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Wednesday, September 25, 2024 9:30 am

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Comissioner Gonzalez presided.

Officers in attendance: Maja Haium, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Item 822 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-4 roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was approved.

Council adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Communications

813

[Request of Kyle MacLowry to address Council regarding zoning and development in North Tabor Neighborhood at NE 57th Avenue and NE Flanders](#) (Communication)

Document number: 813-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Claire Coleman-Evans to address Council regarding communications with the city](#) (Communication)

Document number: 814-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Anna Reid to address Council regarding protecting wildlife refuges by immediate removal of persons within those areas to prevent fires](#) (Communication)

Document number: 815-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Injured And Pissedoff to address Council regarding eviction](#) (Communication)

Document number: 816-2024

Council action: Placed on File

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[Request of Michael Ocallaghan to address Council regarding hope](#) (Communication)

Document number: 817-2024

Council action: Placed on File

Time Certain

818

[Declare intent to initiate formation proceedings for the NE 11th Ave and Columbia Blvd Local Improvement District to construct sidewalk, Oregon Humane Society driveway relocation and mast arm traffic signal improvements, and relocate public utilities south of NE Columbia Blvd to enable the elimination of frontage improvement requirements for NE 10th Ave, NE Baldwin St and NE Russet St \(C-10075\)](#) (Resolution)

Resolution number: 37678

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Transportation

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Council action: Adopted As Amended

Motion to amend the seventh whereas statement to remove "no later than August 2026" from the resolution:
Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

Consent Agenda

819

[Amend contract with Polydyne, Inc. to add funds and extend term of price agreement for bulk supply of sludge processing polymer \(amend Contract 31000397\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Environmental Services

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

820

[Reappoint Chris Oxley to the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission to fill a City of Portland position](#) (Resolution)

Resolution number: 37677

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Arts & Culture

Council action: Adopted

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

821

[Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to provide survey and research related services through the Regional Research Institute \(amend Contract 30008560\)](#) (Ordinance)

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Parks & Recreation

Council action: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading October 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

822

[*Pay settlement of Lindsay Day property damage claim for \\$5,965 involving the Portland Police Bureau](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191900

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Risk Management

Council action: Passed

Item 822 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

823

[Approve Council Minutes for August 7-28, 2024](#) (Report)

Document number: 823-2024

Introduced by: Auditor Simone Rede

City department: Auditor's Office; Council Clerk

Council action: Approved

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

Regular Agenda

824

[Provide emergency housing services by continuing the current housing emergency](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191897

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Second reading agenda item 800.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

825

[Amend Code to create the Portland Advisory Committee on Housing for Portland Housing Bureau \(replace Code Chapter 3.38, repeal Code Chapter 3.133, and amend Code Chapter 3.36\)](#) (Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191898

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

City department: Housing Bureau

Second reading agenda item 810.

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

826

[*Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State University and provide matching funds in the amount of \\$125,000 to evaluate traffic signal detection types in support of the Rest-On-Red pilot on SE Powell Blvd and other high crash corridors \(amend Contract 30008054\)](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Ordinance number: 191899

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Mingus Mapps

City department: Transportation

Time requested: 15 minutes

Council action: Passed

Aye (4): Mingus Mapps, Carmen Rubio, Dan Ryan, Rene Gonzalez

Absent (1): Ted Wheeler

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Thursday, September 26, 2024 2:00 pm

Session Status: No session scheduled

Portland City Council Meeting Speaker List
 Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

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| Rene Gonzalez | Commissioner, Presiding Officer | |
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| Dan Ryan | Commissioner | |
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| Andrew Aebi | LID Administrator & Project Manager, PBOT | 818 |
| Ken Ackerman | PWB Engineering Manager | 818 |
| Jeff Moreland Jr. | Raimore Construction Owner | 818 |
| Amanda Gresen | Koble Creative Architect | 818 |
| Sharon Harmon | Oregon Humane Society Chief Executive Officer | 818 |
| Ashley Evans | Oregon Humane Society Senior Project Manager | 818 |
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| Kate Lyman | TriMet Manager of Service Planning & Development | 818 |
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| Donnie Oliveira | Deputy City Administrator, Community and Economic Development | 825 |
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| Rosalia Radich | Senior Claims Analyst | 822 |
| Dan Handelman Portland Copwatch | (Testimony) | 822 |

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September 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

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Speaker: Good morning everyone, and welcome to the September 25th through 2024 morning session of the Portland City Council. Keelan, please call the roll. Here. Thank you. Keelan.

Speaker: Now we will 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. Gov backlash. Council backlash. Agenda information on engaging with council can be found on the council clerk's webpage. Individuals may testify for three minutes unless the presiding officer states otherwise. Your microphone will be muted when your time is over. The presiding officer preserves order. Disruptive conduct such as shouting. Refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given. Further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally, council may take a short recess and reconvene virtually. Your testimony should address the matter being considered when testifying. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. If you are a lobbyist, identify the organization you represent. Virtual testifiers should unmute themselves when the council clerk calls your name. Thank you.

Speaker: All right. First up, we have communications. First item is 813 Keelan. Let's hear from the first individual.

Speaker: Please request of kyle mcclowry to address council regarding zoning and development in north tabor neighborhood at northeast 57th avenue and northeast flanders.

Speaker: Welcome, kyle. You have three minutes.

Speaker: Thank you. Good morning. Council. I stated my name is kyle lowry. I'm here as a resident of the north tabor neighborhood, which spans from northeast 44th to 68th burnside to the banfield. I'm also a Portland firefighter of 20 years and a current the current fire trustee to fpd. Our board of trustees. And I say this as an element of my introduction, just as a context for someone who is just a citizen of Portland, but also someone who's dedicated a career to public safety, I'm here today to talk about development and zoning in my neighborhood, which I've lived for 30 years, in the same house, of which there are hundreds of data points to convey to you about what's happening currently with the zoning. But a cornerstone of these issues is safety. And it's an issue for me, for my family. And my neighbors, each of your offices, I don't have time to get into the weeds of all this data. Each of your offices have received a letter from the neighborhood association, as well as a group of neighbors that got together to convey our issues, and we have spoken with a couple of your offices as well. So the crux of the issue is I don't have time to get to the details is we're here asking you to change the zoning back to r 2.5, which it was prior to the pandemic. It was changed in March of 2020 to m, and since that time, we've seen upward of over 400 individual units built in this small pocket neighborhood of north haven. None of them which incorporate street parking. I want to give a quick, just a background of how I ended up sitting here as we organized in the neighborhood, specifically around this 57th and flanders

development, which was scraping three houses to build 32 units right in the middle of this area, right next to the greenway, the bike path adding potentially 29 to 30 new parked cars in that block, we went to many neighborhood association meetings and a very pleasant gentleman, bill cunningham, who is our city planning planner, district liaison from the bureau of planning and sustainability. He came and spoke to us. We spoke for several hours, and the sort of definitive solution to what we got to after this discussion was to find a way to change the zoning back to 2.5, which had prior had been for my understanding, for quite a long time, so when asking him further clarification on how to change the zoning, he said, and I quote, you have to talk to the decision makers. This is you. You are the decision makers. This is specifically what he said, which has led me and other neighbors of my neighborhood to come and bring this information to you. Is that two and a half or is that three minutes? 30s. 30s. Okay. So, we recognize that housing is an issue in the city. We believe that our neighborhood has shouldered a tremendous amount of that. And I'm here to ask for help and for at least a moratorium on the development is currently happening in the neighborhood. Time to do this. Data safety study. See how it's affecting. And again, like I said, I can send all this information to you and your offices via email again. And I apologize for I have a lot more to say. Seconds. Three minutes goes by quickly and there it is. So I don't know what the follow up is for this.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Yeah, kyle, thank you for your testimony. I live pretty close to your neighborhood, so I have a sense of the dynamics there. I will also confess, this is the first time, this particular issue has come to my attention, so I would appreciate it if you could forward the packet that you have to my office. If you haven't done that already, and if it's already come into my office, i'll ask my staff to surface it.

Speaker: Is there any way I can tag it specifically so you know that it's I mean, just urgent or something that you would like that would make it more, visual.

Speaker: Jackson, who's on my team, is, is tracking this, and we'll make sure it gets in front of my eyeballs. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Yeah. Kyle, thanks for being here.

Speaker: That was great testimony. I agree that, of course, when you're not getting through, you want to go to decision makers to change something. And did they also reference, commissioner Rubio, you can maybe help me out here. The planning commission, like, isn't that the process? That would make sense as well.

Speaker: Yeah. And I was wondering if we could ask donnie oliveira. Yeah. Let's give us an out here today. Oh, I will do that. Okay.

Speaker: I will I will forward this to donnie and donnie is a deputy.

Speaker: He oversees the he's the dca for the area of economic development that has planning and sustainability in it. And the planning commission, I think would take on this issue. And then it comes to us after they vet it. So usually that's the process. So I just wanted to say they're decision makers that are part of our government that we rely upon for advice on such matters.

Speaker: And I guess my question to follow up to you, michael, is do I then try and contact donnie?

Speaker: We'll reach out to you.

Speaker: You'll reach out to me. Yes. Okay.

Speaker: And I would hope you would also testify to that commission is my point. Okay. And then it would have more depth. Okay. Makes sense. It does.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: Back to you, commissioner.

Speaker: Sure. Just just so I have a sense of the problem we're trying to solve here. Is it the parking issue in particular?

Speaker: In a large part, the safety issue is very much the parking. And there is a livability sustainability issue as well. But there is that bike lane as well as a greenway that spans the entirety of the neighborhood right down the middle. And everett and flanders, there are hundreds of commuter bike commuters and pedestrians every day going up and down that street. And already we have an encroachment of cars from glisan and burnside that are sort of coming into the neighborhood because the larger units, the 80 plus, the 50 plus developments are on those major thoroughfares, so you're adding that there now are being added. 1632 16 multiple areas within the visibility issue and the travel ability issue on those those streets is becoming dangerous at best. And not to be dramatic, somebody's going to get killed. Overdramatic. Excuse me.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you very much. We'll definitely forward your information to my office and we'll try to be okay. Facilitate this conversation.

Speaker: Thank you for being here. Thanks so much. Next individual please.

Speaker: Item eight one for request of claire coleman evans to address council regarding communications with the city. Claire was going to join online. I don't believe they're here.

Speaker: Okay, well, we'll check to see if she joins after the others. Next item please.

Speaker: 815 request of anna reid to address council regarding protecting wildlife refuges by immediate removal of persons within those areas to prevent fires.

Speaker: Welcome. You have three minutes.

