



December 13, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Council convened at 9:45 a.m.

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Mayor Wheeler left at 11:40 a.m. and Commissioner Rubio presided.

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

Items 1029 and 1035 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35.

Council recessed at 1:29 p.m.

Communications

1018

[Request of Jared Essig to address Council regarding public statuary and public safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 1018-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Randy Gragg to address Council regarding Darcelle Plaza](#) (Communication)

Document number: 1019-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

1020

[Request of Aubrey Russell to address Council regarding Lincoln and Roosevelt statues in South Park Blocks](#) (Communication)

Document number: 1020-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

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[Request of Christopher Hale to address Council regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety](#) (Communication)

Document number: 1021-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

1022

[Request of Jude Brewer to address Council regarding discontinuation of contract with Regional Arts & Culture Council](#) (Communication)

Document number: 1022-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

1023

[Accept the 2022-23 Parks Levy Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 1023-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1024

[Accept the 2022-23 Parks Levy Oversight Committee Annual Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 1024-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 20 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Accepted

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

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1025

[Complete periodic sunset review of the Tourism Improvement District one percent Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Surcharge license fee](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37642

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 30 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1026

[Amend Tourism Improvement District Code to modify the license assessment rate and remove the periodic sunset review requirement \(amend Code Sections 6.05.020 and 6.05.060 and repeal Code Section 6.05.130\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191559

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:05 am

Time requested: 30 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1027

[Adopt new supporting documents to Portland Comprehensive Plan related to the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Land Inventory to address future housing needs, access to affordable housing, and development capacity \(amend Ordinances 185657 and 187831\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191547

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Time certain: 10:35 am

Time requested: 10 minutes

Second reading agenda item 1015.

The written record closed on Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1028

[Amend permit fee schedules for all Type A Accessory Short-Term Rentals](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services

Time certain: 10:45 am

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda

1029

[*Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Peninsula Drainage District No. 1 for repair and short-term emergency response of the Portland International Raceway Pump Station](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration

Agenda item 1029 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

1030

[*Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Prosper Portland and Bureau of Technology Services to provide Geographic Information System services for a three-year period \(Contract 30008644\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191540

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Technology Services

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1031

[Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the Hillsdale Middle Sewer Rehabilitation Project E11188 through the exercise of the City's eminent domain authority](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191555

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1032

[*Accept and appropriate grant for \\$100,000 from Portland General Electric through the Transportation Matching Fund and authorize an agreement to support the Park and Charge: Leveraging Utility Pole-Mounted Chargers to Increase Access to Overnight Electric Vehicle Charging in Portland, Oregon Grant](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191541

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1033

[*Accept grant for \\$487,200 from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the NE Glisan and 80th Crossing Improvement Project, and appropriate \\$148,823 in FY 2023-24](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191542

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

1034

[*Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Right-of-Way Services with Oregon Department of Transportation for the Stark & Washington Safety: SE 92nd Ave - SE 109th Ave Project](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191543

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed

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

1035

[Accept grant for \\$1,780,591 from United States Department of Energy, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for the Park and Charge: Leveraging Utility Pole-Mounted Chargers to Increase Access to Overnight Electric Vehicle Charging in Portland, Oregon Grant, and appropriate \\$750,000 in FY 2023-24](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Referred to Commissioner of Public Safety

Agenda item 1035 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

1036

[Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet to reduce scope and reimburse TriMet \\$252,608 for local match and cost overruns on the Barbur/OR-99W Corridor Safety & Access to Transit Project \(amend Contract 30005514\)](#)
(Ordinance)

Document number: 191557

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1037

[Amend contract with David Evans & Associates, Inc. for design and construction management services for the NE 42nd Ave Bridge Replacement project \(amend Contract 30006826\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191544

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 996.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1038

[Authorize contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design and surveying services for the NE 122nd Ave Safety & Access: Beech St - Wasco St project not to exceed \\$1,192,809](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191545

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 997.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

1039

[Amend contract with Opsis Architecture, Inc. for additional Architecture/Engineering Services for New Construction and Renovations for Maintenance Facilities at Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard and Urban Forestry Delta Park Maintenance Yard for \\$225,000 \(amend Contract 30005221\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191546

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Second reading agenda item 1003.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

1040

[Redesignate Affinity Groups as Employee Resource Groups and authorize Bureau of Human Resources to support Employee Resource Group work and membership](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37643

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Time requested: 20 minutes

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

1041

[Create five non-represented classifications to support the transition to the government structure supported by City Charter and establish compensation ranges for these classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191554

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Second reading agenda item 1005.

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to December 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

1042

[Authorize competitive solicitation and contract with lowest responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the NE Portland Urgent Sewer Rehabilitation Project E11487 for an estimated cost of \\$1,263,000](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191563

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1043

[Vacate a portion of NE 24th Ave south of NE Columbia Blvd subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10136\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191565

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1044

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Energy Northwest for operations and maintenance services for the Portland Hydroelectric Project for \\$8,161,810](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191566

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time requested: 10 minutes (1 of 2)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1045

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland General Electric Company for operation and maintenance services for the Portland Hydroelectric Project for \\$1,250,000 \(amend Contract 30006171\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191550

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time requested: 10 minutes (2 of 2)

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

1046

[*Authorize bid solicitation and contract with lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Thompson Elk Fountain Restoration Project for an estimated cost of \\$1,500,000](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191551

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Motion to add an emergency clause to keep on schedule because further delay will cost additional money: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Mapps. (Y-4; Wheeler absent)

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

1047

[*Authorize settlement of OnTrak Homes, LLC v. City of Portland litigation for \\$55,635](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191553

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Motion to affirm the emergency clause: Moved Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4; Wheeler absent)

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

1048

[Amend Elections Code to align with the amended City Charter approved by voters in Portland Measure 26-228 \(amend Code Chapters 2.02, 2.04, and 2.14\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191552

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

Bureau: Portland City Auditor; Elections Office

Second reading agenda item 1012.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Absent

Four-Fifths Agenda

1049

[*Authorize Settlement Agreement with Portland Fire Fighters' Association, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 43 to resolve a grievance](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191549

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

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[*Authorize contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to purchase body-worn camera equipment and accessories not to exceed \\$10 million for an initial term of five years](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191548

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Police

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Gonzalez arrived at 2:06 p.m.

Commissioner Ryan left at 2:54 p.m.

Commissioner Rubio left at 3:02 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Time Certain

1050

[Extend Lloyd Business District property management license fee for an additional ten years and amend District Property Management License Code to update fees and due dates \(amend Code Sections 6.06.260 and 6.06.270\)](#)
(Ordinance)

Document number: 191561

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (1 of 2)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

1051

[Authorize agreement with Lloyd B.I.D., Inc. for Lloyd District Property Management Services for an estimated amount of \\$3,550,000 over five years](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191562

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour (2 of 2)

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading December 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Agenda

1052

[Create five non-represented classifications to support the transition to the government structure supported by City Charter and establish compensation ranges for these classifications](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191554

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Human Resources

Previous agenda item 1041.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Nay

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Nay

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
December 13, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Name	Title	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
Commissioner Carmen Rubio		
Commissioner Dan Ryan		
Commissioner Mingus Mapps		
Rebecca Esau	Director of Bureau of Development Services	Pregavel
Keelan McClymont	Council Clerk	
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez		
Anne Milligan	Senior Deputy City Attorney	
Aubrey Russell		1020
Christopher Hale		1021
Jude Brewer		1022
Adena Long	Director of Portland Parks & Recreation	1023, 1024
Claire Flynn	Levy Coordinator	1023, 1024
Mary Ruble	Parks Levy Oversight Committee Member	1023, 1024
Karl Lisle	External Partnerships and Programs Manager, OMF	1025, 1026
Jeff Miller	President and CEO, Travel Portland	1025, 1026
Megan Conway	Chief Strategy Officer, Travel Portland	1025, 1026
James Jessie	Chief Sales Officer, Travel Portland	1025, 1026
Eecole Copen		1025, 1026
Tammy Mayer	Police Technology Integration Group Manager	1049-1
Marc Poris	Member of Portland Copwatch	1049-1
Dan Handelman	Member of Portland Copwatch	1049-1
Beth Benton	Division Manager, Property Compliance	1028
Michael Liefeld	Supervisor, Property Compliance	1028
Debbie Caselton	Administration, Reporting, and Finance Team	1040
Christina Fadenrecht	Sr. Policy and Program Analyst, Human Resources	1040
Cathy Bless	Chief Human Resources Officer	1040
James Wells		1042
Kevin Balak	Program Supervisor, Right of Way	1043
Jim Brady	President of Artic Sheet Metal	
David Peters	Engineering Manager, Engineering Services	1044, 1045
Jodie Inman	Chief Engineer, Water	1046
David O'Longaigh	Engineering Manager, Water	1046
Jessica Green	Interim Executive Director, Portland Parks Foundation	1046
Denis Vannier	Senior Deputy City Attorney	1047
Gabriel Solmer	Director, Water	1047

**Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
December 13, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.**

Name	Title	Agenda Item
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
Keelan McClymont	Council Clerk	
Commissioner Mingus Mapps		
Commissioner Carmen Rubio		
Commissioner Dan Ryan		
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez		
Lauren King	Senior Deputy City Attorney	
Karl Lisle	External Partnerships and Programs Manager, OMF	1050, 1051
Scott Karter	Audit and Accounting Manager, Revenue Division	1050, 1051
Devin Reynolds	Enhanced Services District Coordinator	1050, 1051
Hank Ashforth	Executive Vice President, The Ashforth Company	1050, 1051
Owen Ronchelli	Executive Director, Go Lloyd	1050, 1051
Wade Lange	Lloyd ESD Board Member	1050, 1051
Gabe Skoro		1050, 1051
Tom Kilbane	Managing Director, Urban Renaissance Group	1050, 1051
Grant Swanson	Treasurer, Right 2 Dream Too	1050, 1051

Portland City Council Meeting Closed Caption File

December 13, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Rubio has a pre gavel item for this morning. Commissioner Rubio. Good morning.

Speaker: Good morning, colleagues. Today is bittersweet because we are both celebrating direct iter rebecca esau and the incredible impact she has made on our city. So we're celebrating her, but we're also giving her our very best wishes as she ends her tenure here at the city of Portland and enters a well-deserved retirement in time with her family. Rebecca has been one of the most devoted public servants I have ever met, and over over her career, she has dedicated the vast majority of that time to the city of Portland, and we're all the better for that service. And when I first got assigned, I remember commissioner Ryan telling me, you're going to love working with rebecca, that she's a true professional. And he couldn't have been more right. And it's been a true honor to work with her. And I have such tremendous respect and I've also for her and also have learned a lot from her. And if you know her, you know, she's a leader that's never really feared to speak up for the right thing, even when it was hard to do. And in part due to her leadership and work with others, we're now bringing our permitting system into a new era and which is positioning us well for the future. And here's just a few other highlights accomplished under her leadership during the last only the last six years. There are many, many more, but here are a few just to remind us. She led the creation of the

empowered communities program, which assists bipoc property owners and those living with disabilities to bring their homes and businesses into compliance with state and local codes. Also, the expansion of video inspections, which kept inspections moving during the pandemic and the formation of customer service teams to provide customers with a single point of contact. She also oversaw the expansion of the field issuance remodel program, which provides residential remodelers with one point of contact as well for their projects. And of course, everything that she's doing to improve the quality of service and customer service as well, including the portal development for online permitting and the technical systems upgrade. So inspectors can do all their work in the field. So, rebecca, you're a shining example of a true public servant, and you've not only helped to shape our city, but you've made an impact on the lives of Portland. And so many of your staff and colleagues. So I want to thank you for your leadership, for your humility and for just getting things done without all the fanfare and glory. And but today is about showering you with some of that fanfare and glory. I know that's not something that that you love, but today we hope that you just feel the depth of our appreciation and gratitude. So thank you and we wish you joy and relaxation and success in your next chapter. And so i'll turn it back to my colleagues if they want to say anything.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor, and thank you, commissioner Rubio yeah, you gave me a really good lead in. I did say that to you because it was absolutely true. Um, after being a little upset that I wouldn't have that assignment anymore just because it was so awesome to be a strategic partner with director esau. And I kind of want to start with that because this type of government, I don't care what type of government you're in, works when leaders can put their egos aside and

strategically think out loud together to figure out how to improve conditions. Irons in anyone that's a leader that doesn't think things need improvement, should just resign and what I got from rebecca esau from your first email, i'll never forget that email you sent me in September of 10th when I was sworn in. I'm like, I didn't know your name, so I was like, who is this? And it's, oh, this is the head of bts. And oh, she just got the email that I got. And this is her. The assignment that I was given. And she explained to me what her style is like. And it was so honest and I've never seen anything quite like it in my life. And you were just so clear about who you are, what your vision is, and let's figure out how to work together and I read it several times because I respected it so much that you have the integrity to write such an email. Then shortly thereafter, that we were able to get into some good trouble together. There was many chapters on that. One was that we are facing some really grim conditions, obviously in 2020, going into 2021 and we talked a lot about what happened in 2008 and how devastating that was to lose the intelligence, the capabilities that were built over decades with some really amazing public servants. And when they were laid off in 2008 and how much expense it was to build it back and how it took almost a decade to really get it back to its previous place. And so we were able to do a campaign. And at that time, with the help of some arpa money, we're able to leverage budgets so we could make that whole. And it's timely today because we have a similar challenge that when we have bureaus that are kind connected to the fees in real time, we can't be short sighted about their value for the long term. And so I just want to thank you for how we strategic did that campaign, if you will, throughout the city. I also want to thank you for when we got that report from the auditor. I think it was about a month into the job and it said every decade report that tells everybody that the permitting system in Portland isn't working that well. Big shock. And so I said to her, I go, when I was when I met

with the auditors, when I talked to rebecca, I said what I was what was confusing to me is I didn't mention there wasn't a lot of air time, that there are eight different bureaus that touch permitting and why is this just targeted to bts? And I could tell you appreciated that. I think pretty obvious insight. But for some reason it hadn't been obvious to elected officials ever, because I said, well, have we ever had a task force that actually brings together all the bureaus as opposed to just focused on bts? She said, not to my knowledge. Has that ever been tried? And I go, well, I'm not going to do that. So then I called commissioner Mapps, I see your hands up next, you might say something about this. So I called commissioner Mapps, who had the most amount of bureaus that do permitting, and that's when we co-chaired what what has turned into to be the foundation. That's the soil work that had to be done. So commissioner Rubio could could harvest the seeds of looking at the importance of bringing everybody together and even though it was covid and we were all online, i'll never forget how many people I would get chats from that would say, thank you, commissioner. I actually haven't met my peers that do this work in other bureaus like that says everything right there. And so for decades, the city was operating with a silo that was stubborn. So stubborn that they wouldn't even really connect with their peers and other bureaus. So as we move forward to unification, please know, as rebecca is putting her ego aside and knowing this was the right thing to do for the entire city, welcoming everyone to the table, sharing responsibility, taking leadership in very humble way, but very persistent. And I will always be grateful for you that we did that work. We set up. And the last thing is we set up metrics. We didn't like. Why do we have to wait every ten years to find out we're doing a bad job? Just like interview ten people that have that have dealt with the permitting issues here in the city. And we'll know this. So it's like we need real time data and you really persisted with that and we now have that and I think it sets

a cultural trend that we need more in the city, which is making sure that we have metrics and we have dashboards so that you can attract we can track our progress. And when we see that there's mistakes, we have real time information to know we have to improve it sounds so simple. We give report cards to children so they can improve as adults need them too. Thank you rebecca esau for being such a great public servant. I'm gonna miss you terribly.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Um, i'll just echo and underscore everything my colleagues have shared. It's been a pleasure to work alongside the director for I want to thank her for her service to our city and wish you, um, all the best in your next adventures. Thank you so much.

Speaker: I'd like to chime in here as well. Rebecca and you know, I think the world of you and your leadership and you'll be missed at and it's not just your stewardship of bts that makes me respect you. You'll recall that you and I met under really bad circumstances. It was may. 26th, 2017, when one of your employees was murdered on a max train at and was a victim of a hate attack on the max train along with others. And I was nowhere near by. I, in fact was is in route to london on the first inaugural Portland to london nonstop flight. And it was supposed to be a fun celebratory moment. Instead what happened was the pilot came back and told me what had happened and that. I needed to return. And I did. And i, in fact, took the very same plane back, went through customs, which was kind of weird. And I went right back on the plane. And when I got back, I came back to a scene of chaos. You were incredibly able in you know, at that time, um, at and you pulled your employees together hour at a time when they were in a state of shock and disbelief and that's what I really think about when I think about your leadership. It's not the stuff people see or did you get the report in on time or was

the budget spent as effectively as possible? All that stuff matters in the near term, but what really matters is over the long run is your character and you have demonstrated exemplary character and you've shown great leadership and you've brought your employees together and you've gone through all of those difficult organizational changes that commissioner yea. Rubio mentioned, and you did so now with a lot of aplomb and gosh, we'll just miss you. Um, you your career has been an excellent one and you've served the public well. You've served all of us well, and I'm really grateful for that. And I just also want to take this moment to remind people, commissioner Rubio, we have a celebration today at 4:00. Is it in the atrium or where where is that going to take place? Uh. You're muted.

Speaker: I'm looking at my calendar. Well, we'll get that to you. Yeah.

Speaker: You know what? I think it's on mine, too. Let me just check quickly, because people people want to go, uh, what do I think that is?

Speaker: That projector b+

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah. Not that we're not. What do we have? Rebecca, when is your party?

Speaker: Right up after cathy bless. Come to the lucky lab on hawthorne between five and 630 tomorrow. There you go. I'll send it to all of you. There's a party at the office tomorrow afternoon.

Speaker: Good. I so the lucky lab is tonight, or when is that? Tonight. From 5 to 6. That actually sounds awesome. And by the way, um, the. The guys who started the lucky lab are born and bred. Portlanders I was actually on a swim team with both of them when I was a little kid. And so I'm glad that I'm glad that you're supporting the lucky lab. And I will be happy to go there and drink beer and again, it's for the economy. So so, uh, rebecca, thank you for everything you do. I'll turn it back to commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: That's. That's all I had today. We just wanted to take. Take a moment and just appreciate her. And you will always be welcome back in, you know, at city hall and at the city and we just appreciate you greatly, rebecca. And you'll be missed. And but we're so, so happy for you as you start this next chapter of much deserved rest.

Speaker: Thank you for this. And thank you for all of you for your support over the years. It's been a long, wild ride. And thank you, mayor Wheeler, for mentioning what you did about ricky best and coming back and supporting me and the staff as they were grieving and dealing with the shock of all that. Um, that was huge. And I appreciated your support. I had just taken the director position and you your support by my side just meant so much. So thank you for that. Thank you all. You're you're awesome. Um, i'll stop there. Thanks. I'm going to miss you all. Appreciate you.

Speaker: Thank you so much.

Speaker: Bye.

Speaker: All right, colleagues, uh, this is the December 13th, 2023 morning session of the Portland City Council. Keelan. Good morning. Can you call the roll for us, please? Good morning, mayor.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioners. Mapps here. Yea. Rubio here. Ryan here.

Speaker: Gonzalez here. Taylor here.

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

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at Portland. Dot gov slash council slash agenda information on engaging with City Council can be found on the council clerk's webpage. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of

testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, counsel may take a short recess and reconvene. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. King state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testifiers. Joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. We'll start with communications first individual, please. Keelan Keelan item 1018 request of jared essig to address council regarding public statue and public safety. Good morning.

Speaker: I don't believe jared has joined us.

Speaker: All right, very good. Maybe later. Let's go to the next individual. 1019, please request of randy gregg to address council regarding darcel plaza.

Speaker: They canceled their request.

Speaker: All right, let's go. To 1020 request of aubrey russell to address council regarding lincoln and roosevelt statues in south park blocks. Good morning, aubrey.

Speaker: Aubrey you're muted.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: You can see there you are. Now we hear you. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Um, I want to thank City Council for addressing the issues of statues. The city has started a process to provide City Council with a sense

of public opinion on statues so that in February the city can give direction to the future of statues as part of our public art. If the statues of Lincoln and Roosevelt are returned to the South Park blocks, I hope that they will be added to the national register listing of the South Park blocks under the national register of historic places. I think there is good reason to add the statues to the national register in June. An historian with the national register of historic places. So with the national park service address, the public listing or address the possible listing of Lincoln and Roosevelt statues, quote, if the original statues were put back up in the original location and with the same orientation, they could be contributing, end quote. I'd note that the reason that they weren't added to the listing of the South Park blocks is because they weren't present. The current chair of the Portland historic landmarks commission helped frame this issue during comments during the discussion of the listing of the South Park blocks. The protected contribute resources such as statues should logically flow from he says, or relate to the park's character. Defining features. The park's character defining features as they are described in the national register listing, include plazas with focal points, which may include statues. I hope it is fair to say that the statue of Lincoln relates closely to the plaza known as Lincoln Square and in a similar way, I hope that the statue of Roosevelt relates closely to the plaza known as Roosevelt Square. Unfortunately, Parks and Rec have lobbied both the landmarks commission and SHPO to not include the statues in the national register listing of the South Park blocks. I hope in the future the city will not work against a listing, but will work to maintain vein rather than subtract resources. Historic resources. His from the South Park blocks. Since I have a moment left, I thought we could again play name that president for you to guess which US president is defending quote America socialists, end quote quote. Because of things I've done on behalf of justice to the working man, I've

often been called a socialist. Moreover, I know many American socialists are high minded and honorable citizens who, in reality are merely radical social reformers. They are oppressed by the brutalities and industrial injustices which we see everywhere about us, end quote. That is theodore roosevelt. I hope Portlanders can appreciate why he was such a popular progressive president. If we're looking for villains to topple, I hope we can look elsewhere. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks, aubrey.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: Uh, next, individual, please. 1021.

Speaker: Request of christopher hale to address council regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Speaker: Good morning. Can you hear me okay? Yep. Loud and clear. My name is dr. Christopher hale. I'm a board certified emergency medicine physician who grew up in the Portland metro area, graduated from ohsu and have been in clinical practice for over a decade. I'm also the father of two young children. My wife and I bike them to school every day, trying to do our part to leave them a livable climate. As an er physician, I've witnessed firsthand the devastation of a transportation system that prioritize causes vehicle convenience over safety. I've shed tears with the families whose loved ones have been taken in a moment by a transportation system designed to allow increasingly larger vehicles to drive an increasingly faster speeds and considers the safety of anyone outside of those vehicles as a lesser priority. This year, Portland has experienced more traffic deaths than at any time in the prior three decades. Over the last few years, around 40% of those traffic deaths have been people outside of vehicles. Pedestrians and cyclists. Low income neighborhoods and communities of color have had more than three times the number of pedestrian deaths per capita compared to the rest of Portland. These

are places still suffering from the historic injustices of a lack of investment in public infrastructure, including safe street design. I've seen firsthand and the violence that vehicles do to the unprotected human body. These deaths might be abstract numbers to you, but they are very visceral and very real. When bodies are crushed and people are bleeding out. So at a time when a record number of Portlanders are dying in our streets from traffic violence, I need to ask why is pbot not doing more to save lives? Why is pbot in fact attempting to repeatedly remove life saving infrastructure for people commuting by bike? How is it that some of these attempts have been made against the safety recommendations of pbot own employees? And why are tens of thousands of dollars being spent to remove infrastructure when pbot is simultaneously planning to scale back safety programs and lay off employees due to budget shortfalls? Safe street design has been proven to save lives. That includes narrower streets that incentivize drivers to drive more slowly. Bike lanes with wide buffers or, better yet, with hard infrastructure such as even parking protected bike lanes. That means daily eating at all intersections, which saves the lives of people crossing the streets where they're most vulnerable and is already Oregon law, but just not actually enforced. In Portland budget shortfalls are an inadequate excuse for many of these changes to be made at the cost of little more than paint and having the political will to do what's necessary to save lives. What doesn't save lives is a campaign of simply asking drivers to please drive the speed limit. And please don't drive distracted and pretty. Please don't kill people with your car building physical infrastructure and safe street design saves lives is pursuing anything else is signing a death sentence for more Portlanders. So for those of you in city leadership who like to portray themselves as advocates for safe neighborhoods or like to tell people that you bike or your children bike, why are

you making our streets more dangerous and deadly? For Portland's most vulnerable, especially our children. Mr. Mayor, you had your mic off.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Uh, 1022, please.

Speaker: Request of Jude Brewer to address council regarding discontinuation of contract with regional arts and culture council.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Thanks for having me. Can you hear me? All right?

Speaker: Yeah, loud and clear. Okay. We see you as well. Thank you. Thank you for being there. Yeah

Speaker: Um, I have two pages here. It takes me about six minutes. I'm actually requesting only four minutes. I won't read the whole thing. Can I get four minutes?

Speaker: You have three.

