thank you for the opportunity to present today. I want to say the last time we were together, it was in a virtual format. So just I appreciate bait 3d government and action. And thank you for having us today. October is breast cancer awareness month. I've got to confess, I don't have a copy of the proclamation I thought you were reading it, so I am happy to say a few words. But if you've got it, I've got it. Okay um. I can read or you can read it. Typically the mayor's read it.

Speaker: Okay. Do you want to read it first?

Speaker: Did you want to say more? And and then i'll let my colleagues speak and then we can read.

Speaker: Okay, let's do that. All right. I do a lot of these. And typically, the mayor's read them and then I get a few minutes. So first time live in Portland. So again, I'm

susan stern, ceo of pink lemonade project. We are a Vancouver based nonprofit that was founded 14 years ago by dr. Alan and cassie gabriel, two Vancouver based physician who treated a lot of women affected by breast cancer. And saw the gaps in southwest Washington of support services. Today, pink lemonade project serves all of Oregon and southwest Washington in the last three years, we have tripled the size of our organization and nearly tripled the number of people served across the extended. Two state region in today, our organization provides the full continuum of care from breast health, education and awareness screening, early prevention. And then at the point of diagnosis, we help people with a full spectrum of emotional, psychological and financial supports. We know data tells us that during the pandemic there was an 80 to 90% drop in breast cancer mammograms and screenings. In 2020. And today we are looking at an increase rate of later stage diagnoses as needing more aggressive treatments and ultimately at a projected wave of breast cancer related deaths because of the pandemic. As a community based organization, we work with all the health care systems across the two state region to make sure that breast cancer patients get the emotional, psychological and financial supports that they need. We also know that unfortunately, as I say, covid has set the disease back. But in particular before the pandemic as well as now. And unfortunately, all the health disparities statistics play out in breast cancer as well, all. And while white women have the greatest, greatest incidence of breast cancer, the more people of color die of this disease than my fellow counterparts. So we are committed as an organization, as a board and as community partner to doing better to improve the health equity for this disease. And today, our mission is to educate and empower care and support all whoops, lost my mic. All communities affected by breast cancer. And we're working with more bipoc communities across the entire two state region to make sure that we make a

difference and help people, more people of color affected by this disease. Last thing I just want to say that during my own treatment, I used to make the comment that breast cancer picked the wrong family. I was greatly fortunate. And when I was diagnosed five and a half years ago, I had a strong family and support network to help me get through my treatment and where I am today. And my comment today is that I say to all the cities is I really want to elevate that. To say that cancer picked the wrong community. So we work with your public health department. We are working more with the federally qualified health systems. We're working more with community based organizations, the urban league, naacp, nra, ocdc, northwest family services, and so many others across the Portland Vancouver metro area and beyond to help make a difference for all affected by breast cancer. And it really does take a village to make a difference in this disease. So thank you for the recognition and thank you for recognizing breast cancer awareness month.

Speaker: Thank you, susan. Before I read the proclamation, we'll hear a couple of comments from my colleagues, commissioner Ryan, then commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: My hand was up from the last time, but that's fine because I do have a couple questions. Um, sorry about that. Commissioner Mapps will give all the details in the history. It's always really wonderful to listen to. I just set you up, but you always do that. My question is, you talked about the disparities and it seems like it's early detection disparities is what you're saying.

Speaker: It's on many levels. So insurance rate makes a difference as those who get screened makes will make a difference. But also right now, the trend is for more younger women to get diagnosed. And with the younger diagnoses, as it is more younger women of color and the cancers, the type of breast cancer getting diagnosed in the younger women is a more aggressive type of cancer than for

people that are getting diagnosed in older, a trend that it's hitting younger. The trend is younger right now, unfortunately, it's going in the wrong direction.

Speaker: We have the right partners. I want to congratulate you and thank you for reaching out and working with the nonprofit culture specific partners that will help quite a bit. But anyway, I just want to make sure I learned all I could from you about about this now. It affects men in a very low levels, like 1, one 1% of men get breast cancer.

Speaker: Yeah. So it's not just a women's disease. And I will say that you know, we work with the trans and queer community and gender is fluid in the pacific northwest. And so it's there are all types of people who are getting breast cancer, whether or not they stand by binary or non binary definition of gender, that's helpful to.

Speaker: Okay. Just a couple of questions. Thanks

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Uh, thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, I want to begin by thanking susan for being here today and sharing those powerful comments. And I want to also say this, colleagues, I'm honored to join you in proclaiming October 2023 to be breast cancer awareness month here in Portland, Oregon, during breast cancer awareness month. We stand with those who have been diagnosed with this dreaded disease and we honor those who have lost their battle with breast cancer. We reaffirm our commitment to raising awareness of this disease, and we applaud the advocates, the medical professionals, the researchers and the caregivers who dedicate their lives to caring for the sick. Finally during breast cancer awareness month, we reaffirm our commitment to finding better treatments and ultimately see a cure for breast cancer. Now now, as we all know, breast cancer has touched the lives of thousands of Portlanders in including my own. In the time that I have served on this

council, my own mother died of breast cancer. Obviously, without her, I would not be here today. I miss her every day and I am not alone. By the end of this year, more than 280,000 women in the united states are likely to be diagnosed. And with breast cancer. And this year, more than 42,000 women in the united states are likely to die from that dreaded disease. However, there is good news as 90% of women diagnosed with breast cancer today will survive for the next five years. But but the key to survival as we have heard, is early detection. Regular breast cancer screenings are the most reliable way to detect breast cancer early, and that's why I encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations and other interested groups to engage in activities that increase awareness of what we can do to prevent, treat and find a cure for breast cancer. So thank you very much, mr. Mayor, and i'll hand the floor back to you. Thank you, susan.

Speaker: We're all three of us are really very, very pleased that you're here today. And we want to thank the pink lemonade project for all the work you do organizing, advocating, bringing people together, supporting people. It's just a really terrific project. And I know you do work not only here in our great city, but indeed throughout Oregon as well as southwest Washington. And so there's a lot of people who are very appreciative of what you are doing today as we mark October as breast cancer awareness month, as my colleagues indicated, this is an opportunity for us to reflect on every life that has been touched by this disease and I think we can all agree it's had a profound impact on our community, but it's also uplifting to hear you and others who are in the breach, if you will, supporting people who are impacted and letting people know that there is hope. With that, I will read the proclamation on. Whereas October is nationally recognized as breast cancer awareness month and aims to raise awareness and educate about breast health

and breast cancer, which is the leading cause of death in women in the united states. This month also recognizes the many survivors those living with metastatic breast cancer. Their supporters and loved ones. And it honors those lives lost to this disease. And. Whereas, in the pacific northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer, when the national average is 1 in 8 women and breast cancer also affects 1% of men. Only 15% of diagnosed cases are related to family history. 20 to 30% of those diagnosed with early disease will experience a recurrence. And. Whereas as there are still too many health disparities among underserved communities by income, geography, insurance, race, ethnicity, age and gender who are disproportion linly impacted by this disease. And. Whereas the pink lemonade project, a Washington based nonprofit organization, is on a mission to educate, empower, power and support all community affected by breast cancer with vital outreach education on screening, financial assistance, support groups and mentors and books across Oregon and southwest Washington. And. Whereas this breast cancer awareness month is an opportunity to unite the community and spread important messages of early detection, screening and prevention and assistance to women and men before, during and after a diagnosis to increase health equity, reduce the number of new diagnosed sees to increase survivorship and to improve everyone's quality of life. Now, therefore, I ted Wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be breast cancer awareness month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you, susan, so much for all you do.

Speaker: Thank you for having me today. Thank you.

Speaker: And next item also a time certain and we're good, right? We're good on the time. 8 to 7 to proclaim 20th October of 2023 to be filipino American history month. Oops, I'm doing your job. Keelan you do you do you. 827 please. A

proclamation asian thank you, mayor proclaim October 2023 to be filipino American history month. Good morning, everyone. On our next item proclaims October 20, 23 to be philippine American history month. This morning we have a distinguished group of presenters coming before the City Council. Our presenters are jaime lim, who's the president of the filipino American national historical society. The Oregon chapter and publisher of the asian reporter jan mason, president, philippine American chamber of commerce of Oregon and senior marketing associate with mackenzie incorporated. Enrico tadeo, honorary consul for the philippines. Irene eple small business technical assistance special specialist with the port of Portland. Welcome to all of you. It is so great to see you here in person. We're honored by your presence. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: Good morning, mr. Mayor. Good morning, sir. Commissioner Mapps missioner Ryan. Morning to you. Thank you for having us this morning. You know, many of the first filipinos that arrived in the united states. Came here in. 1587, many, many years ago. And part of the manila mayor mexico galleon trade so that's when california was still mexico. So um. More and more filipinos came a second wave after the second world war arrived in the united states. When many of the philippine military was merged into the united states armed forces. Many of us also volunteered for the us armed services, me included. I served in the united states coast guard during the vietnam conflict, the fourth wave of filipino immigrants came in 1965. A very large number of filipinos came to the us after president lyndon johnson signed the immigration bill in 1965 that allowed for more immigration in. Over the past 50 years, the share of immigrants from the philippines has grown modestly from just over 1. In 1960 to more than 4% in 2020. Filipinos now represent the fourth largest immigrant group in the us by country of origin behind mexico. China and india. As a group, immigrants from the philippines

are better educated, more likely to have strong english language skills, more likely to be naturalized us citizen, us and less likely to enter the united states as refugees or asylum seekers. Notable of course, is the very presence of the number of filipinos working within the city of Portland and city hall. They're doing a great job for you guys. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, sir.