Speaker: Okay. My name is anna reid, and I'm here today to talk about our wildlife refuges, specifically oaks bottom, because I live a few blocks from there. So I'm very

familiar with it and I go there often. Oaks bottom is about 160 acres, and it's home to over 175 birds, many of which are on the endangered species list. It's also home to animals such as river otters, deer, beavers, skunks and nutrias. Just to name a few. I'm here today because I'm really concerned about the amount of people who are setting up camp on this property, off the path where it clearly states humans are not supposed to be. It's not just an encroachment on the birds, animals, fish, trees and plants who live here as habitat. It's a major fire hazard. The speed with which a fire would spread in this area versus a typical neighborhood in Portland, is exponentially faster, due to all the vegetation and how dry it is. There also aren't eyes on the property when the sun goes down like there are in neighborhoods, so it's all it would take is one person who's camping to fall asleep with a lit cigarette, or to not properly put out a fire or barbecue on a windy night, and it would burn the whole place down. And it's not just people who are houseless. I've seen travelers from other countries that have camped there too, and I report it every time I see it. But the policy that's in place is to treat these sacred areas just like another side street in Portland, which doesn't make any sense. You call the ranger and make a report, and they come down in a few days to a couple weeks, depending on how busy they are. They issue a warning that the people camping need to pack up within ten days, and then the rangers have to coordinate with the city outreach team. 311 before they can go back there. And then if they aren't gone within 30 days, they get a ticket. It's too much time. It's inefficient and unnecessarily complicated. If you or I came home and someone was in our house, they would be made to leave immediately. Whether we made that happen ourselves or when the police showed up. These refuges are homes to our wildlife, which are supposed to be places of safety and refuge for them. The only difference is they can't defend themselves. So we have to do it for them. If we don't, it's only a matter of time

before this property and other wildlife refuges are set on fire and decimated. And when that happens, it will be on us for not doing anything about it, for not setting a boundary, for allowing people to disrespect these lands which are owned by our city, us. My proposal is that we stop treating these refuges like they are just another side street in Portland. We need to change the policy. If a human is found within these areas that are clearly marked off limits, whether they have a house or not, they need to be escorted off the property immediately, just like what we would expect if we came home and someone who we hadn't invited was inside. To do otherwise is putting our wildlife refuges in extreme danger. And it's not helping anyone. When this new policy is implemented, word will travel that these areas are treated differently and people will avoid them because they don't want to have to abruptly relocate. But that's the only way we are going to protect these beautiful areas and their habitat. And when I spoke to the ranger, they said the only way we can make this change is through changing the policy, and that I needed to talk to you guys about it.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Claire, thank you for your testimony. And I tell you, it resonates with me. I got two boys who are 15 and 14 now, and when they were just a few years young, like five years ago when they were younger, we used to go for walks. We used to go through oaks park. And I will tell you, 5 or 6 years ago, I'd never seen a tent or a mattress down there at all. And, the environment has changed profoundly, frankly, it's a place that I feel much less safe taking my own kids, and I do see vicente, here. And so I'd love to get vicente's perspective on how to manage the situation. Can we call? Can we activate there you go, thanks for being here. Mr. President, if it's okay, it's fine. Here from the rangers. I'd love to hear from him. Vicente, I appreciate your perspective. Your perspective on this. And orienting us to, what the current rules

are. Colleagues for me, in addition to an acute, public safety issue here, I think this also points to the need for a more holistic approach to managing our natural resources. We've had this conversation on council. I think, for pretty much the whole time I've been here, and I think it's conversations and issues like this for me underscore the need to continue to lean in to thinking about how we do a better job of, managing spaces like this. Yeah, yeah.

Speaker: And differentiating these wildlife refuges between just another street. They're not the same.

Speaker: I completely understand, miss coleman evans, i'll have my office, i'll continue to talk to my the city administrators to see what, if anything, we can do here. I think one of the things we have to do is to come together as a council and think differently about how we manage our natural resources, examples like this, underscore places where we need to do better. Yes.

Speaker: Thank you. Okay. Thank you.

Speaker: Sorry. I also appreciate your testimony. I cycle there often. I know the area very, very well. And, I took a boat ride with some of the governmental entities that monitor the river. And with the particular focus on encampments and abandoned boats, some months ago and the damage to our natural areas is devastating of both essentially pirate boats and unsanctioned camping on our, in our natural areas. And you don't see it from the street, you don't see it. But but it's particularly profound when you see it up close, there are some specific legal challenges we're wrestling with. We are subject to house bill 3115. This is state law that really impacts the way we address, camping ordinances. And we need relief from the state legislature, I'm not a particular fan of our current code on this. I wish it was clearer, but it is the law of the city of Portland for now. That law, it's in our city code, and it describes when, what notices are given, and what under what

circumstances we will, prohibit camping or inter intercede, and it's, it's a little convoluted for my take, it was adopted to comply with house bill 3115 after some difficult legal challenges, and it is a messy environment for us. Unfortunately I totally agree with you. I wish there was no camping anywhere in the city of Portland, including our natural areas, outside of designated spaces. But, we need help from from you and advocating at the state legislature for some of the fixes that help us clean those up more effectively and efficiently.

Speaker: So what can I do?

Speaker: I would contact your state legislator. And bring up house bill 3115. There was a ninth circuit decision that really dictated house bill 3115 for a while, that ninth circuit decision has been overturned by the supreme court. And so I think it is appropriate the state legislature take up house bill 3115, so I would start there. State legislature. House bill 3115. There are some adjacent notice requirements under state law, that you might familiarize yourself with as well. That also is a challenge for us in setting the rules for how we clean up encampments. Okay.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you,

Speaker: Next individual, please. Item 816, request of injured and off to address council regarding eviction.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Welcome. You have three minutes. Whenever you're ready.

Speaker: My name is injured and off and I had my name changed at the old Multnomah County courthouse, February 3rd of 2017. So that's been, more than seven years ago. I first moved to Portland labor day of 2004, and I couldn't get housing. I'm legally blind. I've been blind half my life, and, after I was able to get housing, that was after I had to go to the Oregon legal aid because the housing authority of Portland said that no dog could, weigh more than 25 pounds, while my

service animal was a dalmatian lab mix or a, delbert or or a lab mason. Even the veterinarians had difficulties. Describing them because he was built like a lab, but colored as a dalmatian. And a vet had to explain that they can only weigh 55 to be a pure dalmatian. After I got housing, I had seven dog attacks on my service animal and less than six years. And of course, they're supposed to be civil rights for disabilities. And clearly Portland doesn't do that for blind people or service animals, this is a housing inspection. And I continued to pay my rent even with medical mistreatment. After I broke my hip from the seventh dog attack and fractured to my vertebrae and my spinal cord, I was mistreated at the hospital because they ignored my spinal cord injuries, and I continued to pay rent. And last March, I reported to the Portland police that I had a tv stand outside my apartment that the management stole, and I still continue to pay the rent. But this March, they finally me off. I quit paying my rent because they allowed somebody in my apartment, without a notification. And here's a fuel truck across from the county courthouse, that's delivering fuel, that is severely. I wonder if those judges that work in the new courthouse know what's going on? Because I asked kieran if he knew if he thought that was strange, that they were delivering fuel. And he said, well, the police department's receiving it. I'll hand these papers.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for being here. Next individual, please.

Speaker: Item 817 request of michael o'callahan to address council regarding hope. Thank you.

Speaker: Welcome. You'll have three minutes when you're ready.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Okay. This is basically a campaign swing. As you know, I'm running for mayor. Okay? And I hear some of these issues. I've lived unhoused. I lived under the ross island bridge. Now, I helped start right to dream when we started right to dream, the first thing the city did is fined the property

owner 2000 a month. Okay, if we would have done it, the way the city did it, it would have cost us. Cost the city \$4 million a year to have those 70 people at right to dream. And we did it for free. That's one of my six housing proposals. One of the issues that you're dealing with is unhoused people. They have no place to go, no place to go. The city has failed to provide places for them to go. We organized. I was one of the five that started it just like that, man. We had 70 people in there, you know, we only had one theft in three months. But enough about that, okay, let me give you a little bit of my history. Okay. Live 35 years in alaska, did a lot of stuff, started a free food program with a bicycle and a trailer. We ended up giving away 1,500,000 pounds of food, a year on a zero budget, with 82 volunteers. We only had one rule you miss once you're dropped three turnovers a year. How's that for organization? I got a lot of other things, gave away 2.5 million pounds of salmon, 120,000 pounds here in Portland at the old shriners hospital in 96. I got a whole list of things I've done on my website. Mayor mic check .com. I also have ideas. Okay, I've got six housing ideas that really cost the city nothing. Okay nothing. Okay. Let people rent out their garages. Of course you need conditions. That's already in place. We do 1500 units a year in building. If we open 1500 garages. Look, we've doubled the capacity right away and it will help people that are just barely making their payments. So they have an income. Okay. Limit it to a property taxes no more than your property taxes. Got a number of conditions. Another one is convert downtown office space into housing alternative housing okay. Alternative housing. People need to be inside and they need to be safe. And they're not now okay, mayor michaelson.com okay, check it out. I got a lot of other ideas on there. Like people. Portland polling. What you do is you call in and you register and issues are vetted before a board, and then they go for a polling. If they get enough signatures, if they pass the polling by 65%, you can press one for yes, two for no, and three for I

want to make this happen. So if it passes the polling, there's a party called and everybody gets together. It's a platform for democracy. Listen. Thank you, thank you.

Speaker: That concludes public testimony testimony. Now we'll move on to the consent agenda. Keelan have any items been pulled?

Speaker: Item 822 was pulled.

Speaker: Okay, we'll revisit that item at the end of the agenda. If no other items have been pulled, please call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda.

Speaker: Mingus Mapps yea. Rubio yea. Ryan. I Gonzalez I the remainder of the consent agenda has been adopted.

Speaker: We will now move on to the first time certain item item 818a resolution declare intent to initiate formation proceedings for the northeast 11th avenue in columbia boulevard.

Speaker: Local improvement district to construct sidewalk Oregon humane society driveway relocation and mast arm traffic signal improvements and relocate public utilities south of northeast columbia boulevard to enable the elimination of frontage improvement requirements for the northeast 10th avenue, northeast baldwin street and northeast russet street.

Speaker: That's a mouthful. Thank you. Keelan I'd like to welcome our presenters and pass it over to them.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner, good morning, commissioners. For the record, I'm for public works. This item is to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings as a prerequisite to a lead formation hearing in November. We are pleased to have received 91.88% petition support for this led, the. This led project will build a new traffic signal on northeast columbia boulevard, which is a high crash corridor. Portland water bureau ratepayers will save money by

eliminating the need for expensive standalone water capital project to replace galvanized water mains on three streets, which will be vacated. This led partnership with Oregon humane society will improve safety for people traveling to the busy campus on northwest northeast columbia boulevard. This partnership with raymond construction will enable them to build new headquarters on water. Now public right of ways that don't align well with our street grid. With that, I'd now like to welcome andrew abbe, lead administrator and project manager from pbob, to run the presentation.

Speaker: Thank you priya. Andrew abbe, local improvement district administrator. It's a pleasure to be here this morning. And on my right is ken ackerman from the Portland water bureau. If we could go ahead and start the presentation and move to the next slide, please. This is a map of the local improvement district as petitioned. And the green circle shows where the new traffic signal will be built. If council will give final approval to this lid in November, if you take a look at that map there, you'll see some blue x's and some red x's, it's not as simple as just putting in a traffic signal. We also have to make sure that the flow of vehicles in this area, works well when the new traffic signal is installed. So for that reason, we are proposing some street vacations of northeast. Northeast baldwin street to the south of northeast columbia boulevard and northeast russell street and northeast 10th avenue just to the west. There and in the process of doing that, we close some of these driveways and then relocate them to the streets that are not being vacated. And in order to do the street vacations, we need to eliminate water mains in that area. And for more about that, ken, will share more details. Slide, please.