Speaker: Okay. In December of last year, when executive director Carol Tash came here in person to give a presentation to this council, commissioner Mapps expressed frustration with Rac and chose to hone in on their total revenue versus their expenses, citing a \$900,000 deficit. Why this factored into a no vote for Mapps is beyond me. Rac distributes 57% of their funds as grants to artists totaling over 80% of its funds on programs and services, which is in compliance with recommendations from the Better Business Bureau and the 2018 audit had absolutely nothing to do with the deficit or any concern with Rac overpaying themselves and underpaying the community. The 2018 audit was about Rac lacking a satisfactory document that outlined their strategic plan. The only other no vote from the council was from commissioner Hardesty, who wanted to know why Portland is so invested in a regional council stating that she doesn't want to fund the region. They want to fund Portlanders. I wish Mayor Wheeler or any of their fellow council members would have called out Hardesty regarding her point about

being so invested in the region, need I remind the council of the 1995 intergovernmental agreement, which requires rac to be a regional arts organization as it should be regional Portland versus region sounds to me like coded racial language that seems to suggest that the council wants to focus more on white Portlanders as a press to the more diverse regional communities and population as a Portlander is defined by much more artists who have mailing addresses in Portland while living outside of the city, limits are still Portlanders. Those who have been pushed out of Portland city limits due to rising costs and gentrification are still Portlanders. Those who used to live in Portland houses and are now living on the streets of clackamas are still Portlanders. The report, presented by rac last December was rejected because of a default vote. Commissioner Ryan had left before the presentation even finished. Mayor Wheeler had missed the presentation altogether. So those two absences, along with the issues, maps and hardesty brought up which had nothing to do with the 2018 audit. I believe rattled executive director carol tash. She misspoke, had trouble with pages being out of order and has since been removed from rac for unknown reasons. Carol tash was the first nonwhite executive director of rac and after 28 years, the organization loses its funding when a vocal black woman who is concerned with artists of color is in charge, we can only conclude that the behavior of this council and the mayor of Portland is anti-black misogyny in action to strategically defund a long standing organization that provides funding for the region. When I tried to arrange a meeting with mayor Wheeler, I received no reply. When I tried to arrange a meeting with jeff hawthorne, the new city arts program manager. He pivots to recommend a guest on my show for when the city debuts its new office of arts and culture in 2024. It's clear the city wishes to redirect the funds toward their own internal organization to bring it back within a state of hyper control. As for some reason, the

members of this council do not approve of rac defines as an art worthy of funding. Instead, the city will prioritize grants from billion dollar foundations like the mellon foundation in order to erect more statues around the city, as if statues will prove that Portland has finally overcome its racial atrocities, all while still committing them to these statues. Do not make the kinds of sweeping change in this world like the art that our community produces. And for the sake of our community, I hope rac can grab that bid before the city subsidizes large arts organizations and not enough artists, especially artists of color. As a late commissioner, nick fish was most concerned about it. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Um, I will just make one comment and I know this is a common refrain in particularly amongst progressives in Portland, but I want you to know I vehemently disagree with you when you suggest that, because I disagree with somebody who happens to be a person of color. I am therefore racist. I want you to know I do not accept that. And I think that's beneath you and anybody else to suggest that less less talk about the ideas. Let's talk about the facts. Let's have a competition of ideas. That's what democracy is for. When you accuse people of being racist or sexist or anything else, what that is that is an attempt by you to shut down the conversation, to skip up the debate over ideas, the competition of ideas and instead justify your position at any expense. And I just want you to know I don't accept that others may be afraid to call that out. I'm not. And so I just want you to know I strongly disagree with you, commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. And jude, I just want to, uh, say a couple of things for the record. When you said that I laughed, I did leave. I had to leave because there was security issue at home. So in this work, I've had trespassers at my house. Unfortunately almost 20 times. And it happened to be during that vote or during that discussion. So I had to leave early to go home to be with my spouse. Um, and

also I do know that the point in my office during Jones has been in touch with you and I hope that you reach back. I know we had four arts talks throughout the city. I don't know if you attended any of those, so you could just have the objective, clear information as we build something better for I think our all of our artists and all of our arts organizations and that taxpayers can get a better bang for their buck and a better return on investment for something. So near and dear to all Portlanders, which is a vibrant arts ecosystem. Tim, thanks.

Speaker: Well, I would like to keep the conversation going so I will continue to try and have meetings so we can continue to continue to talk about it because that is not what I'm interested in doing. I'm not trying to shut communication down. So thanks.

Speaker: Good. Thank you. Did any of the other individuals Keelan show up? Who wanted to testify? No good. We'll move to the first time. Certain items, please. Item 102, three and 1024 to be read together, please.

Speaker: Item 1023. Accept the 20 2223 parks levy annual report item 1024. Accept the 20 2223 parks levy oversight committee annual report. Commissioner Ryan thank you, mayor.

Speaker: I am so honored to bring these items to council today to celebrate Portlanders investment in parks and recreation. The parks levy is critical funding support for park services provide one third of the funding for park operations is our steadfast commitment to deliver recreation for all, protect and grow nature and foster community partnerships remains unwavering and transparent. This levy represents what makes Portland Portland. This is why many move here and when we were born here and we move away, it's why we yearn to return. One of the commitments to voters was to convene a parks levy oversight committee. And I want to thank the members of the committee for your work this past year, ensuring

that parks levy resources are spent in a way that is a commitment to the voters in a fiscally accountable and very transparent way to ensure this, a mid-point audit of the levy will be conducted in year 2324 to evaluate compliance with levy ballot language, ensure fiscal responsible operations with appropriate documentation in place and of course, transparency and functionality. And to that point, I'm really satisfied with acceleration, keyword of expanding the resources from 22 to 20 to 22 to 2023, which led to a 60% increase in hours worked by simmons voters, double the amount of people who participated in nature camps, classes and community programs, and 62% more trees were planted in priority neighborhoods built, pulling back from the onslaught of challenges from the covid shutdown to the labor shortages was a struggle for everyone one and the urgency in which this team has responded gives me hope and confidence as we move forward to steward the people's money for what we all cherish our parks. And now I'd like to introduce adina long, the director of Portland parks and recreation. Adina take it away. Thank you, commissioner Ryan good morning, mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: I'm excited to share that year. Two of the parks levy has seen progress on all of the commitments made to Portland voters in the voter pamphlet. The report materials presented today cover key actions, finances and performance measures from fiscal year 20 to 23. I want to thank the Portland parks and recreation staff who played a critical role in delivering programs and services to the parks levy. Support for delivering services has also gained national recognition. In 2023, Portland's parks and recreation system was ranked ninth out of 100 in the nation's most populated cities by the trust for public land. I'm grateful for Portlanders investment in Portland parks and recreation. I'm now going to turn it over to clare flynn. Our parks levy coordinator, who will present an overview of the fiscal year 20

to 23 parks annual parks levy annual report. Clare thank you, director long good morning.

Speaker: Council my name is clare flynn. I'm the levy coordinator for Portland parks and recreation. I'm going to go ahead and share our presentation. My presentation today will cover the fiscal year 2022 to 23 parks levy annual report. After my presentation, mary ruble, a member of our parks levy oversight committee, will present the oversight committees annual report. The report shares key actions, financials and performance measures for the 15 commitments included in the parks levy. Ballot title and explanatory statement. Each of the commitments is nested into one of three larger service categories recreation for all, protect and grow nature and community partnerships throughout the report and in this presentation we include interviews and stories of staff, partners and participants to show the impact of the parks levy. The bureau was successful in preventing further cuts and closures to ongoing recreation programs and operating facilities in fiscal year 2022 to 23. In year one of the parks levy, parks levy support allowed for to reopen pools, community centers and restart programing following the impact of covid 19. And in year two, continued operation funding from the parks levy is supporting programs, facility staff and day to day maintenance that keeps operating in community centers and pools. Open the parks levy continues to provide revenue support to help stabilize the parks budget. For example, additional financial support for the summer, free for all program is helping increase participation by community partners and reduce service cuts. Morgan spriggs and emily lighthizer, the co-founders of black swimming initiative, share their story about the impact of the parks levy funded partnership with pepfar, which is helping to continue to provide recreation programs, offering swim lessons and water safety courses. We used parks levy funding to deliver a variety of recreational programs,

safely provided swim lessons, camps and classes, fitness in the park, pop up concerts, free lunch and play and other popular programming. Despite challenges much like those experienced across the country in hiring for swim instructors. As we increase the number of swim lesson participants and hours worked by swim instructors over overall total estimated attendance increased and also served more than 99,000 free meals throughout the year to youth and families through free lunch and play some community schools and after school programs. The access pass was introduced in fall 2022. We provided \$3 million in financial assistance to over 15,000 unique users. This is significantly more than our has has provided in the past, when only about 565,000 in fee reductions was provided. This is a big step towards reducing costs as a barrier and making sure recreation can truly be for everyone. Our staff amy kelly and zoe allen lewis, who provide free programming at stevens creek crossing a home forward property, shared the impact of offering free and reduced cost programming, specifically highlighting how beneficial free programming can be to reducing costs as a barrier with more than 11,000 acres of land that include 8000 acres of natural areas for maintenance and enhancement of natural features is essential to climate resilience. Protecting water quality and habitat and ensuring ecological health in urban areas. As with the parks levy added, a new stewardship coordinator position to the soft surface trails team to engage with volunteer groups that have a more advanced level of understanding around trails. We expanded and improved signage and trails and gabriel park. The parks levy allowed for the hiring of a full time ongoing on going coordinator role, focused on supporting forest parks and the renew forest park program to manage and improve the unmet ecological infrastructure and access needs of forest park. Kush aggarwal, a frequent natural area stewardship volunteer, gives back by volunteering to care for our natural areas and create habitat for local plants and

animals. Get outside and learn new skills in fiscal year 2223, the bureau increased the number of environmental education participants from the previous year and continued to work to engage and provide services to communities of color and children experiencing poverty, including expanding culturally specific and bilingual nature, education programming. We interviewed amirah and zoya, two youth conservation crew members who share their experiences connecting with nature through community gardens and maintaining green spaces. Youth conservation crew provides employment opportunities for a diverse population of Portland area youth crews protect, restore and manage Portland's parks and natural areas, while developing job skills and exploring environmental career paths. A key program that helps increase opportunities to connect with nature. A large portion of the parks levy spend spending this year was on enhancing park maintenance and cleaning parks. To date, the parks levy has helped create over 80 new maintenance positions that will assist with operational parks maintenance, including emptying trash cans, cleaning and checking restrooms for preventative maintenance and repairs and more. The increase in preventative work orders means that more work is being done proactively, which helps limit declines in asset condition and keep more assets open to the public, open restrooms were visited regularly for daily checks and cleaning, and as the city continues to face many challenges, park spaces are no exception. In increased usage of restrooms, garbage cans and open spaces can increase maintenance needs, enhanced park maintenance as part of the parks levy is important to ensuring that parks are maintained for all users. All users. I want to echo director long's thanks and acknowledgment of parks staff working in parks and natural areas who have continued to ensure that parks are clean and safe. The benefits of Portland's tree canopy are not distributed equally, with less tree canopy east of the willamette, the parks levy is increasing holistic care for park trees for the

first time ever, thanks to the parks levy has the funding to care for park trees beyond emergency maintenance. This continues to engage Portlanders in tree planting, educational events and tree related outreach. In this section, robin lish, a home forward property manager at the tamarack apartments, shares their experience working with urban forestry team to host a planting event that engaged residents in tree planting and education, noting that everyone who participated in the tree planting event from tamarack residents to community members to volunteers left that day feeling a greater sense of connection in fiscal year 22, 23, increased trees planted, planting almost 2400 trees in priority neighborhoods, which are areas where canopy levels are lowest and where there are the largest inequities in urban canopy relative to race and income. In fiscal year 2223, the parks levy also helped support the development of a new volunteer management software, which will support staff and provide better volunteer metrics for analysis. Additionally, the bureau moved forward the project to upgrade the maintenance work order system, which will support dnr's efforts to deliver equitable and efficient maintenance across the city and additional internal efficiencies have been developed, including the urban forestry web app that will improve communication among work groups makes the decision making process around tree planting much easier and will allow for more proactive collaboration with other teams to grow. Portland's urban forest in fiscal year 2223, the bureau continued to be advised by the parks levy oversight committee, and in a moment you will hear from mary ruble, a member of that committee. The committee meets quarterly and reviews information on progress towards the parks levy commitments, advises on transparency and communication and receives topical presentations. Additionally, to date, we've established our internal quality checks and controls with the finance team, and we are preparing to conduct the performance audit during year three of

the parks levy as required by ballot language. This commitment is very closely tied to the overall theme of centering equity and is really about how we do this work. Parks levy funds supported things like community engagement, working with community partners and organizations who serve populations that are centering on the community partnership program has continued to evolve and expand and granting funds to additional partner agencies is and serving over 3490 youth in fiscal year 2223. Pamela slaughter a community partnership program grantee, and veronica gibbon, a grandparent of a program participant, spoke to the impact of grant funding on people of color outdoors with our funding, her organization can host more kids and expand programing to additional seasons. In fiscal year 2223, the bureau successfully delivered parks and recreation services to a wide variety of users and implemented initiatives such as early registration, community partnership program grants and work order prioritization. We continue to refine the early registration pilot program, an effort to work with local partner organizations who serve the communities that are centering to provide assistance with registration and accessible registration materials. This year, we've included and tracked workforce diversity and demographic measures related to the parks levy. Workforce diversity is part of this commitment, particularly in helping centered communities see themselves in our workforce. Workforce measures show how nr is moving forward a workforce representative of our centered community is this is a high level summary of parks levy funding spent in fiscal year 2223. The full report breaks down the total spending further by the 15 commitments, as well as lists out expenses by service area and workgroup. In total. At the bottom you can see the parks levy resources were able to bolster additional operating resources to increase services and activities and meet voter commitments. Of the \$74.22 million total spent on services and activities is after fee related and other external revenue

adjustments have been made. Parks will be funding supported. \$25.47 million of that spending. Additionally, per City Council's direction, the ballot referral the parks levy was required to reimburse the Portland children's levy for the amount of compression impact the parks levy caused the children's levy. So with that, the total amount of parks levy funding spent this year was 25.8. \$2 million was this parks levy spending in fiscal year 2223 leaves a balance of \$22.17 million in fiscal year 22 to 23, which will be rolled over into future years of parks levy eligible service delivery. The under spending is a result of a continued ramp up and bringing on new materials and supplies to facilitate additional capacity. While the second year of the parks levy saw under spending, we anticipate that in year three, we won't see under spending as we continue to ramp up and that by year five expenditures will outweigh revenues retaining initial spending under spending in the parks levy fund is critical to ensuring full service delivery over the life of the parks levy. We appreciate the opportunity to share the parks levy annual report and the parks levy oversight committee report with you. With that, I'd like to invite mary ruble to speak and present the parks levy oversight committee annual report. Mary recently joined the committee in July 2023 and said, along with the rest of the committee, reviewed the bureau's annual report materials in October 2023. Mary has a long history of civic engagement and advocacy for Portland parks. Her commitment to the community is demonstrated through leadership roles as chair and board member of Portland parks foundation and the Portland parks and recreation advisory board. She has also contribute expertise and time to various arts, environmental and social services organizations in Portland, including the nature conservancy of Oregon, Portland center stage, the regional arts and culture council and self-enhancement, inc. Thank you for joining us today, mary.

Speaker: Thank you, claire, and thank you.

Speaker: City Council. And Mr. Mayor, I'm Mary Ruble. I'm a member of the Parks Levy Oversight Committee, and I'm pleased to share the committee's second report, which is a response to fiscal year 2022 and 23. Parks Levy Annual Report and Portland Parks and Recreation's actions in fiscal 2022 and 23. We are a committee of five community members. We meet quarterly and our role is to review information and verify general compliance with and progress. Progress toward the purposes of the Parks Levy to advise on transparency and communication strategies to Council on the annual report and future independent audit processes. My peers on the committee are currently Alicia Blakely, Silas Sanderson, Tim Williams and Z Conant. Previous members who served during years one and two of the Parks Levy are Judy Blucher Skelton, Maria Velez and Paul Lagrimas. Our report is structured in three main sections the first being adherence to ballot language. The committee found that Parks actions in year two are based on and build upon the promises contained in the language of the voters pamphlet. We encourage Parks to continue to expand and refine performance measures related to the 15 commitments include using comparisons to past performance to establish and provide quantified action on what progress in each commitment looks like for the Bureau. It is also important that Parks honor the spirit of the Parks Levy and continue strengthening community partnerships. We commend the Bureau on their use of community partnership program to increase impact and reach. And we encourage the Bureau to enhance investment in Portland's tree canopy. These are two crucial elements of the Parks Levy ballot language. Our recommendation is that Parks continue to use the 15 commitments for tracking progress as they have been doing and that they refine performance measures to speak to success beyond adherence on the ballot language related to fiscal accountability through the annual report and oversight committee meetings, Parks was very transparent and accountable in tracking and

communicating use of the parks levy dollars. We recommend continuing to use the leverage funding model, ensuring that it is clear and auditable, particularly in tracking parks. Levy expenses at multiple levels, including commitment service area workgroup and line item to clearly demonstrate where parks levy dollars are spent. The committee also acknowledged that while the parks levy is allowing the bureau to avoid service cuts and make progress on operating levels, it does not solve all of the bureau's long term financial and ongoing financial needs, including its capital maintenance needs for major repair and maintenance. We urge parks and City Council to prioritize funding to address either incrementally or in full the nearly \$600 million maintenance backlog to support continued delivery of critical park services in terms of transpo, agency parks has been responsive to the interests of our group, creating time and meeting agendas for topical presentations that we have selected and educating the committee by sharing pardon me, sharing information on parks levy related initiatives in a timely manner. We were particularly impressed with the transparency and information sharing around underspending of the parks levy in years one and two. We understand that ramp up activities like approving and filling new positions as well as creating workspaces and equipment purchasing for those positions means that related parks levy expenditures have occurred at a slower pace in years one and two than they will in future years. As such, the committee expects increased outcomes and impact in the upcoming years of the parks levy. We encourage pepfar to enhance transparency by adding additional context to performance measures as well as speaking to parks. Levy impact by comparing by program current service levels with the parks levy two levels without parks levy spending. I want to thank City Council for your continued support of the parks levy and look forward to future years of success. With that, i'll pass it back to claire.

Speaker: Thank you, Mary. We're excited about the progress made in year two of the parks levy and are grateful for the support of the parks levy oversight committee. That does conclude our presentation. So with that, I'll open it up to questions and discussion.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. At this point we'll take any questions, anybody has or any discussion on. All right. It was a very good presentation. I'll entertain a motion. Oh, I'm sorry. We need to see if there's public testimony. Keelan. We have public testimony on either of the annual report for the parks levy or the oversight committee report that no one signed up. All right, I'll entertain a motion to accept the 20 2223 parks levy annual report.

Speaker: So moved commissioner Ryan moves all second.

Speaker: Can I get a any further discussion on that? Please call the roll apps.

Speaker: I want to thank our guests for today's presentation and I want to congratulate the parks bureau and commissioner Ryan on good work. I vote yea I want to thank commissioner Ryan for his leadership on this and also director Long and all the staff for their excellent work over the year.

Speaker: And thank you to the board for your great leadership and advocacy as well. I vote yea thank yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, director Long, Claire and Mary Ruble, in fact, I just want to say everything Mary said. Just do that really great comments, but I really want to take some time to recognize with a lot of gratitude for parks and rec staff like the director, Long said, they really made a lot of progress into year two. And like a lot of workforce dependent, rapid hires and workforce, which parks so depends on, especially in the busy dryer season in the summer. It was rough and everyone knows that industry wide. So I really love seeing the hustle that went into this past year. In fact, we had metrics that were tracking the hiring and really made it a

campaign internally and I know there's momentum. So with that, I really heartfelt thanks for the staff for rallying and turning that around. I also want to really thank the many volunteers are so many volunteers in the parks system. And it's hard to always measure that value. But we don't we don't get to thank them enough. So any parks volunteers are tuned in. Thank you so much for hanging in there because the parks levy was able to ramp up and increase capacity for access to classes of programs and more. I just want to highlight a few more here from the data that's in the report. I think it's important to remember that also when you're building something, it's like this when you're an executive, you know, it's really quite easy to turn something off. But it takes a lot of effort to turn it back on and to build it back up. And as we make tough budget decisions, we have to keep remembering that in terms of the capacity as we deliver services for Portlanders. But seeing a 60% increase in the hours worked by simmons swim instructors this past summer and doubling the amount of financial assistance for those efforts to have access to our programs, the 85% increase in the total number of people receiving financial assistance and doubling the amount of people who participated in nature camps, classes and community programs and the 62% more trees planted and priority neighborhoods. These are all real results. And if it wasn't for Portlanders commitment to the levy, none of that would have happened. So we are seeing real results. And more importantly, we need to keep seeing that acceleration in year two. I'm just happy to accept that 2020, 20, 22, 2023 parks levy annual report and the parks levy oversight committee annual report I vote yea.

Speaker: Tell us so excited to review the report and hear the numbers, particularly on the number of swim lessons.

Speaker: As a reminder for many of our children and our community, particularly those in marginalized communities. Um swim lessons is life or death actually is a

substantial preventative measure for really key for drownings in our most marginalized communities. So just ecstatic to see the numbers grow there. It's also, I think it's a reminder for Portlanders, the levy was essential in getting the our parks back up and running our community centers up and running, coming out of the pandemic and we were facing really dire scenarios, if not for the support of Portland voters in the levy, to really reemerge. So I vote wholeheartedly. I for except this report. Thanks Taylor. Good work to commissioner Ryan and his team and to the whole park staff.

Speaker: I'm happy to vote if the report is accepted to the parks levy oversight committee annual report. Can I get a motion to accept? So moved commissioner Ryan moves. Commissioner Mapps second, any further discussion seeing none, please call the roll. Yeah.

Speaker: Hi man.

Speaker: Hi, Solace. Hi Miller.

Speaker: Hi. The report report is approved. And colleagues, before we move on to 1025, can we go back to the consent agenda? Um, Keelan. I would like to request, uh, on the consent agenda, we can find my page. I would like to pull all item 1029 back to my office, and I believe commissioner Mapps, you have an item 1035. You'd like to pull back to your office. Is that accurate?

Speaker: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Great

Speaker: Any other items? Have any other items been pulled? Keelan? No please call the roll. I yea. Rubio. Hi ma'am.

Speaker: Hi. Hi

Speaker: All right. The consent agenda is adopted and colleagues will go back to the next time. Certain item. Um, and I just want to give you a heads up before we get to the regular agenda. We're going to do the 4/5 items just because I know

some of us have hard outs at a certain time and I just want to make sure we get to those so we'll do items 1049 and 1049-1 prior to the regular agenda. Just as a heads up next item Keelan. Item number 1025 to be read with 1026.

Speaker: Item 1025 complete periodic sunset review of the tourism improvement district 1. Tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge license fee item 1026 amend tourism improvement district code to modify the license assessment rate and remove the periodic sunset review requirement.

Speaker: Colleagues, I'm pleased to introduce this joint effort with commissioner Rubio, who's the city's liaison to travel Portland today we will review the tourism improvement district and consider a couple of proposed changes to the district as we're going to hear from travel Portland in more detail. The fees collected through the tourism improvement district helped fuel dramatic growth in our tourism and hospital city in the period leading up to the pandemic. And today they they will undoubtedly be a key tool in helping the industry recover from some of the most challenging years in the history of the city. I'll now turn this over to commissioner Rubio to provide additional background and introduce our presenters.

Commissioner Rubio, thank you for your leadership. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: As the city's newest liaison to travel, Portland, I've quickly learned how critically important the tourism industry is to the vitality and economy of our city. Like many Portlanders, when I started this job, I did not fully appreciate the size of the industry or its tremendous economic impact to the city, region and state. Nor did I fully appreciate the depth and severity of these challenges that are facing the industry right now. And these are challenges that are very real and consequence. Onciul so today, unfortunately, only hotel stays in Portland remain well below their 2019 peak and well below our peer cities who have seen so much faster recovery, post-pandemic travel. Portland and city staff will share more details, but I wanted to

note that the tourism and hospitality industry accounted for almost 37,000 jobs in Portland prior to the onset of the pandemic and 5.6 billion that's built in in direct visitor spending in 2019, making it an important economic pillar in our community. We need to do everything we can to get back to and surpass those levels of economic activity. And an important part of that spending is the 5% local transient lodging tax that goes directly to the city's general fund. Of course, the general fund pays for vital services like parks planning and emergency services, and as a result of the slow recovery of the lodging industry, that number was just 30.5 million. In fiscal year 22, 23, down nearly 25% from pre pandemic levels. So when travel, Portland and industry leaders came forward with a proposal to make the temporary 1% tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge permanent to provide stable long term funding for recovery and rebuilding of the industry. We were, of course, on board to support it. So to be clear, this is not an increase of the existing transient lodging taxes or tourism improvement license rate. Nor is this a new tax whatsoever. The result of this proposal will keep the total taxes and license fees at the same rate that they have been since July of 2021. So here to present the sunset review of the tourism improvement district and proposed changes are Carlisle, the city's spectator venues and visitor activities. Program manager Jeff Miller. President and CEO of Travel Portland. James Jesse and Megan Conway both also of Travel Portland. Thank you for all joining us today. So we are turning it now over to you.