Speaker: Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Commissioner Mapps commission Ryan, today on October 3rd, I'm deeply proud to represent the filipino American chamber of commerce of Oregon or known as paco. I'm here to celebrate with you all the filipino American heritage and our long history of living. The bayanihan spirit. A filipino word that expresses how we approach living a spirit of communal unity and cooperation. In my own words, I translated it this way with one question how can I be your hero today? In the spirit of communal unity and cooperation, we share our vision, mission and unwavering commitment to building a more robust and inclusive economy for all. Through economic resiliency, sustainability, and global trade and commerce. As the president and interim executive director of paco, I'm humbled to lead this mission driven economic business organization. Paco is more more than just an acronym. It symbolizes is hope, empowerment and positive change in our diverse community. We are a collective of visionary business entrepreneurs, dedicated professionals, volunteers and loyal supporters from both the public and private sectors. We face significant challenges in advancing our goals, particularly the activities related to upward wealth mobility. Our chamber operates with limited funding and staff, making it difficult to implement mission aligned initiatives. As however, we appreciate, particularly during the pandemic, that you, mayor Wheeler, led a budget priority to support minority chambers to receive capacity building funds. Thank you for recognize easing this challenge.

Philippine ceos are humble and modest. Community who give who have assimilated into American society while part of the largest asian diaspora in the united states. Filipinos are often overlooked, but we encounter this challenge is with our resiliency and bayanihan spirit. We still ask ourselves, how can I be your hero today? Together we are shaping this destiny of small and medium sized businesses and nurturing the dreams of budding entrepreneurs. Our impact is profound and we invite all who share our vision to join us in making Portland a thriving, equitable economy. We do more than serve clients. We build bridges of understanding and opportunity. Each individual is not just a statistic like they are everyday heroes. Restaurant owners, media publishers, accountants, doctors, nurses, grocery clerks, construction professionals. Architects. Engineers is a rising skilled workforce and students who would paco's encouragement and leadership are convinced that we can overcome obstacles and contribute to an inclusive economy. We celebrate with me by asking yourself, how can I be your hero today? Visit our filipino restaurants, thank our workforce talent who work to be a hero every day and support our minority chambers like paco in doing so, you too will be living the bayanihan spirit and uplifting the filipino American heritage history and resiliency and endurance. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Welcome. Thanks for being here.

Speaker: Yes. Honorable mayor, commissioners. I appreciate being here. This is this is quite a privilege to be here. And in this hallowed hall and with with the people who lead the city in the way that you're doing. My name is enrico tardio. I'm the honorary consul for the philippines. And there's a Portland post. It's officially declared that there's a Portland post for the philippines as a regular consulate. So I have the honor to send greetings and extend my greetings from from the philippines. Warm it's always warm. Greetings from the philippines will always be

warm, maybe even hot sometimes. But send greetings from the 7000 plus islands from the one. What is it? 113 million people from the government and the people of the philippines. Because there's a special relationship between the united states, between Americans and the filipinos that has come, you know, as mr. Lim implied, it's been since even the 1500s or so. But but the deep relationship probably started when the colonizers when the spanish colonizers left the philippines in about 1898. And the and the united states, the Americans came in in 1898. So so none of us were born yet at that time. But but at that time, the president of the united states actually declared it a what was it a well, excuse me. Now a destiny, a there's a term that he used. But anyway, he said this is manifest destiny. Manifest destiny that this should happen, that the that the Americans will be in the philippines and it did happen for the next half a century. Maybe not everybody was necessarily happy with that. But as it turned out, you know, the end of that half a century, a timeframe, the filipinos and Americans fought side by side in world war two, and that that again deepened the relationship between the two countries and even beyond that, after independence was actually given in a 1945, even beyond that, I think the relationship continues to deepen because we continue to work side by side in many different ways, as explained by miss mason here, that we work together for a common common objectives. We work together to build the economy. We work together to build a social milieu that actually we share a as we live together like we like we do in Portland. Right now. So I appreciate the fact of the recognition of the filipinos, especially those who are in the united states right now in the Portland area, that that we are one in working together to make the place a better place to live. And this recognition is really touches me because we know that even though sometimes we think we're not being recognized, we are. And this recognize this proclamation tells us that. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning. Mayor Wheeler, commissioner Ryan and commissioner Mapps. My name is irene apel and I am a proud member of the filipino American community. Not only am I a member of the filipino community, I am also a board member of the philippine American chamber of commerce of Oregon, or better known as paco. And I'm also the port of Portland's small business technical assistance specialist at professional titles aside, I'm a first generation filipino American. Both of my parents are immigrants. My mother is from the philippines and my father is dutch. How did a filipino immigrant and a dutch immigrant meet in Portland? Your guess is as good as mine. I grew up in canby, Oregon, so? So my upbringing was like a very multiculture laurel island, surrounded by farmland. Regardless, everything led me to be here today, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to share my experience with you in light of this momentous occasion of proclaiming. October 2023 as filipino American history month in Portland. Growing up in canby, I made up half of one of like six asian kids in my school, and I'm fairly certain none of the other five and a half kids were filipino. Being filipino, I was definitely a part of the cultural minority in canby, the largest cultural population in canby is the latinx community, which stands at about 17% of the population. Even today, with the aapi community coming in at just under 2. So I grew up in my parents nursery, growing up in a small business owned by immigrants. Let's just say my parents had a very healthy view on their kids helping with the family business. As some might say, healthy, others might say questionable. But all jokes aside, I had a front row seat to watch my parents navigate the endless obstacles that are unique to small business owners, people of color, and especially women of color, growing up in a small and fairly conservative town society taught me that I should hide my differences like my filipino heritage and blend in as much as possible. It

was only until I was able to move away from my hometown down a whole 35 minutes away to Portland that I was able to begin to shake that mindset and be proud of my cultural heritage. The greater filipino American community has since welcomed me with open arms. And when you're in and among the filipino community, you know that they take community to a whole new level. I've gained at least knew at least 75 new aunties and uncles just being on the paco board. The filipino American community isn't just a community. We are truly a family. We are very accepting of. Not only are we a family, we are very accepting of people from all different backgrounds. As long as you take a plate of food, eat it all and leave with some leftovers. Your family to through this never ending support from my family and my community, I now manage the port of Portland's small business technical assistance programs where we provide comprehensive support services to small business owners, most of whom are also from communities of color at no cost to them. In order to help them navigate the same issues that I watched my parents face growing up. I've also provided the amazing opportunity to serve on paco's board of directors. I'm very blessed to be able to use my lived and professional experience to further the port of Portland's mission to of shared prosperity in our region and paco's mission of building generational wealth to empower our economic resiliency, affordable sustainability and purpose driven global commerce, especially for socially marginalized and economically disadvantaged communities. All of this. In short, I am truly proud to be filipino American. A mabuhay. Thank you.

Speaker: We'll now hear from my colleagues. Commissioner Mapps you've got your hand up first.

Speaker: Sure. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I want to start off by thanking our panel for joining us today. And I also want to say this, colleagues. I am delighted to join you in proclaiming.

October 2023 to be Filipino American history month here in Portland, Oregon. Filipino Americans are an essential part of Portland's culture, economy and history and Filipino American history month honors that legacy. Filipino American history month is celebrated in October for, as we've heard, to commemorate October 18th, 1586. Even that is the day when the first Filipinos arrived in North America at a place now known as Morro Bay, California, October 18th, 1587, is also so a reminder that the history between the Philippines and these United States is long, complicated, occasionally tragic and always triumphant. For example, the first permanent Filipino settlement in what we now think of as the United States was founded in 1763, in Saint Malo Parish, Louisiana, and in 1898, the United States purchased the Philippines from Spain. For \$20 million for Harps on. Surprisingly, the very next year, in 1899, the Filipino people launched an insurrection against their American landlords. As that conflict is known as the Philippine American War. That war lasted three years over. 4,200 Americans died in that conflict. Over 20,000 Filipinos died in that conflict and more than 200,000 Filipino civilians perished in that conflagration. Now, from 1898 to 1946, the Philippines existed essentially as a colony of the United States. Here in Oregon, the first large wave of Filipinos arrived in the early 1900s. This wave of Filipino immigrants, largely consisted of two groups farm workers and students. For example, in the early 1900s, Filipino farm workers made their way to Oregon after working on farms in California and in Washington, fish canneries in Alaska and pineapple and sugar plantations in Hawaii. Now around that same time, let's say 1903, the US territorial government in the Philippines started sponsoring Filipino students to study in the United States, including here in Oregon. That program brought many Filipino students to the University of Oregon and to Oregon State University. Today more than 4.2 million Filipino Americans live in these United States. And 42,000 Filipino Americans live in the Portland metro area.

Colleagues there are many lessons to be learned from this history of filipinos in America. But one of the most straightforward lessons is this for more more than 400 years, our filipino friends, family, neighbors and ancestors, others helped build the nation and city that we have inherited and love, which is why I encourage all Portlanders to join this council and celebrating filipino American history month. Thank you very much and thank you very much to our panel.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps commissioner Ryan yes.

Speaker: Thanks, mayor. And thank you, commissioner. Professor maps. That was really eloquent. I just found your presentation to be so beautiful. The four of you covered so much ground, so much history. So thank you for taking the time to be here today. I was reflecting on the building of generational wealth that you mentioned and how I always like to lift that. Anytime we tell the story that the real beautiful American story of all of our emerging economies always come from immigrants. And so we should always welcome immigration and build those economies because that's what's made our country prosperous and unique and sticks out. One of the best things that's happened in my family is my fourth oldest brother married a hawaiian filipino. I think there's a lot of that, especially if they're from hawaii. And when you said gained, all I thought about was how much weight I gained when I when I am with them for like over a few days and every holidays when we co-host and I always lean on her to help out with cooking because it's just so much better than if I just provided the food. So anyway, I'm hungry now and it's early, but I just want to thank you all so much for being here. It was really a blessing. Thanks

Speaker: Thank you all. With that, I will read the proclamation, whereas October 20th, 23 is the. 436th anniversary of the earliest documented proof of filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the continental united states.