Speaker: Next slide please.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioners. Oh wait. Next slide. One more. There you go. So we will be eliminating with the vacation of the right of way will be removing

three water mains from service which totals about 1200 feet. These water mains are between 70 and 100 years old. So they're reaching their useful life. We're actually replacing the water main in russell rutledge street between 11th and 12th. Currently, as a project, so they're getting to the useful life. They're not quite there yet, but we would be replacing those in the next 10 to 15 years for a cost of about \$350,000. That will save by vacating those as well as 10th avenue is only a 13 foot right of way, so we would have to acquire additional right of way there as well if we were to replace that water main that we will be saving. So these are two inch pipes, which is not what we would put in. We would be replacing those with eight inch pipes to fit with the industrial neighborhood that's out there. So, that cost would be there as well. I said the, the one main is actually 100 years old. So it will be its useful life. So and we will be moving the services to the adjoining streets, including columbia boulevard and 11th avenue. So we're able to serve the properties, continue to serve the properties as they're currently operating. So thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, ken. And if we can just go back to the previous slide, this this really shows the area that would be freed up here because we're not only talking about old galvanized water mains, that would be expensive and frankly, ridiculous to replace when we have available water mains on 11th avenue and columbia boulevard, but it also frees up these areas of public rights of way, that the abutting property owners no longer have extensive frontage improvement requirements. And as ken just noted, pbot and water bureau are no longer in the position of going to these property owners and getting exactions in the way of additional right of way dedication. So we really think this is a triple win on on all counts here, if we can just go ahead and advance this two slides now, thank you. So this shows the example of, where baldwin street cut through, where raymore would like to put in their new campus. We'll hear more from them in a moment, what this slide really points out is

this area is zoned industrial, but the area was really platted as a residential subdivision. So what you have here are fairly narrow rights of way, and you have a street grid of 200ft apart, which, you know, in a residential area that's a good thing. And an industrial area, you really need larger parcels to make them, you know, physically work. And again, we'll hear more about that in a minute. The two red circles there that you see on the slide there show another aspect of how this is a really complex project. It's not as simple as just putting up a traffic signal, because if we put in a traffic signal at 11th and columbia and we just left the street grid in place, then center to center, the distance from 11th and baldwin to 11th and columbia would be 109ft. That's about half of a downtown Portland city block. And that center to center, that's not the that's not the north edge of baldwin, to the south edge of columbia. What we don't want to do is put in a traffic signal and then leave baldwin in, and then have vehicles making left turn movements, and then hang it out into the intersection while they wait for a red light. And then they get t-boned by a car making a left turn on a green signal from columbia westbound to 11th avenue southbound. So we just think pbot just thinks that there's a lot of safety benefits to, vacating baldwin and just just having fewer intersections here for potential crashes, I think most of you or all of you know that northeast columbia boulevard is a high crash corridor. It's one of the most dangerous streets in the city. We've had, I believe, eight fatalities in the last three years. Within two miles, we have no traffic signals between mlk and 21st avenue. So putting in a new traffic signal breaks up that very long gap, so we're just really pleased that having this partnership and being able to move forward with this. So thank you, ken. And I think we can now move on to, the next slide and we will bring forward webb moreland and amanda grayson with cobol architecture to tell us more. So while we're waiting for, for jeff and amanda to come forward, this slide shows you the

proposed development by raymore construction, where you see the word shop there on the slide is right on top of where baldwin street is today. So take it away.

Speaker: Hi everyone. I'm jeff with raymore construction, as you can see, this is a campus that we're proposing for this location, a little bit about us. We are heavy civil contractor in northeast Portland. We've been around for around 25 years, and we employ anywhere from 70 to 100 ftes that fluctuation usually is what our field staff, depending on how many projects we have, the main purpose of our company is to help diversify the industry. Diversity, equity, inclusion is at the forefront of who we are as a company as well, and that's represented by our management staff, which is 80% bipoc and our field staff, which fluctuates between 50 to 60% bipoc at any given point. And we're currently one of the major projects we're on right now is the city of Portland project, which is the 82nd major maintenance project, which is about to start in construction next week, to talk more about the campus, though, is our lead designer, amanda grayson. And let her take it away.

Speaker: Hi. Thanks, thank you, andrew, for the invite. And we've, we found engagement with the city to be exceptionally beneficial. Thank you. Andrew this has been a very open conversation since we approached it with, our e and, what we found was that it would be beneficial for both parties to vacate in particular baldwin street for this project, because, as originally shown with how it currently is set up, baldwin separates these two properties and, we did have concerns of safety with travel, with baldwin turning onto 11th. And so we were planning on addressing that in some capacity. Anyways, but what we did find is we found that, with the consideration of vacating baldwin, that we really could create this more campus like, feel, allow raymore to, you know, merge the office setting in with the field setting and, and really create that integrated, you know, company, environment that, you know, we, we all hope to have, and also just from an urban planning

standpoint, then we could really start to engage that corner and, and also really, you know, create this, you know, catalyst, effect for that intersection then so it becomes more prominent with ohs there and with raymore, then it's a strong entity to hold that intersection, so we've, really we are in great support of seeing that streetscape street vacate process occurring, we are we've held off on moving forward with this project and with this lab being of great importance for their project to proceed, so the street vacate in particular is of utmost importance for us to proceed. So I do want to note that, with our building permit process and to be able to formalize that. So, we do that is our one ask is that we do get permission to, or through the building permitting process that we are able to proceed with the intention that baldwin is vacated. So just of note, anything else that I think that's a good recap.

Speaker: Thank you. Amanda, thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Does that conclude your presentation?

Speaker: No. We have, esteemed visitors from Oregon humane society. That will be fantastic.

Speaker: So bring them on,

Speaker: Could we go back? One slide. Yeah. So you were on it. I want to note a correction there, the 109ft should actually be 95ft. So if there are any objections, I'll send you an updated powerpoint that corrects the 109ft between the two intersections to 95, okay. So with that, we have some guests from the Oregon humane society. So joining me is sharon harmon, the ceo of the Oregon humane society. Ashley evans, the project manager, and natasha flat, who is a employee at the humane society. And on sharon's left is josie harmon. And, I will let you folks take it away. Let's move to the Oregon humane society. Slide thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to come before you with this great project. We are so supportive of a little step back in time. The Oregon, maine society was founded in 1868, is the third oldest humane society in the country. And that's a remarkable testament to the power of compassion in this community. For our four legged, four legged friends. Ohs has been providing services to this community. I'm going to be upstaged by a puppy. Let's just get over this. Oregon humane side has been providing these services at no cost to any city, government or state agency since 1972. Our entire work is funded by private philanthropy. We just completed a \$40 million capital expansion that allowed us to provide veterinary care. The purpose of that expansion was really to provide access for veterinary care for folks who cannot afford it, or get it, or get transportation to it. Hence, here we are today. So excited to have the opportunity to both expand the access to our campus, but also to provide, we hope a bus stop with it. So folks who don't have a campus or don't have a car or otherwise can't afford lift can still get to the hospital to get care for their pet. Find a new best friend, go to summer camp. All the myriad of programs that the Oregon humane society has, we've been working on this project, ashley evans this has been her passion. Although she was a project manager for that, that expansion, this has been her passion to get safe access to our community, to our to our campus. For several years now, she's found a likely friend in andrew here. And we've appreciated the city's assistance all the way through. You know, we're so much more than an adoption agency. That's what you think of humane society is you come get a pet, you come. We've a pet, but everything from children's education. We are the state's humane law enforcement entity. Again, an unfunded by the state position. We do all of this because that's what heart dollars want. Maybe not tax dollars can afford. And yet we are prepared to pay our share of this \$3 million project. Roughly. I wish we weren't paying anything we could

spend that money on spay and neuter and get justice for abused animals. But to get more people to have access and to save more lives is really the folks, really the purpose of it. We've tried various ways to get staff to use alternative transportation, pay for bus passes, but it's a half a mile walk from either mlk or 21st avenue. And if you are on a winter's day trying to get your to the bus stop with a cat that just got spayed in our clinic, it's a long walk in the dark and often in the rain. In Oregon's winter, we'd like to see them be able to just walk safely across the street, get on the bus and get to safety. So they can get their pet home. We know this is important to our community members, both as service providers but as our donors. Well as well. We've had a number of accidents through, through trying to get across columbia boulevard, get onto columbia boulevard, get off of columbia boulevard as andrew said, it's one of the most dangerous corridors in the city. And we are hopeful that this message, this, initiative allows safe transit for all of the members of our community. To us, I have a list of the serious injuries that have happened. Probably the hardest one for us recently was in 2018. We had 300 of our donors for an event at ohsu. One of them was one of the first to leave, and they got on to columbia boulevard and was rear ended by a very fast moving car. It took the jaws of life to get them out of the car. They sustained permanent injuries. The person who hit them had a dog in their car, had to be cut out of their car as well, and that that couple has suffered permanent injuries, while 300 people watched it because the city, the street was closed, we have one of our staff people today who can testify to having been in an accident while trying to get to work, and we hope that the city will approve this slide. And, look deep into your pockets to see if there's another way we can fund it other than us doing a capital campaign for. I'm a professional fundraiser, I'm going to ask you for money. So there we are. Thank you. Any questions you have for me? Happy to answer.

Speaker: Does that conclude the presentation?

Speaker: We will also have kate lyman from trimet. But I think ashley and natasha are going to speak, could we maybe advance to slide number nine?

Speaker: And, would you like to ask your question now or, I have some Oregon humane society questions, but are we pivoting off of, the humane society?

Speaker: There's two more people. No we, it sounds like trimet is going to present.

Speaker: Well, trimet will come in a minute, so we're we're focused on ohsu right now, commissioner. So this would be a great time to ask your questions.

Speaker: Why don't I let you finish the present. Your finish the humane society presentations. And then I have a couple of okay follow up questions, on this particular part of the project.

Speaker: Thank you. I'm ashley evans, I'm senior project manager with the Oregon humane society, if we could actually go back one slide, that would be great, so as sharon mentioned, we've been engaging with pbob for it's almost five years now, so we've really been advocating for safety improvements, both for our staff, volunteers and clients to come to ohs, but also in anticipation of the opening of our new community veterinary hospital and increasing access to the facility. We were happy to start reengaging with pbob at the start of this year. We had our kickoff meeting with andrew in January, and in February we really kind of kicked things into high gear and decided it was important for us to share some data to support the need that we needed these safety improvements at ohsu. So in February of 2024, we surveyed our staff and volunteers, to better understand what their experience was commuting to ohs. So currently 90% of our staff and volunteers use their personal vehicles as their primary means of transportation to ohs. Roughly 8% of our employees and volunteers walk or ride their bike or take public transit. 55% of respondents said that they would consider riding their bike, walking, or taking

public transit if we made safety improvements to get to the facility, and 76% of the respondents have had a near-miss incident coming to or leaving ohs, which is a pretty scary number, and when we asked staff how safe they feel traveling to ohs, our respondents rated their commute about 40% out of 100. We could advance to the next slide, so as Sharon already mentioned, we also provided a snapshot of some of the more serious incidents that have happened at ohs. Again, this is just a snapshot, a couple that I want to call to mind. Sharon mentioned our long time volunteer who was involved in an accident. This volunteer was leaving his volunteer shift where he worked with cats. He was crossing the street as a pedestrian was hit by a speeding vehicle who fled the scene, this volunteer was in critical care for quite some time and in rehabilitation for nearly a year or more afterwards, this was one of the accidents that I think really shook the organization to its core. He was a really visible absence to our program, and it was probably the accident that generated the most, emails to myself from staff volunteers asking, what can we do? What's possible at that time? I directed them to pbot to send their concerns, and I'm sure you guys were flooded for a minute with some of those, but that one, that one really hit us, and then last year, last summer in June, our ohs employee Natasha was involved in a four car crash that shut down Columbia Boulevard for several hours. I'm going to turn it over to Natasha, and she's going to share a little bit about her experience with that incident.