Speaker: Thank you so much, Commissioner Rubio and Mayor Wheeler, I'll just provide a quick background kind of overview of the legislative history on the tourism improvement district, which is often referred to as the TID. So at the request of industry leaders, the tourism improvement district was established in 2012 as chapter 6.05 of the Portland city code, recognizing the highly cyclical

pattern of visitors to Portland, hoteliers proposed the new license fee in addition to the 1% transient lodging tax that goes to travel Portland. They proposed this additional license fee to fund additional marketing and promotional programs aimed at increasing overnight stays in Portland, particularly during the winter months, when bookings were typically decrease it versus the summer summer period when things were busier. The fee was in 2012, set at 2% of the room rate charged and initially only applied to hotels with 50 rooms or more. The fee was also required to undergo periodic sunset review to assure it was achieving the intended purposes. In 2018, the code was modified to extend the tid fee to short term rentals that use booking platforms and to apply it to all hotels regardless of size. In 2021, during the effort to help the industry recover from the pandemic at the request of lodging industry leaders, the 2% fee was made permanent and a 1% tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge was established in addition with a requirement for periodic sunset review. So two items are being presented today and travel. Portland will go over this in their presentation. Just to be clear, there's a resolution that's item 1025 that completes the required sunset review for the 1% tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge under code section. 6.05.130. And based on the successes you'll hear about from jeff miller and his guests, the resolution concludes that the tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge should not be terminated at the end of the sunset review period. The resolution will be voted on today, the second item is an ordinance which provides code amendments to chapter 6.05 of Portland city code. That's item agenda item 1026. These amendments will eliminate the sunset review for the existing 1% tourism and hospitality recovery surcharge and continue the full 3% tid d fee. The ordinance will pass to second reading next week. Notice of today's hearing was mailed on November 16th to all registered hotels and booking platforms, as well as short term rental hosts who do not use the

platforms. The postcard provided a website link where full information about this proposal could be reviewed as well as a link to information on how to testify here at City Council on the proposal. Scott carter, taxation manager at the revenue division, is also on this call in case there's any technical questions about how the collection systems work or the city's role in that. And with that, i'll turn this over to jeff miller and the travel Portland team for a brief presentation. And we'll be happy to answer any questions after that.

Speaker: Thanks, carl. Good morning, mayor Wheeler. Commissioner Rubio and council, thank you for taking the time to allow travel. Portland to present current business trends. Some of our programs and glimpse into the future with a tweak to the tourism improvement district. 1% supplemental language urge. Portland's tourism industry has experienced challenges that are unpressed invented a word I hope to never use post-pandemic. But here we are. I want to thank this council for your support. Were it not for that support, we would be in much worse shape. So thank you. There is more to be done changing the sunset review of the 1% tid to match council's efforts on long term stability of the existing 2, tid gives us comfort in our ability to help advance recovery of our industry well into the future. And who doesn't like seeing a picture of themselves on screen? I won't read this to you, but at the end of the day, travel. Portland is an economic development agency and we do that by attracting visitors convention delegates and families to Portland to spend their money in hotels and restaurants. We're very excited about the work that we're doing here. During the pandemic, we refined our priorities and you can see that what we execute in the vertical bars is convention sales and leisure room nights. How we execute it is through a lens of equity, diversity and inclusion and work to repair the destinations. Reputation at the center of all this is ensuring strong organizational excellence and from financial management to hr and administrative

excellence, economic impacts on tourism. This chart tells the story of hotel struggle, focusing on the central city, which includes the Lloyd districts. The box on the right is the occupancy for the calendar year ending in October. You see Portland at the bottom in yellow, a very, very slight increase in occupancy. You see Minneapolis and San Francisco and red, red is bad, but they are similar to Portland and green are our competitive set of cities. You can see their occupancy is 15 or more points higher. Green is really good. Summer leisure travel did not happen in the central city here you see the number of rooms sold in the central city again, which includes the Lloyd district in 2019 on the yellow bar last year in dark blue, and this year in light blue we have flatlined to a bad year. Revenue. The most important measure for the city in travel. Portland is also flatlined to a bad year. These results are the results of the entire city of Portland, similar and almost worst in rooms sold a very similar disturbing story in the city of Portland. Revenue from the Smith Travel report here you can see the by month increases and decreases in revenue. Clearly showing summer tourism did not happen. Travel Portland began our budget process in the early to mid part of 2022 and anticipate a 17% increase, which would have been 90% of the 2019 peak year. We are looking at somewhere between no recovery and a 4% revenue decline. We've been smart to create a reserve fund so you can see we'll dip into reserves to continue our work, which is the catalyst for much travel. We can do this once and I will give credit here to an excellent board of directors that has championed strong financial stewardship and now I'll turn it over to Megan Conway, chief strategy officer, to share some of our innovative ideas and program of work. Thank you, Jeff.

Speaker: Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Our work is guided by research and the consumer sentiment survey results we captured in October had a polling size of more than 1200 people from across the country with a higher

concentration on the west coast, where most of our visitors come from. When it comes to overall tone of media coverage about Portland. After several quarters of positive growth, we've seen a drop in positive tone and an increase in negative tone between q4 and q1. Q one and q4 of this year. Portland's appeal saw a nice increase in q1 of 2023, and while it dropped over the last few quarters, this is not as significant due to sample size in the last few quarters, we've seen more people agree with the statement that Portland is welcoming. While fewer respondents agree when asked if they think Portland is a safe destination, perhaps most important is that our visitors continue to love Portland enough so that they want to come back. It's a positive to see this stabilizing and community breakdowns within this research show, though, that respondents who identify as black or hispanic have a higher likelihood of visiting again as a result, we will increase our we'll test increased advertising to these communities in 2024 for a final research slide, you see that food is our top travel motivator. Culinary themes are on heavy rotation in our marketing, and these topics also come into play in our public relations efforts as in 2022, 23, Portland enjoyed one of its strongest years of media attention and travel, lifestyle, culture and culinary focused outlets, earning 323 placements with a combined reach of 5.2 billion impressions. And i'll highlight a few of our favorites. As expected, our culinary scene dominated with extensive coverage of new restaurants. Gregory gourdet spectacular con led the way, but other restaurants owned by people of color also commanded a lot of coverage. Aside from bon appetit and new york times, which are shown here, the team earned significant culinary accolades in food and wine. Esquire, silver, sunset and robb report and travel. Portland also earned coverage in top outlets with messages beyond the culinary storyline like this feature in afar on travel to Portland in November coverage highlighting the area's spectacular outdoor adventures and travel and

leisure and a kid friendly travel story in the la times. We earned coverage of Portland's cultural communities and diverse experiences and outlets such as essence and travel noir. And this coverage happens as a result of deliberate efforts to share these stories. Our pr team featured minority businesses or diverse story pitches in more than 1000 engagements with media last year alone, and in September, travel Portland partnered with the black travel alliance to host the organization's first ever creators weekend. The group visited with more than 20 local partners. The majority being black owned businesses, and they posted more than 40 times, totaling more than 71,000 impressions and 13,000 comments. Likes shares and saves. Travel. Portland is now engaging with a strategic communications partner to chip away at the negative media sentiment and insert more elected and community voices into the national news cycle. This work will be about how we connect the media to people in the community who have different perspectives, opinions or expertise on the challenges and the actions being taken to address them. Thank you, mayor Wheeler, for your team's support on this initiative. This is really a long game and a true shift in tone sentiment and perception will not happen overnight, but shifting gears, i'll now discuss our partner and business engagement as well as visitor services. We are proud to have increased our total number of travel Portland partners and also our bipoc and women owned businesses. We offer no cost partnership levels and travel. Portland covers the budget for all partners to work with local, which is a company that helps with google optimization, an next the travel Portland visitor center. This map again orients you to our location where the team participates in west end Wednesdays and operates a cult as a culture city, sensory inclusive, certified venue. Our team serves up to 250 visitors per week with 40% of those being international travelers. The top question we receive is if there is a hop on, hop off city bus tour and

commissioner Mapps, we hope to work closely with you and pbot to bring this valuable visitor offering back to downtown in the future. Other top questions are where to eat, of course, and where people can find public restrooms. Most downtown restaurant restrooms, as you know, are locked or exclusive to employees or customers recognizing this as a critical visitor need travel. Portland has twice funded keeping public restrooms at pioneer courthouse square open on weekends. Travel Portland leans into destination stewardship through our strategic grants investments and sponsorships. This year, we prioritize the activation and revitalization in the central city. Our applications require estimated attendance and out of town visitor projections to ensure that we are supporting large visitor facing events that will provide leisure travelers with things to do while they're in town. For events supported between July and December of 2023, 13% of more than 35,000 total attendees were overnight visitors who generated travel, spend and hotel room nights. Our 2023 grant cycle funded projects selected for their positive impact on the visitor experience. Milagro theater, for example, was selected not only for its programming appeal for leisure travelers, but also for the theater's proximity to the convention center and its capacity to host groups. The establishment of the Portland events and film office has been a game changer for a long time. Partner of the film office, we utilized funds from the 1% tid where discussing today to support the film office efforts with \$170,000 this year and we look to engage in a funding partnership with the events team in 2024 and beyond. Thanks to these funds. The film team's work is critical to the recruitment and support of high value broadcast productions that highlight Portland and shine a positive light on our food. Our natural wonders, diverse communities and more. In October, discovery channel aired an adventure cities Portland episode, and in 2024, samantha brown's places to love will feature Portland on pbs with travel. Portland support of investments in

local production organizations. The film team has funded more than a dozen events, including sneaker weeks kick flicks, black filmmakers, lab lion speaks and the cascade african film festival. As you heard from our events office partners two weeks ago, the first round of scale up grants is underway and travel. Portland has contributed \$100,000 to this program as a founding partner. Travel Portland also continues to support my people's market with a \$50,000 annual investment, solidifying the 1% will allow us to continue funding the critical work of the Portland events and film office. Additionally, it will enable long range strategic planning to ensure the partnership continues to bring benefit to the city in the future. Portland should be viewed as a top city for hosting events and broadcast opportunities and this partnership will put us on a path toward achieving that. Thank you all for the joint effort between the city and prosper Portland to establish the event and film office. Their work is driving foot traffic, energy and engagement to downtown. Thank you. And now i'll pass things off to our chief strategy officer. I'm sorry, chief sales officer james jesse.

Speaker: Thank you, megan. Good morning, mayor and commissioners. This is also instrumental in our efforts to generate leisure demand for Portland and in the next few slides i'll be sharing some of the things we're doing to generate these heads and beds, which translates into spending and jobs at businesses all throughout the city. As storytellers and stewards of this destination, reputation, we attack every part of this marketing funnel every day. Here's the funnel express horizontally, we are always on with our baseline evergreen efforts as pr social content, adwords and otas and our seasonal leisure advertising campaign in blue will sit on top of that. We'll launch it this spring and will run it all summer long to make up for a soft convention calendar. Our the last few years have been challenging ones for Portland, but we have a lot to be proud of and even more to share now is not the

time for us to recede to the background, and now's the time for us to be proud to share the Portland we all know and love. And we'll do it with our new campaign called Portland. Yours to share our currently in production stage Portland. Yours to share will continue to highlight three of travel. Portland's top travel motivators. That's culinary outdoors and shopping. This line direction will feature various treatments allowing a versatile expression of the Portland brand. Our creative partner in this work is industry, a local firm that is minority owned and led and will share it with our customers via video paid social pr, digital advertising, connected tv and out-of-home. And we're committed to showing up in big, bold ways that cut through the clutter and inspire our potential visitors. And when the time is right, once we have the confidence that the on the ground situation in downtown has approved and visible, tangible ways we intend to make a big splash that generates buzz and marks it an inflection point in our story. Earlier I spoke about our work with online travel agencies, which we are particularly proud of and which illustrates how the tide supports smaller, limited service hotels through our partnership with the hoa, the asian American hotel owners association, travel Portland created and is funding free marketing programs that are available to hoa members located throughout Portland city limits. These programs are elevating a host members visibility on online booking sites. And as you can see, these programs are delivering both a room night lift and a solid return on ad spend. In plain terms, the Portland convention market is currently facing major headwinds that at this point have made recovery very difficult. The impacts of covid and the complex reputational and safety issues have created a situation where Portland faces a devastating cliff of convention business downturn in the next nine months. This chart illustrates the annual view of the challenges ahead for the convention and meetings market. The steep fall in events overall events for years 2025 through 2030 are at woeful pace.

Levels that the local industry is working very hard against. Here's a monthly view of the future booking pace for the same 25, 20, 20, 25 through 2030 time period as a previous slide. Red is bad, but white is worse and this illustrates how dire the situation is. That is truly unlike any of our competitive set cities. This future business, cliff have not gone unnoticed and travel Portland sales team have been actively employed against this issue for the past 18 months. The result of investing in our staff and focusing on rebuilding our business pipeline of potential future business has put us at a point where we can start the work to impact these future page deficits. This chart represents the amount of potential business for that same 2025 through 2028 period that the team is built up to begin to work toward business recovery. One of our latest business promotion it pays to plan on Portland was our most successful promotion to date in assisting hotel partners to book short term business into years 2023 through 2025. This promo ran from December 22nd from may 20th, 23rd. I'm sorry, may 20th of 23 and accounted for over 62,000 room nights in future business for Portland hotels as and in partnership with the downtown hotels and the Oregon convention center. The local partners have combined for this citywide promotion to attract large scale conventions back to Portland, a value proposition supported by hotel and convention center incentives will launch this month and will run through may of 2024 to assist with these business recovery efforts. And these are some proud wins in which we are particularly proud and we expect to see more of these come by the end of December. Our. On the convention advertising side, we're seeing that our efforts are very effective with the convention planners who were impressed with the value proposition of our bids and our recommending Portland as a meeting site. The challenge that we're experiencing is the decision makers, the ceos and board members on the right side are going against the planners recommendation due to

safety concerns. As a result, this year, we're devoting 50% of our convention advertising dollars to target decision makers with positive messages about Portland. And these messages will be different for the planners on the left. We will continue to highlight the nuts and bolts as we've seen here with the focus on Portland's room hotel room inventory and 0% sales tax. But for the decision makers on the right, we will leverage our consumer campaigns and messages to communicate that Portland is an appealing destination and intending more to surprise and delight elements. For diverse meetings. Travel. Portland continues to expand our efforts to attract diverse meetings to Portland with impressive results shown. Here are examples of programs booked within the last year and will arrive in Portland within the next nine months. These efforts would not be possible without the additional assistance travel Portland receives from local partners like the native American youth association and the Oregon black business association and the metropolitan hispanic chamber. Portland recently played host to solstice for their annual stem camp conference. This Portland had this Portland meeting, had record attendance for the group at 6200 and attendees, and proved to be a very timely injection of economic impact for Portland's central city hotels at a time where our Portland downtown occupancy was performing down to 40% below 2022 levels, trends changed to reflect growth as high as 45% above previous years totals over the socon's convention days. And this partnership between sport Oregon and travel Portland has increased our joint participation on a national trade show schedule, allowing us to also position Portland as a player in the youth and amateur sports arena. In the coming year, we will see an aggressive push into these areas with two signature experiences that we believe will propel our efforts forward. First is the ncaa bid portal and then in may of 2024, Portland plays host to sports to welcoming over 1500 event or event owners and tournament organizers

for a review of Portland and our facilities. So in conclusion, we thank you for the investment that allows us to continue focus on leisure tourism, convention meetings and sports tourism. And with that, i'll conclude my presentation and turn it back over to jeff miller for questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you all. Happy to answer any questions that you might have commissioner Mapps uh, jeff and the travel Portland family want to thank you for all the work you do and thank you for today's presentation.

Speaker: I just have a couple of quick questions and i'll, i'll point these at jeff, but you can redirect it to someone else on your team. If there are better equipped to answer. Certainly. One of the things that I found most striking in your presentation is the fact that our tourism, uh, wave did not happen this past summer. Do we have a sense of what was driving that?

Speaker: You know, I would say that the reputational damage that we've suffered here in Portland is a big piece of that and which is why we're looking at this strategic communications firm to help with talking about the good things, but also, you know, we own the leisure pages. We want to make sure that we change the narrative on the front page. And that's our tactic.

Speaker: Okay. Thanks uh, another question. One of the things that jumps out at me is the fact that Portland is struggling in the hospitality space. But Seattle, just up the road, seems to be having a pretty good tourism year. I think of Seattle as sharing many of the challenges that Portland has. Is there a reason why Seattle is doing well at while Portland struggles to attract tourists this year?

Speaker: Seattle had in previous years, Seattle had three cruise lines going to alaska this summer they had five. They've opened up a second convention center facility, which is huge, has really brought a lot of attention to them. They have baseball, professional sports. There really are a huge draw from around the region

and certainly from other places. And they had Taylor Swift, um, um, thank you very much.

Speaker: Uh, one last question, Jeff. Um, beyond passing the two resolutions before us today, um, or the resolution in the ordinance before us today, what can this council do to support recovery in the hospitality space?

Speaker: You know, I think you're already doing it. And that's when we ask you to show up. When we have meeting planners in town, familiarization tours, coming and speaking to them, they really do value the voice of elected leaders.

Commissioner Rubio just spoke at our fam a couple of weeks ago and was very well received quite eloquent. So those are the sorts of things that when we ask you to show up, if you can find time in your schedule, we would love to have you there to meet those clients.

Speaker: Great. Thank you, Jeff. I'll turn the floor back to the mayor.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzales.

Speaker: Uh, well, thank you for calling out the Taylor Swift reference. I have folks on my staff that are making a compelling argument that Taylor Swift and Beyoncé kept America going post-pandemic and there's actually a lot of economic data to support that. Um, also, you know, comparisons to Seattle. It's really interesting thinking about the importance that you alluded to of sports and being draws to the city. I think that's, that's irrelevant discussion for us as we think about the next, you know, really ten, 20, 50 years for the city of Portland and how important sports can be in attracting folks into the core city. Um, I guess I want to emphasize one thing and then, you know, Jeff, we spoke about it last week and I just want to put this in everyone's bonnet. The city of Portland banned outdoor drug use this summer and the governor's task force course echoed our calls on Monday. Um, this is in contrast to the narrative on the front page of the New York Times all summer, right?

I mean, they are reporting as best they can the perception in of the city of Portland that unfortunately has a lot of reality to it yet the city government is, in fact, moving in a direction to confront that as directly as possible, all with the tools at our disposal. And so I guess the question is, is just how do we amplify maximum that message that we are responding? We are changing, we are confronting, uh, this crisis on our streets with the tools we have and, and, um, I just, I guess I just put that out there that that, you know, i, i, i, I certainly in the back of my head when we were championing the outdoor drug ban, thought about how it would be perceived nationally and, um, I just welcome your thoughts on how we amplify that message.

Speaker: I think, again, going back to the strategic communications firm that we're employing, they'll begin in February. And I think those are the kinds of stories that we want on the front page that we do have an engaged City Council. We showing the governor, the mayor and commissioner or chair vega peterson, on the stage at the Oregon business summit. Those are the sorts of things where we see collaboration happening in this city that have has been long needed. And I want to commend the mayor and certainly the county chair for their work there. And we'll we'll amplify those stories. And we're going to have other people tell those stories. It's not going to be travel Portland. So we're looking forward to getting that started. And you're exactly right. I also do want to call out jim etzel and his team at sport Oregon. They have been terrific partners of ours and really have drawn a lot of business here. And we continue to support them like we will with the film and events office.

Speaker: Got it. Well, and i'll call it one last piece, the task force called for a emergency declaration on the fentanyl crisis is that echoes some of our calls here. I know this is a this is a tough one right in the and this is what we need the strategic comms folks for is how we how we properly amplify the message nationally. But we

are 100% trying to respond to this crisis and I think we have to go into the dark places and confront them as realistically as possible. Every day in the city. At the same time, we sell the beautiful things we have here. And I know sometimes it feels like we have to talk out of both sides of our mouths, but that's our reality. So I look forward to partnering with you on how we how we get that message right. I'm good. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. Uh, thank you, jeff. Megan and james. That was a great presentation. In fact, you could teach a seminar on how to do turbo clicks when you're doing your visuals. It just made it go so fast, so I appreciate it. I can see you're all good at your jobs. I was looking at the data when you met with us recently and then in this report, and I was kind of taken with albeit I wish we were in their categories. The cities that were higher up, it didn't seem like they had much of a boost from last summer to this summer. So so what's the national trend on people spending their hard earned disposable income on on travel? And that was the summer season where I noticed that out there. So I'm thinking out loud with you right now. There's more. Is it conventions are down. So it's more leisure travel. And is that down in general? I just was looking at some national trends and it surprised me. I didn't see it the first time I looked at the report.

Speaker: So in those cities in the green that didn't have a huge bump from the year before, they had a huge bump last year. So their increase is they're back to 2019 and above 2019. Okay we are severely behind 2019. So that's that's why that they don't have as big an increase.

Speaker: Okay. All right. So anyway, there are some national trends on that. And but you also explained that it was because they had the big bump the year before. Okay. Your color coding, trying to figure it out. I liked your focus on targeting

decision makers. Tell me more what that looks like in terms of, you know, you can spend a lot of money on pr, but it's really my experience with decision makers at that level. It's very interpersonal. So what does it look like to create those conversations with some of our peers in this city, to talk to those peers in markets that make those big decisions for convention? Well, that strategy i'll have james talk about the strategy, the c-suite.

Speaker: Well, thank you, jeff. Well, the strategy is, first of all, we won't target them with traditional media that's targeted towards convention meetings and planners. As I stated in that presentation. We'll respond to them with more consumer based messaging that really lends more to the destination and highlights those things that are important to toward safety, towards livability, towards the entertainment value of the destination here. So it's really a traditional shift that while we won't depart fully from our convention message, that's really critical that we keep moving those and get those decisions made. But what we're doing is really focusing on going to where those ceos, those board members, those decision makers get their information on. It will be in more of a lifestyle styles, lifestyle style, um, publications versus meeting publications. So it's just a little bit of a shift in strategy there. But really go into where those decision makers find their meetings, information and their decision making information and placing that delight and desire information there about the destination.

Speaker: Now that that makes sense, I just would offer anytime you can find peers locally that can talk to those peers in those other markets that that really would be helpful as well because I find that those decision makers really do rely on who they're having conversations with in real, in real time. Um yeah. I also appreciate always hearing about, you know, the foodie destination is not lost out. As with a group of friends recently and we were talking about they were mentioning to me

that what makes Portland so special is, is things that we all know about, but they don't know if we celebrate it enough and it's our natural beauty. So I saw it in the photos, but I think what blows people away when they land here is how quickly you can get to those destinations. Unlike other markets and how is and also even close to home in the city of Portland. So tell me more about the other one. Is our arts scene and they have notice that's been damaged of late and that's true nationally, but ours in particular. But they said, I come to Portland not because of nightlife. Let's face it, there's other cities to go to that that that have that going on. But we have a really fun farm to table foodie culture and we have an amazing grassroots arts scene that feels accessible and tell me more about collaboration with those in the arts and also those in in in the in those that attract to our natural beauty.

Speaker: I'll ask megan to unmute and take that question.

Speaker: Thank you. I think with your line of questioning, you could join the team with all the assets you're able to highlight about Portland, but we are always actively pushing out a variety of different things that surface to us in our research as the travel motivators. So it is that culinary scene. It plays into the outdoor space as the arts certainly appreciate it. Um, when we were seeing the performance the other day at the governor's task force, there was a bit of a conversation about how thriving cities must have a very robust art scene in order to draw people in. So that's an element of it as well. So I think it's really about it. You know, Portland has always been the city that we don't have a space needle, we don't have an empire state building. We don't have that thing that everybody feels they need to go visit. But what they want to do is come here and visit like a local. And because we as locals love all of those things that are included in the natural beauty, the culinary scene, the art scene, and just the makers and the people who are part of the creative class of our city and what that makes up, those are really the things that we

push forward in our messaging and have really resonated with people over the years, but really continue to as as we look toward so continued recovery, it sounds like you have the right people at the table and I really appreciate the presentation and the dialog.

Speaker: Thanks.

Speaker: Thanks, Keelan do we have public testimony on either of these items?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Let's let's hear them.

Speaker: And then I've got a couple of comments and then we'll move on.