Speaker: And. Whereas, the citizens of Oregon should be informed of the positive impact that filipino Americans have had on our communities. And. Whereas, in Oregon, thousands of filipino Americans have made contributions to the fields of teaching business, government, agriculture ministry, medicine and other sciences and humanities, and of course, the united states armed forces. And. Whereas, it's imperative for filipino American youth to have positive role models instill in them the importance of education complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy. And. Whereas, efforts must continue to promote the study of filipino American history and culture, because the role of filipino Americans and those of other people have been overlooked in the writing, teaching and learning of united states history. And. Whereas, this anniversary is a significant time to study the advancement of filipino Americans, a time of celebration, remembrance and reflection and motivation glisan and a relevant time for all of our citizens to learn and appreciate more about philippine Americans and their historic contributions to our nation and to the state of Oregon. Now, therefore, i, ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim October. 2023 to be filipino American history month in Portland and encourage all residents to join in recognition of the positive impact filipino Americans have had on our community. We thank you all. Thank thank you, mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Lin. It's good to see you. Thank you for an excellent presentation.

Speaker: Appreciate it. Would you like a photo?

Speaker: Yes. Yes, please.

Speaker: Let's do that. Good. All right. Good. Yes, please. You looked ready to go, so just stay there and then i'll come down.

Speaker: Oh, you. You. All right?

Speaker: Next item is item number 8 to 8. A resolution on appoint mike walsh to the citizen review committee for a term to expire October 1st, 2026. Colleagues before us today is a request to appoint a new member of the citizen review committee. Here to present is ross caldwell, ipr director, along with candace avalos and yumi delgado, the current crc chair and vice chair. Welcome to all. It's good to see you.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Uh, good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is ross caldwell. I'm the director at ipr today. I'm here to ask you to consider the appointment of mike walsh to the citizen review committee as you all know, the 11 member citizen review committee has an important role in our current police oversight system. The committee is comprised of volunteers who are representative of our community and help to improve police accountability. They are responsible for ensuring impartial hearings of appeals, developing policy recommendations to ipr council and police commissioner. The chief, and to provide an advisory role to ipr and pbs's internal affairs. And now I'd like to introduce the crc chair and vice chair, candace avalos and yumi delgado. And they're going to have a few words to say about mike. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay. Hello, good morning. I'm candice avalos. She her pronouns. I'm the current chair of the citizen review committee and I'm here to speak in support of mike walsh's appointment. The crc is in a moment of transition right now, and we really feel that mike is the best fit for this moment. And I personally first met mike when I worked at psu and he was in the dean of students office. S and my first impressions are that he really cared about the community and he cared about improving the systems and people around him, which is why he's such a great fit for this position. Now since 2020, our work came under a spotlight. As you know,

and many came in to help, including yumi and also mike, who were volunteer members of the crowd control and use of force workgroup. But they really dug in deep into the work and reached out to help mike in particular. He really brought his expertise in conduct and interpersonal relationships and also research, which has been to our great advantage. Having him on as a volunteer member and why we really want him to be a full member is he's kind, he's relatable, and he deeply cares for our community. His greatest power has been editing our very complex 40 some page reports. You already got one from us, a couple of years ago, and we have another one that we're going to prove tonight at our crc meeting this one that we worked on is kind of a time stamp of crc work over our 22 year history in preparation for the new system, leaving behind resources and wisdom to inform the next chapter of police oversight. So when you see that report and you see how professional and polished it is, you have mike to thank who spent all weekend working on that. And we're really grateful for his leadership and his service. So lastly, i'll just say that tonight's actually also going to be my last meeting. I'm stepping down after six years of service. I'm very grateful. And this is also why I wanted to make sure to be here and speak for mike, because I think he's a really great addition to the next chapter of the crc as we transition into the new system. Kind of leaving this report is one of my final acts of service and I hope that you all can help me in the final, final act, which is appointing mike to the crc. So I urge you to vote yes. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, candice. You may delgado he him. I'm the current vice chair of the citizen review committee. And I guess as of tomorrow I will be the acting chair. Um just wanted to echo what candice said in support of mike walsh's nomination. Mike has a very qualified track record to hear complaints as a former dean of students and as the current provost of ohsu. But in addition to that, as candice

noted, mike has been a really diligent and capable volunteer for the crc. So as you may know, the crc has volunteer panels or subcommittees that community volunteers can serve on without being appointed to the crc. And mike has been in that role since 2020. And as candice noted, he's been a really invaluable role assistant in that process, especially with editing documents, doing research, etcetera. So not only do you have before you a nomination of someone who is extremely capable of soberly, carefully looking at appeals and allegations of officer misconduct, but you have someone who is a really dedicated volunteer and we are going to need that. We're going to need mike's energy and his diligence in this next phase for crc. As candice noted, we have this is one vacancy that we are filling. We have three more to fill in the coming months and so we will need council's assistance and patience with us as we get those nominations before you. So thank you for having us today. And we encourage you to vote for mike's nomination. Thank you, mike.

Speaker: Did you want to say a few things, a few words?

Speaker: Thanks, mayor Wheeler and commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Ryan, thanks so much for having me here. I'm mike walsh. He is in pronouns and I have been very interested in police oversight and civic engagement all my life. And I've been a Portland resident since 2001. And I've since when my kids were growing up, I didn't have a lot of time to engage civically as I have been the last few years. But then they moved out and I have.

Speaker: Congratulations. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, yeah, exactly.

Speaker: Now I have more. I have more time. And so about three years ago, I reached out to candice again, who we met each other at psu. I was dean of students there at the time and just asked if there's a way that I could get involved, especially in police oversight, civilian oversight and that kind of thing. And so

suggests candice suggested I join the workgroup and so I did and really have enjoyed it and done a lot of work to, you know, doing a lot of editing, but also have done a lot of learning. And over those three years, we realized this is really the kind of civic engagement I hope to be a part of. And it's really in line with the kind of work I've done all my life as well. So anyway, I do appreciate you considering my nomination, and I of course, I hope you will vote to approve. So thank you for hearing.

Speaker: Great. I know we have public testimony in a minute, but but while I've got you here, I want to thank you all. I know that this has been a time of great transition. Ross I want to appreciate you and the whole team at ipr. I know this has been a very, very challenging king transition, and you've handled it honestly, masterfully. And I want to acknowledge that that's that's been a big, big burden to you and your team. And I want to thank you for that leadership. Thank you so much. And candice, thank you for your many, many years of service and we look forward to seeing what's next out. And you may as I committed, I think it was our not our last meeting, but maybe the meeting prior to that. This council wants to support you in your new role as the burden of leadership falls on your shoulders, there will be challenges ahead, and I want you to know that I stand here in this council, stands here, ready to assist you in any way that we can. That's a commitment I made to you, and it's a commitment I intend to uphold and then, mike, again, congratulate us on successful launches and thank you for stepping forward. Colleagues, any comments before we get to public testimony? Yeah we have two people signed up.

Speaker: First up, dan handelman is online.

Speaker: Good morning, dan.

Speaker: All right. Good morning, mayor City Council members, can you hear me all right? Yep loud and clear. This is dan handelman. I use he him pronouns. I'm with the group Portland copwatch. Portland. Copwatch has no objection to the appointment of mike walsh to the citizen review committee. In fact, mr. Walsh is an ideal kind of candidate because, as you've heard, he has spent time over the last three years as a community volunteer, attending crc meetings and actively participating in crc's work groups. Indeed, this is also how vice chair yumi delgado became acquainted with crc before joining as a full member. The occasion of mr. Walsh's appointment gives the city and we in the community some time to reflect on the valuable work of crc members. For instance, they are still capable of hearing appeals on misconduct cases where the complainant is not satisfied with the initial decision made most often by the officer supervisor. In cases where the crc proposes a new finding and the bureau disagrees. Appeals come to the City Council for a vote. The last time this happened in 2021, council voted to find misconduct by an officer who failed to file a stolen car report for someone who then lost their car when it was towed after having been recovered. And we've never seen what kind of corrective action was taken based on council's decision. Crc members also participate in force and deadly force hearings by the police review board. Unlike the crc, the crb holds its meetings behind closed doors. The crc members are only allowed to talk broadly about the process of those hearings. Even though deadly force cases are of the greatest importance to those looking at police misconduct issues. The crb public reports that have come out so far covering cases heard in the last two years have only included four of the 17 deadly force incidents from 2021 to 2022. We wonder how long it will take for a review board to deliberate on whether officer christopher saathoff violated policy when he shot and killed emmanuel clark johnson last November. It took the grand jury nine months to deliberate and it was

only less past. Friday we learned that saathoff shot the unarmed young black man in the back due to a case of mistaken identity. The crc has the opportunity to host the police review board at a public hearing once every six months. When the reports come out in order to discuss them. If only to talk about the process and the policy recommendations. But they've never done so. They're normally 11 members of crc and at least 15 people who rotate onto the police review board. So there are 26 community members theoretically representing the interests of the other 630,000 of us on these cases. There should be more public connection from these folks who are monitoring the police. And i'll turn it over to my colleague, mark boris. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have mark. Boris can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes, loud and clear. Great. Good morning, mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: My name is mark boris. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. Lately most of crc's work is focused on the upcoming transition from the current oversight system to the new one outlined in charter section 210 and given details by the police accountability commission. We understand the crc will be presenting their two reports on their past and future to City Council sometime soon. And along those lines, in terms of transparency, the crc chair asked independent police review director ross caldwell last month if he'd present the eip's annual report at tonight's crc meeting, and director caldwell said he'd have to check into that and it is not currently on the agenda. We're looking forward to the day when the community board can ask the director of the oversight agency to do something and they'll be more responsive, especially with a document as important as the annual report. But notably, although crc engaged in many activities last year, they're not even mentioned in the 2022 report, which was published at the end of August. And we just now learned that chair avalos is also stepping down. So we're

looking forward to seeing council fill her seat as well. And notably, crc has less of a problem with meeting quorum than cep because city code sets their quorum for the 11 member board at five people as the new oversight system transition begins, Portland copwatch wants to emphasize a few things about the police accountability commission's plan over the years. As we talk to people who want to file complaints about police, when we explain to them that if their complaint is investigated, there is a 90% chance the investigation will be done by police internal affairs. They usually let out a frustrated sigh. We've also tried to dispel rumors that eight investigators are all former police officers. For many years, they had no former officers at ipr. But in recent years, just one investigator was a retired cop. And that one person's presence on staff was enough for incorrect information to go out to the community. One of the biggest barriers to police, to people trusting the current system is that they don't think police should be investigating other police and so we hope council keeps that in mind as you prepare to send the police accountability commissions package in its entirety to the united states department of justice for revisions to the settlement agreement. And when council votes to adopt the code after that process ends. We greatly appreciate mr. Walsh's clearly demonstrated commitment to the crc, and we also appreciate council's consideration of his appointment. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. And does that complete public testimony? Very good colleagues. Any further discussion, please call the roll on the resolution.