Speaker: Hi, my name is Natasha Flat. I am a foster coordinator at the Oregon Humane Society, where I've worked for the last nine years, last year on June 22nd, I was involved in a terrible car accident. I was sitting in my car in the middle turn lane, waiting to turn left into the ohs parking lot when a young woman in a sedan going very quickly barreled into the back of my car, she tried to pass others in traffic in the turn lane, and a very busy intersection. During a very busy time of the

morning. The aftermath was devastating. The young lady had to be removed from her car with the jaws of life. Traffic was stopped both ways for hours, accidents pushing other cars into oncoming traffic, and people were panicked at what they had just witnessed. It was chaos. I got myself out of my car. I'd been hit in the head pretty hard and was bleeding all over myself. The next details are a little fuzzy, as I had suffered a concussion and was in and out of a blackout state. I remember telling the paramedics my husband's phone number before my memory went out. I remember waking up in a machine in a panic because I didn't know I had ended up in the hospital. I finally came to full consciousness after hearing my mom's voice in my hospital bed. After hours of asking the same questions over and over again where I was, how I'd gotten there, what had happened, it was all finally starting to sink in. When I came to, I was in a hospital gown. My clothes had been cut off in the ambulance, soaked in blood. My mom was there in the hospital telling me she was glad I was okay. My husband was sitting there, tears in his eyes, holding my hand, and I knew I was lucky to be alive. The nurse then came in to inform me that she was going to flush my wound on the back of my head, and somebody else was going to come in and put some staples in there. I sat in extreme discomfort as they stuck my head wound with a needle to administer a numbing agent, and then sat quietly, squeezing my husband's hand while they stapled my head closed. I was allowed to leave the hospital later that day, but my road to recovery was just beginning. The accident disrupted much of my life, and I'm still dealing with trauma and all of the stuff. Over a year later, I no longer drive myself most places. My husband has rearranged much of his life to help me provide transport and get me to where I need to go every day. Driving to work feels like a challenge to get to work safely and in one piece. I personally feel very strongly that a traffic signal is needed, and I know it would make so many others feel so much safer and more confident in

their commute to ohs. We provide services to many people, families, pets and it's our mission to create a more humane society, including offering safe travel to and from ohs. So please help us provide that to our animal loving community.

Speaker: Thank you natasha. I think that concludes the ohs invited testimony and we'll have kate lyman here in a minute, but i'll just turn it back over to council. If you have any other questions for ohs.

Speaker: Sure, I sure do, first, I'm delighted to see this lid come forward, obviously it's incredibly urgent. And I also want to thank ohs for being out here today. I know I had the privilege of taking a tour of your facility relatively recently, and I encourage everyone who, on this council to find some time in your calendar to go out and look at the remarkable, care facility that they've built out there. And I have some questions about how this lid is going to interact with ohs in particular, can we pull up maybe the map of the street vacation?

Speaker: Yeah. So I think if we go back to, slide number two.

Speaker: Less rain, more act. Yeah

Speaker: So, northeast baldwin street is the street south of columbia boulevard. So that will be vacated. And then south of baldwin is reset. And, there's a very narrow strip of 10th avenue, that runs north and south parallel to 11th that will be vacated as well.

Speaker: And what's happening on 11th? I have this vague recollection of walking around the outside of the humane society, and maybe your folks having some aspirations for, for that site.

Speaker: Can what are the Oregon humane society? We aspire to aspirations on a daily basis. I know you do, the if you look at that map in the blue triangle area is the campus of ohs. On the left hand side is the north 11th avenue. For 20 years we 20 years ago, we cleared out all the debris, the paint cans, the prostitution activities.

And with this permission of the city, we were able to, gravel it, mark it, and use it for over 100 cars a day for parking for volunteers and staff, little later on, maybe four years ago, the city said no, we need to have a lease for that. So we lease it and it goes nowhere. We own the property at the north end of 11th avenue. We own the property on the other side of it. So really, all of 11th avenue to the north just accesses the Oregon humane society's property. And we would love to have the city vacate the north end of 11th avenue if that. You would be so kind to consider that.

Speaker: Well, I tell you folks, I don't know if you've been out there, but I've literally looked at the street. I've seen the good work that you've done there. It is kind of a road to nowhere, but is very much important to your facility. As long as we're doing street vacations around this particular project, is there a reason why we're not doing a street vacation on 11th,

Speaker: Thank you commissioner. We the street vacations that are directed by the resolution in front of you today are only south of columbia boulevard. And they were identified in the resolution expressly for the purpose of relocating public utilities, which are necessary. We didn't identify 11th avenue north of columbia boulevard because it wasn't related to the relocation of public utilities. But on that note, we can certainly look at that. If council approves this resolution today, it will come back November 6th and we can certainly have a staff huddle. And look at that. The 109ft that I erroneously referenced on that one slide that I'm going to correct to 95ft, I had the two dimensions mixed up. So the dimension from 11th and baldwin to 11th and columbia is 95ft, not 109ft. As I mentioned on the slide, what prompted me to make that realization is the 109ft is the distance between the two offset legs of 11th avenue, and again, that center to center, I'm not a traffic engineer, but I think it is a little, probably a bit problematic to have, two intersections there, 109ft apart. So thank you for asking us to look at that, sharon

and commissioner Mapps. And we'll definitely take a look at that and we'll have an update for you when the lid comes back in November.

Speaker: Well thank you, and I totally appreciate the necessity to do street vacations, for the public utilities as we move north, you know, we I take a look at the perhaps vacating 100 or 11th as an opportunity to do a street vacation for the public good. Would really appreciate it if staff and stakeholders could have that conversation. And when this comes back to us, see if we can, make this proposal even better.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner, we'll definitely do that homework in advance of November. So if there are any further questions for me, we have some trimet ready.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Okay. And this will be the final invited testimony this morning.

Speaker: Oh, commissioner, before we go to trimet, commissioner Ryan had a question or comment.

Speaker: Yeah. I just wanted to acknowledge the Oregon, I almost said historical society. Sorry.

Speaker: Humane society were the other owes.

Speaker: Other owes for being here today. And it was especially important to hear your testimony from the two of you, you really brought it home when you took that survey, which was really compelling. What's your first name again? Ashley. Ashley. Okay. Thanks. Ashley. And your natasha. Yeah. And thank you for telling your very your very vulnerable today. I appreciate that, if you could do that survey after this is done a year or two later just to it's always important for government to actually experience the improvements. And it'll be really great if you did that survey like a year or two after. Does that make sense? Yeah, we would be happy to. All right. All

right. Thank you. So much. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: And I think with that, we can bring kate lyman forward from trimet.

Speaker: Thank you andrew. Good morning. Commissioners. My name is kate lyman.

Speaker: I work as the manager of service planning and development for trimet.

Speaker: Could we go to the next slide?

Speaker: Actually, it will be the very last slide. There we go.

Speaker: I am here today to express trimet sincere appreciation for these plans to install new traffic signals and sidewalks at northeast 11th and columbia, adjacent to the Oregon humane society. Trimet has heard for many, many years from members of our community about desires for service in the columbia corridor and along columbia boulevard, one of the destinations we've heard about the absolute most is the Oregon humane society, and we've known for many years that there is a desire for transit service there, as is shown on this slide, we do have a plan to provide bus service to the Oregon humane society. This map shows our future envisioned. Line 49. This is part of trimet's forward together service plan, which we are in the process of implementing now and includes service service improvements throughout the city of Portland. But one of the service improvements that is shown on this map is this line 49. It would connect saint john's to parkrose transit center via columbia boulevard, and also connect with many different services that go north south throughout the city of Portland. So we believe this will be a very helpful way for people to get to the columbia corridor from all throughout the city, including east Portland, by making that transfer at parkrose transit center, trimet shares the city of Portland's commitment to safety for transit riders. So I will emphasize that we would be very hesitant to implement this bus line and provide

bus stops at the Oregon humane society without a traffic signal. So we are very grateful to you for considering this plan and for the intention to build this traffic signal, again, we want to thank you for your partnership with trimet and bringing safe transit service to this part of the city.

Speaker: Thank you, kate. And then my final order of business for council is commissioner Ryan has a question or comment.

Speaker: Hello, trimet. I'm glad you're here. Just a quick question about, first of all, thank you for noticing in the columbia corridor, the industry jobs need more service for my trimet. So thank you, one thing that I've heard from people is that the hour of operation is sometimes a challenge, because jobs in the industry sector sometimes start earlier. And do you all take that feedback and into consideration?

Speaker: We absolutely do it, it is something that we continually try to work on with our employer partners. Meeting the shift times in the columbia corridor. It is our intention with this line 49, that it be an all day line providing service throughout the day. So hopefully people, volunteers and employees who need to get to the humane society at different times of the day would have the ability to do so. Okay, thanks.

Speaker: I've heard that enough to want to ask you that question. Appreciate it.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan. And just to piggyback on, kate's testimony, she and I were talking earlier this week, and, we want to make sure that the installation of the traffic signal is aligned with trimet's anticipated start date. As kate noted, we don't want to put trimet in a position of starting up the bus line and have people running across columbia boulevard, so kate and i, chatted about this, we at pbot will make every effort to expedite the installation of the traffic signal for obvious safety reasons, but sometimes we run into weird little quirks, like we have a contractor on board and there's, you know, it takes them a while to fabricate the

masked arm traffic poles, so what we would like to do is just remove the reference in the seventh, whereas statement, just remove four words. It says no later than August 2026. So I would just like to ask council to make an amendment to remove the words no later than August 2026 from the seventh, whereas we will make every effort to have the traffic signal installed by then. But if for some reason we can't, we just don't want to put trimet in a position of starting their bus service in advance of the traffic signal. So if we could, move that amendment and take a vote on it, that concludes our presentation for this morning. Thank you.

Speaker: First of all, let's make sure we get it clearly stated. So Keelan, could you help us with that?

Speaker: Yeah, I'm understanding the motion to be amend the seventh whereas statement to remove no later than August 2026 from the resolution.

Speaker: So it sounds like I have a motion from commissioner Mapps, so do we have a second? Second. All right. Second, let's vote on the motion maps.

Speaker: Yea. Rubio. Hi Ryan Gonzalez. Hi

Speaker: So passes, let's get is there any further questions or comments on the underlying presentation? And you're you're done now.

Speaker: Yeah. My only question to Keelan is we don't need to do an amendment to correct the 109ft to 95ft in the presentation, then. No, we are we are ready for a vote unless council has any more questions or comments.

Speaker: Yeah, just one quick question, andrew. When will this come back to council? As you go back and ponder it?

Speaker: Yeah. November 6th is what we're looking at. So. Okay and that's normal and customary for lids. We have a resolution to initiate. And then we have an ordinance ordinance to form it. All right.

Speaker: And I don't we don't require the first and second for the amendment. But we won't for the for the resolution itself, any other questions? No comments. Okay. Keelan. Please call the roll for item 818. A resolution maps,

Speaker: Andrew, as always, I want to thank you for your work on this lid. I tell you folks, as a guy who has a considerable amount of, experience in the infrastructure space, some of the work I'm most proud of is the work that has been done through, andrew and our local improvement district program, as we've seen from today's presentation, the work that we're going to do here is going to benefit business. It's going to make, this particular high crash corridor safer, just exemplary work, which is why I am proud to vote.

Speaker: I yea. Rubio, this lid is an important step towards increasing safety in high crash corridors, and I greatly appreciate the staff work on this and the community work.

Speaker: Happy to support the formation of this lid and the whole neighborhood will benefit from these improvements. I vote I Ryan.

Speaker: Yes, a great presentation, very thorough. I live not far from there and I'm aware of the challenges when you're navigating, I want to also acknowledge how you brought in all the key stakeholders, whether it was raymore or Oregon humane society and trimet. It was, thank you, andrew, you really delivered a really thorough report today. And it's very easy to be enthusiastically, yes.

Speaker: I Gonzalez I the resolution passes. Thank you for your presentation. We'll now move on to our regular agenda. First we have item 824. A second reading provide emergency housing services by continuing the current housing emergency. This item is a second reading. And we've already had this presented to us. An opportunity for public discussion. Is there any further business on this item? Hearing and seeing none Keelan. Please call the role maps yea. Rubio Ryan.