Speaker: We have equal open online. Welcome

Speaker: Thank you. Get back to my. Okay greetings. City Council members. Thank you for hearing my testimony today. My name is nicole copen and I have loved living in Portland for 27 years. I've worked on pill hill for 18 years as a nutritionist with a focus on sustainability and running a hospital farmer's market. I wanted to bring you a message of perspective and this proposed amendment was the perfect opportunity. As mentioned in the ordinance, Portland has been slow to recover and event planners are concerned for the safety of their customers. Given the houselessness and drug crisis. Yes, Portland's image, the tourism industry and housing market are all suffering. This is not a surprise to me. We are living in an increasingly hard to navigate society. So many are confused by how to plug into the systems that keep the wheel turning, let alone thrive. And I believe that a radical shift of perspective is needed, especially by our leaders. What if we take keep Portland weird to the next level? What if Portland was the first city to honestly recognize that there will always be people who can't manage to fit into this system for whatever reasons? These folks are not a problem in their situations, are often not their fault, but a direct result of the society we live in. If we embrace this part of our society, wrapped our arms around it with as much love and attention as we

give to sports and our tvs, we would undoubtedly have enough brain power to figure out brilliant solutions that provide for the most basic needs protection from the elements, a comfortable and safe place to be, eat and sleep. Perhaps the task of finding ways to help these folks feel comfortable and connected is an opportunity to relearn how to be more human and compassionate. Perhaps these folks are our teachers. I've had a vision for years. I see a perimeter of about 250 villages surround our city full of micro houses, each with about 20 people on a half an acre, which amounts to about 125 acres and houses. The approximately 5000 folks that are currently houseless. Each village has a community kitchen, bathroom, laundry facilities and common space. I see a dedicated bus and health services making bus route and health services making rounds each day, picking people up, bringing them back in. I see each village self-managed, empowering its residents. I'm aware that some of these villages are a work in progress, but in the bigger picture, I see the city of Portland donating 125 acres to this kind of crucial project, making it so much easier for nonprofits and government entities to focus on funding for building. There could even be a model village where tourists visit to see how it all works. Currently see, there are places that houseless folks have gathered with their vehicles that that seem to be less of an intrusion into how people's lives like northeast 33rd and marine drive. I congratulate and thank the city for providing recycling bins every few blocks and not sweeping them as an interim step. While the villages are being built. I see the city actually condoning and camping in designated areas like this and providing basic infrastructure like trash cans, porta potties, hand washing areas, recycling, compost and perhaps even some basic transportation to the city and back. This would be a massive step in cleaning up these areas, building trust, offering support and acknowledging that everyone belongs somewhere while I support the amendment today and as an airbnb host, I

would like to propose that some portion of the license fees go towards supporting this infrastructure and ultimately the villages. This would be a win win for folks out on the streets. The tourists visiting our beautiful city and all the businesses and homeowners that currently struggle. Given the crisis at hand, I've always thought of Portland as one of the greatest cities on the planet. It would make me even more proud to live in a city that took care of its people. This is our time to show the world just how brilliant and weird we really are. Thank you.

Speaker: Great. Awesome. Thank you. Good ideas. Appreciate it. Thank you for being here. And I just have a couple of comments I'd like to make as well. And we don't need to answer these today, but I want to point out that there are differences between Portland and the other cities that have been mentioned and the first thing I want to point out is that we are in a brutal competition in for\$ for tourists, for convention business, for travel\$ cities are being ruthless in their competition with each other and behind closed doors, people are saying things about us. They are saying things about this community. They're saying things about what they would expect people to experience if they come to Portland. Alternatively cities like and i'll point out las vegas, since it's an obvious one, they are investing literally billions of dollars into attracting travel and tourism into their city and commissioner Gonzalez, as you said, they want to be the national leader in sports and they invested half \$1 billion just to get a racetrack in the center of their city for just one sporting experience. But they've been attracting other sports teams, building stadiums, investing significant dollars. And they also invest heavily in attracting certain types of business. Seattle you mentioned, um, on any given weekend day in the city of Seattle, they have 50,000 people in the core of Seattle, just just for the cruise ships that leave Seattle. For for alaska. My daughter and I had that experience a couple of years ago and every hotel, every restaurant rent everything anywhere near to that

dock is booked before and after each one of those ships comes and goes to Seattle. And they've done a great job of cultivating that as an important industry. I remind you that we can no longer just rely on weird to get by in this ruthless competition in other cities, have a better assets when it comes to attracting people. Seattle has ten fortune 500 companies, including the largest companies in the world. The reason they have conventions in Seattle is because people come to them because that's where the center of the united states technology economy has shifted particular as things have moved online all at amazon and whatnot. It they invest heavily in universal cities and educational research forces in their community. The university sector is really important not to in any way discount anything we do here. Portland state punches ahead of above its weight class. In my opinion, Oregon has two fortune 500 companies. Everybody we can name nike, which is actually located in beaverton. Most people who live here can't. Men that don't know about precision castparts, which by the way, is headquartered in lake oswego. And so there's already fundamental differences. And we need to think bigger, more broadly and over the long term about what will it take for Portland to be competitive. All the things that we rely on now, the makerspace, the arts, the culture, the restaurant and culinary industry, all of those things are at risk if the cost of being here is too high or if the market to support those enterprises isn't here. My last point and then i'll shut up and I feel really strongly about this. Nobody else anywhere else is going to tout our successes or the progress that we make. I will be even more cynical. I will tell you that there are people, particularly as we enter a 2024 election cycle, who have a vested interest in not talking about anything positive. That's taking place in Portland, Oregon. And there are even people who make money off of bashing the city of Portland. And so the only people who are going to sell this city is us collectively. Jeff and his team, in the work they're doing and the work we're doing

and I feel like I need to rent a billboard, a building sized billboard to actually show the metrics that are directing the recovery in this city that is already well underway. Crime is way down in the city of Portland. Now it can always blip back up. I'm not saying, you know, done deal, but the trends are all going in the right direction. You know, gun homicides in this city are down 27% year over year as of the end of October. And nobody knows that. They've read tons of articles about perceptions and negative feelings and bad attitudes. And despite appointment in the leadership of the city and the state and you know, just today, a poll came out that said two thirds of Portlanders would leave the city if they could afford to. Well, let's start talking about not only that, but let's also start talking about the actual results that all of our actions that I laid out at the governor's task force the other day around homelessness, around public safety, around livability, improvements around economic recovery. We have a lot to be proud of and there's a lot of things we're doing right now. And I just wish we weren't constantly pushing the rock up the hill, having people even notice that we're doing these things. We've got to talk about what success looks like. So I'm going to tell you this and then I'm going to shut up. I have exactly, you know, 12.75, 12.5 months less. I'm going to be the number one cheerleader for this city. And I'm going to call people out when they say things that aren't accurate, I'm going to show the results in numerical form that we are getting. And I'm hoping that I can convince some of the naysayers out there, including people in our own fold. You know, if we don't want to sell the city, the competition sure as hell isn't going to sell the city for us. We have to do it ourselves. So I hope we take heart in the hard work that this council has done. The results that we have already shown. And jeff, if it helps with your marketing, we don't have to bs people about Portland. We actually have real numbers and real data that we can show that Portland is in a recovery mode. Yes we're slower coming out of it than other cities

and I'm disappointed about that, as are you and everybody else. But now the recovery has started. Things are turning. And if people are planning a convention for 27, 28, 29, they should take heart in that recovery. We should be using this aggressively in our sales pitch, not just relying on sort of the negativity and the reputational damage and the things that people want to say, either because they're getting paid to say it or because it's politically expedient for them to say it. We have to support our own efforts here so long story short, I appreciate the effort you're doing. Thank you. Item 1025 is a resolution. Ann, please call the roll apps. A quick point of order.

Speaker: Do we need to have a motion to its a resolution? No resolution. No. Okay. Um I want to thank jeff and the team for travel. Portland for today's presentation and the great work they do. 365 days a year is I vote yea cbo.

Speaker: I want to thank jeff and james and megan for their great presentation and just I have the honor and privilege of seeing their work day in and day out. And there is no team that's harder working during this time. So just want to really appreciate you and also say that, you know, during this time making our way out of where we are, it's going to take strong partnerships. It's going to take decisive action. And persistence. And the city must continue to be full partners with this industry and I'm proud to be a partner on in this work with you all and very happy to support this resolution today. So I vote yea Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Jeff. Megan james are definitely the a team and we're we're proud of you and we all want to be a part of that team really appreciate the words of mayor Wheeler. I think you know that we're all there with you and commissioner Rubio's leadership in this area. Um, you know what was wonderful about Monday when we were all gathered at the moda center was hearing our partners across the river at the county and the Portland delegation in salem, one who's now governor sounds

so remarkably different than they did a year ago at and we're focused on safety. And the good news is today the other local government entities are beginning to join us in that alignment with common sense solutions so we can move forward as a city. We see the data. We see what's most glaring that we have to improve upon, and we're all in to help behind the scenes and those interpersonal conversations that can move the needle forward. Thank you so much for the report. Good work, I vote yea Gonzalez great report.

Speaker: I vote yea cuellar thank you, jeff.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio, obviously we stand ready to be aggressive, supportive partners. So thanks for your great work. Let us know what else we can do to help I vote yea with regard to the ordinance. This is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. We'll do item number 1027, a second reading adopt new supporting documents to Portland comprehensive plan related to the housing needs analysis and buildable land inventory to address future housing needs, access to affordable housing and development capacity.

Speaker: Colleagues, this is a second reading we've already heard a presentation and had opportunity for public testimony.

Speaker: Is there any more information or further business on this item ? Okay. Seeing none, please call the roll Mapps. Hi camille.

Speaker: I'd like to thank for bringing this work forward. And specifically I want to acknowledge the work of staff that put an incredible amount of time and brainpower into gathering and analyzing all of this very technical data to ariel kane, sam rackam loehlin, anna maria perez, and of course, tom armstrong. And I also want to appreciate the staff at housing bureau and prosper Portland in their

support for this process and look forward to the continuing work over the next several months. I vote yea plan.

Speaker: Yeah, I realize this is ongoing and it's one of the process that we keep needing to improve.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Rubio and the team for getting this into the public dialog. Just a couple comments before I support this. I really do think we need to go harder at looking at systemic change about the ami rates. I do think there's a lot of Portlanders in that essential working worker working class category that need to stay in the city and 80 doesn't do it, 60 barely does it. The gap between 30 and 60 is pretty wide. That was just one of the dialogs I would bring up. And I realized the status quo within is always challenged when you want to come up with something new like that. So let's keep being creative. On how to bend a bit. And I didn't hear enough about green spaces. When we add more housing and especially the inner east side, I was kind of surprised about that. So we all know in big cities that are densely populated, you have to provide a lot of little tiny or green space parks. And so I just hope that that gets into the dialog as well. That all said, I vote yea gonzales, I vote yea miller I vote yea.

Speaker: Thank you very much. And the ordinance is adopted. Colleagues, I'm going to shake things up a bit here just because I have to leave and go give a presentation on public safety to a large group. We're going to do the 4/5 items will start in reverse order. We'll do 1040 9-1, please.

Speaker: Authorized contra pact with axon enterprises, inc. To purchase body worn camera equipment and accessories not to exceed \$10 million for an initial term of five years.

Speaker: Colleagues as you know, recently completed a pilot to evaluate axon body cam equipment, and we passed an ordinance to provide initial contracting

authority up to 2.6 million on Friday, I learned that there would be a significant advantage to entering into a five year contract, not including equipment upgrades and over \$1 million in cost savings. If we granted the contracting authority before the end of the year. And you'll recall we took some testimony, there was some criticism about the fact that there was not the opportunity for upgrades. This contract would actually guarantee it after two years and it would save us about \$1 million. While I'm frustrated by the need to rush this item to council rather than ensuring the original contracting ordinance provided the best benefit to the city, I also recognize the urgency of ensuring that we've established a solid, solid body cam program at the best value to taxpayers. With us today is tammy mayer, who manages the body worn camera program at bpb. Here to present the item, tammy short is always better than long. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes, sir. Hi this is tammy mayer. I'm the body worn camera program manager along with some other programs for the Portland police bureau. As we finished up, the pilot and started working towards a contract, we knew we had the 2.6 million to go with an initial term, which would have gotten us implementation, plus about a year's worth of equipment and services from axon. An axon has provided us the opportunity to do a five year contract and in that they're going to guarantee us those 2022 prices, which is what we started. This whole process under, as well as us at the 30 month and the 60 month. It comes with a guaranteed refer of the equipment. So if there's a new version out there, we get a free upgrade to the next version, which there is a new version out there. We're going with the body three, there is a body four, but it's brand new and we tested the body. Three so we're going to stick with the body. Three and then at the two and a half year point, we will upgrade to the body four for um, it's a good contract if we wait it and we go with the and sign a five year contract next year, we're going to end up with

the 2024 or 2025 prices which are about a about a million and a half more than what we can guarantee t right now. So as it is a rush and I apologize for that, we have a great opportunity here to save the city some money and lock in the five year contract right now.

Speaker: Colleagues questions. Public testimony on this item.

Speaker: I have two people signed up. All right, let's hear them. First up, mark force.

Speaker: Hi, can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep. Loud and clear. Mark

Speaker: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. My name is mark force. I use he him pronouns and I'm with the group Portland copwatch. We testified two weeks ago when you were asked to accept the recommendation of the chief procurement officer to award a contract to axon enterprises inc to implement the body worn camera program in the Portland police bureau. Not to exceed \$2.6 million. We testified last week when you were asked to authorize a contract with axon to purchase taser equipment and accessories, not to exceed 3.4 million for the initial five term year, five year term, nobody was curious enough to ask captain schoening about the 110\$ battery upgrade option that would have saved the city millions of dollars the day before your vote last week, the nashville metro council declined to fall for axon's pitch for them to unnecessarily update tasers, saving their city \$18 million. Today, you're being asked to authorize a contract with axon to purchase body worn camera equipment and accessories, not to exceed \$10 million for an initial term of five years. This marks a 285% increase in the money council approved two weeks ago. It also means that what had been a \$6 million windfall for axon until this 4/5 agenda item showed up on Monday afternoon, has now become as large as a \$13.4 million haul. We asked council on November 29th for the results of the pilot

program to be released and discussed as part of the approval project, rather than us having to file a public records request as the procurement officer asked us to do. Now you're going to spend more money and those results are still not public, including what criteria were used, what the outcomes of the cameras use in the pilot program were, and who sat on the evaluation committee, for instance? Were any of those evaluating the program invested in axon? Were any of them hired as trainers for the taser or body cam program? We understand axon has a virtual monopoly on body cameras and conducted energy weapons. However, there are competitors in the body camera industry and it is important for the community to understand if or how the city placed emphasis on the anti-competitive nature of the bidding companies. As the lawsuit filed by the city of Augusta, maine, against axon states that axon continues to unlawfully maintain its monopoly power in both the long range market and the body worn camera system market through bundling and excessively long supply contracts, which often stretch up to 12 years. A similar lawsuit in the new jersey township of howell asserts that axon is in violation of antitrust laws. The community deserves more information, including a written report from the body worn camera program manager who stated that there was an add on she was not happy with during the pilot. She provided feedback to axon and apparently the city will not purchase it. What was the add on? Just a few examples of why we suggest you should be cautious about expanding Portland police programs for lengthy periods of time. The day before you last approved money for cameras, a Portland police officer showed two slides to you in a work session showing mug shots of four people with their names and birth dates violating state law. Last week, while we were waiting to testify on the unnecessary replacement of all the bureau's tasers shot and killed isaac seavey on December sixth. According to sst's online database, chief day is still listed as a retired Portland police bureau

deputy chief. It's not clear whether he has the proper certification to be a Portland police officer. His appointment has not made any more trustworthy. The Portland police bureau exists to serve the people who live in and visit Portland. It is not the other way around. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, mark. Next individual, please.

Speaker: Dan handelman.

Speaker: Good morning. Good morning, mayor.

Speaker: Good morning. Can you hear me okay?

Speaker: Yep, loud and clear.

Speaker: Great. Thank you very much. This is dan handelman. I use he him pronouns and I'm also a member of Portland copwatch and relevant to my testimony, a former member of the police accountability commission, a growing number of people in the police accountability community are curious and deserve answers to questions when millions of taxpayer dollars are spent on technology and weapons that will be used against us, we important copwatch have been accused by council of letting the perfect be the enemy of the good. Make no mistake, these deals was axon are not good and neither is the lack of transparency around the purchase of their products. It's also also worth raising the point that in its report to council the police accountability commission recommended that the new office for community based police accountability should be the owner or co owner of body cam footage. The Portland police association just conducted a push poll in hopes of getting Portland to overturn measure 26 to 17, which allows the equivalent of at least 5% of the police bureau's budget to the new community board and the cpa. The city attorney's watered down version of the plan puts many investigations back in the hands of police internal affairs, which will do nothing to improve community trust. But it seems as if the city's long game strategy is to

starve the board of activities proposed by the charter and the cac in order to justify cutting its budget. An alternative plan without the pain of another election would be to use some of that money to manage the body worn camera footage. Members of council seem to be concerned about how much extra work the district attorney's office might have. Looking at the footage, the same goes for the cpb and internal affairs having an extra workload. So if you put the civilian investigators of the new board in charge, maybe we'll have a win win financially. We're not talking about the board paying for the physical cameras, though, just for the managing in terms of budget concerns, the savings of \$1.5 million over the long term is because axon is planning to hike prices next year and is only offering the city the original price as an enticement since their loyalty is to their shareholders and not the community is likely there will be more price bumps in the years ahead and diverting this much money from the city's budget. Now won't save money in the future. The bpa's poll also asked people whether they wanted to divert money from the new oversight board to hire more police. As we pointed out before, there are currently 72 vacancies at the ppb and 104 officers in training, meaning there's enough money to cover 20% increase in what people are currently seeing on the streets. So overall, we encourage the city to step back and look at the motivations of those involved. The body cameras were intended to be to be used for accountability, but appeared to be aimed more at prosecuting community members. The people selling you the body cams or tasers and the tasers say they're interested in the public good, but their motive is profit. People like us who are asking you to consider the effects of your decisions are motivated by wanting a police bureau that is free from racism, brutality and corruption. The bpa also falsely claimed that members of the new board would support confuses with the commission. Would make tens of thousands of dollars a year while pacs plan clearly indicated that the cap of roughly

\$7,000 per person, the bargaining unit that wrestle more money from this council to accept having body cams strapped to their uniforms has no place questioning minute stipends for people who will need to spend countless hours reviewing documents, interviews, videos and receiving training from police misconduct cases. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Dan is there any further public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No. Mayor any further questions? Please call the roll. Hi camille.

Speaker: Well, I support this. I just want to express my concern about the fact that we already provided authority to contract with axon for \$2.6 million on the 29th. And we're here two weeks later, not only asking for the annual the increase to enter into this contract, but also to increase the expenditure for to be allowable to 10 million. I'm just saying it would have been great to have more time to digest this. That being said, it is my priority that we have a rollout of the body cameras. As soon as possible and therefore I'm going to support this so that we can save that money of 1.5 million as we as we heard. And also not to delay the rollout of the of the body cameras. So for these reasons, I vote yea brian. Hi alice.

Speaker: Times long past overdue to get body cams and Portland police officers. I it's unfortunate that the d.o.j. Process, the federal courts at times slowed down this much needed work despite stated intent to get body cams on police officers. I'm glad we got some price savings here. I wholeheartedly vote. Hi taylor.

Speaker: Thank you, tammy, for your presentation and thank you also to my colleagues for joining me in bringing this urgent item to the agenda today. As I noted, I certainly would have liked to have seen this item brought to us sooner and with greater forethought to what action would be needed to protect the city's interests in these contract negotiations. I want you to know that chief day and I have spoken very plainly about the importance of avoiding 11th hour requests in

the future. And I'm confident that we can move forward in that direction. In this situation, the benefits of providing increased contracting authority are crystal clear. We will ensure that received the most current equipment midway through this contract, but we will also ensure that this important program remains stable over the course of the next five years. And we will have done all that we can to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, ensuring seven figure savings. With that, I vote I in the ordinance is passed. Item number 1040, please. Or excuse me. 1049 also four-fifths item authorized settlement agreement with the Portland firefighters association international association of firefighters local 43 to resolve a grievance.

Commissioner gonzales.

Speaker: Yeah, I'm going to give high level background on this. I think the matter speaks for itself, but in general, the city took action based on information available at the time against a Portland firefighter as the investigation proceeded, it became evident that claims against that firefighter were not credible. Accordingly, the city changed course and I'm pleased to support the settlement.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Any further questions for information on this? Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up very good.

Speaker: Please call the roll. Hi camille. Hi Ryan.

Speaker: Hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Hi, taylor.

Speaker: I the fourth. This item passes and I'd like to request one more thing here. I'm hoping that we can continue. I'm turning over the gavel, but can we continue 1041 to this afternoon? I'd like to participate in this discussion, commissioner gonzales, would you have any objections if I do that, I would not at all.

Speaker: We have some requests into the transition team to share some information that was shared with us yesterday to my colleagues. So I just I'm hoping that can occur ahead of the afternoon session, but fully supportive.

Speaker: Okay, good. Keelan can you read 1041, please? Great

Speaker: Five non-represented class actions to support the transition to the government structure supported by city charter and establish compensate nation ranges. For

Speaker: So my internet cut out at a critical moment. I assume you got through that this item is continued to 2 p.m. This afternoon. Thank you. And sorry mayor was muted.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Okay, great. So at this point then commissioner Rubio, I'm turning the gavel over to you. Thank you. Colleagues for moving quickly this morning. Appreciate it. I'll see you all later. 2 p.m.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, if you said something, you think you might have been on mute.

Speaker: Thank you, Keelan would you please read item 1028. 1028 amend permit fee schedule for all type a accessory short term rentals colleagues as you may be aware, the bureau of development services is responsible for the administration of or administration of Portland city code, title 33 planning and zoning regulations related to permitting and enforcement and began regulating and permitting accessory short term rentals in 2014. Today I'm requesting that council adopt an ordinance that will increase fees for all type a accessory short term rentals that include both one and two family and multi family units. The regulation and permitting of type a accessory short term rentals have been a dilemma for since the program launched almost ten years ago. Since we put the past and current fee

rate charged for processing applications and renewals has never achieved cost recovery. And most important is property compliance. Division has never had the necessary resources in technology and staffing to ensure a smooth and timely process for both staff and especially the customer. This proposed request to increase all type a accessory short term rental fees will allow us to launch an online portal for customers to apply, to renew and to pay their their fees. Also to ensure funding to maintain staff resources for processing applications as renewals and tracking activity, and also allow us to meet many of the recommendations in the city auditor's report, dated August of 2018, such as improved data collection, improved compliance with city code and continued assurance of safety and livability for neighborhoods. It will also allow us to meet cost recovery for the program and will will support this industry as an important part of Portland's economic recovery by providing alternative lodging for visitors. This short term proposal increased fees on type a rental host will increase to \$180 per year. This cost is comparable with and is less than in many other cities that permit that permit accessory. Short term rentals. With this increase, hosts will receive the benefit of being able to process their application easily and quickly and submit payment via an online portal, thus greatly improving the past delays in processing. So with that, ben beth benton and mark litchfield with the bureau of development services are here to make a presentation on the ordinance and they are also available to answer any questions. Beth and mike. Pardon me, I was having technical difficulty.

Speaker: His. Good afternoon, commissioners. I'm beth benton, division manager for property compliance with. And here with me today is mike field, property compliance supervisor for and kyle o'brien. If we have any questions regarding our finances today, we're just going to share a very brief history of the accessory short term rental program. Just for context related to our request today. And then we're

going to provide a brief overview of improvements that we're making to this program. And last but not least, provide any answers to questions you may have of first, first accessory, short term rental program was created to allow certain types of lodging within residential properties as an accessory use and home occupation. On first accessory. Short term rentals are a home occupation use that is allowed in the zoning code. Secondly, accessory short term rental operations are accessory to a residential primary use. For example, it must remain a primary residence for the host and short term rentals of less than 30 days are considered and allowed accessory use. Additional conditions include meeting basic safety requirements for sharing residential space as as an accessory transient lodging use. Next slide please. Third, the code allows two types of acr permits or accessory short term permits for different scales or size of operation in the type. A accessory. A short term permit is an administrative review and process, while the type b actually requires a discretionary land use code. Additional use review for fourth bts also performs investigations and pursues enforce for type a and type b accessory. Short term rental operators as bts compliance efforts focus on the host only, not the platform host are responsible for complying with bts permitting requirements and fifth, finally, it is important to note that transient lodging tax is for accessory short term operators as is managed by the city's revenue bureau. So today's ordinance fee increase proposal only applies to the type a permits that administers and now to provide. I want to provide a little bit more about accessory short term rentals specifically related to our request today. Next slide please. This slide demonstrates the different aspects of a accessory, a short term rental operation and how it interfaces with other businesses and other city agencies, and who is paying for which service. If you'll notice, the top left permitting, that's kind of where it begins. The accessory short term host applies for a permit to operate. Once they have that

permit from our office, they can then pay to have online advertising with an online host. If they choose. Once it's advertised and they have a lodging guest that pays for a night or multiple nights in their accessory. Short term rental. Once those fees are collected, then they pay taxes for the lodging. So today's proposal again is narrowly focused. It's only on the step one that you see above. On next slide, please. All parties involved in this type a accessory, short term rental permitting, have wanted an online portal for submitting applications since the beginning. Back in 2014. Then in 2019, the city actually entered into a pass through agreement solely with airbnb to provide host an online portal of sorts to begin the application process with bts. However technology that was stable and able to transmit information and data from one site to another and in a format that was useful for staff was never fruitful. The pass through agreement was ultimately terminated effective this past October first, 2023. Next slide. So we are requesting a fee increase to \$360 for a two year permit, which equals \$180 a year. Cost to the host. And this is for all type a permits one and two dwelling and multi dwelling structures. And now to walk you through how we arrived at the \$360 as the new fee. I'm going to hand this presentation off to mike layfield. Next slide.