Speaker: Max, I want to thank mr. Walsh for agreeing to serve on this important committee.

Speaker: And I also want to take a moment to thank ms. Avalos for her service on this vital group. I vote i. Ryan yeah, that was the most welcoming, warm, enthusiastic nomination I've ever, I think experienced since I've been in this role.

Speaker: And now I know why you're you're just, like, the perfect fit in terms of how much work you've already put into it. Candace, you're so smart to reach out to your former psu colleague and realize the skill sets that you have are so necessary for this group. So anyway, it's really an honor to vote to approve you. And thank you for your service. Candace and I just noted in your application that you're the title, the coordinator you met at, let's see, mediation. I teach about decision making and judicial and other dispute situations. So you just come really tested in your role at ohsu. And I'm sure previously at psu. So thank you so much for your service. I vote I thank you.

Speaker: Wheeler.

Speaker: I vote I the appointment is approved. Thanks all again for your service. Thank you. Thank you. Next item, please. This is a report. 8 to 9, please appoint kip silverman.

Speaker: Carrie driver, odilia zuckerman and molly ramos to the Portland committee on community engaged policing colleagues.

Speaker: I'm pleased today to propose the appointment of four new members of the Portland committee on community engaged policing here to present our new member is program manager dori grabinski and cpr criminal, both from the community safety division. Welcome both of you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is dori grabinski and I'm the project manager of the Portland committee on community engaged policing, also known as pcep. As you know, pcep is a mayoral committee tasked with ensuring that community voice is represented in the settlement agreement with the department of justice. Pcep offers community members a chance to give input on a broad range of issues related to policing and makes recommendations to the mayor and chief of police. Pcep acknowledges the

breadth and diversity of opinions that the Portland community has about public safety. Pcep is proud of the work they have done to foster dialog and build a respectful and inclusive culture. Welcomes any and all perspectives to chime in at a public meeting regularly held on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. I'm here today to request the confirmation of four new members to the committee. Sorry, we request that o'delia zuckerman and molly ramos be appointed to fill two reserved youth seats. Kip silverman and carrie driver will fill the two at large seats. These appointments will bring our membership to 12 out of 13, and we hope to confirm details for our final appointee in the coming weeks at this time, I'd like to turn it over to our candidates to introduce themselves, I believe maybe three out of four are with us virtually. So could we start with kip and then go to carrie? Yeah

Speaker: Hi. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioner Mapps and Ryan. Um, nice to see you all up there. Wish I could have been there in person, uh, for everybody else. My name is kip silverman. He him pronouns. I'm a technologist and activist and father to three incredible human beings. Portland has been my home for nearly 25 years, and I've been committed to doing what I can to make it a more livable and equitable city for all. I'm passionate about community college, liberation and inclusivity in my professional and personal capacities, I'm known to creative, fully solve complex problems, working to ensure that all voices are heard, especially voices that are often pushed to the margins as been actively working on issues of home and houselessness and food security and hunger for over a decade. I remember when then chief mike reese announced the outcome of the united states city of Portland more than two and sorry, and more than ten years out, I am happy to see progress. But understand there's much more work to do. I strongly believe that transparency and accountability are intrinsic in the relationship between government entities and the public. I hope to use my knowledge and

experi audience to work with my fellow members and Portland's communities. Ortiz to keep everyone engaged and have their voices heard as we move forward into a new era of Portland city government and representation is even more critical. We ensure continuity of this process and ideally expand access for our community participation and involvement. I am honored and excited to be part of this effort. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And we'll go to carrie.

Speaker: Thank you, dory. Good morning. My name is carrie driver. I use she her pronouns. Good morning, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. I am very pleased to be accepted as part of pcep. I have lived overseas for much of my adult life, just returning two years ago and I chose Portland, Oregon out of any other city in America, knowing that it's a beautiful, great place. Um, my first two years here have not been as easy. There's been some adjustments and some transitions to get used to with teen sons living in a in a any city in America. But but I wanted to join because I have a professional career of community engaged science and flesh out very difficult, difficult audiences in stakeholder groups and overseas. I was bringing people to engage in the community 80s there and have a better understanding of the challenges that face those communities and so I think pcep is a terrific organization and I'm very honored to be and excuse me to learning more about the challenges and opportunities in Portland and being part of the solution. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And is odilia with us virtually as well?

Speaker: Yes. Yes. Hi

Speaker: Good morning, everyone. Can everyone hear me okay?

Speaker: Yep, loud and clear.

Speaker: All right, great. Yeah. So uh, my name is Odilia, and I am a recent college graduate. I studied philosophy and politics in Los Angeles, but I've been lucky enough to live in Portland since high school where I went to Lincoln High School. Um and so I'm really, really excited to join up. Um right now my work is in youth violence prevention specifically sexual assault prevention. So I teach healthy relationships, tips, consent and boundaries and anti-oppression work to youth in high schools. Um, but my intention for motivating joining up is related to this work of violence prevention and what does thinking about what a future without violence looks like and how can we think about our systems of accountability and harm repair in a way that is successful for the community of Portland? So I'm very excited to join. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: And I just want to make sure it's not with us for Julie. I know she was trying to connect, but okay, so we have Molly's bio and statement of intent. And so I'm going to pass it to my colleague Samir to read those for us.

Speaker: For the record, Samir is an advisory board member and commissions manager for the Community Safety Division, Molly's bio Molly Ramos is dedicated to creating safer schools and communities through policy work. Having successfully championed Measure One for her, she understands the importance of effective policies for community safety. With three years of active involvement in community work, she developed a strong sense of agency, raised in Portland after leaving South Washington, she lived through and witnessed the challenges our community faces and is committed to addressing them. In addition to her work on Measure 114, she's deeply committed to two nonprofit organizations. Our Love is Stronger and Unite Oregon focused on youth leadership development and gang violence prevention through these roles, she's gained valuable insights into the root causes

of community violence and has actively worked to implement programs that provide mentorship, support and opportunities for at risk youth. Her experience in these nonprofits has further fueled her passion for creating a safe space for community members to voice their concerns and collaborate towards a safer future. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: Um, we have two people signed up.

Speaker: All right, let's go. Uh, first up, we have dan handelman.

Speaker: Uh, good morning again, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners. I hope you can still hear me. Yep. Yeah. Yes yes.

Speaker: Can you hear me? Okay, great. Thank you. Yes this is dan handelman again. He him pronouns Portland copwatch. Just a few weeks ago on August 30th, City Council reappointed four members of the pccp. We noted, as usual that we had no problem with the council reappointing those individuals to the committee. Today you're looking at four new candidates and again, we have no strong objections. Just an observation or two. First, that one of the members indicates in their biography they have graduated from college, which you just heard implies they were probably age out of the youth seat, which is for people ages 16 to 23 years old. Sometime soon. So they might have to be replaced. Second, a person who is listed last week as a potential new appointee is someone who's declared their candidacy for a seat on City Council. There was a lot of debate about whether someone who is on an advisory board like this needs to step aside when running for office, both at the citizen committee in the past ten years and the plans for the new oversight board designed by the police accountability commission. We're glad to see that whatever tensions this person's appointment might have caused are now irrelevant. But that does does mean hcp will be left with only 12 of 13 allotted

members at the August hearing. Portland copwatch also reminded the council that pcp has been promised to be memorialized in city code so they can continue to work even when the us department of justice settlement agreement has been completed and is in the past. Pcp discussed the codification at their September meeting, so we hope this means the logjam is clearing up at the August council hearing, we also once again raised the issue that when pcp gets down to fewer than its allotted 13 members, as it has been for the last month or more, with only eight active members, they should be able to vote on things with a quorum of less than 50% of the number of seats. They were only able to generally support. Pastor weisner's comments at council about pcp support for the oversight plan by the police. Accountability commission presented on September 21st. That was because only five pcp members were at the meeting the previous day and they were unable to vote. As we've said many times, the quorum should be based on the number of seated members. This in the September 27th scenario, their quorum would have been five members, the lowest suggested by copwatch instead of seven out of 13 when they had a total of five ghost seats. Mayor Wheeler's first response was, shouldn't we just fill the seats to prevent the lack of quorum issue? We've heard that before and it's a good goal. The sliding scale quorum. However should be there to protect the volunteers on pcp so they can keep working. If council fails to fill empty seats, as you have today won empty seats, still pcp staffing claim there's an equity issue in the sliding scale because only those with privilege can come to the most meetings. You may know that in early 2022, mayor Wheeler recommended that pcp go on hiatus for 60 days because they were down to 70 members. I went back to the meeting notes from that time and found that the members then were xenapp bauke, celeste kerry, gloria hansen. Byron bond, amy anderson. Tia palafox, and anne campbell of the seven people, four of them are black Portlanders, a city

that only has a 6% black population. So in other words, the equity argument doesn't hold water when looking at the real live situation. We had just over a year ago, as discussed at the cac, the sliding scale quorum is practiced by the police review boards in san diego city and san diego county. And i'll turn it over to mark again. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have mark pierce.

Speaker: Hello again, mayor.