Speaker: I want to just acknowledge commissioner Rubio's leadership and her staff's leadership to do something that was very necessary and difficult.

Speaker: I vote yea Gonzalez I the ordinance passes the next item is a second reading item 825.

Speaker: Colleagues. This item is a second reading. I'm requesting that the item be postponed by way of background to create some additional space to discuss the proper legal framework for advisory boards in the new form of government, with full recognition and appreciation of the good work of staff in identifying the consolidation of some of these boards. I believe there's time on Wednesday, October 9th, any objections to postponing?

Speaker: I'm not supportive of postponing. I'd like to move forward.

Speaker: Could we hear explanation, commissioner Rubio, because I just yesterday heard of the potential amendment that would significantly modify the proposal.

Speaker: And I think we need to be transparent to the public about about that. And also the amendment concept that needs to be daylighted, it's been presented to staff and happy to explain the concept, in whatever detail you find appropriate,

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, any thoughts on this,

Speaker: I didn't have my hand up, but i. Yeah, I have some thoughts. I think that, the current item that we're talking about took a lot of work to get to this point, and I don't understand why we wouldn't approve it, because it was a lot of work to consolidate and assimilate these groups into one unit. And I applaud that effort. So there was a problem that we were trying to solve and that was solved. So now I'm trying to bend. You're proposing something that maybe is another problem that you're identifying that we could also try to solve. But I maybe I'm trying to decouple the two. So I need to hear from you. Why you think they should be together.

Speaker: Sure, deeply appreciate commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Deeply appreciated the work to consolidate our advisory boards. That's. I just want to be crystal clear on that. In the new form of government council. And the administrative branch can create advisory boards. They each have independent authority to do so. So the further codification of advisory boards may not be the appropriate way to do this. So the part of the original ordinance that I'm appreciative of is, is eliminating the existing ones, consolidating them. But the new board can be created with the simple action of either the city administrator, the mayor, or the housing bureau. We don't need to put it in code to create the new board. And we want to preserve flexibility for the administrative branch in the future to make adjustments without having necessarily to go back to council. As I understand it, in in chief yesterday, the question was raised, should we do this more broadly, address comprehensively all of the advisory boards that are created to really support the administrative side of government, but that are done in code, and I think that's a legitimate conversation to be had as well. Do we just do this across the board? But part of my concern here is that we're kind of going on autopilot. Re-upping advisory boards the way we did it under our existing charter. That is not necessarily appropriate for the new charter.

Speaker: I think everyone followed that. I'm probably going to have you weigh in because, again, I just want to acknowledge that that was a heavy lift to get us to this point. And that's an exercise that I assume we want to do throughout the enterprise. Then we have to look at the systemic way that we handle this going forward. So I understood what you said. I appreciate what commissioner Rubio did. I don't know why I'm on the hot seat right now. Now I want to understand from

your point of view what is the right action that we need to take at this moment in time?

Speaker: Well, thank you, commissioner. I think what, commissioner Gonzalez has brought up is a more systemic issue in the future form of government, and I would certainly defer to city attorney and their position on this. But at least as I understand it, both the legislative body, the council and the mayor as the executive would have the authority to form advisory bodies anytime they want. I think the issue, if I read it correctly, commissioner gonzales is interested in, is that, i'll just say most advisory bodies would be in place to advise the executive on how to operate the bureaus, and not all, but most in in the future. And if I read correctly, commissioner Gonzalez thinks that if in fact, they can be formed by the executive to advise the executive, then it is cumbersome. If you wanted to either change the mission of the advisory body or any other change to have to go get code changed to actually amend or alter or even terminate an advisory body. So if I read it correctly, it is anticipating the difference between the legislative branch's authority and the executive branch's authority in the future. In the future form of government. It as I said, I want to close with what I started with, and that is both branches I think will have the authority to form advisory bodies in the future, the legislative branches will, I assume, be in code, whereas the executive could form advisory bodies without a code change. So I certainly defer to the attorney.

Speaker: Part of what we're trying to address, commissioner Ryan, is that and this is one of the problems we inherit. Once you put it into code, it's just cumbersome to clean it up. And, you know, I think most outside observers think we have too many advisory boards, once created, it's just painful to, to eliminate. So again, I am deeply appreciative of the work of staff to identify some for elimination. I'm 100% supportive of that aspect. What I'm concerned about is us continuing to sort of go

on auto autopilot and re-upping, the acknowledgment of these boards in code, because I just don't I don't think that's the way the new form of government is going to do it, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: So, what's the impact, then, of the amendment? And then how would appointments work by council if, what is fundamentally being changed then and then how would and this is for the city attorneys, and what is the impact on public meetings laws.

Speaker: Thank you. So the impact on public meetings law will be very minimal unless an advisory body is set up to only advise one person. And if that's the case, then it is not subject to public meetings law. But if it's a regular, public meeting or, excuse me, a regular advisory board, which I believe is the majority of the ones that were being considered and they would all be subject to public meetings, law.

Speaker: So this change then, this impact would maintain that they are public meetings or are they advising solely one person, one executive as the mayor,

Speaker: I want to be crystal clear on what it's doing. It is the amendment solely removes the creation of the new advisory board in code. How you choose to create the advisory board would be really Jordan and your housing director, if they choose for that advisory board to advise more than one person, then it's subject to public records, as is the case now, if they choose to design it so that it's advising a single person. If I'm understanding the city attorney, then it would not be subject to public records or public meeting requirements. So it gives the administrative branch flexibility here. And certainly, you know, if folks feel strongly they want those to be public meetings, then, we would encourage the administrative branch to set it up. That way. Is that a fair summary? Summary of it is, yes.

Speaker: I have a question. Sure. Go ahead. I'm going to pose it to the, director of the housing bureau. Do you have a perspective on on this particular amendment?

Speaker: I have very limited, perspective on whether it should or shouldn't be in code. I can certainly provide input as to what the advisory body would be advising us on, specifically three things. One is housing policy, which is a broad policy about the direction the city wants to go with housing. The second is fair housing, which is nondiscrimination, and the third is, rent landlord tenant disputes or rent rental services. So those are the types of things that this advisory body would be advising the bureau on. As far as it's in code, that's not my area of expertise, so I'd rather not weigh in.

Speaker: So my I just want to restate my question about how would appointments work.

Speaker: That's largely going to be up to the housing bureau and, administrator the city administrator, and how they design the advisory board. If you want to literally lift and drop exactly as designed, that's up to the executive branch. If they want to make alterations. I mean, subject to any state law that we need to think about.

Speaker: So I asked for a legislatively adopted advisory body the mayor appoints subject to council confirmation. There is a different appointment procedure for administrative advisory bodies.

Speaker: And what is and that just is that has not been created yet.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And you can just it would be the executive potentially picking without having to go through council.

Speaker: That seems likely. But again, the policy does not yet exist.

Speaker: And certainly commissioner Rubio, what I am envisioning is potentially what's done at the state legislature or the legislative branch chooses to create a committee. They on housing policy, which seems likely that the new council will do,

they can create a committee, and they would drive that and follow whatever state law is applicable in that scenario in their own rules for creating that. But as to respect more clearly separation of powers and the new form of government, if we were if this were six months ago, I would have been more inclined to go on autopilot the way we're doing this. But as we get closer and closer to the end of the year, I mean, we are essentially building the pipes for how the new form of government is going to operate. I mean, and want to respect the division.

Speaker: So I support the bigger comprehensive dialog, but I just don't understand why we have to hold up this particular one. But that's that's my position.

Speaker: Well, if we proceed, we are codifying another advisory board, and I'm trying to stop the perpetuation of that without a broader conversation. If that's the right way to do it in the new form of government, I actually think it's not. But I'm willing to have that, you know, that deeper conversation.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps sure. Maybe this is a question for mike. And it's, it's a conversation that's happening, I think, throughout the city as, different bureaus are rethinking their advisory boards. And frankly, I haven't, and people ask me, especially folks who have served on these committees, for a long time or aspired to serve on these committees, and that there appears to be change. And they're they don't understand, why or what or what's happening next. Is there a plan or strategy for figuring out how our advisory boards are going to work moving forward,

Speaker: We have commissioner. Thanks. We have had discussions about, advisory boards and commissions for the city, I think it's generally accepted that we may have too many, but I think more structurally, the idea of discussing how we form committees, for what purposes do we form committees? Should committees automatically sunset at some date in the future? At least to be revisited by council

or the executive about how long they should go and should they go on forever? So I think there are structural discussions about boards and commissions. I haven't been involved in any discussions to this time about, should there be rules about how the executive forms committees and under what rules should there be? And I think there certainly isn't an interface here between the legislative branch and the executive. When it comes to the involvement of the public in our work. And so, I guess what I would, opine without lots of discussion so far, if you'll grant me that it is that I really do think we as the current folks who are working under the current form of government, should at least have a discussion that could advise and inform the new form of government about the structure of how we deal with advisory bodies, I think the commissioner Gonzalez is, thoughts about the separation and the executive's ability to get advice on the operation of the executive branch from members of the public, is a legitimate idea about how to do that. And how flexible does the executive need to be in doing that? On the other hand, I could certainly understand that the legislative branch will want to have public engagement in some of the operations of city government, and they will want to have the ability to confirm appointments and want to have the ability to have some control over that aspect of our work. So I think there's going to be probably an active dialog between the branches as we go forward into the future. What I would like to and based on this conversation, will ask the city attorney, should we be thinking about committee formation? We already did make some rules earlier this year, amended some of this code earlier this year in thinking about the council forming committees for its own work. Right. We didn't really think about it. I don't think in terms of advisory bodies, and we probably need to take that up in all the code changes we're looking at.

Speaker: Yeah, no, I helped work on those code changes, and we did not consider advisory bodies when we worked on that.

Speaker: Colleagues, if I can jump in here, i, I will tell you, as your former infrastructure commissioner, i, see the need for, evaluating how we approach committees. I remember at some point I tried to count up the number of advisory bodies that were in my portfolio, and I think we were north of two dozen, which is an awful lot for a single service area. So that's a conversation that we should have, and I sure hope that one of the things we can accomplish before this year winds down is that this council develops a comprehensive strategy because what you know, you have an issue with housing here. You know, I couldn't even tell you off the top of my head how many advisory boards are over at pbot, for example, I would urge us to take a comprehensive approach to this so that there can be a rational way. You know, it would be, I think if we approach this in a piecemeal fashion, I think I'm not sure if we're making the system better. Is my initial, my initial thought, and I see commissioner Ryan seems I'm making a face.

Speaker: I'm making a face trying to put together what michael jordan had said. And then you had said, and you were away earlier when we were having a the preliminary dialog, I recognize that.

Speaker: What are you thinking?

Speaker: Well, I'm thinking that I wish I wish you two would have worked this out before today, that's what I'm really thinking. That's why I felt like, why am I in the hot seat here? But that's why you get paid the big bucks to have these dialogs. So we are having the conversation. I was a little bit surprised that there hasn't been a conversation about the necessary, look at the codes that we have. And advisory boards. So then I became big picture concerned that that hasn't taken place. And I think that we would have benefited from having advice from the transition team on such a such a big transition. I think what's hard for me, commissioner Gonzalez is that because I had the housing bureau, I was too busy working on permits and

trying to work with the county to see that there's more to the homeless issue than just housing first. So I was really bogged down when I had that assignment. But I remember complaining that there were too many, advisory committees and that they overlapped quite a bit. And so I was just so thrilled to see that this was happening, and I thought it was a great lesson in efficiency and focus. And so I wanted to lift that. And celebrate this vote today. And then when I had a meeting with you yesterday, you mentioned this amendment. And the bigger picture nature of where we're going as an enterprise. So thank you, Mike Jordan, for weighing in on that. And they are connected. So I'm here a little puzzled, realize there's only four of us today. And this is our second reading. And so we have to vote or we can postpone.