Speaker: Thank you beth so operates a cost recovery program, so fees are derived based on the cost of providing the service.

Speaker: This slide is showing you current revenues and costs associated with the program program name, and it's indicating a loss on the right hand side, we now show the same program elements with the increased type a fee and you'll see that that we are achieving a positive cost recovery.

Speaker: We rounded up the number to achieve 100% cost recovery, slightly to accommodate for our technology fee increases over time and to allow a little bit of wiggle room for any un un, un anticipate weighted costs that may come up with the

technology rollout next slide please. We did a little bit of research to show you how other jurisdictions are charging for their short term rental programs and by no means is this an exhaustive search of all short term rental programs nationwide and every jurisdiction has their own program. They have different requirements, they have different fee structures based on tax revenues. What fee percentages are necessary. So this is not exhaustive, but we did think it was helpful to illustrate where Portland would fall in with the new proposed fees. You can see that we're right in the middle of smaller and larger jurisdictions, runs with five cities charging less than Portland and five cities charging more. Our neighbor to the north city title would be around \$511. We didn't add that to the chart because they have a complicated nightly rental fee structure, but based on the average nights that a data source scrapes from airbnb, we're estimating Seattle's permit fee is \$511 per year. Next slide, please. So again, every jurisdiction does it differently. The city of Portland, a type a permit is valid for two years. Other juristic options often have a one year permit fee. So we wanted to show you what it would look like at three years for to try to make apples to apples between the two different jurisdiction options. And again, this is going to report that our proposed fee increase is coming in right in the middle of smaller and larger jurisdictions. As with about the same amount charging less and the same amount charging more. Next slide, please. So as both mentioned, one of the priorities is the new technology online portal that this proposed fee increase is going to support. And that's going to not only be beneficial for the host, but also for city staff and administering the program. Hosts will have more timely permit review process as the city will be able to stay up on the renewal period at periods at every two years. And require and receive the registration fees to support the program. Those dollars are not only just processing permit, but they're supporting staff to do compliance and designations and intake

and take enforcement action with, when necessary. Next slide, please. So that's a quick, quick overview of our fee increase proposal. It is essentially increasing the type a accessory, short term rental permit from \$180 to \$360 for a two year period. And we are it's not a non emergency and we're hoping with council support this could become effective February first, 2024. And we think we want to turn it over for questions that council may have.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio, I did have some questions I just wanted to make. I wasn't sure if you wanted to go if there was public testimony.

Speaker: I'm sorry. My mute was on again. So please ask questions. Colleagues are there any. Commissioner Gonzalez okay.

Speaker: Okay. Thanks I guess the threshold question, could you walk us through the outreach that was done to host on this fee increase. Go ahead, mike.

Speaker: So bts attended an industry event in September, a host of host industry event of short term rental hosts and we did hear a lot of support and requests for increasing the permit fee. So those those requests ranged from modest amounts to much higher amounts to ensure that our our program was able to review permits in a timely manner and also make sure that we're creating a level playing field for the hosts out there by pursuing more aggressive enforcement out of some more egregious operators.

Speaker: And is was this specific proposed increase this communicated with the opportunity to provide feedback. To host and what did that look like? So what's before us today you know the precise number when did that go out to the community and what was your engagement process with the with host on the specific proposal so that that that action did not take place?

Speaker: So this is a bit of an emergency request that the city has been in negotiating with airbnb and has recently terminated the pass through registration

agreement and the city has given a hard deadline to airbnb of December 15th to come into compliance with existing ordinance and so we understood that there was going to possibly be an influx of applications coming in in and we felt it was critical to right size the permit fee for those future applications that would come in. And we have heard a lot about what the shortcomings of the permit review timelines and we're very much wanting to address that and make some positive improvement in that area.

Speaker: Okay. I and, and I guess well, one last thing. So do we have a night occupancy tax as well that we charge? Host I was just trying to those those this area is super confusing because of the different ways communities process these fees. But I just and understanding what our host truly we pay in the community versus a Seattle or adjoining how does the what is it a nightly occupancy tax how does that play in is that reflected in your three you know, in your three year cost or is that in addition to so the transient lodging taxes are in addition and it's the same tax structure that a standard hotel operation would pay into.

Speaker: So there's a city that I think it's I don't want to say the exact number. I wish travel Portland was here. Still, they would know. But there is a city component and a county component that comprise the transient lodging tax, and that is completely separate of the permit fee, which just supports the function.

Speaker: Got it. I mean, I think at a high level, I I'm trying to get a handle on the need for emergency followed in the news, but I'm certainly not an expert on what's transpired with airbnb. Be a little bit concerned about the lack of opportunity for the public to engage on the specific price increase. It's also substantial right? We're essentially doubling at least some and in some cases are we more than doubling the fee if I got the sort of bottom part of your chart there, I just want to make sure I

followed it. I thought it was a double, but there were some areas where it seemed more than double.

Speaker: Yes, it would be more than double for the multifamily structures. Again we don't have many of those permits and that permit fee is artificial low. Um, you know, as directed by City Council back in 2014, as we started into this program administration, we were directed to keep the fees extremely low to prevent barriers to entry into this new industry. And the bureau did that. So we have not kept up with the cost to actually run this program and the shortcomings of the program have recently been highlighted. We're wanting to expose that, acknowledge it and show you what it will take to make those meaningful gains, to operate the program in a manner that I think we all want. So this is basic cost recovery for operating the program as required by city code.

Speaker: One last question. What is enforcement look like going forward? You know, because this is this is a quandary, right? We're we're passing on substantial xl mean, signif on a percentage basis fee increases to those who follow the rules, who abide by the law. Um there certainly is a perception that there's a whole bunch of people out there flouting the law and I guess just, you know, what's the current thinking on enforcement? What's really going to change here, going forward?

Speaker: Well, there's a number of things that are in play to address some of those concerns, ones so the enforcement at risk is separate than the permit review fee. One of the things that we've done with terminating the pass through registration agreement is make it a lot cleaner in terms of who has a permit, who doesn't. So we've now removed this complicated program to transmit information of posts that may be in flux. We don't know. So now we've removed that barrier. We can see who has a permit, who doesn't that makes enforcement extremely easy. We have a separate and enforcement response. We do issue citations for violations, and those

fees are separate as well. So the initial citation, it's graduated escalates to try to gain compliance. But the first citation is \$1,200 and then escalates if the violations continue past that point. We've also we are also proposing some zoning code amendments which are in the regulatory improvement project act that's out for public draft. And we're adopting, we're proposing code language to help with enforcement. So it's directly relating to things that we can easily enforce, such as advertising language, the number of bedrooms that you can promote. Because when you are trying to regulate an activity that that is very difficult. And so we know that advertise easing isn't a violation, but it is sure an interest thing concept that somebody is advertising something that might not fall within the allowed limit. So we're trying to streamline that to make sure people have clear expectations about what compliance looks like, but also set us up for more timely and overall arching enforcement community wide to address that concern.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Uh uh commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you. Um, madam president, um, I'm sympathetic to this proposal, and I really expect that I'm likely to vote for it when it comes back to this council next week. Um, at the same time, I feel like I need to make plain something, or at least attention in our policy discussions that we've had as a council, um, which is this, you know, I've heard that a majority on this council will express their interest in, um, trying to hold taxes and fees as flat, um, in some situations. In another situation is, um, we don't hold to that principle. Um, to me this points to the need for probably more nuanced discussion amongst council about what our policy around cost recovery and taxes and fees are. I'm not quite sure what principle all guides to the decisions that we make here. I don't think that's really a question. It's an observation and a discussion I look forward to having with my colleagues.

Speaker: Any other comments from colleagues? Commissioner Ryan yeah.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio. I just have a real quick question. I'm sorry if I missed it, but what was the outreach like to those who participate in this program? Um we did not have time to do direct outreach to hosts.

Speaker: Um, part of the problem with the program is that we don't know who the hosts are. So the pass through registration agreement was not successful. We have a number of operations out there in the thousands where we don't have contact information from them. So as I mentioned before, we did partner with an industry trade group host to host at that at that hearing or outreach event. We did hear support for increased permit fees to address the issues or the benefits that we've outlined in this presentation.

Speaker: Okay. Thanks, michael. Um, would be I will just say that that made me pause and want to ask more questions, but I realize this is a challenging problem you're trying to solve. It does suggest there's probably a lot of underreporting. Is that true? If we don't know who they are?

Speaker: Yes. Yes yeah. So we in trying to terminate the past agreement, we are now just treating everybody the same. All the platforms now have new responsibilities. So there there is obligations for platforms to ensure that hosts are complying and have a permit so that that is something that we introduced in 2019 seen as a way to partner with the platforms to help increase that compliance rate. So with the termination of the pass through registration agreement, we think that we're going to see a big uptick in compliance just by asking them to comply with the existing ordinance and this is a relatively new system out there and are there municipalities nationally that are that are some better practices that you're learning from?

Speaker: Is our learning community to try to figure this out? Because of your earlier statement? I'm more concerned about it than I was, so I just want to hear how

you're all connecting with one another to improve reporting and improve compliance. Well when the city of Portland adopted the program in 2014, we were first out of the gate.

Speaker: So the city of Portland was the leader in trying to adopt some local ordinances to regulate the industry where other other agencies nationwide either had no regulations or it was just flat out prohibiting. So the city of Portland engaged in this process to adopt these regulations in the zoning code to try to balance all of the needs and so we were the leader. We have stayed in touch with a lot of the other jurisdictions in fact, in the first five years, other jurisdictions were asking us to share our our experience, what we've learned. And we're using our experience to craft their own regulations. But this has really taken off. Every jurisdiction has a hand in short term rentals and they all do it differently. I can't stress that enough. It would be be a very large project to get that type of detail about how they all are similar and different because they really it's a matter of their zoning principles within their local community and really close to home.

Speaker: I'm sure that some coastal communities and some mountain communities might have some of the better practices. Now since it's such a big part of their ecosystem. Anyway, I look forward to understanding this more and supporting you, michael, and your efforts to build a better program. Thanks.

Speaker: Any final questions before we move this on to second reading? All right. Thank you, beth and michael for the presentation. And colleagues, we hear your questions and concerns and we will do our work this week to make sure that we circle back with each of you on that. So thank you for the discussion. Um so this moves to second reading. Um, so Keelan can we call the next item please?

Speaker: Am 1040 redesigned affinity groups as employee resource groups and authorize bureau of human resources to support employee resource group work and membership.

Speaker: So I don't have information on that. So presenters, please introduce yourself as. I'm debbie castleton.

Speaker: I am one of the founders of the diverse and empowered employees of Portland and I work for environmental services, doing community outreach. Is my day job.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioners. My name is christina freidenrich. She her pronouns. Thanks for having us today. I am the senior policy and program analyst for the bureau of human resources.

Speaker: Great. Good morning. Or yes, good afternoon. Please proceed. With your presentation.

Speaker: Um. Commissioner Rubio. I'm sorry, i, um. I was muted. A familiar occurrence as we go through this morning. Am cathy bless chief human resource officer and I'm going to start off this morning with a little bit and then i'll turn it over to debbie and christina and then follow you up with the end. So I'm thankful for the opportunity to present this resolution and speak in support of the diverse and empowered employees of Portland today I am sharing this presentation with debbie castleton, the founder of the diverse and empowered employees of Portland, commonly referred to as deep, and christina faden, senior policy and program analyst within my bureau. I am deeply grateful for the years of advocacy that debbie has provided within deep affinity groups and christina's work with debbie to get this across the finish line before I retire. This resolution seeks changes to an earlier resolution from January 2020. It seeks to change deep affinity groups status into employee resource groups. With this official change, deep is seeking

increases in the number of hours leaders of each employee resource group can use each month increases the hours available for how employees participate within these groups. It continues to allow volunteer hours for events and adds additional time for special projects in collaboration with bhr when they are requests for a council office or the mayor's office and so with that overview, I will turn it over to debbie to talk a little bit more about deep.

Speaker: Thank you. What is deep? This is our our mission. We are an employee driven, mostly all volunteer group of people. We don't have any paid staff for this, but we do get a few hours. Thanks to kathy back in 2020. We have approx 17 members on the deep executive committee and since the city is going through change right now, um, you know, why not add to that for employees and change deep as well. So we are actually forming instead of an executive committee, we're kind of getting rid of the hierarchical model that we've had for the past 70 plus years. We are are forming into five teams. We have an accounting, reporting and finance. We have support, we have growth grow and develop people, which would be like trainings and educational pieces, us policy advocacy and accountability and then culture and events. Those are the kinds of things that that deep has done over the years and we're just enhancing thing everyone's abilities to sort of work on teams of areas of their expertise and they can, you know, I could work on five teams at that point, but I would not lead all of them. So some of the background that we've had, we were established in 2007. You may recognize a fresh young face in this slide from 2007. Commissioner Rubio was one of our founders when she worked at mayor potter's office, so got to work with her back in. Well, I think we started in 2006, but we were formalized in 2007. We met for about a year before that. And mayor potter's office again, we're employee driven, volunteer run our fiscal sponsor at this point is the office of equity and human rights. So we work with

their accounting and budget. We have up to 25 members right now. We have 17, and that's five teams, which we've included the leaders of the ergs in that as well. Some other things in the past that we were noted for were was the leadership leader development program back in 2016 where we had. 15 members as part dissipate in that nine month program. And every single person that participated in that program advanced in their careers at the city. A couple did end up leaving the city, unfortunately, but they have advanced in their careers. Um, and now we're working with path to leadership. Um we got paid time starting January 2020. It's not much, but it's something and we were excited about that and then we had a data report by an employee and student back in 2016 that we talked about some measures of success in evaluating the affinity groups or hopefully ergs in the future. One of the goals was to increase our membership by 30% and 100% confirm our leadership of those employee resource groups. And when we reported to council back in 2015 on, we had eight groups or it was 2016, I think we had eight groups of people, our eight groups of affinity groups and an average membership of 62 people per group. And we had members of like, you know, a minimum of 5 to 120 people per group. We now have 13 groups at and we have a membership average of 169. So we have 2200 plus members and it increases every week. That's an average of 39 to 450. So our lowest number of employees participating in the Affinity groups is 39. So and that's one of our newest groups, our newest groups in the since the pandemic has been the city disability network, indigenous pdx, multicultural community and friends and the jewish city employees. Oops sorry, technical. Some of our accomplishments over the years include many presentation sessions and speakers and workshops. We've partnered with hr on policy and process s advisement and suggestions and we've held many listening sessions and provided peer support to employees as we've participated in many cultural

celebration and proclamations. Uh, we've had a couple of groups work on workforce report, and we'd like to have a workforce report study in the future budgeted for latinx pdx. That's our next thing down the plans. We do many annual events, including wonder woman awards at and like I said, we partnered, partnered with many city leaders and we had significant input on the bereavement leave, gender equity. Uh, we've worked with path to leadership group this last in this session in 2023. I think we sponsored 20 employees to participate in that. We work with. We are better together for. And then we've been working closely with the change management folks, with the city charter and being a peer support for employees on on this as well, sort of ambassadors is to help with change management because employees need the support. And then we've obviously partnered in the past on the all user restrooms. We've helped bring trans health care and then our first assignment if don't know if you remember this, commissioner Rubio with mayor potter was to come up with a list of recruitment and retention efforts, and that was our first assignment from him. And I'm still in contact with dad. Uh which is what I call him. And I saw him the other day. He's very, very excited that deep is still going so I will turn it over. Oh I'm my next, uh, thing is, the accomplishments, our proposed changes as, let's see.

Speaker: Thank you, debbie.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I'm going to expand a little bit on the purpose that kathy shared and tell you a little bit more about the value of approving this resolution today. Deep serves as an invaluable resource for employee engagement training and professional development. For example, as debbie just shared, deep supports the employee path to leadership program and host the monthly cultural events you see at city hall and this allows for both networking and awareness and education opportunity

for city employees and the public and the advocacy work towards policy improvement cannot be done without deep. I know that members have contributed hundreds, maybe thousands of hours and insight and their expertise towards the human resource, administrative roles for corrections and updates to equal employment protection laws and guidance for more inclusive practices and anti harassment and nondiscrimination for protected classes. And several years ago now, the deep advocacy supported employees in accessing critical health care coverage as members can comfortably gather to share and elevate their needs as they're an important stakeholder in the rules revision process and we know that community is created and bridged with enhanced programing like the deep offers, for example, again, a city of Portland's we are better together program connects city employees to community partners and the public through business events, through sponsored projects and learning and networking opportunities that we might not otherwise have. Love and partnership with the bureau of human resources in additional time for the members will ensure that these connections can be sustainable and continue to grow. And finally, this resolution models our values and our bureau of involvement, diversity, development, accountability, stewardship and creativity. When employees can feel included and are supported through policies, programs and means to communicate this fosters a workforce, represent of the community we serve. And given the new demographic and survey data we recently collected and published in the 2023 workplace census, we do recognize how enhancing the deep program can only increase belonging, growth and opportunity towards our vision and becoming an employer of choice. And now i'll turn it back over to debbie. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Sorry I was having problems with the running things and unmuting myself. So some of the obviously the proposed changes are changing

officially from affinity groups to ERGs, our employee resource groups, which is more of a common thing. And then the proposed time and changes, I will say, um, we started out as affinity groups because that was the term, you know, 20 years ago. And and I hadn't really heard of employee resource groups, affinity groups. The whole purpose to start was the networking and peer support and providing cultural connections, you know, mentorship, you know, sort of the basic networking of opportunity across bureaus. So it's not so siloed and we achieved that and they it was all about sharing a common identity or background. Um changing to employee resource groups. We're coming together a more shared interest and goals that align with our employer's mission and goals. We're partnering with city leaders and groups more, you know, advocating for, you know, with the listening sessions, the support for employees on a more policy issues and procedures, hours trainings, you know, really assisting with a lot more decision making and the professional and leadership development. It's really a step up. And that's we've really, you know, been doing that for the past several years, especially early during the pandemic. I think it has been critical to have that support. But there's been a lot of increased interest in renewed vigor for participating in leadership opportunities. As with other leaders. And you know, being really involved in the policy decisions and advocacy. And then I'll pass this on to Kathy to talk about the time request, the increase in time. By.

Speaker: And I'll I'll try to speed up the time so that I know you've got a few other things to, to get moving it really is about the current and the proposed it's allowing more space for these kind of activities that really value that we can really value through deep in providing insight and collaborate on allowing employees additional capacity is an important tool and knowing and understood. Adding these changes do not meaningfully impact the regular work ERG members do on behalf of the city.

Tracking within sap is available through payroll codes. It's already available, so reporting will also be available. Should we need to understand any unintended impacts and through this resolution bhr and db are committing to further collaborate on work plans and processes for reporting and participation, and this will ensure a meaningful path forward where opportunity exists. So i. I really am looking for I ask for your support in in approving this resolution. An I think this ends the presentation motion and we are happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Speaker: And I do want to thank you very much, kathy and I just want to thank you personally, kathy, for working with deep these past many years. And your advocacy and for meeting with all of the employee resource group leaders every other month and even every month, and having that access has been so critical to the success of our employees and just being approachable. And I appreciate that. And your staff as well. But I also want to tell you that just a little bit of data, Multnomah County has ten employee resource groups and they have a maximum of six hours per month that they're they get paid time for metro has three groups and they get two hours for the state of Oregon. They don't have very many groups, groups. And I helped advise them on starting their groups many years ago. So we're the one of the longest running employee, you know, affinity group organizations, and they have eight hours per month for employees to participate and then an additional eight hours for leaders. I'll just tell you that I think our ask is pretty small in comparison. So so thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues, are there any questions on this item ? Well all seeing none. I just want to I just got this and I apologize. I didn't have it at the start, but I wanted to read some comments that the mayor had planned to say. Should

he have been here? Um, mayor Wheeler wanted to quickly acknowledge human resources director kathy bliss. As we all know, kathy is director bliss is retiring after 30 years of service to the city. And today is her final day and therefore her final council appearance. So so we will celebrate you more later today. Kathy but I would be remiss to not highlight our gratitude for your dedication to service and the tremendous work you've done over the many years you have been with the city of Portland. We're a better organization for your leadership, and we will continue to benefit from the strong team that you've built that will continue to uphold the standard of excellence that you set. So on behalf of the city and all of us, we sincerely thank you. And we'll just i'll just add to that, kathy, that you have really been someone that's been so supportive and knowledgeable and patient during the years that we that I've known you and so really, really appreciate your service. So I apologize that I didn't get to say that at the beginning, but, um, we're here to acknowledge you, so thank you. All right. So with that, if there's no further discussion, this is a resolution. So um, we will call the roll Keelan. Would you please call the roll apps?

Speaker: I want to thank deep for the important work they do, and I want to thank debbie, christina, and most especially kathy for today's presentation. An I'm glad to vote on this one. Brian. Thank you.

Speaker: Yeah, that was a good presentation. Thank you. Debbie you seem like you're everywhere. Um, it's just great to see you on the screen today. And christina and yes, kathy. Uh I like that you brought up the original intent from former mayor potter in honoring him to get this started. And I like that there was his original lens, and I'm not surprised was to improve recruitment and retention efforts. So it I think the word resources is the right word because this is a resource force and we have to make sure that we see those improvements to the overall culture because we

have these types of investments. I would ask that you figure out how to provide metrics that show that that give us the lens of how we're doing in those areas and continue to be transparent about that. And then hopefully we can equate these investors of resources in to the culture that is the employees that work here, that serve the public and how important it is to have this type of investment of resources for these affinity groups. Wait, I'm not supposed to call that anymore. The resource employee resource groups. I'll stop saying the other anyway, thank you for the report. I vote yea this the resolution. So happy to support the diverse members of our workforce at the city of Portland.

Speaker: I vote yea yea. Rubio.

Speaker: I just want to thank kathy and christina for their presentation and of course, kathy for her leadership and debbie and for your leadership and it's just I can't tell you how how appreciative and how how wonderful it is to see the growth of deep over many, many years. And I remember those early meetings all those years ago, lunchtime meetings around the mayor's conference table to plan on what was the first iteration of deep and now to see just how many hundreds and thousands of employees that feel supported and connected through this strong network is really inspiring. And truly one of the things that gives our city the edge. We really have great employees that take care of each other and help each other in this workplace. So very excited to vote. I and I look forward to seeing what's next for deep. Okay. So thank you. Thank you, everyone. And so on that note, if Keelan can we take a five minute break to give folks a break and then be back and finish with the rest of our agenda? Great great. Okay, we'll see everyone back in five minutes.

Speaker: All right. Item 1042, authorized, competitive solicit action and contract with the lowest trillion responsive and responsible bidder and provide payment for

construction of the northeast. Portland urgent sewer rehabilitation project. E11487 for an estimated cost of \$1,263,000. Mr. Mapps.

Speaker: Uh, thank you, madam president. Colleagues, this item comes to us from the bureau of environmental services. This ordinance authorizes environmental services to rebuild. Était 977ft of pipe that carries sewage and stormwater in the sullivan's gulch and irvington neighborhoods. This area of northeast Portland has a history of repeated sewer pipe breakage and tree root intrusion in addition, these pipes are aging and at risk of failure and too small for current and future needs. This project will cost approximately \$1.2 million and construction is expected to begin in January of 2024. Now, here to tell us more about this ordinance, we have lisa huntington and engineering manager with environmental services. We also have james wells, a project manager and designer with environmental services us. And finally, we are joined by terrence chan, the engineering the engineer of record with environmental services. Welcome team bts thank you very much, commissioners and I'm just going to go ahead and share a short presentation in the interest of time.