Speaker: Commissioners. My name is mark porous. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. We also remember that during January of 27, 2017, mayor Wheeler and his first month in office shut down pccp predecessor, the community oversight and advisory board, which dwindled to a similarly small size when council failed to appoint new members. We agree that there is a place for a committee like this to foster dialog and understanding between the community and the police, and we hope that council will not waver on support for pccp regardless of whether you agree with all of their recommendations, it's a very different setting than the new oversight board in the charter, which was set up specific for people who feel they've been mistreated in some way by the police to seek redress as the new system proposed by the police accountability commission thoughtfully considered how a person harmed by police might feel if they know that there are police on the other end of the phone when they call in their complaint and when investigating those complaints. And they also set up systems for community members to resolve those incidents through one on one discussions with police or with their supervisors, rather than heading towards some kind of corrective action. If an officer is found out a policy. Pcp's role to develop an understanding between the community and the police is crucial to the success of the new oversight system and to the Portland police gaining the trust of the people

they're sworn to protect and serve. Again, it relies on two way communication and not simply the police telling the community that their jobs are difficult. We don't think there's much of an argument about that. But after George Floyd was murdered, a lot of people came to realize that the police as an institution pose a threat of harm to vulnerable members of our community, especially people of color. The new PCC members should be able to help the police recognize that crucial perspective. So officers can better understand why people aren't always receptive to their presence. Thank you.

Speaker: We actually I'm sorry, Mayor. We have one other person signed up for testimony and Casper.

Speaker: Good morning, Mayor Wheeler. Commissioner Mapps and hello. And excuse me. Got Commissioner Ryan. I'm Anne Casper. She her pronouns a country leader of the global mental health parent. Look, thank you for allowing me to comment today. I agree with these nominations for PCC. Also we the mental health communities dream one day. That is a safe place for us to speak and that let's 50% of the members reflect those that the PCC was made for. Those have been directly affected by mental health and justice systems. As we dream that the city of Portland also hire us as peers on that piece of staff, the process has yet to listen to us. The mental health communities, the very people it was created for. There's a group that states they speak for us as an amicus party, but they don't allow me or other peers to participate in their meetings, as many good changes have come about because of this process. In Portland, after the death of James Chassis, I attended the first PCC meeting, which was called something different years ago, and we as mental health advocates were not even allowed to speak at the meeting. The director of disability rights, Oregon, read our comments aloud to the new members. Get to know the other new members. Listen to different perspectives,

including police perspectives and change yours. If it is best for the community and best for people with mental health challenges. I was the only person with mental health and mental health issues invited at the table by mayor potter in 2006 after james cassie's death and the cross me set the police force, I was furious at them. They killed one of us and it could have been me. In the years of being on police and criminal justice committees, I came to know these very, very, very these very people. Was furious at I lost my anger, rolled up my sleeves and we created many good things together, including the enhanced crisis intervention training and we had a membership meetings with people with mental. The police, and they changed me. Portland can be a better place for mental health. Thank you. The new members for volunteering to do this. I have yet wanted to do this as a peer, as my experience doesn't seem respected there yet. But that's okay. I also encourage you to speak with refugee, immigrant and asylum community members about their needs of police and mental health so we don't forget the lesson we gain from the mayor's point, who was shot and killed a mental health hospital because he spoke a mayan language and not spanish. He didn't understand the instructions. So I ask you to please report out some the dalles communities. We are there and thank you so much for creating a table where we as peers will feel welcome in the future to join in. And thank you for helping Portland heal. That's it.

Speaker: Thank you. And commissioner Mapps. We'll get to your question and colleagues, I want to try and move things quickly so that we can get the officers in the back of the room onto the street before we have to take a break. So, commissioner Mapps, I just like to move to accept this report. I'll entertain a second for that. Second, any further discussion? Please call the roll Mapps.

Speaker: Hi Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, thank you all for your service. Special acknowledgment to kep. Thank you so much for saying yes to this service and I did note that both you and Carrie are raising children in our beautiful city, and I'm grateful that you bring that perspective to the table. I would.

Speaker: I Wheeler I want to thank dori and samir. I want to thank the you for the great improvements we've seen over the last year and a half as you know, I've increased my direct engagement with pcep. I've had the opportunity to spend more time with you, and I appreciate it. This appointment is a good one. I vote i. The report is accepted. The appointment is approved. Thank you, colleagues. I'm going to skip the second reading and go to right to 831, please authorize acquisition of shields for research and development by the special resources division colleagues. As you'll recall, we recently accepted a report from the independent monitor llc that examined the 2020 protests and riots. That report also made recommendations as to how we best prepare our police bureau to support public order events safely and constitutionally while rebuilding a team of officers who specialize in this important work. To that end, the bureau has been working diligently to plan for implementation of these recommendations, including identifying appropriate equipment that reflects best practices for tactical officers. Was with us today. Are commander craig dobson, captain franz shining and captain jake jensen to tell us more. Welcome thanks for being here. Thanks for your patience.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. I know we're up against the clock, so I will do the best I can here to get through my remarks. Good morning. My name is jay jensen. I'm a captain in the specialized resources division. We had a slight switch on personnel with me today is sergeant andy covid and officer scott young were the team that's been tasked with rebuilding that special purpose public order team that we were talking about. When we talk about public order policing, we're talking

about police interacting with large groups of people, whether that's at a stadium for an event or a parade going through downtown or sometimes when those crowds turn violent, we have to address public disorder or riots. We're talking today about something that we think has potential to make those gatherings when they do turn violent, safer, both for officers and for the community, and that is public order. Shields so the proposal today is to purchase 12 shields for shields of three different models to conduct research and development, not deployment, simply research and development. We wanted to determine what part of any shield should have of in Portland's public order program. These shields are on the restricted items list, which is why we're here today. We need City Council authorization to purchase these items. Council can you please just move the slide up one more? So this is the only slide we have today. I wanted to show you exactly the kind of shields we're contemplating buying. These are special built, special purpose, public order shields. They're clear. They're some of them are marked with police. They're not ballistically rated, which means that they won't stop bullets. They're designed to stop projectiles. Is blunt, like clubs type of strikes. With that, they're fire resistant and they're designed that way because those are the kinds of hazards that we most commonly encounter in the public order environment when we have to address crowds that are violent with us, we think there's a high likelihood shields could be useful in this environment because they do provide an increased level of protection. Some of these models of shields interlock, and so they allow us to deploy tactics that we wouldn't be able to use otherwise. And because there's such a wide variety of model shapes and sizes, we think it's important to have some models to actually have in-house to test, to determine which one, if any, suits our needs best. You can take the slide down now. I'll just proceed with the rest of the presentation or. Or you can leave it. It's fine. Okay. Thank you. So shields have long

been used in Europe. They're recognized as an emerging best practice here in the United States. And this is a fact, Mr. Mayor, that you noted that was acknowledged by Independent Monitor LLC when they released their report to the recommendation, spoke directly to this recommendation to that we need to be better about not relying on dispersals that use riot control agents like CS gas. Having these shields will allow us because they do increase the amount of protection that we have to tolerate greater levels of crowd violence before we have to use a tool like CS gas recommendation seven says we need to adopt the guidelines of the National Tactical Officers Association, which is a leading training and standards setting body here in the United States. They recently released recommendations for public order teams. They established three levels of teams basic intermediate, advanced. No matter what level of team we contemplate having, we're hoping to be able to evolve into an advanced team every level of team is required to have some level of proficiency proficiency with shields. Now these guidelines or guidelines, they're not standards or requirements, but they are a good indication of what the best practices are here in the US. So if approved, we purchase the small number of shields for research and development. If we decided to deploy them, we'd have to come back to City Council to look for a really.

Speaker: Does this complete your presentation?

Speaker: Sure. Oh good. So what we will do is we'll send you back to the streets. We will continue this item until after the drill.

Speaker: We. In session.

Speaker: We were in the middle of item 831, which is an ordinance. We just heard the presentation. Sorry for the interruption. Courtesy of our friends in Washington, DC. Colleagues. Any thoughts before we go to public testimony? Public testimony, please.

Speaker: First up, we have. Welcome back, mark.

Speaker: Thanks for your patience.

Speaker: Yep.

Speaker: Hi again, mayor. Commissioners. My name is mark portis.

Speaker: Use he and pronouns.

Speaker: And I'm with Portland copwatch. We appreciate that the ordinance references resolution 37 520, which also states that pb is required to provide a quarterly report to City Council detailing the cost and number of each type of military style equipment the bureau intends to purchase. But that resolution also requires the bureau to provide a quarterly report to council on the inventories of their military style equipment. We've not seen those reports and are wondering whether they are accessible to the public. We hope the term military style equipment makes you flinch the same way it makes us do so. Portland and is not a military zone. And despite what some of their training may indicate, officers are not soldiers of war. We appreciate the mention of the independent monitor lcs recommendation as impetus for this research and development mission. However, none of lcs recommendations mention shields directly. The titles of the three recommendations pb cited are as follows pb must dramatically reduce its reliance on crowd dispersals with riot control agents like cs gas at public order events, city must create a new specialized public order team consistent with emerging standards for advanced public order units, and the city must continue to improve its public order training program consistent with recent national tactical officer association standards and made nine other recommendations at the same time, including that pb must strengthen and clarify its public order and use of force directives. The city must ensure that pb directives related to internal controls during public order events are followed. Pb policy should require chiefs to be

engaged with and visible to officers in the field during public order deployments when possible, tpb should develop a pre-operational briefing checklist and hold supervisors accountable for providing comprehensive briefings to officers before public order deployments and pb should formalize the debriefing process for public order deployments. We remain neutral on the creation of a new riot squad. However, if and when it does happen, the recommendation made that we agree with completely is that the new crowd control or public order team must be rigorously scrutinized by pb executives overseen by Portland's new oversight agency and transparently introduced to the public at the ordinance, states that shields inherently defensive in nature serve a critical role in the domain of crowd management and public order policing. In other words, and as we heard as we heard, the police want these mostly to protect themselves, presumably from objects being thrown at them. Why then do police confiscate shields from protesters who are just trying to protect themselves against unwarranted police violence? Could it be that the state wants to maintain the unrestricted right to inflict harm on community members and finally, we look forward to the city's self-assessed of the steps that it took to implement in dependent monitor lcs recommendations. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have danny de.