Speaker: Just to be clear, that's what we had.

Speaker: I think we're unearthing that big conversation. I, I just wanted to keep acknowledging the hard work that Commissioner Rubio's office has done to do an assignment that really needs to take place throughout the enterprise. And I don't think you're dismissing that effort as well, though it's okay, you're not good, so I think I'm just trying to look at the sequence of this and what's necessary. I know from my own life experience heading up a much smaller enterprise than the city of Portland, and bylaws are what we would look at. You always wanted them to be very general, like you wanted to have a nominations committee, and you wanted to have a finance committee, and after that, you wanted to adapt to the current era. You're in and have committees that the executive director and the board see fit. So I do think that's a very smart way to handle an enterprise. No matter the scale. And so I'd lean into that type of thinking as we go forward with the executive branch. And legislative branch would be civilized enough to acknowledge that's what we're supposed to do when we're taking care of Portlanders is to be nimble and adaptive.

to the current era we're in, and be simplified in the number that are in the code. So I'm all with you, and I don't think anyone up here is against that thinking. Right so I think we're looking for advice on is this step necessary today? Because a lot of good work went into it, and it's definitely a step in the right direction, or because we're now just a couple months away from a new form of government. To your point, this was six months ago. You would have there would have been no questions asked. You would have been voting yes on this. But now we're looking at what's coming up in two months and we're having a longer conversation as we should. And I think we're all looking for advice from the transition committee on what we're supposed to do in this moment, in time. And I'll stop there.

Speaker: I have a follow up question. And it really gets to process and how we get here on these type of items. I don't know if this is a question for Michael, but to what extent was the transition committee involved in reviewing code language such as this or if at all?

Speaker: I don't recall a recommendation from the transition advisory committee about, advisory boards and commissions, they may have done and I haven't read every bit of everything they've recommended, but I don't recall them having a conversation about advisory boards and commissions. They have had very robust discussion about the council creating committees for its own operation. So I don't think they have, however, if I may, one of the. I think there's more to this question than just the flexibility of the executive branch to do its work, i, i, we will look at overarching code language about boards and commissions and how they should be formed, and all of those things, I think one of the overarching, intents that we've been thinking about as we think about the new form of government and how it will operate, is to do what we can to drive the branches together rather than apart. And I mean, that kind of at the broadest sense. And when it comes to advisory boards

and commissions, it seems to me that in the in a future form, even if the executive was going to form a committee to do advise on something for the executive, you would want to have a discussion with the legislative branch about doing that, and vice versa. If the legislative branch thinks we really need advice on this issue and we're going to pass code to do it, you'd want to discuss that with the executive, because the last thing you guys want is both branches forming committees on similar topics with different populations of people sitting on them advising differently. The city government. And so there really needs to be a coordination between the branches as you move forward. That's not to diminish the idea that the executive would like to have flexibility to do what they want to do in the operation of the executive branch, but that has to be within the context of both branches collaborating. And so we will take a look at this now that it's up. And just to be completely transparent, this city will be doing code adjustments well into 25 and perhaps even 26 to conform all of our codes to the way the new government wants to operate. So please know we won't have everything done by December 31st, this year you seem I will surmise that you're asking for some advice, I think it would be good, perhaps, for council to go ahead and pass this on second reading and for us to revisit the issue about the separation of the branches in the future. Flexibility and togetherness as we look at advisory bodies in the future. So that you wanted advice, you just got it.

Speaker: The deputy oliver. Yeah. Thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps I think you're done for the record, commissioner Gonzalez, I just wanted to answer your question about the process of this code. Just as a reminder for council, the process of evaluating the committees actually started about 14 months ago. So when the process engaged in, we weren't fully considering all the implications of, of the, the transition and giving complete credit

to the transition team. They're covering a lot of bases. So the staff were basically following the formula that any code update would, you know, go through working with the city auditor's office to confirm that it's true to form, working with city attorney's office to ensure it's accurate. So the process was following the rules that we have in place today. Just wanted to acknowledge that that the team started about about a year, year ago.

Speaker: And I can provide just a little bit more information that I know that internally, we flagged this as an issue that needs to be discussed, and there's been some preliminary discussions, but it hasn't moved past. Again, we've got a really long list of code amendments so that that is on multiple people's radars internally.

Speaker: Yeah. And I guess that was kind of my instinct as we were digging into this. It's I think there's a recognition that we need to take this into account, but there's processes in place for updating code that are independent of thinking about the new form of government. And it's just we're now getting closer and closer to the end of the year. So we are and the primary concern is that we are when we put it in code, you are tying the hands of the next executive branch in some respects, that I don't think is reflective of the new form of government. But commissioner Mapps did you have, a clarifying question and then i'll put my cards on the table.

Speaker: I do, I thought, civic life was working in this space.

Speaker: My understanding is that civic life was doing an inventory of all of our boards and commissions. I'm not sure that's complete yet.

Speaker: I'd have to check in. But my understanding is civic life is also working with ogr on looking at the entire universe of our commissions and our committees, and coming back with some advice. But I don't know what the timeline for that is.

Speaker: I believe the last update I got on this, I mean, it's been kind of put on the back burner. I there was a fair amount of energy on this and it I don't remember

the why, but some of the efforts have just there's been higher priorities. On that particular body of work. And I don't know that they were specifically thinking about it for transition. They were just there was an independent project to assess existing boards and commissions that I think has been ongoing for some time, but it just keeps getting put to the back burner,

Speaker: And that sounds right to me. I believe civic life has been at least trying to move in this space, frankly, kind of years, with, and has not quite completed that project, but they got a lot on their plate. I do see that commissioner Rubio has her hand up, but, let me tell you where I'm at now. I'm inclined to, I'm probably I'm not going to vote for the amendment on the table, although I do recognize that the amendment on the table raises an important issue, I think that this council could direct the city administrator, and the dca's, who frankly, I think play an important role here since they are ultimately responsible for supporting these committees. And frankly, one thing is true. Is that some of those committees require a lot of staff time. A lot of these committees, frankly, flounder because we don't have the bodies, to give them enough support. So I'd love to hear their perspective on what's going on, and how to best proceed in this space, so I'd love council or the dca and the city administrator, to come back to council before the end of the year with a set of recommendations on basically, you know, what, you know, what committees should be in code, what committee should not be in code, what, you know, you know, should some committee sunset, do committees advise the executive branch versus legislative branch, and listen, folks, we're not going to figure out the advisory board system before the end of this calendar year. However, I do think that we can identify some legislative changes that need to take place. So that the folks who sit in these seats four months from now, are empowered to actually build a system that

works for Portland, and that's, mr. President, I think that's all I have to say now. So I will lower my hand.

Speaker: Go ahead, commissioner Rubio.

Speaker: So, I appreciate your comments. I think that that sounds like a good plan. And I also support going forward. And then also this comprehensive look, and review and recommendations back to us. I do need to say something, though, when we're talking about process, we also need to acknowledge the process that we have internally here and getting notification about this the day before when our staff has been working on this for more than six months, is not respectful. It is not respectful for us to learn through other people other than directly from you. Commissioner, I would have appreciated knowing so that I could have had a more robust and maybe potentially had all my questions answered. But to learn at this very last moment is not respectful for our staff, who do a lot of the work, and it's not respectful for us as colleagues to actually have a chance to actually understand it wasn't in the Tuesday memo, and it just feels very last minute coming and undoing a lot of the work that people have put in intentionally in the time. So that is my ask of us as colleagues that we show collegiality and that we actually, are transparent and engage with one another about these changes that are things that we're working on together.

Speaker: I'd just like to respond, commissioner Rubio, I have to say I'm disappointed in your staff bringing this forward the way they did because it is so automated. Right. I mean, they are proceeding based on the existing commission as though that's going to continue indefinitely. It is not. We have a very clear division of the legislative and executive branch, the new form of government, and you're bringing something in September that is really not going to impact this form of government operations and is and will tie the hands of the future executive branch.

So, and I understand there's a lot under the hood about when do we engage with transition in mind and when we don't. That is not always clear to us when it comes to us. There's literally three different forces in the bureaucracy that seem to engage at different times. And, and sometimes they don't all engage. So, I again, I'm deeply appreciative of eliminating advisory boards in a thoughtful way. I appreciate your team's work there, but this should have been a question you guys asked. How is this going to work in the new form of government? And I've seen zero reflection that that was a question asked, particularly in September. I mean, this isn't January, that you are tying the hands of the next form of government.

Speaker: I am not taking issue with your critique. I'm taking issue of your process. And that does not take and you are fully entitled to that critique. That is that is your right. My concern is about how last minute you engage us on this, that is the question for me, and that is this is not the first time. This is the multiple times this has happened on our issues, where I learned from another colleague about items that you have issue with the night before. I just want a chance to engage with you because maybe we could figure out a path forward. I don't know, but I would love that time as a colleague to engage on these things and engage with the bureau productively. That's that's my comment. It wasn't about your critique.

Speaker: And commissioner Rubio, I want to be clear. I've communicated to my staff that as these things come forward, I want them flagged earlier because there's they're presented as automatic as just sort of updates to code. And that's not really what we're talking about as we get closer. So we have trust in your team at a high level, but this really should have been something thought about well in advance before it's presented to us as though this is just cleaning things up. I'll leave it at that. So commissioner Mapps, did you have further comment,

Speaker: I have a question. I've kind of lost the plot here. Do we have, an amendment on the table?

Speaker: We are deciding whether to postpone the discussion until the next time. Certain there's no current amendment on the table. We have circulated one for commentary and discussion. We did not. We wanted to create more space to discuss this. So we haven't made a motion to put on the table yet.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Your your staff should have a copy of it, but, sure.

Speaker: No, I'm just kind of trying to figure out where we are in, in terms of the work that we're doing. Right now.

Speaker: The sole decision is whether we postpone, at least right now. And so our Keelan did you want to add?

Speaker: Yeah. No. Or vote or postpone.

Speaker: And what is the mechanism for a vote on postponement or what is the discretion of the presiding.

Speaker: And what is the body motion to move to October ninth I believe. Okay.

Speaker: So a motion and the amendment we're postponing, it'd be up to, you know, I had proposed there's no amendment on the table because I didn't give a second. I haven't brought the I haven't met. We have, we have only circulated for discussion an amendment that was the thought to give two more weeks to digest it. And evaluate and, frankly, have more space for the bigger conversation before you put anything else in the code, let's let's have some level of higher level discussion.

Speaker: Okay. Thank you, can I let me just jump in here and I do apologize. I had to step out at the beginning of this conversation. So just so I'm oriented, I think we are looking at a second reading of an ordinance out of the housing bureau. There's a proposal which has not been formally, made a motion by commissioner,

presiding officer Gonzalez to postpone this, and so I think the question is here is, does president Gonzalez make that motion? And I'll tell you as a friend, commissioner Gonzalez, I think when I read the room and count the number of seats here we got, we're missing the we're missing the, the mayor today, and I'm not going to vote in favor of the proposal that you do have. However, I would very much like to direct the city administrators to come up with a plan before the end of the year that provides council with some guidance on how to how to remove barriers so that future councils can think clearly about what advisory bodies should be in code, not in code. Which advisory body should sunset, how advisory who advisory bodies, so you know, advise is that the executive branch is that the legislative branch? So I'm not saying that you're the conversation that you're trying to have is an unworthy one, although I do think it's a little bit small for the conversation that we do have today, so I'd like to make I would propose that we do that. Moving forward, and I hope we can get something out of the city administrator's office before the end of the year, you could bring forward a motion right now. I'm not clear reading the room. If you're going to get a second. And I'm pretty sure, reading the room, if you bring it forward, it's not going to pass, because it will be a tie.