Speaker: So hopefully I can keep it brief. Um, hopefully you all can see that looks like it's working. Good. All right. So let me get started. So as commissioner Mapps mentioned, this is the northeast port Portland urgent sewer rehabilitation project. E11487. Terrence chan p is the engineer of record on the project site. I'm james wells. I'm a senior engineering associate with the bureau of environmental services. I'm the project manager and designer for this project. So I'm going to begin with a short project overview. So this project is to project areas that have been combined under one project number. It is part of bs maintenance, maintenance, capital construction program, which deals with pipes that are more urgent than would require for inclusion in our capital improvement program projects. So in other

words, we want to get these projects done faster if possible. So the first project area is in the Sullivans Gulch neighborhood between Northeast Multnomah Street from Northeast 17th Avenue to Northeast 19th Avenue. This section is 238ft of pipe. That's existing as 12 inch pipe that will be upsized to 21 inch pipe to hold the current capacity for the system. In addition, in this area, we're going to do two catch basins address for private sewer connections and add a new maintenance access hole. So I provided a map from public involvement that shows the project area here. You can see it kind of goes across the intersection of 19th Avenue. Additionally we are going to provide two ADA ramps on 19th Avenue at the corners there, which will require the removal of a large diseased tree. We'll move on to the little overview map. You can see to the west here is Lloyd's Center. So this project area is just to the east of Lloyd Center, the second project area is a little further north in the Irvington neighborhood, and it runs between Northeast Martin Luther, Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard and Northeast Seventh Avenue. This project is a little, little more pipe. So 739ft of the of the pipe is in this area which will be upsized from the existing 10 inch to 12 inch pipe. Additionally we there are two catch basins that are going to be constructed. There are 26 private connections in this area. It's a very you know, very populated neighborhood. There's a couple of large apartment buildings in the area and a lot of homes. And we're also going to add three new maintenance access in this project. So another little quick overview. You can see Martin Luther King on the left hand are on the west side here. This is the former Nike store, which is now closed and going east over to Seventh Avenue. So just as a quick overview for our public involvement, we have sent project notifications to about 1300 residents in both the project areas. Electronic updates have been provided to the project mailing list. We also have the projects updates posted on Nextdoor for the neighborhoods involved. There are two separate project websites.

Public involvement felt it would be less confusing for the public than since the areas are separated by about a mile and a half. Um to separate them, we have received some responses on the public involvement side and they've actually been kind of centered around and trimet actually on Multnomah and some concerns about the speed and the effect on our maintenance hole lids from the trimet busses. So we encourage those residents to reach out to trimet and express those concerns. Hopefully they will get addressed. Um so moving on to the engineer's estimate, it's 1.263 million as was outlined earlier, we have a high confidence level on this estimate. A lot of work design work has been done on this project. We're hoping to advertise this project after our ordinance is approved. We're pretty much good to go with the final project package hoping to begin construction end of January, beginning of February. That's this 2023 meant 2024. Apologies for the typo and then the construction duration will be 120 days. And with that, i'll open the floor up for any questions. Thank you all for your time.

Speaker: Thank you. Colleagues any questions? Is there any public testimony for this item? Keelan

Speaker: No one signed up. Okay commissioner Mapps, would you have anything to add?

Speaker: Um, no. I want to thank my team for today's presentation. This is a great project. Pretty straight forward. I think this probably goes to second reading now.

Speaker: Okay, great. So since this is a first reading, yes, it will move to second reading. Keelan can you please call the next item?

Speaker: Am 1043 vacate a portion of northeast 24th avenue south of northeast columbia boulevard, subject to certain conditions and reservations.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Colleagues this item comes to us from pbot. The purpose of this ordinance is to vacate a portion of northeast 24th avenue, located between northeast columbia boulevard and the union pacific railroad. This portion of northeast 24th is not currently improved to the city of Portland standards and does not connect to any other public street other than columbia boulevard. Pbot has determined that we no longer need this area for street purposes and recommends returning this section of northeast 24th to private control. I'm here to tell us more about this project. We have kevin boec a pbot right of way program supervisor. Welcome, kevin.

Speaker: Kevin, you're muted.

Speaker: Thanks. Keelan sorry.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Mapps for introducing the street vacation. Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is kevin boec. I'm a program supervisor in pbot right of way management and services group here to discuss the proposed vacation of northeast 24th avenue, south of northeast columbia boulevard. Next slide, please. Here's an image showing in yellow. The area proposed to be vacated. The area is 19,023ft², or approximately 0.44 acres. Next slide, please. This area along northeast columbia boulevard is primarily an industrial neighborhood. The section of street at northeast 24th avenue is currently paved. However it is not open to through traffic due to the union pacific railroad spur track along the southern portion of northeast 24th avenue. This vacation will create two dead end segments of the public street. Next slide, please. Here's a recent photo showing the area to be vacated. This is from northeast 24th avenue, looking north again, this street serves the industrial businesses and parcels adjacent to northeast 24th avenue. Next slide, please. Here's a recent photo showing the area to be vacated. This is from northeast 24th street, looking south. Next slide, please. City bureaus

are in support of this vacation and have responded with minor conditions of approval. Pbot transportation planning and development review is requesting a reduction in the size of the vacation area to accommodate frontage improvements along northeast columbia boulevard. Pbot permit engineering is requiring a 30% concept review phase, along with bonding contract in place for future construction of a 12 foot wide pedestrian corridor and driveway improvements along northeast columbia boulevard. Next slide, please. Pbot transportation system management is requiring pedestrian petitioner install eastbound white dotted line markings and two way left hand turn pavement markings on northeast columbia boulevard in addition, existing street name and dead end signs and posts must be removed. Pbot right of way management permitting is required. Owners at 23, ten, 23, 22, 23, 30, 24, 20 and 2600. Northeast columbia boulevard addresses dedicate five feet along the frontage for sidewalk improvements, which will add on to the existing seven foot sidewalk sidewalk for a 12 foot wide pedestrian corridor. Next slide, please. Bs is requesting a 20 foot wide public sewer easement over the existing agent sanitary sewer facility running down the middle of 24th northeast. 24th avenue. No parking signs and striping will be required over the existing maintenance hole. And finally, union pacific railroad is requesting an access easement within northeast 24th avenue in order to access the existing spur track along the southern portion of the street area that serves the amalgamated sugar property. The petitioner will also grant an access easement to amalgamated sugar along the southwestern portion of the street area for the same spur track. Next slide, please. Commissioners, thank you for your time and considering the street vacation ordinance at this time, I can respond to any questions you may have.

Speaker: Thank you. Keelan is there any public testimony for this item?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Okay jim brady. For joining us online.

Speaker: There we go. Can you hear me now? Yes. Okay. Sorry about that. A little technology challenged. I'm jim brady. I'm the president of arctic sheet metal. Um, we're and should have, uh, thank you for having me. Commissioners and staff. Um, I just wanted to give you a why. Uh to think about why we're. Why we need the street. We're a we're a going on a 50 year old Portland business. We we're a good actor. We have over 100 living wage jobs. We are a training agent for three different apprenticeships registered in the state. We do a lot of public works building construction. We're doing the Portland airport concourse renovation mission. Right. Um and we're growing. We're, I'm at the end of my career. I've got my landing gear down. But, but this, this is a good company that is growing and we're out of space. And so by having this street vacation, reverting back to the property owners allows us to build to those right of way lines and that we're going to do we're going to build more shops and have more training space and thanks for considering this vacation. It's good for the city it's good for us. Uh great.

Speaker: Thank you, jim.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps anything you'd like to add?

Speaker: I just want to thank jim for, uh, testifying today and being such a great partner as we try to move this project forward. And also thank kevin for his presentation and want to acknowledge everyone else who worked on this project. It's clearly common sense that allows us to support business and grow businesses. I'm really excited about it.

Speaker: Okay. And thank you. Thank you. And if there's no council discussion, any colleagues, any questions or comments, seeing none. Uh, this is a first reading, so it will move on to second reading. Keelan can we move on to the next item please?

Speaker: 1044 authorize intergovernmental agreement with energy northwest for operations and maintenance services for the Portland hydroelectric project. For \$8,161,810. And president Rubio, did you want me to read the second item as well? Sure. For this.

Speaker: This item 1045 amend intergovernmental agreement with Portland general electric company for operation and maintenance services for the Portland hydroelectric project. For \$1,250,000.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps. Uh uh.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Colleagues these these two items come to us from the water bureau and the bureau of hydroelectric power. Now, this first ordinance authorizes the water bureau and the bureau of hydro electric power to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with energy northwest for operations and maintenance services for the Portland hydro electric project under this first ordinance, energy northwest will continue to provide essential services that allow the city to generate clean energy and meet its contractual obligations. The second ordinance authorizes new funds, which will be added to an existing agreement with Portland general electric to continue to repair maintenance and wildfire mitigation services for the Portland hydroelectric project. We are here today to tell us more about these two ordinances. We have david peters, who is an engineer manager for special projects for the water bureau. And I will turn it over to david now. Okay thank you, commissioner Mapps appreciate the introduction.

Speaker: Uh, commissioners, um, happy to be here to share a little bit of information about these proposed and adjusted to our agreements for the Portland hydroelectric project. And I have just a couple slides that I would like to share and. Hopefully you can see that now.

Speaker: Uh, so, so I just have a couple slides on each of the ordinances that are being proposed and uh, first, just a little bit of overview about, about the Portland hydroelectric project.

Speaker: The project consists of two hydroelectric powerhouses which are located at our the water bureau's two dams, dam one and dam two up in the bull run watershed about 25 miles east of town. These powerhouses have combined capacity of about 36mw.

Speaker: So they're able to generate that much electricity. The power generated from these facilities is sold to Portland. General electric, and we're in a current power purchase agreement with pge that extends through 2032. The energy northwest contract is for the operations and maintenance of the powerhouses and generators themselves, the parts that actually generate the electricity. The agreement with Portland, general electric, it's with their distribution services group and they actually provide the line maintenance and repairs and upgrades for the ten miles of transmission main between the powerhouses and Portland. General electric's distribute grid. Um, just a fun fact about the Portland hydro project. We produce enough electricity to power roughly 10,000 homes each year and the hydroelectric plants are just a great resource for the city. Its carbon free energy that's produced. There's no air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions that are generated by these facilities and they're located on on the dams that are already there in place to provide a reservoir for our drinking water. So just a few bits about each contract. So the energy northwest intergovernmental agreement, as I mentioned, energy northwest provides the operation and maintenance of the powerhouses, which is critical to having power that we can actually sell to Portland. General electric, the current inter governmental agreement that we have with them is expiring and with that happening, uh, we worked with energy northwest and

made some minor adjustments to the terms and conditions of the contract. And then we'll be funding that contract as part of this ordinance. Um, this is specialized work to work on powerhouses and generators of this size and the water and hydro bureaus do not have the capability to perform those services, those services themselves. So and this is a critical service to us being able to generate that power. They keep them running and the energy moving that we sell back to pge. So the request today or next week, guess this is going on to a second reading would be to authorize a new intergovernmental agreement with energy northwest just over \$8 million for a five year period. And the start date on that would actually be July one of 2024. So we current contract will, uh, will go through this fiscal year and this will begin in July of next year. In regards to Portland, general electric, as I mentioned, this is with Portland, general electric, their distribution services group. And so they provide maintenance, repair and upgrades for wildfire mitigation on the 57 kilovolt high voltage power line. That comes off our our generator and ties to Portland general electric's distribution grid. Um that that the maintenance and repair includes a number of things there's tree trimming but there's repairs to the power lines when they get damaged and there's been upgrades to wildfire mitigation on the power lines and the power poles. Um, and so they do a variety of services as part of this agreement. The current intergovernmental agreement is expired because the funding has run out. Um, as soon as we provide additional funding under that contract, the same terms and agreements will remain in place. And so what we're requesting today is just an amendment to that existing agreement that provides additional funding that would fund the current year and then the next four years we are asking that this would be an emergency ordinance so it would go into effect after your vote. Um to be able to continue work that's been. Well to continue the work because the money is currently expiring. So we'd like to continue

the work that's been going and also get caught up on some of the basic maintenance work that we delayed because we had been talking with pge about upgrades to this agreement in terms of better managing the wildfire mitigation. We're still talking with them about those pieces of work. But have agreed to some basic wildfire mitigation activities that would get started with the passage of this ordinance. Um, again, this is specialty work, working around the 57 kilovolt high voltage lines require special certifications. The water and hydro bureaus do not have these capabilities and it is critical for us to continue to provide that service and get the power to pge that they're purchasing from us. So that's a high level overview of these contract acts and would be happy or I guess the request before I jump to questions is, um, so again, authorizing additional funds to an existing agreement, no change in the terms and conditions. The amount we're requesting is \$1.25 million and that would be for the next five year period with the start date up on passage. So at this point i'll open it up to any questions you might have.

Speaker: Are there any questions from my colleagues? Keelan is there any public testimony for these two items?

Speaker: Yeah, we had one person sign up for 1045 timothy paul o'toole uh, but they did not.

Speaker: They didn't. They're not here. Okay so no testimony. All right.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps. Anything you'd like to add?

Speaker: I want to thank david for today's presentation and I also want to clarify at least how I hope the run of show is going to go next. Uh, 1044 is the iga with with energy northwest. That's that goes on to second reading. Um and then we have 1045, which is an iga with Portland general electric. We made that a, an emergency ordinance. So I'm hoping that we can vote on that today. But before I the only question I have and the before we, I turn it over to my colleagues for more

discussion is, david, can you remind us one more time why we're voting on 1045 today as an emergency ordinance? Yes.

Speaker: So there reason we're doing that is the funding has run out under the contract. So the funding will allow us to continue the work that we've been doing on repair and maintenance of the power lines. It will allow us to continue work on the wildfire mitigation work on those lines and power poles that we want to get done before the next wildfire season. So now's a good time to do that. And it's also there's some tree trimming that regular maintenance that hasn't taken place over the past year while we've been negotiating some of these conditions with pge and this would allow us to get caught up on on that work.

Speaker: Great. Thank you, david. And let me just dig into one other thing. So david, we're doing 1045 partly in order to help stave off wildfires, have we had a wildfire in this area recently ? Yes.

Speaker: Not not but not not generated by a power line.

Speaker: Yeah, not generated.

Speaker: But we did have a wildfire in the watershed this past summer as you're aware. Yeah, absolutely.

Speaker: A colleagues asked that question, partly because this is an important safety measure. Yeah. I'm not sure how tuned in everyone on council is on this, but we had a significant wildfire in this watershed quite recent. We really potentially a dangerous situation both for public safety and public health. One of the reasons why it's important for us to take the safety precautions which are embedded in 1045. And with that, madam president, I have no more questions.

Speaker: Great. So at this point, not so. We'll take 1044 first. So since this is a first reading, this item will move on to second reading. So now at 1045, um, if there is,

are there any further discussion questions before we move on to a vote on this emergency ordinance? Seeing none. Keelan can you please call the roll apps?

Speaker: Want to thank david for today's presentation? I vote yea yea. Ryan. Hi.

Speaker: Gonzalez hi. Miele hi.

Speaker: So it passes both items pass, so congratulations. Thank you, david. Thank you. Keelan can we move on to the next item please?

Speaker: Item 1046 authorized bid solicitation and contract with lowestrillionesponsive and responsible bidder for construction of the thompson elk fountain restoration project for an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. Mr. Maps. Your mute commissioner.

Speaker: Sorry about that. Thank you very much. Colleagues, let me review the runner show here. I'm going to introduce an ordinance here which deals with the restoration of the elk statue. Um, i'll provide some context on this. We'll have staff and guests give a presentation soon. I'm not sure or I don't think we have any public testimony on this. Um, if my colleague are comfortable making, um, this item before us today and our emergency ordinance, I may introduce an amendment to do that. Uh, commissioner Ryan, I saw your hand up. Do you want to say something now?

Speaker: Yeah, I wanted to make sure that we did an emergency amendment, so. Yeah, great.

Speaker: Uh, do you want to, uh. Should we introduce that amendment before we hear the presentation? Or should we go through the presentation? And whatever public testimony we might have and then do the emergency amendment?

Speaker: I think we did our job by being transparent. That that's what we're going to do. But let's move on with the presenters. I think we can do it at the end. All right, great.

Speaker: Thank you, colleagues, for that indulgence and that dialog. Um, as I mentioned, colleagues, this item comes to us from the water bureau. This ordinance lays the groundwork for the return of the thompson elk fountain to downtown Portland, the thompson elk fountain is the second oldest piece of public art in the city of Portland. Now, as we all know, the elk fountain was damaged in July of 2020 and subsequently removed from its original location at southwest main street between third and fourth avenues in may of 2022. Council directed bureaus to take the necessary steps to restore and return turn the elk fountain to its original condition and location, which brings us to the ordinance before us today. This ordinance authorizes the water bureau to solicit bids to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the thompson elk fountain restoration project. The estimated cost of this contract is \$1.5 million. I'm here to tell us more about this item. We have jody inman, who is the water bureau's chief engineer. We also have david along, an engineering manager with the water bureau and finally, we are joined today by jessica green with the Portland parks foundation. And with that colleagues, I will turn the floor over to staff to tell us more about this ordinance.

Speaker: Thank you very much, commissioner Mapps and the City Council. Thanks for sticking with us this afternoon and want to give some appreciation to our guests that are here and have stuck with us through a very long council hearing. So I am jodie inman. I'm the chief engineer of the Portland water bureau, and I just want to say the item before you today is a fairly routine one. It is a request to be able to go out to bid for construction of a project. What is not routine is this project nor the collaboration between the city and the community that has allowed this project to happen and has enabled us to be here today. The public private partnership that has been demonstrated by all parties involved with this project has been

phenomenal and is a true success, one that not often do. We always get to go to council and say, look at how we are beating the goals that we have set before us and we have done it together. So I could not be happier to be here. Joined by a large team of dedicated and passionate individuals. Can I go to the next slide? So we have individuals here today who have made this happen from Portland parks foundation, the Portland parks and recreation pbot office of management and finance, rac and the water bureau. So so I would like you to hear from a couple of the individuals who were key drivers in making this project happen, happen and getting us to where we are today. So I'm going to pass this over to david olavi from the Portland lawyer. David thanks, jody.

Speaker: My name is david along engineering manager at the Portland water bureau. I want to give you guys a brief recap of how we got here and where we're going to go with this ordinance. Here you'll see some of the earliest photographs taken of the thompson elk fountain from when it was first completed in 1900. The fountain was built to serve Portland's working animals by providing them abundant gravity fed water from the bull run watershed. And as you can see, animals of all kinds drank deep from the ford trots on the four cardinal points in the fountain. On the next slide in 2020, the elk fountain, due to its unique location downtown, became a rally point for protest. At the same time to limit the spread of covid. Water was turned off on all city fountains and bubblers. And this led to the same dry trots the fed, the animals to be used as fire pits jordan nightly protests. These raging fires caused extensive damage to the fountain stonework. Next slide. On July 2nd, 2020, rac removed the bronze elk and on July 17th, 2020, the Portland water bureau salvaged the remaining stonework for safekeeping. Next slide. The elk statue was restored and stored by rac while the salvaged stonework was cleaned, cataloged and stored by the Portland water bureau. And next slide. Direction for

the next step was provided by City Council in 2022, directing bureaus to fully restore and return the thompson elk fountain to its original condition and location to the extent possible, council further provided 1.5 million of general funds to complete the restoration project. It with this direction. The Portland water bureau immediately began to assemble a one city multi bureau project delivery team with experts not only from the water bureau, but also from the attorney's office procurement office, the city arts program risk pbot parks bts, rac and the Portland parks foundation. And it was the inclusion of the Portland parks foundation that really radically transformed the project delivery timeline. The foundation's donation of the project design to the city not only saves project funding, but also accelerates the project and we expect will enable the city to award the construction contract by summer of 2024. And here to tell the story of their unique role in this project and elements of the project design is jessica green of the Portland parks foundation. Next slide. Thanks, david.

Speaker: And good afternoon, commissioners. Um, as david said, I'm jessica green on the Portland parks interim executive director, and I've worked here for seven years. And so with that, um, I just want to share that is honored to have developed this public private partnership to restore and return the thompson elk fountain to its historic home. As david touched on earlier, the landmark thompson fountain is unique to Portland. It's an animal, not a president or another historic person. And it was also for animals. David thompson commissioned it as a fountain where working animals could drink, but he also commissioned it to honor the humane society, for which he had co-founded. And as we heard, it's a fountain in the middle of the street. So putting an elk statue on top of a fountain in the middle street may have been easy. In 1900, but as we're learning, it's ice. It requires several city bureaus and rac to put it back on in 2024. And so that's a pretty exotic thing by any

measure. So these kinds of public private partnerships are dna. We've been doing them for over 22 years. Um, and key to this success really are four things that I want to call out today. First is the persistent advocacy on part of the community, and second is the longtime civic advocate rhonda hoffman's grant to develop a feasibility study that really provided the roadmap and an estimate the cost to restore the fountain to its original location. Third is City Council's unanimous vote in may 2022 to restore the fountain subsequently to that, the hiring of one of the west coast's leading preservation design firms to do the feasibility study. So once everyone understood how to restore the elk and how much it would cost, first we developed a partnership with the city for how fast we could get it done. So if the city allocated the money to this year's budget and pledged to complete the work in 2024, then we could fast track the completion of the design and engineering. So in may 2023, you did your part. You voted you inanimacy to fund the restoration and return of the elk per feasibility study. And just days after that vote, our donors stepped up to fund the 100% contract drawings, accelerating the elk's return by 6 to 12 months. Um, and you know, for these last two years, ppf has really worked with the offices of commissioners dan Ryan mingus Mapps and carmen Rubio, along with city arts program manager jeff hawthorne, to find a path where multiple bureaus and community advocates could walk together to. It's really exciting. And next slide. So so since the vote in may 2023 and the completion of the feasibility study, ppf was able to hire aag again to complete the contract drawings. And so with the same design team working today, they they are adhering to a few important design objectives to guide their work that I want to share an update about. So the original elk fountain is a historic landmark and so the drawings carefully follow the secretary of interior standards for the preservation of historic landmarks. All of the parts were that were salvageable were restored. Nine of the

52 pieces that comprise the fountain were beyond repair. But but excitedly, they will be refabricated with the same granite from the vermont quarry where the original stone came from. And then the stones will be covered with a sacrificial graffiti coating to protect them from graffiti. Um additionally, the elk used to be held in place by a single belt, but the new design seismically stabilized the elk so that it will now be engineered to withstand an earthquake shock. And then the design also restores the lights that once shined on it. And lastly, the fountain being decorative, not interactive. At this point. Um, per per commissioner Mapps request, we are adding a recirculate water pump that will save an estimated \$37,000 a year. Next slide. So with the recirculating water pump is actually buried in the street and won't affect the fountain at all. But again, it will save approximately 7 million gallons of water a year or \$37,000 per year by recirculating the water, which is equivalent to approximately 146 single family homes and just yesterday, um, aag was able to submit 90% drawings to Portland water bureau. And so we are on schedule and on budget for, for getting the elk restored. And I think, um, I would just like to take a moment to thank maya foti and stacy moy and their team at aag for their excellent work through this process. And then thanking susan, amber and david along and the team at Portland water bureau, along with representatives of parks pbot, rec and omf and everybody who's brought their best game for doing this work as thoroughly and as quickly as possible. Also important to thank william hawkins, who advocated every step of the way and really got the ball rolling with an article and the first contribution back in 2020, as well as board of directors and randy gragg, former executive director, who all provided great leadership since the beginning and lastly, but not least, the 65 patrons who made this work possible with gifts ranging from \$10 to 50,000. Think what you've heard today is that it's really been a true collaborative community effort and is honored to be a part of it.

So thank you for your time today and want to pass it back to the water bureau chief engineer jodie inman.

Speaker: Thank you, jessica. And thank you, david, and thank you. To go to the next slide and thank you again to every single person that advocated and supported and helped drive this project to be here. With that, that ends our presentation and we are available for questions. Thank you, colleagues.

Speaker: Any questions on this item? Commissioner Mapps, do you have anything to add?

Speaker: Well, if commissioner Ryan has his hand up, so why don't we hear from him?

Speaker: My apologies, commissioner Ryan. Oh yeah, real quick.

Speaker: That was a great presentation. Thank you, jessica. We're giving details. I want to make sure everyone hears the date. You said we're on schedule on budget. Tell me the scheduled date where we can all celebrate the opening back up roughly.

Speaker: Yes. Roughly. We are aiming for end of 2024 and next year.

Speaker: All right. Around this time next year for. Let's hope we can. Yeah see that reef around the neck of the elk once again. All right. Sounds good. And why have the floor I move that we move this item to an emergency vote. May I get a second?

Speaker: Second. Let me ask Keelan or I see Keelan has a has her finger up.

Speaker: Please tell us what to do here.

Speaker: You want a more formal motion? Keelan

Speaker: Um, I just need you to state for the record the reason why you want to add the emergency clause.