Speaker: Hello everyone. My name is danny.

Speaker: I am calling in from seneca, south carolina. My pronouns are they them? And I would like to speak, um, disagree. I do not think that the police should be receiving shields at the moment. Um, I agree with what was said further with what was said earlier that the shields are sort of demonstrating a violence tactic, a very heavily defensive, militaristic tactic. I do not think that the police should be

concerned with defending themselves from Portland citizens. I think that they really have anything to defend themselves from being that they are highly wielding weapons, acting with violence towards the citizens. I would also like to argue that these shields are very easy to turn into a weapon in of itself and that the police are already highly weaponized and does not really need any further the ways in which to harm the public, like these shields can be easily turned on their sides and the edges can be very harmful to individuals. When they are struck. Um, they can also allow police to become very close to protesters and use open forces such as punching, kicking, um, tasers. So it really just allows police to get very uncomfortably close to the protesters in order to restrain them. I think that the police should instead be looking at why they find these shields necessary and sort of work backwards from there. So, you know, maybe we need to work on a little bit more of a crowd mitigation, um, how to appease people who are protesting rather than to sort of push them back with more violence. I think that the police should necessarily discover how to mitigate and how to reduce crowd tension rather than, um, further militarizing themselves with more weapons. So once again, I am in opposition of the use of these shields and of the approval of the shields.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Danny commissioner Mapps uh, just a quick clarifying question.

Speaker: Uh, if i. Danny, do we still have you there? Uh commissioner Mapps. Here

Speaker: Yes, you do.

Speaker: Uh, hi, danny. I appreciate your testimony. I something that did kind of hit my ears. I you mentioned, I think that you were in south carolina. Are you a Portlander? Uh, I was just kind of. Or are you on vacation or something?

Speaker: I'm not. I would love to be on vacation. I am not on vacation, so I have been a resident of, um, greenville, south carolina. I've been a resident in illinois. I've

been a resident in Minneapolis. Um, again in Missoula, Montana. And currently I am in Seneca, South Carolina. I do have a very strong feeling about about police brutality and how it is pretty nationwide and I find that anyone who can attend these public council meetings is doing themselves a good favor in order to sort of themselves into a conversation that they might not see every day. So I learn a lot from public testimony. I do thank you for allowing me to be here. Sure.

Speaker: Of course. Danny, thank you so much for taking interest in Portland.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Danny. Uh Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah. Just a couple clarifying questions, and you can probably answer them as the police commissioner. So there's three different styles of these shields that we're, that they're going to test or are they all they only have one graphic. So are they all the.

Speaker: Yeah. So they're basically they're doing a product test. So they have three different kinds. They're going to use them during training and scenario training and ultimately decide which one they think is the best for them.

Speaker: And they're all the longer ones that I don't know.

Speaker: Okay. I don't know that I was just if they were here, I'd just ask, are we moving away from the round shields to these longer ones?

Speaker: That's what I'm trying to get at.

Speaker: Yeah. I don't have the answer to that question. Okay

Speaker: We'll find out in between.

Speaker: Yeah, we're not voting today so we can get that information.

Speaker: Yeah. Okay. Thanks. Just trying to get clarification. All right. Thanks. All right.

Speaker: Thank you, everybody. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Our last item for this morning is a second

reading item number 830, initiate foreclosure action on certain properties for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the properties. Any further discussion on this item? If not, please call the roll.

Speaker: Mapps. Hi Ryan. Yeah this is finally here.

Speaker: We're finally voting on this. Anyway, thanks for your hard work and I was particularly attached to the property on Killingsworth because constituents have been complaining about it for some time. That's why I was asking questions about how long it will take for them to see action. I think they've been fairly persistent and patient. I know a couple of people have actually moved out of the area over over what they would say would be the challenges of living near that house. And so what I've heard is it will be after the sale and it could be up to like 3 to 6 months. And so I just hope to hear updates on that property in particular as so many constituents have made that an issue to me. I, I Wheeler I want to thank Bridget and the whole team for their hard work on this.

Speaker: You know, I've certainly heard a lot of complaints. Why is it taking the city so long to do this? And I just want to underscore a point I make every time we bring these foreclosures forward, it is designed to be hard for the city to take people's private property that is part of the intentionality that goes into this process. It gives people every opportune entity to correct the situation, every opportunity to make payment that's on past due obligations, every opportunity to work with their neighbors. But at the end of the day, if you get onto this list, it is because there there is no hope whatsoever of moving forward on these properties. And so that's where we are with these. Again I would encourage us in the future to put these forward as separate ordinances so that we don't have to keep bringing it back. And again and again and again. But other than that, I'm really grateful that we're there. These properties were, of course, all identified as causing significant problems for

neighbors and they are subject the subject to multiple and frequent police calls and numerous enforcement activities. This is a step in the right direction. I vote I the ordinance is adopted. Thank you everybody for hard work on this and colleagues who are adjourned and told this afternoon.

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Speaker: Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Good afternoon. Rebecca, please call the roll.

Speaker: Maps here. Rubio Ryan here. Gonzalez Wheeler. Here. All right.

Speaker: We'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [w-w-w dot Portland dot gov slash council slash agenda](http://www.portland.gov/council/agenda) information on gauging with the City Council can be found on the council clerk's web page. 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, an a warning will be given further disruption will result in the 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 to disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name, great.

Speaker: Thank you. The first item is a bit of a technical update here. Could you please read items 832 and 833 emergency ordinance is item 832 amend title 33 planning and zoning and the zoning map to reduce the impacts of future flooding on the city and prevent the degradation of floodplain habitat for endangered and threatened fish species.

Speaker: Item 833 amend flood hazard areas code to comply with federal emergency management agency, national flood insurance program requirements and modify compensatory excavation and removal requirements.

Speaker: Thank you, colleagues. Today's brief hearing on the flood plain resilience project items will be well, it'll be quick. The next step is to update the findings for item 832, which demonstrate how the proposal is consistent with statewide planning goals. Metro regional policies, as well as local policies of the comprehensive live plan. We also need to reconcile the documents of both items to reflect amendments. Council has previously voted on as a reminder, the record remains closed and no public testimony will be heard on today's council action. Can I get a motion, please, to update the findings and reconcile the documents to reflect the amendments? So moved commissioner Mapps moves? Is there a second commissioner Ryan enthusiastically sac any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Mayor Mapps I Ryan Wheeler. I the amendments pass. Thank you. These items are passed to second reading, which will be on October 11th at 9:45 a.m. Time. Certain again, that's October 11th, 9:45 a.m. Time certain on the final vote will take place. At that time.

Speaker: And i'll just clarify for the record that the amendment was to item 832 only for 832.

Speaker: That is correct. All right. The next two items is please are items. 834 and 835. They will be read together, please. And they are both non emergency ordinances.

Speaker: The items are time certain.

Speaker: Oh, you're right. They are okay, we're in recess till 330. Are. Okay. Do. You. Keelan. I'm sorry, rebecca. I had originally been informed that we would read the two items together, and I've been informed that that's probably not the right way to do this, since they're fundamentally different issues us. So we will start with 832, which is a non emergency ordinance. I'm sorry. 234 I'm on the wrong page. 834 will do that first complete. 834 then we will move to 835 they have different run of shows, different subjects. So let's go ahead and do that. I can't remember if you read 834 into the record yet or not. Why don't you go ahead and do it?

Speaker: Item 834 adopt the fy 20 2324 fall supplemental budget and make other budget related changes.

Speaker: Thank you, colleagues. As a quick review, the fall budget monitoring process, also known as the fall bump. It's one of three major budgeting processes that the city undergoes each year. In a typical year, the fall bump focuses on technical funding adjustments with approximately 50% of the surplus going towards capital set aside to maintain city infrastructure as I shared during last week's fall bump work session, general inflation to existing costs. The sunseting of federal one time resources to fund ongoing needs and the elevated level of deferred maintenance. This all contribute to a demand for resources that continues to surpass availability within the city. As such, my fall bump guidance directed the bureaus be requested to be limited to encumbrance carry over requests where

bureaus requests to use their prior year underspending to fund purchase orders opened during fiscal year 2223 policy set aside requests either from the general fund or the citywide obligations reserve fund and technical adjustments and other true ups where needed. This budget package opts once again to waive capital set aside and allocate available discretionary resource to charter transit implementation work and known public safety cost pressures like overtime payouts for police and fire. This afternoon, city budget director timothy grewe will walk us through the two items. First, this item, the fall supplemental budget and an update to update the fund. State set of purpose for the recreational cannabis tax fund. We'll get to that separately, we'll cover the fall bump ordinance. First council will introduce and second amendments for consideration. And then we will hear public testimony. After public testimony, council will deliberate and vote on any amendments. Once we voted on amendments, we will then transition over to the second item. With that, i'll turn it over to director grew to provide an overview of the fall supplemental budget ordinance. Hello. Thank you. And good afternoon, mr. Mayor and council members.