Speaker: Well, one, I appreciate the editorial and what you think is going to pass, but it's but to really get at the substance, we could propose an amendment that directs the ceo along the lines you're articulating. But I want to hone in commissioner Mapps on one specific piece. Sure we continue to put things in code that may not go in code in the next form of government, the next form of government, if we don't clean that up soon, is going to inherit this. And so that is a specific subset of the work. And of this motion of the existing, motion passes without amendment. We are perpetuating a, a arguably a problem. We we've

codified things that may not be appropriately codified, again, reserving judgment that we're, that may not we may not want to codify in the, in the future government in a way that ties the executive branch. So i, i, I think in some ways we're aligned and creating a space for the analytics. I just want to hone in on that piece that we're specifically code language that exists today. That does not make sense with respect to the new form of government, or that we want to give them space to figure it out specific to advisory boards and commissions, because this is a particular subset. If the next executive inherits a bunch of these that they don't support, they're not going to staff them. I mean, we deal with the same problems we deal with today. And I don't know if that's optimal. So anyways, is there is there room for a shared amendment there? I mean, I think it's essentially a direction to see how, you know, here's where you could, I this is ugly legislation,

Speaker: You know, I would support an amendment, which is, that would direct the city administrator and the dcas to come up with some recommendations on, changes to the code that we need to make before the end of the year to empower the next executive and the next legislative branch to, to, to reimagine and rebuild our advisory body system. Now, in terms of kind of pulling some of these committees in and out of code today, I'm just not ready to do that. And frankly, I would just need more time to think about it, you know, and even if we did do what you proposed here, I'm sorry.

Speaker: What are you pointing to? I'm not sure I know.

Speaker: I'm sure this is just this is just the agenda for. Yes. Okay. Got it, got it, so, so, you know, i, you know, even if we pass the changes that you wanted to pass today and it is, you know, perhaps the right thing to do for the housing bureau, and frankly, I haven't even looked enough. We got 24 other bureaus out there that have advisory bodies, too. I hope that we could take a comprehensive approach to fixing

this, because this is what we're kind of here for, is to come up with comprehensive solutions. And I appreciate you leaning in and trying to fix this particular, this particular, you know, set of committees in the housing space. But I would urge us as kind of policymakers and final decision makers to lean in towards developing systemic solutions that will serve our city well over, you know, decades, if not 100 years.

Speaker: Well, and I want to be crystal clear, commissioner Mapps all I'm fully supportive of eliminating the committees they've recommended of the housing director of deputy oliveira thinks that the new committee needs to be set up. I'm 100% supportive of them setting it up. I what I am raising the concern about is that we're putting that in code in a way that will tie the future executive branch. I have zero objections to the way they framed the committee. I'm not second guessing any of that work. It's the issue is continuing to put into code things that don't don't belong there, so that's just just to clarify. So if but is there a shared understanding of what we're asking the cio to do if we're, if, if we're proposing an amendment because I there is a question in the way you framed it, it sounds like you want the advice of the ceo and the deputies on what changes we might make in code to reflect the new form of government, specifically with respect to advisory boards. I think that is that a fair summary of what you're saying?

Speaker: Yeah, that's a fair summary. And i'll tell you, I think it would be much legislatively much cleaner if we brought it as a separate ordinance. We could bring it next week as an emergency ordinance. Number one, you know, it liberates the housing bureau from this larger conversation. And they can move on with their work. And this is what we pay a city administrator for.

Speaker: And I'm going to let you speak on it. But I also don't want to put, jordan in a tough spot here, right. To provide borderline legal advice as to how this is going to

work in the new form of government. So I just if we're directing the cio to do this, I want to make sure that we're engaging with the city attorney and how we frame, because this is a separation of powers issue at some level in the new form of government. So I it I just want to make sure that we're looking at it from that legal constraint.

Speaker: I couldn't agree with you more. And I've known mike for a long time, and he's a smart guy who knows a lot of lawyers in this in this city. So I suspect he could figure it out. But why don't we, I'd love to hear from the city administrator if it will make your lives more simple.

Speaker: I feel like I have clear direction on the bigger issue. And I would suggest. And I'd be open to just a head nod to schedule with counsel, a work session sometime later in the year when we have the ability to take a hard look at this at the bigger scale, we won't get it. All right. So I'd like to come back to you in work session and say, here's what we're thinking, what do you think? And get your feedback before we come back with any formal actions. But we will be working towards trying to get answers to this before the end of the year. I feel like I have clear direction from council and did you have something, mr. Ryan?

Speaker: Oh, I've had my hand up. Sorry.

Speaker: Go ahead. Okay,

Speaker: I just wanted to clarify something that commissioner Mapps said on the record that civic life did take this on, and they actually delivered their findings, the inventory on July. I think it was 19th. So it was over two months ago. Okay and the good news is the housing bureau is already on it. And so that happened. But all of the bureaus have this information from civic life. Just want you to know that.

Speaker: Great. And I thank you for that clarification, commissioner Ryan. And I sure hope that the, city administrator, would take, the civic life, advice into account

as we, as you develop recommendations or put together a work work session on this, and I guess the really the question for the folks here is, you know, do we do we feel like we need to pass a resolution at some point to get mike to do this? Or can we trust mike to just do the work session?

Speaker: Well, I do have a quick question for you. Mike, do you anticipate other code changes that are in the pipeline right now that are just advisory boards? That is already somewhere in process that that is coming to council? Separate from this discussion in the next three months.

Speaker: I don't I don't think we've got one in the pipeline to quote you, but we will now, I think I need to work with city attorney on this bigger question. Thank you for the for the update on the list. We will certainly take that into account. But I don't know of any code changes that would be specific to this issue that are on their way to council right now.

Speaker: I know that title three is coming back and all of the, I sort of described title three as the kitchen sink junk drawer. If you don't know where it is, you kind of stuff it in title three. And so as part of all of our code amendments to be consistent with the charter, that is one of the titles that is coming back. I don't believe we've done anything substantive to all of the advisory committees that are in title three. I think it's we've just left. We've let those be, so you will see title three. But I don't believe there are any substantive changes to the advisory bodies.

Speaker: Okay. So I'm just reiterating my request that we if there's something in the pipeline that addresses advisory boards in code or even just re-ups it, I would like that flagged early for my office as early as possible.

Speaker: Absolutely.

Speaker: And, you know, in that respect, i, I apologize to commissioner ruby in no way was this directed personally at all. This just came up when it did so close to the

end of the year, and we have separately been analyzing with the city attorney's office really thinking about the proper divisions. And, the number just came up on this one.

Speaker: I think I just want to make a point as well. When the charter commission was put in motion after 2020, I at numerous times when I had connections with them, we had a few times where we could listen to what they were up to and give advice. I kept asking, are you looking at the overabundance of offices and bureaus? Are you looking at the overabundance in other words, a clutter of how many advisory commissions we have. And what I got back every time was first, we're focusing on the elected body and we'll get to that. You will all get to that later. So here we are. And that's what's happening. So I really did feel like it was a top heavy approach from them. I wish they would have done that hard work as well or dove into that. But now we're doing it. And so this conversation is organic. It's where we are. You brought up good points. Your bureau did great work. I think we have an elegant solution recommended. Thank you. By our by mike jordan to pass this good work that came forward today by the housing bureau and then have a work session on the big issue coming up soon. And then we know that civic life has provided some good information to move the to move the ball down the field.

Speaker: I'm ready to bring this vote now. I just had one last question for the city attorney and whoever can answer this, do you need further guidance from us on this? I mean, is the direction we're giving to mike clear or.

Speaker: I mean, I think that would be for mike. Sounds like you have a good grasp.

Speaker: Yeah, I think you've been very clear. I think there is, first of all, we will certainly flag any other boards or commissions that are coming to you for some change before the end of the year.

Speaker: And I do have one. A colleague just emailed me that, the housing bureau will have one coming in title 30.

Speaker: So we will take a look at that. I wasn't aware of that one, but I think you're I will look it up. I think your direction to me is to look at the bigger question about how they're formed. Should they be in code or not? The relationship between the branches in the future. As we think about boards and commissions. And again, I think there will be room for judgment in that question when it comes back to you in work session about the relationship between the branches and how they're going to operate together and, and, so I think I'm clear on the bigger question that we have to come back to you on just a point of clarification.

Speaker: Title 30 is affordable housing.

Speaker: And does it have any state or federal overlay? Is there any outside requirement for that board or commission if you don't know, off the top of your head, I don't know off the top of my head, but I will find out and get back to you, so mike, that framing makes sense to me. The but I if you can just also create the space for anytime a board or commission is created by code, I'd like the question asked should it still be created by code so that whether it's, you know, in the pipeline or we're addressing, you know, any code language coming in that happens to mention advisory, but the broader question find all right, border commissions and code and asking that you know, should it stay there in a new form of government, does that sound reasonable to you all. Yeah okay. Okay with that, I think we'll go ahead and bring this forward. So I'm in absent further discussion. Okay I think we discussed it so we can call the roll maps,

Speaker: Well, I appreciate this conversation we've had about issues related to and I think actually larger than the specific ordinance before us today, getting advisory boards right is incredibly important. This is what makes us smarter. This is what

makes us responsive. I want to congratulate the housing bureau and commissioner Rubio for the work they've done in this space. I'll tell you, despite the exchange of ideas we've heard here today, for the most part, I think there's a consensus that this legislation moves us forward and moves us forward. And i, it moves us forward in a significant way, which is why I'm glad to vote aye.

Speaker: Rubio, it's great to see the results of fwb's hard work on this. And I put this work squarely in the category of good governance, meaning efficient and effective government government. So thank you to fbe staff for your work and everyone who provided input. I think we're all interested in seeing how our boards and commissions function in the new form of government, and I think what's proposed here really sets up. Fbe well, it will be important to make sure we have the right balance of voices at the table to give the group the credibility that they'll need. Sounds like we'll have a chance to appoint some new members this fall, so we'll look forward to that. To I vote yea. Ryan.

Speaker: Yes. Excellent conversation. I'm really pleased that we hung in there and got through it. And thank you, mike jordan, for being very engaged as we did the dialog. This is definitely a smart move and I'm pleased to see our government heading in this direction. Efficiency. I hope all our bureaus take the good work. That was done by civic life and looks at their portfolio and has an eye towards that efficiency and impact as well. I look forward to the work session. On the bigger picture topic today we have one item before us and I want to applaud the housing bureau. Commissioner Rubio, for your leadership. I vote yea Gonzalez, I do want to reiterate my appreciation for the work done to consolidate boards and commissions.

Speaker: That is hard, painful work. I appreciate the steps that were taken here. I'm not going to repeat my communication to the bureaucracy as a whole about

how we proactively address this going forward. I vote I it passes and now next item Keelan please is item 826. We've been here almost two hours, how long do you think this is going to go?

Speaker: It's going to go quick. There's no public testimony, short presentation, good government thing.

Speaker: All right, let's just let's do it then.

Speaker: Absent any and I believe we also have something pulled from, the consent agenda.

Speaker: So we'll have to tackle okay. So I'm going to 826 correct. Or, an emergency ordinance. Pass it over to you, commissioner Mapps, to introduce.

Speaker: I'm sorry, may I read the title?

Speaker: Okay. Sorry. Go ahead. Amend intergovernmental agreement with Oregon state university and provide matching funds in the amount of \$125,000 to evaluate traffic signal detection types in support of the rest on red pilot on southeast powell boulevard and other high crash corridors.