Speaker: Okay. To keep on schedule. And this is long overdue. And if commissioner Ryan, if I might add, a friendly addition to the rationale here, I want to if this project is delayed, it's going to cost us more money.

Speaker: So by making it an emergency, we do what we can to contain cost in this space.

Speaker: Great. Okay. So now we can call for a vote.

Speaker: A vote on the amendment.

Speaker: Okay. Maps. I Ryan hi, gonzales.

Speaker: That was i. Yea. Rubio.

Speaker: Hi. So amendment it carries passes and so now we will vote on the whole ordinance. So can you please call the roll apps?

Speaker: I just want to thank staff for today's presentation. I want to thank all of my colleagues on council for helping us get to this moment today. As we heard during this presentation, this is truly an interdisciplinary effort. I know this particular project is near and dear to each and every person on this council and in the city of Portland, which is why I'm so glad to vote. I yea. Ryan. Yeah, this is a great day.

Speaker: It's wonderful to finally get to this place. Wonderful presentation. Jessica. Thanks for providing so much detail about the process and really lifting a couple. One, will hawkins that was wonderful to have you lift him in particular for. I learned a lot by connecting with will on this project and your entire board at the parks foundation. If it wasn't for your leadership and you and randy, your predecessor, we wouldn't have 65 patrons that rallied. And it is a good Portland story to see people coming together from the grassroots, connecting with government and, you know, also the seismic stabilization in commissioner Mapps, making sure the water is recirculated. But because as myself and others have been quite involved in conversation around monuments, it's I'm so grateful. It's an animal. Um, going forward animals over people for sure. Right it's easier on everyone's tolerance and excitement. So if you can't get behind the elk, I don't know what to do with you. So

let's hope that all Portlanders celebrate at the return of the elk next year at this time. I vote yea.

Speaker: What else?

Speaker: So excited to see this moving forward. Thanks to staff for a comprehensive report vote I mean, I too want to join in sharing my excitement.

Speaker: Thank you commissioner Mapps and the water bureau for your work on this. And thank you to Portland parks or to the parks foundation and all all the folks that worked so hard and cared so deeply about this. It really, truly made the difference, I think, in getting us to this point today. And I also want to lift up, commissioner Ryan, your advocacy and your core, you being the core driver on the city side for this. You kept us moving forward on this. And I just want to really appreciate you today as well. So thank you for that. And we'll look forward to celebrating next year. So I'm happy to vote I and the ordinance is adopted. So Keelan next item. Thank you, everyone at item 1047 authorized settlement of ontrack homes, llc versus city of Portland litigation. For \$55,635 commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, madam president. Colleagues this item comes to us from the water bureau. Here is the background on this item. In 2021, the city sold a vacant lot owned by the water bureau. Now after the fact, the city became aware of errors in that sale and after participating in a mediation process, the city attorney's office, the water bureau and ontrack homes reached the settlement before us today. This matter is being resolved for a total payment of \$55,000. And \$655,635. Here to tell us more about this ordinance, we have gabriel gabe solmer, who is the director of the water bureau. And we are also joined by danny bennett with the city attorney's office. Welcome, staff. Take it away.

Speaker: Thank you very much, commissioner, for good afternoon, madam president. Commissioners, again, my name is danny wagner. I'm a senior deputy city attorney and the city's appellate counsel in this case, commissioner Mapps has really summarized this case very ably. The only thing that I would note is, again, and this is explaining the ordinance, the to the dispute really had to do with what exact plea the plaintiff in this case thought that they were purchasing the property that was sold by the city was valued at the time at approximately \$73,000. The plaintiffs offered and paid \$150,000 for that property. And so really, the bulk of this settlement consists mostly of a refund of the difference between what the plaintiffs thought they were paying for and what they actually paid with the property was worth. And I'm happy to answer any other questions by the council before I turn it over to director silver.

Speaker: I will just add quickly that the source of funding for the settlement amount is in the budget allocated to the water bureau for the 2324 budget. So that is already available and I would recommend a payment in the amount of \$55,635 to resolve this case without any further legal proceedings. Thank you. Great.

Speaker: Is there any other public testimony for this?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Okay. So since this is a first reading. Oh, I'm sorry. Colleagues, do you have any questions on this item and commissioner Mapps anything further? Okay this is a first reading, so we'll move on to second reading. Thank you. Keelan. Can you call the next item, please?

Speaker: Am 1048 amend elections code to align with the amended city charter approved by voters in Portland. Measure 26 228.

Speaker: Okay. Commissioner. Auditor madam auditor rede.

Speaker: Hi. Good morning. This is Louise Hanson, the city elections officer. This is a second reading of our proposed code amendments. Again, these are primarily to increase and historical updates and align our elections practices with the new form of government and changes to the city charter and our amendments are, you know, to hopefully provide clarity, better align with state law and to increase the ease of administration. Great

Speaker: So thank you, Louise, since this is the second reading and if there's no further discussion, colleagues, do you have any questions or discussion? Okay, Keelan would you please call the roll. Yes. Hi Brian.

Speaker: Hi, Miss Alice.

Speaker: Hi, yea. Rubio. Hi.

Speaker: The ordinance is adopted and colleagues, that concludes our. Oh I apologize. Yes oh, yes.

Speaker: I am sorry, Madam President. I was just noticing that ordinance 1047 the matter in which I testified, and that was actually an emergency ordinance, I believe. Okay. Um as I'm seeing that there is an emergency clause in the ordinance, but. Is it legal counsel's advice that we, we see?

Speaker: I think the paper in front of us, it doesn't list it that way. Is it counsel's advice that we make this an emergency ordinance so I would defer to actually our council attorney on this.

Speaker: Maybe I have the wrong version of the ordinance, but I printed item 1047, at least the version that I have do have does have an emergency clause.

Speaker: So I am seeing an emergency clause in this ordinance. Once you click through the link, the only thing that was incorrectly displayed was just on the website. In the parentheses it doesn't say emergency ordinance with the what was published to the public says that this is an emergency ordinance. So I think that

that's appropriate and acceptable. I'll so just. So can you clarify Keelan then what are our next steps here?

Speaker: Uh, I think council can just make a motion to amend the item to add the emergency clause, just to cover all of our bases. Um, but i'll defer to an sure.

Speaker: I think that that would be a really conservative approach just to make sure that no one is, is upset by this.

Speaker: Okay, madam president, I move that we make 1047 an and out of an a.

Speaker: Madam president, out of an abundance of caution, uh, I move that we make 1047 an emergency ordinance. And the reason why I'm doing that is because of, um, it looks like a scrivener's error.

Speaker: Okay. Is there a second?

Speaker: Second? Okay

Speaker: Can we call the roll Keelan on an emergency ordinance? That's I am.

Speaker: Hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Hi, camille.

Speaker: Hi. So it passes us. So now what does that mean? Do we have to vote again? Yeah, please call the roll on the whole ordinance. Hi Ryan.

Speaker: Hi, gonzales.

Speaker: Hi, camille.

Speaker: Hi. Okay, so it passes and now we are officially adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

Speaker: Uh, madam president, I'm not sure. Did we vote? Did we vote on 1048? I might have gotten so I thought we did.

Speaker: Or did we vote on 1040?

Speaker: I don't even remember, to tell you the truth. Plus, we have two items that are pulled from, uh, I think we did in louise.

Speaker: I don't think Louise would have left if we didn't vote.

Speaker: I'll defer to Keelan on this one. I can't remember either what we did.

Speaker: I think we did, but I'm reviewing really quick to make sure that we completed the vote. Um and then as far as the consent items, those were both referred.

Speaker: Okay, we already have one.

Speaker: So I'm referring that back to my office, am handled earlier.

Speaker: I am getting confirmation that the vote was completed. For 48.

Speaker: All right, so we are adjourned. Thank you.

Speaker: We get to eat lunch now. All right, colleagues, um, I'm flexible on this one.

Speaker: We're supposed to be back in this room in at 2:00. Would would anyone be interested in extending our lunch hour or lunch? Half hour by 15 minutes, or do we want to just come back at two?

Speaker: I have to leave early, so I'd rather just get back at two. That's fine. And okay.

Speaker: So we'll see you back here at two. Thanks, everyone. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you.

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Speaker: Good afternoon. Keelan, please call the roll.

Speaker: Aps. Here yea. Rubio. Here, Ryan. Here.

Speaker: Wheeler. Here. Now we'll hear from Lauren on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon. Lauren

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person.

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Speaker: Thank you. Uh first up, we're going to go to the item that, uh, the council was unable to get to this afternoon. It's a second reading. It's been renumbered 1052. Okay that's the sorry.

Speaker: Isn't that correct?

Speaker: It was 1041. But because it was moved to the afternoon agenda, it's been renumbered to 1052. Correct

Speaker: Exactly.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Create five non unrepresented classifications to support the transit open to the government structure supported by city charter and establish compensation. Compensation ranges for these classifications.

Speaker: Very good. And this is a second reading. But I understand commissioner Gonzalez you wanted to have a conversation on this item.

Speaker: Is he here?

Speaker: I don't think he's arrived.

Speaker: All right. Second reading. Call the roll. Ups. I for me, I fine.

Speaker: Yes. Um I want to start off by thanking, um, a team yesterday that met with us, led by sean shauna. And it was a very good conversation. Commissioner um, gonzales was in that conversation as well. And I want to go back to my conversation that I had with the original charter commission that brought all of these changes to us. I'd always ask them about the organization chart, like, it's my experience that when you're doing any system change, it really starts with a very thorough analysis of the organization chart and in my experience on this council and trying to move work in the city, that's a very important place to start. And they

agreed with that. But were, um, they would reply to me that that can take place during the transition. And of course, with the new electeds since then we've been, um, called to, of course, be helpful and do all we can to represent all the voters as we build our new form of government and it's challenging, right? Because we get information piece by piece. Sometimes times it feels rushed and again, that is not. Not a disparaging comment on the transition team. They're working. So many hours to get this right. And I respect them. And I recognize the difficult task at hand. I appreciate their their hard work on this item. It just doesn't make sense at this moment. At yesterday's meeting, the transition team explained that the allocated budget for the deputy city administrator role is significantly higher than the market study. When I asked why the answer was due to compression and due to the higher than market salaries of current bureau directors. So we need a better understanding of the whole picture and the total cost. And I know we also rushed to ensure the city is ready to move on in January 1st. I'll continue to show up and do my best to ask good questions to make sure that we get it right. And we all know there will be many edits as we implement, but I just strongly suggest that we take moments to stop and think about what these new classifications and pay scales might mean for the city, for the future of our city. Beyond the wild budget implications, it also has cultural challenges. Um as we as we build in these new, uh, ranges, I don't know, building a tower on uneven ground is never a good idea. I feel like we're just making it very top heavy, but we're not looking at the whole city system and the foundation. And so my message and what message we are sending to the thousands of city employees who are not directors, is their work not valued? Are we really bringing all of the, uh, the org chart along as we look at these wholesale changes? I appreciate the weight of the responsibility resting on the shoulders of our directors and they should, um, always make more money than the

reports, is what I heard yesterday. And that's just custom. But I worry that we might be getting off track here and so out of a lot of caution, I really think that simply starting with a number. But I just think that it's prudent, um, that we take a little bit more of a breath here and, and get this right. And in my opinion, at this time, it's not ready to support. So at this moment, I vote nay.

Speaker: Zelous Wheeler, uh, yeah.

Speaker: So just as a reminder, last week council was joined by staff from the bureau of human resources as well as the charter transition team who presented on this item as they explained the creation of the classifications and the compensation ranges for the city administrator, the assistant deputy city administrators, as well as the mayor's aides are important next step to the implementation of the organizational chart passed by the council on November first. Uh, it is also necessary to enter these classified options into our budget systems for the start of the budget development. For the next fiscal year. In order to draft position descriptions and kick off recruitment efforts for each service area, we need to establish those positions as, uh, I also just want to, uh, and commissioner Ryan, I appreciate the way you you framed that. Um, thank you for your your positivity and your frankness in your presentation. The way I look at this is, is maybe slightly different insofar as, uh, uh, Tracy at all. Uh are, um, you know, they are class comp experts. This is what they do for a living. Uh, this is a highly technical area of evaluation. And from my perspective, live. Well, I'm certainly open to the conversation, open to the discussions, open to tough questions. At the end of the day, I feel it's important to listen to the experts who are guiding us on these complex class comp issues. Um, there is always a backstop. If council decides they are overpaying in a certain classification, then they could go back and they could change that at a later date. My thinking would be let's let's wait and see how this

turns out. Let's get it entered into the system. Begin the recruiting. Uh, and see where we are here. Um, but I feel like they got it right. I mean, maybe one could quibble a little movement in one direction or the other, but from my perspective, I support this work. And I vote i. And to my account, uh, the eyes have it.

Speaker: Mayor. It looks like commissioner Gonzalez has arrived. Um, yeah.

Speaker: Apologize. I was having some problems logging in here, so. But, uh, I am here. Apologize for my tardiness here. All right. Did you want to cast a vote?

Speaker: Commissioner gonzales?

Speaker: Uh, yeah. And the timing is unfortunate. You know, I had concerns about the deputy city administrator. I, by my count, and, uh, bhr calculation here were 17 to 18% over market, uh, for that position. I understand the logic behind what bhr did there. Um, and nonetheless, I'm concerned that we are putting in place a structure that is starting for those positions that, um, bhr own data is telling us we're above market for that position. Um and so I am a nay, I was hoping to have space to discuss a possible amendment to at least address that, uh, position, but, uh, again, apologize for my tardiness here. I'm sorry.

Speaker: Did you vote?

Speaker: Uh, I'm an aye. Okay okay.

Speaker: Uh, so it's still passes three, two. Thank you. Uh, to the afternoon business item number. 1051050 and 1051 an. They are both non emergency ordinances. Item 1050.

Speaker: Extend lloyd business district property management license fee for an additional ten years. And amend district property management license code to update fees and due dates. Item 1051 authorize agreement with lloyd bid incorporated for lloyd district property management services for an estimated amount of \$3,550,000 over five years.

Speaker: Colleagues. I'm pleased to introduce these two nonemergency ordinances, which will renew and extend the Lloyd enhanced service district, called the Lloyd esd, since it was established at the request of the district businesses and property owners. Some 22 years ago. The Lloyd esd has been collecting property management license fees and reinvesting them back into the district, adding vibrancy that attract businesses, restaurants and visitors to one of Portland's most important urban districts. In addition to being a thriving employment retail and increasingly residential neighborhood, as well as home to the Moda Center, the Veterans Memorial Coliseum and the Oregon Convention Center, Lloyd plays an outsized role in driving sports, entertainment, and travel and convention business here in the city of Portland. These activities are, as you know, key economic drivers that support thousands of jobs and generate millions of dollars in economic impact. Having a healthy and thriving Lloyd neighborhood is crucial to the well-being of Portland and the Lloyd's is one of just one player in delivering that goal. Today, we're going to consider two ordinances. The first ordinance accomplishes the required ten year sunset review of the Lloyd esd, which is slated to sunset on January first, 2024, and it's pursuant to city code section 6.06.280. This ordinance also amends the city code sections that govern the Lloyd esd to update the fee structure and adjust the fee collection dates, bringing them into alignment with the due dates of the city's other two esds. The second ordinance approves a new five year contract for management services with Lloyd Business Improvement District for the Lloyd esd, which would begin on February 1st, 2024, and it would run through January 1st of actually would run up to January 1st, 2029. With that, I'll turn it over to Carl Lyle and Scott Carter to introduce the item, as well as our, I believe, three guest speakers that we have today. Carl, are you up first?

Speaker: I'm up first. Thank you very much, mayor and commissioners. All right. So, uh, I'm Carl Lyle. External partnerships and programs manager in the office of management and finance. I'd like to provide a little bit of background on these items and the Lloyd, uh, enhanced services district. So in 2001, property owners and managers within the Lloyd neighborhood created the Lloyd enhanced services district with the goal of augmenting city services within that district. It is funded through license fees paid by the property owners who help form that district. Uh, those same property owners represented by the Lloyd esd board have requested the district now be renewed for an additional ten years, with some modifications to the rate structure and timing of payment due dates. These changes are shown in exhibit b to the first ordinance. Uh, the sunset review. Um, as required by city code. Notice of today's hearing was sent on November 17th via us mail to the 77 ratepayers in the Lloyd esd. The mailing provided a website link where full information about the proposal could be reviewed, as well as a link to information on how to testify at this hearing on the proposal. City and Lloyd esd leadership also held an online public meeting on the proposal on November 28th, uh representatives from the Lloyd enhanced services district, uh, will describe the more extensive community outreach they conducted within the neighborhood prior to making the formal request for renewal that is included as exhibit a to the first ordinance. The code changes are included as exhibit b, the second ordinance, as you said, authorizes a new five year contract with Lloyd. Bid the entity contracted to provide management services for the Lloyd enhanced services district. This new contract includes many provisions, uh, to bring it more in line with recent enhanced services districts approved by the city. In other districts such as downtown, clean and safe and central east side. Together among the changes in the contract are increased reporting requirement, its compliance with the city's sustainable

procurement policies, a more detailed scope of work for how enhanced service districts funds are to be used ex officio representation on the enhanced service district board by the city's enhanced service district coordinator, and other changes generally designed to increase city oversight and transparency. And with that, i'll turn it over to scott carter to talk a little bit about the rate structure and the changes.

Speaker: All right. Thank you. Carl. Uh, I'm scott carter. I'm the audit accounting manager with the city revenue division. I'll be briefly speaking about the esd renewal and the related contract renewal from the revenue division's perspective, uh, the revenue division's role with esd has historically been focused on the billing of the property owners and managers. The collection of these billings, the distribution of revenues, which are referred to as property management, license fees to the esd after deducting the city's administrative charges and other costs. There is a genuine need to update the rate structure. The proposed changes address the fact that inflation rates over the past 12 years have exceeded the 2.3% built in escalator by almost 10, uh. Additionally they consider the costs associated with launching the new cleaning programs proposed by the esd, amending city code section 6.0, 2.6260 will help address this need while amending city code section 6.06.280 will align the property management license fee due dates with those of the other two esd. These changes will help meet the financial needs of the esd in 2024 and into the future. The new lloyd esd contract is proposed would meet the revenue division's cost recovery objectives for this renewal, the general administration fee was increased from 1.5% to 2, which aligns with the other two esd's uh, future revenues from the esd are expected to start at \$669,000 for 2024, an increase approximately 3% each year. Uh, in addition to the 2% 2% general ministration fee, this amount will be reduced by other city charges, which includes,

uh, funding a portion of the city's recovery of the city's costs to implement and maintain the integrated tax system, which is the revenue division's tax administration software system. And that's all I have. Uh, so I think Carl's next.

Speaker: Uh. Thanks, Scott. Um, yeah. So before I turn it over to the folks from Lloyd to present their process and their proposal in more detail, I'd like to briefly mention just a couple of other exciting things going on in the city's enhanced services district program more generally, and the first is to introduce you to Devin Reynolds, who's got his camera on, uh, he joined the city as the new enhanced services district coordinator in late October. Uh, that position had been vacant for over a year. We're extremely excited to have him on board. Uh, and pick up this work Devin brings. Uh, extensive experience in working within, uh, districts very similar to our enhanced services districts in the Seattle area. And we're just really thrilled that he's here. And he's already jumped in and making great connections, uh, and helping move this stuff forward. The second thing I wanted to mention to you is that we're finally now making really good progress on responding to the 2020 audit of the city's general approach to enhanced services districts, which I know you're familiar with. This work is being led by a consulting team with direct and extensive experience working on similar programs nationwide, and dozens of communities and cities across the country. They really know how this stuff can work and totally understand best practices. Um, they're our, uh, initial recommendations are coming out shortly. Uh, we had a, uh, public meeting to kind of introduce them last night. Uh, and we anticipate bringing a conversation about those recommendations for general changes to the program. Uh, that would increase transparency, oversight, all the various different things that were highlighted in that audit. And we expect that to come to City Council for discussion. Uh, in mid-February. So we're we're on we're on making good, good progress there. Again which is great. Uh, and if you

have additional questions about that process or would like additional information, just, you know, let me know or connect, connect your staff to us and we'll, we'll talk about it. Um, with that, i'll turn it over to hank ashforth. Uh, lloyd enhanced service district chair and wade lang lloyd, esd board member and owen roncalli, the lloyd bid manager. Uh, to introduce their team and present their proposal in more detail. Thank you.

Speaker: Uh, perfect. Thank you. Carl hopefully you all can hear me. Um this is hank ashforth. I'm uh, with the ashforth company, and I am the current chair of the lloyd enhanced service district. Uh, I know we can, uh, we share screen. We've got a slide deck prepared for you that we thought we'd run through. And then there'll also be some testimony from members of our neighborhood. Okay so this is us, the lloyd enhanced service. Uh, district act. And we are seeking renewal from you all. And, uh, here's our presentation on, uh, years ago, we decided on a mission statement, and it simply states that we are going to we are here to build a community and political support for innovative catalytic. Lloyd initiatives. And we do this by engaging and building a diverse neighborhood. Partnerships facilitating investor in lloyd and being overall champions for lloyd. So the mission statement if you go to the next slide is built on some organizational values, efficiency. See this has to do with the funds that we're responsible for and the use of those funds. They're across multiple programs. And with a modest budget. We've been able to accomplish, uh, quite a bit over the last 20 plus years. That speaks to effectiveness. We provide the needed services to local stakeholders and build value in the lloyd neighborhood. And i'll just land on the word value. So the value, of course, is economic for sure, because without the economic profit and proceeds, we wouldn't be able to pay for the other services that we provide. So the other, the other legs of this three legged stool are certainly social. The increase in social value and increase

in environmental value as well. Those three certainly work together here in Lloyd. We're innovative, foster unique approach. We're back here to economic vitality through sustainable business practices and environmental stewardship. We're responsive and proactive efforts in the area of transportation, public safety, sustainable 80. And it's all about building community. We're engaged. Lloyd is an active participant in broader Portland community, and we recognize it's responsive. We collectively develop solutions that benefit the entire city. Next slide, please.

These are the directors that get it done. Uh you may recognize some there. Uh, you may not, but, uh, this is the team that, uh, I'm so honored to work with. And there's one name that is not on here, but you'll be hearing from him, uh, later on in the presentation. And that's Owen. Ron Kelly, uh, in deed. Sincere thanks. And I'd like to obviously do that publicly. Uh, because without Owen's steadfast help to this board of directors and the entire esd, we wouldn't be able to accomplish everything we have. So uh, I certainly thank obviously, Owen and the rest of the board of directors here. They have worked tirelessly over the last, uh, uh, certainly the last, uh, period, uh, of these ten years to do things for Lloyd first, first. And I'm going to land on that again. It's Lloyd first company second. Personality and personal gain. Last we all because we all know as a board that if we make the right decision for Lloyd, everything will will, uh, get better in its wake next slide please. So this is the area that we work with you. I know you're all familiar with it. Uh, it's really bordered by, uh, the river and, uh, Lloyd boulevard, uh, to the west. And the south and up on the, the east end is 15th street. And then, uh, to the north, uh, Broadway and Weidler for a section. And then the, uh, the little notch, you see, is actually, uh, the retail district of the Lloyd area. We spent a number a lot of time, quite frankly, on asking this part of the neighborhood to see if they would want to join the esd. Uh, we had, uh, multiple contacts with them. There was lots of discussion. And in the end, they

decided, uh, that they did not want to join the esd. So there will be no changes that we're looking for, uh, uh, geographical changes in the area as we seek renewal. So this is, uh, in in one snapshot, this is what the esd services is. Uh, uh, I call them our operating verticals. You say they're horizontal in this slide, obviously, but, uh, uh, they still remain as, uh, trash removal. You'll hear about more about these in detail in our presentation as, uh, as well. But it's trash removal, which is safety and security and trash and obviously cleanliness of our of our neighborhood. It's the transportation management association, which is go lloyd and our and our holiday street maintenance that goes is attached to go lloyd. It's our our lloyd eco district which is now a certified eco district. Uh, one not many of ones actually in the in the world. If not, uh, if not, the country as well. Uh lloyd community association is another formal, uh, relationship that we have with the city. They're really the glue, uh, to what happens, uh, in lloyd, uh, every day. And then we work on special projects, uh, as well, be it advocacy, advocacy or economic development. Next slide please. So this is a snapshot of, uh, value enhancement. Uh, as I say right now, we're at 300.

Speaker: As I say, our operating verticals, uh, they're uh, and we also then now leverage, uh, the, the dollars in in versus the dollars out that are leveraged to a dollar in equaling a dollar, nine in benefits out to, to, uh, to the neighborhood.