Speaker: For the record, I'm tim grew city budget director. With me today is robert chaney, who is our coordinator of the bump process. The council held a work session last week. On Thursday, where we reviewed in depth the mayor's proposed supplemental budget. Because of that, and given that some people may sign up to testify and some may be observing our presentation today, I will keep the overview brief, but I'm happy to answer questions at any time. While my overview today focuses on the general fund, the entire supplemental budget is open for discussion. An entire budget which includes a total appropriation increase of \$167.3 million for all funds. The bulk of total budget change is are due to truing up fund balances between fiscal years outside of the general fund. The largest adjustments include

the Portland clean energy community benefits fund, which is increasing its total appropriation by 90.7 million as a result of increasing beginning fund balance to match the prior year audited ending fund balance. The transportation, an operating fund is revising its total appropriation by 29.4 million, including revising beginning fund balance as of 17.1 million and the citywide grants fund, which is revising total appropriation by 23.2 million by recognizing unspent grant revenue. I'll now turn to the general fund. This fall. We are recognizing 42 million in additional general fund balance. This additional balance is due to the higher than forecasted revenues 16.1 million in total with business license tax revenue accounting for 9.8 million or 61% of that total amount. Additionally the remaining additional balance was attributed to prior year underspending, which includes 17.2 million and encumbrance carryovers in the fall. Proposed budget. And as the mayor said, per city financial policy, half of the remaining excess balance of 1.7 million was initially deposited to be part capital set aside and part unrestricted contingency. But because of our financial situation in the mayor has waived the capital segment of that the proposed supplemental budget has filed. Includes \$66.2 million in new general fund allocations, which includes funding non discretionary, includes funding of non discretionary sources, for example, interagency agreement adjustments and in the case of parks bureau, increase its carryover of levy resources. To 61.2 million, also includes 21.6 million in discretion. Resource and policy set asides for known current costs. There's also 1 million in proposed current appropriation level targets adjustments to reallocate ongoing fund resources for next year by decreasing ongoing discretionary resources, specifically a appropriation is moved from the Portland fire and rescue to the community safety division to support administrative and business consolidation services and appropriation is moved from the office of community and civic life to omf business operations. Again for administrative and

support Portland's and to support Portland's solutions. This work will move into these offices in the current year, with some going from the office of management management and finance in 24 to 25. The details of these actions can be found in exhibit two of the proposed ordinance and we'll be happy to answer any questions pertaining to that with the changes included in this ordinance as filed today.

General fund unrestricted contingency and contingency set asides currently stand at 66.1 million. This ordinance results in the following contingency fee account balances 3 million and unrestricted contingency for known and unknown current year adds. 28.8 million inches compensation set aside to support current year bureau inflationary costs. 34.3 million in policy reserve reserves and as we mentioned earlier, 0 million in the capital set aside because of the waiver. These are the balances that exist before the that existed before the proposed all of any amendments which may be offered excuse me for consideration today or in the next session, next week, you have a copy of the full proposed supplemental budget in front of you, robin r and I are happy to walk through any exhibits or any questions you may have on the content of that document. Mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Great. That was shortened to the point. Okay. So we'll now hear in second any amendments. I believe we have one.

Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to talk to tim at some point. I can do it after the amendment. Go ahead and do it.

Speaker: Or now where he's sitting there. Okay. Um director.

Speaker: Thank you for that presentation. Just a couple of questions and probably statements, really, but we'll see how it comes out. Um, it is. It is normally this council's practice when we have an unexpected dollars towards the end of the year is to place them in either unrestricted contingency or capital set aside. Can you remind me again how much we're putting into capital? Set aside and or how much

the proposed bump proposes proposes to put into capital set aside because of the waiver we're not putting any dollars in the capital set aside. Can you explain the where the waiver come from?

Speaker: From the mayor's direction?

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And I would say with our acceptance of that, because we're expecting to have a lot of things during this forthcoming process, including transition in costs, police costs, a whole bunch of other things. And the amount was so small that we probably would have spent more on a capital set aside type of situation where normally the bureaus would come in with proposals. So we thought it was best to just consolidate it for future use.

Speaker: Sure. Well, how much I mean, I think you started out today saying that we have or how much an unexpected dollars do we have or for the entire package was that 60.2 right?

Speaker: You want me to do this? Yeah, go ahead. Yeah robert cheney, city budget office. So the difference between the adopted beginning fund balance, which was about 95 million in the audited ending fund balance, was about \$42 million. Certain things have to come off the top before we do that. Like our encumbrances, the short term rental true up to the housing investment fund. So I think what ended up falling to balance would have been closer. To \$20 million, 20 million or just probably a little bit over 20 million. Part of our recommendations were to set aside money for current year costs is mostly known around cost pressures around public safety bureaus and some attorney's office things. But beyond that and transition and that so beyond that, that's what was filed. That left about 1.7, which would have fallen to balance. And been split in two with half going to unrestricted and half going to the capital set aside. So a little bit over probably \$800,000, which is director grewe

points out. We don't know. We don't have a list of projects to assemble the citywide asset managers group and go through that process may or may not cost close to \$800,000. And just payroll as a as you do it throughout the process. But beyond that, just with all the known charter change and everything, we felt it more appropriate to recommend spending that money on the charter change because it seems as of right now and we're doing this costing, but we might be oversubscribed for sure.

Speaker: Well, I appreciate that. I largely follow your logic. I also note that this council has a policy of taking our excess dollars and putting half into capital, set aside and half into contingency. We I think during my time on this council, with maybe 1 or 2 exceptions, we have forego the capital set aside as a guy who spends a lot of his day thinking about the city's capital needs, I do wonder if this practice is actually served the city well and I just wanted to take a note a moment to sort of just note that especially for future folks who sit in these seats and try to figure out how to build the city of the future. Um do you have any response to that? I mean, that's I don't know if it's your job to respond.

Speaker: I still believe it's a good policy. And I know that it's not been used in the last couple of years, but with the unfunded liabilities we have and capital and general fund bureaus, anything we can do to build up money to deal with that is money well spent?

Speaker: Sure. Okay. Thank you very much. Um, why don't we have another set of questions and then i'll. I'd be happy to get on to, uh, amendments. Yes. Um, let s talk very briefly early about policy set asides. This that are proposed in the bump specifically. I think the mayor is proposing, uh, speaking of charter transition costs, the mayor's proposing. 1.757 million for future. The charter transition costs. What does that by?

Speaker: I would suggest you want to weigh in. I would suggest that it is a contingency amount. So as we go through, as we talked about at our last meeting, as we go through estimating the costs of the transition based upon what we know today and the facilities work session that you had, if there's a need for additional dollars, at least we would have this money to go to in that event.

Speaker: Okay. So as I read the budget, we currently have in the 2023, 24, basically the current budget, we got 1.7 million for charter transition costs. One of the things that's happening with the proposed bump is essentially double that with another 1.7.

Speaker: Is that correct?

Speaker: Yes. Um but we haven't programed that other the 1.7 in the, the 1.7 that we're going to perhaps vote on today.

Speaker: And that is, I should say that that is a policy set aside. So we would have to take action or to allocate those funds towards facilities.

Speaker: Okay, great. And but if we approve these dollars as part of the bump, they could be spent in this fiscal year as opposed to or would the expectation that they be spent before July could be could be okay. But if we were to, that would if we were to spend these dollars, it would have to be we would have to be some action taken by council. Yes okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate that clarification on um, i'll turn it back to mike to mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Very good. Any other questions before we get to amendments? Very good, commissioner Mapps. I think you have an amendment. You're going to propose. I do. Commissioner Ryan has one, and then I've got one. I'm told our fellow commissioners are probably not going to be able to join us, so I will unless they get lucky, I will not add the emergency clause today, but i'll have one amendment.

Speaker: Sounds good.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Uh, thank you, mr. Mayor. I move to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as filed to appropriate one time general fund discretionary resources and the commissioner's office. So here's what I'm proposing to do. Increase bureau program expenses in the general fund of the commissioner of public affairs. By \$158,590 increase bureau program expenses in the general fund budget of the commissioner of public safety by. By \$66,734 increase. This bureau program expenses in the general fund budget of the commissioner of public utilities. By \$158,936. Increase bureau program expenses in the general fund budget of the commissioner of public works. By \$120,847 and decrease this general fund unrestricted contingency by 500,000 \$505,107. And then finally, update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change. And for those folks listening at home, let me explain what I'm proposing to do here. These this budget amendment deals with the budgets for individual offices on council. We each have a set of dollars to run our office as this is essentially proposing that council, these council offices, be allowed to roll over currently unexpended dollars into the next fiscal year. May I have a second, second. Thank you. All right.

Speaker: And we'll call that maps number one. And. I may ask some questions on that later. And does that complete your.

Speaker: That's all I got today. Very good, commissioner. Reading off all the different offices you covered all of us right? Yeah. Everyone got covered there. All right. Good it's confusing because although I think I am the commissioner, you're in charge of, what am I technically, I'm the commissioner in charge of public safety, but I'm really the infrastructure guy. It's so weird. Historical legacy where. Oh, okay.

Speaker: We had the old terms. Yeah, we until the charter changes, we're kind of stuck with some antiquated language.

Speaker: Okay. And just for the record, I want to make clear the mayor's office is not in this particular mix.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, you have an amendment, is that correct?

Speaker: I do. Colleagues, I'd like to introduce an amendment that adds one position to the Portland parks and recreation urban forestry program. And the position would be funded with park levy resources and has no impact on the general fund. A little context for years, Portland's been dealing with the threat of the dutch elm disease with climate change in the us and of course throughout the world we've been seeing an increase in similar threats from pests like the emerald ash borer, better known as eab. This position will lead urban forest pest and pathogen management for Portland. The need for this position is urgent due to the detection of emerald ash borer. Eab 15 miles from the southwestern city limits in June 2022. Eab will affect all 95,000 ash trees in Portland. Development of a plan for minimizing impacts and managing the infestation began soon after detection and is largely complete. This position will lead implementation of that plan, so it's a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as filed to add the position of urban forest pest and pathogen specialist and decreased contingency in the 2020 parks. Local option levy fund to three two of Portland parks and rec budget by 109,420. Increase cash transfer expenses in the 2020 parks. Local option levy fund fund to three two of Portland parks and recreation budget. By \$109,420. Increase art bureau program expense in the general fund of the Portland parks and recreation budget by 109,420 and add a one point permanent full time equivalent position authority in the general fund of the Portland parks and rec. May I get a second?

Speaker: I'll second that.