Speaker: Colleagues, today, I'm proud to introduce an ordinance that supports our city's efforts to improve traffic safety and reduce street fatalities. Now, we all know that traffic fatalities in Portland remain far too high, particularly in our most dangerous corridors. And indeed, we heard a little bit about that with the lid. Just a few moments ago, the ordinance before us today addresses that traffic safety problem by updating an existing agreement with Oregon state university, that to which will help evaluate different traffic signal detection technologies, specifically in relationship to the rest on red pilot program on southeast powell and other high crash corridors. Now by investing \$125,000 in this research, we are taking another important step to make our roads safe for all Portlanders. The findings from this project will provide valuable data on driver behavior, vehicle speeds, and the

effectiveness of new signal timing strategies. This research is critical to making our transportation system safer and more efficient. And now I would like to introduce priya, donna paul, our public works deputy city administrator, who will kick off today's presentation, welcome, priya.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps. For the record, I'm priya paul, public works, council gave approval to award the original contract to Oregon state university to evaluate several pbot multimodal installations in the year 2022. This item is an amendment to the existing contract with osu. The amendment will allow osu to expand its efforts evaluating additional multimodal and safety related traffic signal operations and technologies, specifically the rest the technology of rest on red. We'll hear more about that in a minute. The results of the evaluations will provide pbot guidance in expanding traffic signal timing for safety applications. These applications are meant to improve safety and access to people living and traveling through the city of Portland. I'm pleased to welcome peter kunz, pbot signal and street lighting manager, and vikram raghuvansh, engineering supervisor, to give us a quick presentation on this technology.

Speaker: Good morning, commissioners. I'll just be me for the record, my name is vikram rathbun's.

Speaker: I'm pbot intelligent transportation systems engineering supervisor. Within the signals and street lighting group. I'm here to share a brief presentation on pbot rest on red pilot and traffic sensor technology project evaluation. During my brief presentation. You can go to the next slide, please, during my brief presentation, i'll touch on what is rest on red signal, how it operates at a traffic signal. Why pbot is testing this signal timing strategy, along with smart sensor technology. The list of locations that we're going to be testing rest on red. And what we're doing for evaluation. Next slide please. So what is rest on red and how does it

work. We basically use vehicle sensor technology at a signalized intersection to essentially create a virtual speed bump, this will display a red all red on all approaches. This is typically done at a signal with low traffic volumes, which is generally at late at night. And early morning hours. This is also where we tend to see a higher speeds and higher vehicle crashes and crash severities, with rest on red signal timing enabled. This will require speeding drivers to slow down as they approach the intersection. This is done by using smart sensors at a signalized intersection to activate green indication, and reward people for driving within the speed limits. Next slide please. So why are we doing this? Speeding is a top contributing factor to traffic safety, and testing rests on red signal technology is one of the action items identified in pba's 2023 vision zero action plan. With this action plan, we will follow the safe systems approach where there are several safety nets to help eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on city roadways. Within the five safety nets, we'll focus on the inner two approaches by addressing safe speed and safe streets. This will be done by prioritizing slowing people driving at excessive speeds. Encourage safe travel speeds, and interrupt dangerous driving behavior. Following from the direction of the action plan at this point, we're ready to launch our pilot study and start the project evaluation. Next slide please. So based on reviewing our crash high crash corridors and high crash intersections, we picked one site for a rest on red evaluation and two other locations for sensor technology evaluation. Next slide please. First is that southeast powell boulevard at 28th avenue at this location will evaluate restaurant red signal timing that was recently implemented, along with smart sensor technology. This location was picked on history of high crashes and speeding problems along the corridor. Location is next to cleveland high school. Currently, rest on red is active between the hours of 10 p.m. To 6 a.m. The current speed limit at that location is 30mph. Next slide please.

The other two locations will focus on evaluating new emerging smart technology and see how well it does in detecting cars, busses, bikes and pedestrians. And if it can differentiate between the two each mode. This will be at mlk and burnside. Next slide and 82nd and foster road. Next slide to start the evaluation, the pilot project we're requesting to amend our existing agreement with Oregon state university and add some additional scope of work, for a total amount of \$125,000. With this evaluation, we hope to measure the effectiveness of rest on red signal timing strategy as well as evaluate the best type of smart sensors to use for these type of application. The duration of the evaluation is expected to take approximately 12 months, with a report from osu. This will help us make us better decision on future expansion on other high crash corridors. Next slide. This concludes my presentation. I appreciate your time. If you have any further questions or comments, I will answer them.

Speaker: Any questions or comments from my colleagues, commissioner Ryan Ryan.

Speaker: So you said the operation on on powell near cleveland high school operates, as you say, from midnight to 6 a.m.

Speaker: It is from currently 10 p.m. Till 6 a.m. Currently.

Speaker: Yeah. Okay. But it's the one next to cleveland high school. So here's where my confusion is. Is it going to. It doesn't operate while school is in session.

Speaker: Yeah. Typically we want to turn on when the traffic volumes are low, when the volumes are too high that it will there's going to be too much demand where it's always going to be ping pong back and forth of, you know, signals on either side street on the main line. So the speeding opportunity is much higher at late at night when the signal is usually resting on the main line with a green

indication. So this will deactivate essentially will stay rest on intuitive until you explained it like that,

Speaker: I realize this is an emergency and so I apologize that I'm coming up to speed at this moment. I think it's a little bit of some of the changes we've made on July 1st. Sometimes we don't get as much briefing as we used to and we check in. So my next question would be, where am I right now? I think with your visuals, I would have loved to see something live. It was just hard to really understand all of this blinking for me.

Speaker: Yeah, I did have a video, but where are they doing this?

Speaker: Are they doing this elsewhere?

Speaker: Well, we have it at 28th and powell.

Speaker: Currently we have it at 28th and correct.

Speaker: It's currently active. Okay.

Speaker: I should just go drive around there.

Speaker: Commissioner Ryan, we do have a youtube video which shows the application in in process. So we can follow up with an email later on with the.

Speaker: Okay. I think I wanted that to happen while we were doing the presentation, but all right. Thanks

Speaker: Not a question. Mostly a statement. I want to thank staff for this work and for coming in here today. I think it's important to highlight the work that pbot is doing to make making our streets safer. I'll tell you, as the former commissioner of pbot, there's many parts of that are incredibly uplifting. And frankly, some parts of it are truly haunting. You know, for a while there, we were seeing people die on our streets, probably once every three days. And a lot of the of those deaths, you know, happen late at night when people are kind of booming around town, and one of the things that we see pbot doing with this ordinance is leaning in, trying to find

innovative strategies that will actually keep people safer. And it's going to be, you know, this will not solve our traffic fatality problem. But if we can get incrementally better in this space through better technology, that is incredibly important. I also want to emphasize the importance of more and better policing and traffic enforcement is also quite important. And there's the third leg of that traffic safety, stool, which is, driving culture. I, you know, I want to take this moment to encourage all Portlanders to obey the rules of the road, use common sense, don't drive high. If we did those simple things, you know, we could all get home at night, so thank you, mr. President. I don't have any more questions, at this moment, any other questions or comments from my colleagues?

Speaker: Please call the roll on the emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Mapps, I kind of just delivered my speech a second ago. Again, I want to thank, staff for their important work in this space. I think this is an example of the city, being innovative and leaning in to make the world better and safer. Which is why I vote I yea. Rubio thanks for this important work.

Speaker: I vote I Ryan, I Gonzalez, thank you for your work I vote I it passes.

Speaker: We'll now circle back to item a2 two which was pulled from consent agenda by a member of the public for discussion. Keelan. Please read the item pay settlement of lindsay de property damage claim for \$5,965 involving the Portland police bureau. So, i'll turn it over to you.

Speaker: Thank you. Commissioners. Cfo jonas berry couldn't be here today, so i'll introduce the issue, this ordinance settles a property damage claim, lindsay de filed the claim with the city for property damage to her parked vehicle resulting from police activity. Activity by the Portland police bureau on November 19th, 2022. Risk management services and the Portland police bureau recommend that the claim be

settled for the total sum of \$5,965.05. Rosalia radic, from risk management is online today to tell you more about the settlement. Okay.

Speaker: Any other discussion on this?

Speaker: I have nothing.

Speaker: All right. Any questions or comments from my colleagues? Hearing none. Please call the roll.

Speaker: No public testimony.

Speaker: Oh, do we have public testimony or have someone signed up? All right, let's go.

Speaker: Sorry, dan handelman.

Speaker: Yes. And I apologize, dan, it's been a long morning. I didn't mean to skip over you.

Speaker: That's okay. I agree. It's been a long morning. Well, good morning, president Gonzalez and commissioners. My name is dan handleman. I use he him pronouns. And I'm with the group. Portland cop watch. Since 1992 Portland cop watch has been working toward a police bureau that is free from brutality, corruption, and racism. We have no objection to the city paying nearly \$6,000 for damage done to lindsay day's cars by a bullet fired by officer, christopher stathoff. November September 9, th oh, November 19, th 2022, when he shot and killed emanuel clark johnson. We testify on settlements like this as a prompt for you to discuss this, the policies that lead to harm caused by city employees, whether those policies were violated or simply need to be changed. The same burst of fire from officer shathoff's ar 15 rifle that led to the settlement also killed mister clark johnson, an unarmed black man, who had nothing to do with the robbery at a super deluxe that precipitated this bungled police operation. We have deep sympathy for mr. Clark johnson's loved ones. He should still be alive today.

However much clara or damage was done by the ppb. That day, the family's lawsuit continues on a separate track from what you're considering today. As reported in the Oregonian on a Monday. According to city records, the bullet traveled through the front passenger side door and through the front passenger seat. Had someone been sitting in the front passenger seat of miss bay's volkswagen, they would likely have been killed also. The individuals involved in the robbery at the super deluxe were described as white men. 2 of the 4 people in mr. Clark johnson's car, including himself, were black men. The church parking lot where mister clark johnson was shot is next door to an apartment complex. Did officer sadhoff consider the backstop when he fired 3 shots from his ar 15 at the back of an unarmed man who was already moving away from him. A witness to the aftermath of the shooting, said she was disturbed, because after the ambulance left she heard officers laughing. A grand jury ruled that officer. Sathoff was justified in shooting mr. Clark johnson in the back, because sadhoff believed mr. Johnson was quote unquote, indexing near his waistband. Even though the shooting was deemed not to be criminal by the grand jury. The totality of circumstances such that the Portland police bureau set up their officers and the community for failure. The city claimed just a few weeks ago that they needed to appeal the 1 million dollars verdict from michael townsend's family to understand when it's appropriate for officers to shoot members of the community instead, you should be using cases like this one and that one to train officers to stop killing people when it's lawful, but morally, tactically, and from a public relations standpoint unreasonable as a note to prospective new council council members under the new charter settlements. Less than \$50,000 will no longer come before council. We encourage that. The rule covering disbursements of \$5,000 or more involving potential police misconduct to be maintained. Come, January one, so that, tragic or near tragic incidents like this

one will not continue to be obscured as a final side note. People throw around the word fascism a lot these days, and one could argue that a sign of a fascist government is the militarization of civilian police forces. True, but a basic definition of fascism is the merger of corporate and state power. That relationship fosters the overuse of police violence. We at Portland cowboys will not sit silently when we see fascist or fascist adjacent policies that degrade the human rights of the people of this city. Thank you.

Speaker: Any other public testimony. No, any other comments or questions, not hearing none, please call the roll maps.

Speaker: Aye, Rubio! Aye, Ryan, aye, Gonzalez.

Speaker: Continue to be concerned about characterization of Portland police with anything related to the word fascist. I think that was unfortunate public testimony, but I vote aye, this passes. Keelan. Does this conclude the items on today's agenda?

Speaker: It does.

Speaker: Thank you all. We are adjourned.