Speaker: And, and that's done through various programs that go lloyd has set up to leverage through grant writing. Uh, and also uh, the lloyd eco district as well. Uh, and then finally we, uh, one of the prize programs, uh, transportation programs that we have in the district is the go. Lloyd universal pass, which gives employers, uh, the signing up for this service, uh, a savings, uh, collective savings of over \$2.5 million annually. Next slide, please. So, uh, this is a snapshot of, uh, things that, uh, the lloyd esd has accomplished over the years. I think you'll recognize most of them

starting on the left with the convention center hotel we were instrumental in, in advocating for the construction of that, uh, streetcar there is in the middle that was a 13 year campaign run by the esd led by, uh, first dollars in, I would say by the esd, uh, to make sure that the east side loop was completed. And in addition, there on the far right is earl blumenauer bridge. We were first\$ in uh, on that project as well. So, uh, those are certainly large projects that we got behind that, uh, obviously benefited the city. Uh in the district, uh, as well. Uh, and I'm just going to, uh, make a couple comments here, uh, before I turn it over to, uh, to own, uh, and, uh, it starts that, that, uh, with, uh, a couple of things. I just need to, to, uh, get off of my mind before I hand it over to owen. Uh, I want to comment on our public private partnership. That is the lloyd esd. In the 20 years that I've been part of this esd, we put over \$8 million back back into the neighborhood. And during that time, I can count on one hand the number of times a City Council member has met with us, or even reached out to see what we're doing to make things good in the lloyd neighborhood. And this this kind of conduct simply cannot not continue. I know things are changing and changing for the positive. We welcome devin with open arms and we are excited more than excited about, uh, starting that relationship. But in addition to that, we need you. We need the entire City Council. And based on on that, I've got two words for you. The first is engage. Engage with us. Have the courage to engage with us. And for that matter, the other esd's, the two other esd's that are here in Portland. We need your leadership. We believe in our public private partnership. Engage with us to rebuild the trust we need a fully functioning public private partnership now more than ever. I want a word and a quick word about our level of engagement. As was previously. Uh, said we. Well i'll start with, uh, we know we're in hard times there. I don't need to land on it anymore there. Every year. Every day. Actually there seems to be another survey and, uh, obviously the

governor has task forces and what have you, but the fact is that values are down, revenues are down, rents down, down. At the same time, expenses are up, way up. Given the inflation, uh, environment that we're in. But in spite of that, the board that I just announced and went through with you decided unanimously to raise our budget more dollars are being asked for by this neighborhood to be put back into the neighborhood. We are certainly all in. We need you to be there with us. It's time to stop the talk and it's time to do so. That sets up for my last word for you all. The simple word. It's called courage. We need you to have the courage to be curious, to land on the word curious. Here we need you to be curious about why the level of trust is so low. We need you to be curious about how to repair it. We need you to be curious about our owners, both large and small. Our tenants, our visitors, our homeless. We need you to be curious about creating solutions both short and long. Terme, we need you to be curious about what makes our businesses run, our transportation work. Our visitors come and go. We need you to be curious now. More than ever. As I mentioned before, we believe in our public private partnership. And we believe we've, uh, and we believe, obviously, that it has lasted for over 20 years. We need your help to make the next 20 years better than the first 20 years. Now I'm going to hand it over to owen. Ron kelly, thank you very much, hank.

Speaker: Before before you turn it over, I'd like to, uh, respond to your comments. There were crystal clear and I've always known you to be crystal clear. You and I have met, uh, over the years. Many times. Yeah um, I would appreciate if you would extend an invitation to me. I would love to come and meet with the board of the asd and talk through, uh, the needs of the members of the board from the city. Uh, but quid pro quo. Quid pro quo. I would like to also tell you what we are doing in the mayor's office, as well as the City Council to address all of the issues that I'm

sure, uh, your membership are concerned about, whether it's public safety or homelessness or livability or the economic recovery. Um, and I think this would be a really good time to do it. So I appreciate your, uh, your desire to have improved communication. I absolutely accept that and look forward to it. And so we'll make sure that happens in the near future, right after the new year. Let's let's see if we can get me in front of your group.

Speaker: Absolutely.

Speaker: We are we are here with open arms and, uh, uh, invitations will be will be made.

Speaker: I really appreciate it. Thank thank you for your continued leadership.

Speaker: You're you're more than welcome. It's important. Lloyd community downtown Portland Portland in general is incredibly important. And we're here to help. Our mayor and fellow commissioners.

Speaker: Uh, my name is Owen Ron Kelly. And um, I'm kind of the de facto administrator of the Lloyd ISD. And just a little bit of background about the ISD itself. Uh, we started back in 2001. We have approximately 125 affected properties and, um, 75 ish, uh, ratepayers. We have 99, uh, assessed compliance, which is fantastic. Um, and we generate about \$530,000 a year, as Hank stated already, we've invested over \$8 million since the district's initiation back in 2001. And and, um, you know, we are a public private partnership, and we wouldn't nearly be as successful if it weren't for our public partners. And that includes Metro and the Convention Center. Trimet Prosper Portland, of course, the City of Portland, Bonneville Power Administration and Multnomah County. A little bit about our ratepayers, uh, our assessments in Lloyd range from as low as \$21 to as high as \$35,000, which is our the cap in, um, in the district, the average payment is just under \$7,500. And well over 50% of our ratepayers pay less than \$5,000 a year. Uh, in this. So we have, um,

we're both big and small here, but, um, you know, it's important to us that we're not overlooking our, our small ratepayers. There is equally as important. But but currently, the top 11 ratepayers, uh, represent approximate 70% of the assessed value of that district. Uh, a little bit about existing programs. Um you know, Lloyd is is, is, uh, in its current structure, it primarily funds third party associations and uh, such as go, Lloyd, Lloyd, eco district. These are all they're individual nonprofits. Lloyd community association. And we added, uh, trash removal program a couple of years back. And we'll tell you more about that in a moment. But, uh, and we do holiday street landscaping. Um along holiday street and then, you know, with some of that, between the help of our voluntary board of directors and the staff of these individual nonprofits, we also put together, uh, special projects, uh, community murals, uh, Lloyd banners, some marketing. It's not extensive, but it's what we can manage. Uh, and we think we've done a pretty good job a little bit about those verticals that Hank mentioned. Um. Go. Lloyd is a nonprofit, uh, transportation management association. We help employers in the neighborhood, uh, improve transportation options for employees, customers and visitors. Um, because of their work, um, 1100 single occupant vehicles have been moved from the peak hour commute. And that saves, you know, just by rough math that saves \$55 million in parking development costs. And also by way of that, it also is reduced, uh, nearly 4.5 million vehicle miles traveled and resulting in 2000 fewer tons of CO₂ in the atmosphere. So speaking to the environmental aspect of it, and it certainly helps accomplish the, um, the climate action goals for the city and the region. Um, another other quick program that go Lloyd offers is we operate a transportation store in our office, and so anybody can come up and purchase a transit fare from us. Uh, we can provide them access to the Lloyd cycle station in a very robust just, um, bike station in, um, in the heart of Lloyd that has showers, locker facilities, his

bike washing stations. Mechanic repairs, etc. Um, and we also do trip planning, uh, in the office. Anybody who has questions about how to get from point a to point b and we also serve as a verification center for trimet's reduced fare program. Lloyd eco district, another one of the verticals um, provide sustainability and engagement based services for lloyd employers and residents. Um as hank alluded to, they uh, they achieved their eco district certification. They're the first in Oregon to do so. And seventh in the world, actually, um, they've developed, uh, 2030 roadmap, which is basically a long term plan with 62 highly collaborative goals, partnerships and programs for lloyd. Uh, they organize and collaborated on 36 community events in 2021. And they actively engage over a thousand and, uh, community members annually. And they mobilize 200 and, uh, almost 240 volunteer shifts and 500 hours of public space improvements in that time. Lloyd community association, the lca, um, is our recognized city, uh, neighborhood association for lloyd and um, they are really kind of the community glue. Uh, that really brings folks together. They believe that they, you know, a connected community of businesses and residents will grow economic prosperity for the neighborhood. And that's certainly been the case. Uh, they strive to create strong connections with each other and their neighbors, working together to provide a prosperous, safe and livable community and represent lloyd's common interests among local and regional stakeholders. Our trash removal program, um, we work with trash for peace and ground score association, and they employ houseless or formerly houseless individuals, uh, in low barrier waste management jobs while providing competitive wages for them. Um, the crews make regular contact, uh, with unhoused communities members and letting them know where support services are and where they can find them. Uh, in 2022, trash for peace removed over 42,000 pounds of trash from the neighborhood and. Uh, holiday street landscaping. Um,

holiday street is a major gateway for the neighborhood for guests and visitors, employees and residents. Um arriving in Portland from the airport. And this is, you know, um, this area is kind of the doorstep to the central city as we see it. Uh, and for that reason, it's, uh, we feel like it's our duty. And the city's to maintain the appearance of this important gateway. And so, um, that's something that we have been doing for many a year. And, um, it we feel like it's, uh, we try to keep it as best looking, um, and putting Lloyd, uh, in good standing at least. Uh um, esthetically speaking, for our, our visitors coming into the neighborhood. Okay, now I'm going to turn it over to Wade Lang and he'll tell you a little bit about the public outreach piece.

Speaker: Thank you. Owen and, uh, mayor and commissioners, thank you very much. Um one of the things that was critically important as we started this process over a year ago with our board, was to identify our stakeholders and reach out to them and get input from them as we went through the process of renewal. So we worked very hard at our outreach. Um we worked closely with the city to identify our stakeholders and get information out to them. Um go to the next slide. There we have a outreach timeline that we have, uh, beginning last April with, sorry, I'm babysitting dogs, uh, beginning last April, uh, we did an open house and tried to get some, uh, outreach to the community at that time, provided surveys for the community members to participate in in May, the board reviewed the survey results and determined desired programs and start putting together the information to go back out to the community. In June, we did two more open houses, one virtual and one in person, and shared the programs identified through the first survey and through the board meeting that we had, uh, right after that, uh, in August. Then we did, uh, we had we had a table at the party for Portland event at holiday park. So we're we reached out once again to the community coming into

the park and sharing the information. We got through the survey and then letters went out to all ratepayers, uh, outlining the new programs and at the same time, we tried to update all the contact information, make sure we got as much contact information as possible in November, the Portland revenue division, uh, sent out letters to all the ratepayers. And we also conduct a virtual open house in November for and the next slide, uh, some some of the, uh, data that we were able to obtain through the surveys and stuff. As you can see by this, the lion's share of participation comes from people that work in Lloyd, uh, followed by people visiting Lloyd and residents of Lloyd. Um the support for trash removal. You can see nearly 50% of the respondents, uh, favor an increase in trash removal. And then in with the, uh, street ambassador and additional cleaning. We had, uh, huge support for that. 53% strongly in favor. And another 27% in favor of, uh, the street ambassadors and that additional cleaning, uh, and then our support for right to dream two, uh, was is strongly approved by 30, with another 20% uh, approval there to, uh, help support our, our friends at right to dream to. As far as, uh, paying for the enhanced services, we have uh, the majority city. Uh fema feel that the payments are about right. You can go to the next slide on the ratepayer amount is about right for what we're providing right now. But uh, 36, almost 37% feel that we could do more with with more money. Um, and, and the people participating primarily, as you can see here, are property owners and property managers that are are the lion's share. There and so, uh, with that we have a discussion of the new programs and services that we've identified through those surveys. And through the budget that we put together that we feel we can we can continue on, um, as we get our renewal. So I will now turn it back over to you. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Great. Um, thanks, wade. Um, just going to take a couple moments more to go through some of the new programs and services that we kind of, uh, teased

out of both speaking with ratepayers, but also the general public and lloyd to you. And what we feel is, is going to be responsive to our current needs. One of them that has risen to the very top is, um, cleaning ambassadors. So it's it marks a slightly different approach than the current trash for peace model, which has been successful. But what this does is that we have five more active, full time presence in the neighborhood doing that trash removal piece. Um further, more than just trash removal, these, uh, these employees would also serve as, as ambassadors to the neighborhood to they're going to be kind of the first point of contact for, uh, tourists and visitors. And we want to make sure that, um, you know, the way that they're deployed, um, during major events, we as you know, lloyd, filled with, uh, major event venues. We want to make sure that they're deployed out at, uh, during those major events and there to answer questions and, and direct people in the right, in the right way. But, um, we're also hoping that they will provide some limited de-escalation. Uh programs for those that are, uh, experiencing mental health crises at the time to, uh, right, to dream two operations in the past, the esd has assisted, um, the, uh, right to dream two folks by, um, funding and building some of the tiny houses that are, um, located on site. And today the esd is looking to assist with daily operation options and helping them pay for, uh, some of their expenses, uh, their operational expenses, uh, going forward, um, these two are residents of lloyd, and, um, they have ever since they've moved to lloyd, they've been, um, quite respectful and, um, not caused, um, any issues for us. And we want to make sure that, um, you know, they're able to continue to support their operations in their location and so we're going to provide them with some ongoing funding for that. And then finally, um, executive director and marketing assistant, um, to date, uh, unlike the other esd's, uh, lloyd has no employees there. Um, we basically, like I said earlier that we fund third party, uh, associations that run most

of the programs here. But as we ramp up and, um, there's a continued need for communication and, and correspondence with the city and, and more engagement. Uh, we think that adding an a part time executive director will improve that coordination, uh, with, with devin, but also the city as well. Uh, local stakeholders and otherwise. Um, until now. Uh, go. Lloyd. Uh, my position has, you know, kind of informally served as administrative duties for, for the esd and, uh, go lloyd's role would slowly be, uh, phased out, uh, in that regard. And then, um, in a couple of years down the road, we're looking potentially at adding a part time marketing person to assist with communications and promotions. Um, that's something that, uh, will certainly be boosted by having that executive director, um, going forward. And and now I'm going to turn it, uh, back over to hank, uh, to close forest. Perfect

Speaker: Thank you. Owen and I gotta thank you again for all you do to make, uh, what happens in lloyd and especially at the lloyd esd. So successful. So, uh, with with a renewal, uh, in place, this is what we're looking to do, uh, in the future. And that is maintain a clean and safe district and neighborhood. So, uh, we are 100% advocates for the redevelopment of lloyd center. You'll hear maybe a little bit more about that. Uh uh, with some testimony. Uh, we are all in for welcoming back those office workers. Uh, and then actually, we are all in as well to promote, uh, new events in, in lloyd, whether they be at the moda center or convention center or veterans. Veterans memorial coliseum. Um, and obviously we can't forget the retail folks as well. So that is the end of the slide, uh, presentation. I will read confirm to ask you all to engage with us and be curious. Thank you.

Speaker: Very good colleagues. Uh, well, i'll ask this Keelan first. Do we have any public testimony on either of these items?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Why don't we go ahead and hear from them, and then we'll turn it over to the council?

Speaker: Since we just. Oh, I'm sorry, commissioner Ryan. Yes, I promised commissioner Ryan he could go right off the bat because he's he's got a competing engagement. So we'll hear from commissioner Ryan. Then we'll go to public testimony. Then we'll go to the rest of us. Commissioner. Yeah

Speaker: Thank you so much, mayor. And thank you, hank. Thank you. Owen and wade. Um, I am I will in be engaging with you. Your word. Um, hank and also, I'm curious all the time. So if we could, um, this question might be for you, owen, if you could put up the map of the area again, that would be so helpful. Is that possible? I know the area really well while you're putting that up, because, uh, lloyd athletic clubs, my gym, I go to my cleaners there. So it's kind of like the village within Portland that I partake in quite a bit. And I was curious about the main street area to the north, weidler, broadway, um, not being a part of this. And I heard that they were asked, but I wanted to understand more about the rates that they would pay. That's different. The small businesses along that area. I'm curious about that.

Speaker: Um, the rates don't differ. I mean, so it's the same, um, the, the only is it there like a small business rate that's different than not. Not in lloyd. No there isn't the only thing that's unique about that. Uh, there's a discount for residentially zoned property within lloyd. Uh, and that only kind of affects the yoga terrace. And so everybody's paying the same rate based on square footage, land building and assessed value.

Speaker: So. Well, when we engage, because I am curious, I'd like to hear more about how we could maybe include more of those main street businesses that are just based on weidler and broadway going up to like 16th or 17th. It's a really active area, and, and, um, then it makes me want to ask another question. I'm of course, lloyd center mall is a part of this, but lloyd center mall, I believe, operates, uh, parking lots that that hug weidler all the way over to broadway in that area across

the street from what the map says. So do you provide those services for those parking lots that aren't on the map, but are definitely connected with Lloyd center mall?

Speaker: Yes. They um, they are in our boundary and we do provide, um, services to all of Lloyd center. Absolutely. Okay

Speaker: Okay, good. Um, and again, I'm post with some of the small business owners in the main street just to the north. So that's where my questions are coming from. And then we all know that Albina Vision is very active in much of this, uh, map area. What's your collaboration relationship like with the good people of Albina Vision on, um, I can also let Hank and Wade chime in.

Speaker: We've, um. It's been a little bit at a distance. Um, we were approached, uh, some time ago. Um, about, um, they wanted to start their own or become a part of the SD. Uh, at one point. And and they, um, they were looking to carve out, uh, a portion of the existing Lloyd, um, as assessment district and make it their own. An and, um, so we and again, this was sometime early on, uh, I think you're, you're exactly right there.

Speaker: Specific really to the Rose Quarter and I we are we are all about engagement with those folks as well. But this is part of our district. And the lines are the lines and, uh, our services can only go so far, but, uh, we are all ears. We uh, are are familiar with what they're trying to do. And the help that the significant help that they've gotten from from other, uh, philanthropists as well. So so, uh, it it uh, uh, we have not heard from them in, in quite some time. Uh, it's probably the, the most, uh, direct answer to your question, commissioner.

Speaker: I think there's lots of opportunity for collaboration going forward. Yeah. Commissioner Ryan. Yeah

Speaker: Okay. I really appreciate this. And just as I depart, I want to acknowledge the rose festival is, I know very appreciative that this area has basically come the route of the grand floral parade, the last two years. So thank you for, for, um, working with them and I know playing a big role in keeping it, um, clean, if you will. Um, when we have that, a very important marquee event every year, I do need to go, but I appreciate this. And I do look forward to meeting with your team. Um, in early, uh, uh, early 2024, you all take care.

Speaker: Thanks. Thank you. Thank you, commissioner, and, uh, Keelan.

Speaker: We'll hear from the person who signed up for public testimony.

Speaker: Okay. Hillsboro. Welcome

Speaker: Hi, there. I'm zooming in remotely. So my name is gabe skoro. I am a property manager for victory lap one llc. And we manage a few buildings in the lloyd district. Um, currently, they're occupied by a few different cell phone providers verizon, t-mobile, cricket, as well as one other small business in the area. And I just wanted to speak on my experience with the lloyd enhanced service district. Um, so far our experience of it has not been great and we do not support a renewal of the lloyd, sd. Currently, the cost to do business is already very high in that area, and this is a fee that we're paying on top. We haven't experienced great things with yet or at all. Um, online. It says lloyd is on the community survey that we all were sent. It says lloyd is one of three enhanced services in Portland where property owners fund enhanced services such as trash cleanup, graffiti removal and business development. Um, so when reached out, we have a ton of graffiti on our buildings that seems to get hit nonstop and we've reached out for help there, and we received just a few links to the city's page where, uh, they do graffiti removal services and, and then as well, we have reached out for help with trash cleanup. And we were told that there is a set path throughout the lloyd enhanced service

district area. And our property, even though we pay a pretty large fees, was not part of that trash cleanup area. So we do not receive any help in that area. Um, so just to wrap things up, um, we do not support the renewal of this as it is. Another added expense for us as well as our the small businesses that occupy, uh, our buildings and this is not something that, um, we think should continue. Um, unless there's significant change, I think there's a place for this. However, the current implementation of it is not good and we do not support the current implementation. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Uh, colleagues, at this point, I think that Keelan that completes the public testimony right? Yes. We said gabe, very good. Okay. Thanks, gabe, for being here.
Carl

Speaker: Oh, I just wanted to point out, I think the folks have some invited testimony. I didn't want to skip that part, I think.

Speaker: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought the presentation was over. Uh, if you, hank or whoever, if you have invited testimony, why don't you go ahead and invite them?

Speaker: Peter, I see tom killbane there. Uh, I know he's part, and, uh, we were actually supposed to have the executive director from, uh, the Lloyd eco district, uh, here as well, but she has fallen ill and cannot testify. But. Tom. Yeah we are to welcome tom. Thank.

Speaker: Thank you. Um uh, i'll be brief.

Speaker: My name is tom killbane. I'm the managing director for urban renaissance group. Uh, here in Portland. And we have, um, part honored with kkr and taken over lloyd center. Um, I'm actually going to share my screen and bring up another image of the neighborhood, which I really love and find compelling. It's a great, um, a great snapshot of what makes lloyd so important to the city. Um, you've got the convention center, you've got moda center, you've got lloyd center right here.

Great, great freeway connections, great transit connection. Um, we've made a big investment in this neighborhood, um, because because it is such a compelling piece of real estate. Um, since we've been involved, I have been really impressed by the level of commitment and the level of cooperation by all of the organizations that the esd support. It's, um, all of the business organizations which have already been listed by the business owners and by the residents in the neighborhood. Um, the things that that they are doing are, are supporting the district, they're supporting the neighborhood. And, uh, they're making it, uh, a better place to live, a better place to shop, a better place to work. Uh and we're happy to enthusiastically, uh, uh, support the renewal of the esd. So thank you. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. We also have grant, uh, swanson from from right to dream to welcome grant. Coming through. We might. There he is.

Speaker: Grant, we can't hear you for some reason. It may be your microphone. Hold the headphones out and see if that works. Yeah, exactly.

Speaker: Cut the bluetooth.

Speaker: If that doesn't work, just, you know, hit the computer. That actually works too. So.

Speaker: Like, he's frozen. Try again.

Speaker: Grant.

Speaker: There's a call in number on the zoom invite you received. You could call that with your phone if that would work .

Speaker: Well, why don't I do this, grant? Um, I think you can hear me. So what i'll do is i'll go to my colleagues at and maybe we can get it sorted out so you can provide testimony. But i'll go to my colleagues first and see what questions or comments they may have about these two nonemergency ordinances. Colleagues.

Speaker: I just want to thank everybody for, uh, the presentation we had today. I'm a big supporter of districts like these. Um I look forward to this coming back for a second reading. Thank you.

Speaker: Uh, commissioner yea. Rubio, I don't really have a question.

Speaker: I just want to also say that I really appreciate the report or the update, and look forward to working more collaboratively with the esds. I think they're a great service for community and, um, look forward to seeing how we can make it work. Uh, more and, and address those concerns that others have as well.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio and grant, did we have any luck with the microphone? Uh I don't believe so.

Speaker: Yeah.

Speaker: Yes, yes, you did it. Whatever you did, you're a technological genius.

Speaker: It worked. Yeah. No, I couldn't hear you. You couldn't hear me. It was a bad situation there for a minute.

Speaker: Great. Welcome

Speaker: Uh, yeah. Thanks for your patience. Um, yeah. So, grant swanson, I am the treasurer of. Right. Stream two for, uh, over ten years. Um I also am here to ask for support for, um. Lloyd esd. Um, they they have, uh, through their nonprofit partners, have been supporting us, uh, since we moved to the neighborhood. And and, um, we're looking forward to continuing that relationship building and that support. Um as you know, uh, right. Stream two has been around for over 12 years now, supporting a vital service of a self-managed shelter, uh, to, uh, Portlanders who are in need of safe sleep and, and, um, we also provide, uh, 24, seven bathrooms and garbage collection and, uh, am a, an ra, uh, mutual aid hub for unhoused, uh, folks who who are in the lloyd neighborhood and, um, yeah, they have decided, uh, to help, uh, cover some of our funding, which is, uh, uh, fantastic.

Um, and so, yeah, we are looking forward to another, uh, some ongoing, uh, partnerships and collaboration with the Lloyd esd and that is why I am here today. And thank you all for considering and, uh, thank you all for your time.

Speaker: Thanks, grant. Appreciate you being here. And thanks for troubleshooting that. Someday I might hire you as a consultant to help me when my screen freezes. Um, so i'll just, uh, put in my, my final words here and just say I appreciate your all being here. I appreciate the great work you've done. And uh, hank, I very much look forward to taking you up on your offer to connect in a way that works for you and works for the city. I think we have a lot to talk about both ways here. Um, so let's let's make sure we hammer that out right after the first of the year. So i'll have andrew fitzpatrick from my team reach out to your office and we'll we'll figure out a mutually agreeable time for that to happen. Uh, without further ado, uh, item number 1050 is a reading of first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Item number 1051. The authorization agreement is also a first reading of the non-emergency ordinance. It also moves to second reading. Uh, thank you everybody. Keelan. That completes our business for this afternoon.

Speaker: Does mayor.

Speaker: Very good. Thank you everybody. We're adjourned.

Speaker: Thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you. Bye.