Speaker: Good. An end. Commissioner Ryan just I have in my notes here that this is something that the parks bureau had intended to put into the bump and there's a lot of moving parts things get overlooked. But my understanding is this this was part of the original package anyway. And so it's just being added to the list today. Is that is that a fair interpretation? Yes, very good. Colleagues, I'd also like to and we'll call that Ryan. Number one, I'd also like to make a motion, uh, or I'd like to motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is filed to recognize supportive housing service funds, which were approved by the Multnomah County board of commissioners for the implementation of the temporary alternative shelter sites. The task sites. This would increase bureau program expenses in the grants fund, which is fund 2017 budgeted. The special appropriate actions. By \$20,684,756 in one time resource monies. This would also update exhibit exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change. In other words, I'm making this amendment so that we can accept the funds from the county. Can I get a second? Second, commissioner Ryan seconds. And I do not see our colleagues so i'll hold off on my second amendment. It so excuse me, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: We didn't have a motion or a second for commissioner Ryan's.

Speaker: Oh, I thought we did. Uh, commissioner Ryan moved. I thought commissioner Mapps did.

Speaker: Sorry. I'll second it if we could. Now I was moving it as I was speaking.

Speaker: Yeah, but anyway, I should have ended with.

Speaker: So move. I second that. We should have done it with more feeling.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Yeah. No, I think we're doing got educate everybody about the emerald boar.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Well, after the new congressional you know gave pounding anything we do here seems almost tepid by comparison and it's a beautiful beetle. I do have one question on and I think I know the answer to this question, but commissioner Mapps, on on your motion. To carry over to carry over, have. Purposes been identified specifically for these funds?

Speaker: Sure, yes, I can I can attest to the fact that in my office, for example, when you have transition, let's say someone leaves the office, there often payouts for things like unused vacation time and whatnot. So our dollars are account for and it's my understanding that other offices have similar issues as well. I can maybe defer it to commissioner Ryan. Do you have a plan for the dollars that you hope to carry over?

Speaker: Yes, channeling my chief of staff. Absolutely. 100. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. Okay.

Speaker: What, may I ask?

Speaker: Well, we didn't know you'd ask this question.

Speaker: I know it was something that was worked out prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. So I don't have any of the details on the specific line items. Are certainly one of the things I've heard in consultation with chiefs is that my colleagues have held off on hiring because of budget constraints.

Speaker: So I think one of the things that's happening in many offices is they plan to bring on new people and the near future got it.

Speaker: And just for my edification, unused vacation time. Don't we have a separate contingency fund?

Speaker: We have a compensation set aside.

Speaker: So you don't really need to use these funds for that purpose. Is that correct? If that if they did not have these funds, we would have in terms of anything related to employees, in terms of compensate nation, we would have taken it out of that compensation set aside. Okay so know I'm not going to draw a hard line on this if my colleagues feel that that they need these resources. I'm not going to stand in their way. It's hardly a budget buster. But I do want to point out some potential unintended consequences of this. The first being that it it violates current council fiscal policy. When we use in encumbrances, we're very specific about what that means. It has to be purchase orders that are already outstanding. It has to be commitments that have previously formally been made, positions that have already been filled and need to be supported and the like. It's not for potentially anticipated funds. The second unintended consequence of this is it's doing some well here you wrote it here it's \$505,107, which is more specific than I was going to be. It's coming out of the unrestricted contingency, which currently is the source of funding that we use for police and fire overtime. And we we've heard certainly from the police bureau and we've heard from the fire bureau that overtime is a significant concern at the moment. So this is about 500,000 out of what approximately \$3 million contingency. See, if my recollection is correct. So I just want my colleagues to be aware of that. And I think I've previously signaled my reluctance to support this for those reasons. But that being as it may, I appreciate the opportunity to have the discussion.

Speaker: Sure. And mr. Mayor, I want to thank you for sharing those your concerns there duly noted. And I look forward to continuing this conversation when this comes back for a second reading. Great.

Speaker: And there is a third consideration now that I'm thinking about it that I will add. I have routinely in my budget proposed budgets denied this option immunity

to bureaus and bureau directors, and they will undoubtedly be looking at this and saying the council has denied us this strategy, but the council is using it for their own offices. And so I just want people to be prepared for that. But all you budget folks from the bureaus who are staring at me and smiling, I'm not going to support this. So there there you have it. So expect the policy to continue to be in forced at least as far as my proposed goes.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner. Maps.

Speaker: And for the record, it was an agreement with former staffer christina, and that worked with at least my chief of staff on putting this forward and knowing this would come up later. So it didn't come out of thin air. Okay

Speaker: So at this point, do we have you look like you're about to say something? No. Okay. Always makes me nervous when my attorney's about to say something. Where it was public testimony. Do you have people signed up for public testimony?

Speaker: We do not.

Speaker: Okay. Very good. Then let's get right to.

Speaker: So it was around constituent relations. Christine owen offered the option to all chiefs in a meeting to hire additional staff for constituent relations. It is the highest need I think we've had unprecedented amounts of emails and calls that that weren't accustomed to council offices in prior years. The challenges and the emergencies that the city is dealing with so.

Speaker: Okay, very good. Yeah are there any further comments or questions or discussions or can we go ahead and get to the vote on the amendments? So what we'll do is we'll we obviously don't have enough council members to vote on this today, but we will vote on the amendments and we'll pass it through to a second

reading. So first we will vote on maps. Number one. Maps. I. Brian, i. Wheeler no, the amendment passes 2 to 1. Ryan number one maps.

Speaker: What. What you need three votes.

Speaker: Three affirmative votes for an amendment.

Speaker: We do. Oh, that was that's why you were looking at me funny.

Speaker: I was wondering. We all were. If you were wanting.

Speaker: Why don't. Why don't we. Yeah, why don't we do this? I want to be fair to my colleagues as. As tempting as it is to take the victory and run, I have to work with these folks, and I see them in the hallway and they know where I live. So how do we redo that? Do I call? Do I one so I can ask the council for reconsideration, can I not? I can pass a motion or I can move a motion for reconsideration on the amendment.

Speaker: Yes, on the amendment. Is that on the entire. Yes but yes, go ahead. Yeah. So we could do that. And then are you changing? Yes

Speaker: So, colleagues, I'd like to move for reconsideration. Can I get a second? Second, we have a second. Please call the roll on the reconsideration maps.

Speaker: I Ryan. Hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: Hi. So now we have the reconsideration motion. Please and so at this point, both amendments then, in fact, all three amendments. I'll do them one at a time. Maps number one, we will continue that amendment. Ryan. Number one, we will continue that amendment. Wheeler number one, we will continue that amendment to the time certain that we discussed before for which will be. What is the time certain we have to vote on each separately.

Speaker: The regular agenda?

Speaker: No, because we're just going to move the whole thing to second reading when it's just on the regular next Wednesday.

Speaker: But we can make it a time certain by the time it can be moved to time certain from the regular.

Speaker: Do you so I'm going to go ahead and move it. All right. Now, do you want to identify a time certain may may I jump in here?

Speaker: Yeah. Real quick. I believe commissioner Rubio might be out for some window next week. Do I have that right? 11 to 2. 11 to 2. Okay. So if we're just going to make it so we should.

Speaker: So if we do it in the afternoon session, is that okay? Does anybody have any problems with the what's at 4 p.m? Can we make 4 p.m. Next Wednesday, work. 345 345 345 and next Wednesday, just doing a quick search. Here is the 11th, right? So all right. So colleagues, item 834 is a non emergency ordinance. It moves. To 3:45 p.m. Time. Certain on October 11th. And the amendments are open. Good a little more complicated than I wanted for late in the afternoon. Now we'll move to item number 835. Also a non emergency ordinance. Item 835 update the fund statement of purpose for the recreational cannabis tax fund to allow the city budget office to establish set aside funds for an operating reserve policy colleagues as part of the fall bump. We're also updating the fund statement of purpose for the recreational cannabis tax funds as this ordinance updates the funds statement of purpose to include a reserve requirement in this case 10. However this reserve will not be set up immediately. As you know, the proposed fall supplemental budget implements a brief, one time cut in cannabis resources to prosper. Portland after prosper, Portland is made whole from this cut pending forecast s the city will begin to establish a 10% reserve for this fund to mitigate potential cash management issues and to protect against flagging revenues in this market. With that, i'll turn it back to doug director grewe with the city budget office to overview to this ordinance. Thank you, mr. Mayor. Hello again.

Speaker: Hello again. This ordinance is a very straightforward action that we are recommending to recreational cannabis tax fund. Like all funds that the city has as a fund statement purpose that's codified in city policies as it stands, the policy does not currently mandate a reserve requirement for this fund and as you may recall last year this fund had an overexpenditure that we needed to deal with, and that's not the first overexpenditure. So we recommend it to the council via a budget. Note that we should establish a 10% reserve so that in the future, when things like this happen, they have funds to go by versus having to do a 5% across the board or selecting a particular program, um, to, to overcome the overexpenditure. So what we have recommended is that they have a 10% reserve and that is less beginning fund balances. So it's the actual operator budget that the 10% will be on. And if they utilize that 10% reserve before they can allocate funds to anything else, they will have to rebuild that 10% reserve. So that's our proposal and we think it's a good cash management option. And allows the fund to continue work and not necessarily have to cut programs during the year.

Speaker: Questions.

Speaker: Yeah, I have a quick question. So we just so I understand the mechanics here, so we set up this fund but in down years, we don't put\$ in it. So you're saying this year we're not going to put dollars in it because we expect it?

Speaker: They had nothing to. The only way that they could cover their shortfall would be to take money from another program. And in the past they've actually done 5% across the board cuts. Okay so we like to avoid that.

Speaker: Is there a are we proposing an automatic formula for when we fund the reserve?

Speaker: It would be during the budget process.

Speaker: So is that let's put it this way or the first new dollars that come into the program, do they go into that fund or is that a decision that is made?

Speaker: It would be in their forecast. We would run their forecast and we'd calculate the 10, and that would be incorporated into their budget for the fund.

Speaker: Thank you. That's helpful. You know, well, actually, let's just get out here.

Speaker: Thank you. That's helpful. Anything else? Rebecca, do we have any public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No, we do not. Alright, this is also a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It will also move to October, the eleventh 3 45 PM. Time certain.